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- 8 And several Lady Broncos earn All-District recognition.

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

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The teams are limited to 15 players. Those interested in playing should sign up at either Clarendon or Hedley ISD Administration Offices and will be required to pay \$25.

All proceeds from the games will go towards the PEAK scholarship and the HISD School Board Scholarships.

For further information, contact Lana Ritchie at 956-206-3398, Eric Hough at 856-5323, or Monty Hysinger at 874-2062.

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- Cost for the event will be \$10 per person. RSVPs are requested to 806-868-3191 by March 25.

## Clarendon Aldermen select design for new city logo

The Texas Panhandle's oldest thriving town has a new logo and word mark that city leaders hope will bring a professional, unified look to marketing and promotion efforts.

In a called meeting last Tuesday, the Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted 3-0 to approve the new design after considering four options. The logo features a halo over the capital C and utilizes a Black Chancery font that reflects on Clarendon's 19th century origins. The word mark incorporates the logo



to spell out "Clarendon" in red with "Texas" written in black smaller and to one side.

"The script looks like something from an old church hymnal and ties back to old Saints' Roost," said City Administrator Lambert Little.

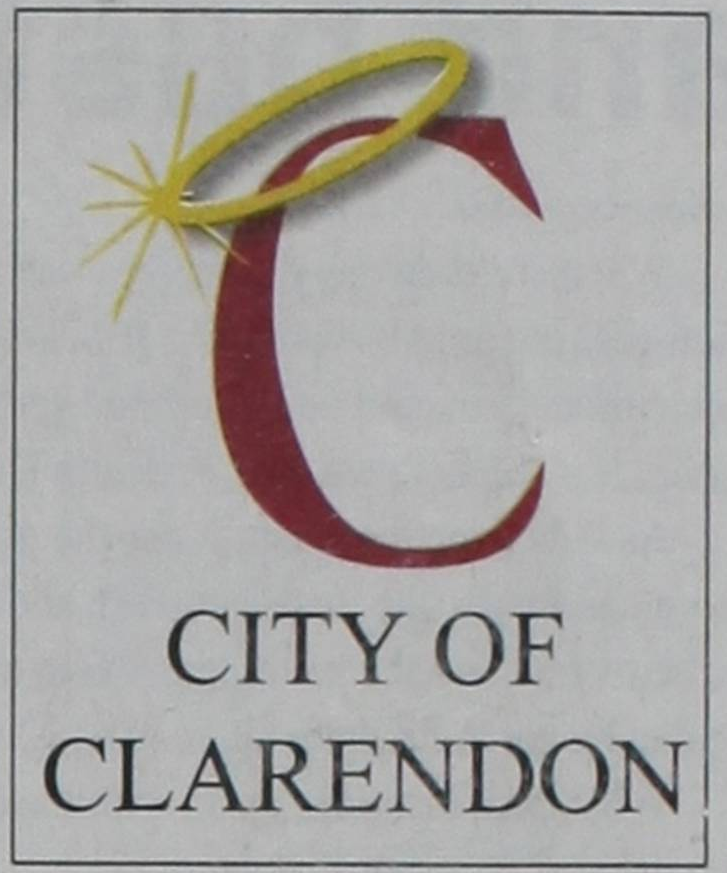
Clarendon was established in the spring of 1878 as a Christian colony by Rev. L.H. Carhart five miles north of the present town site at the junction of Carroll Creek and the Salt Fork of the Red River. The community's early dedication to

temperance, religion, and education prompted are cowboys at the time to derisively say that Clarendon was where the saints roosted.

"I'm excited about having something standardized that everyone can use and is easily recognized."

Clarendon College Marketing Coordinator Ashlee Estlack designed the logo and the associated word mark.

"I visited with Mr. Little several  
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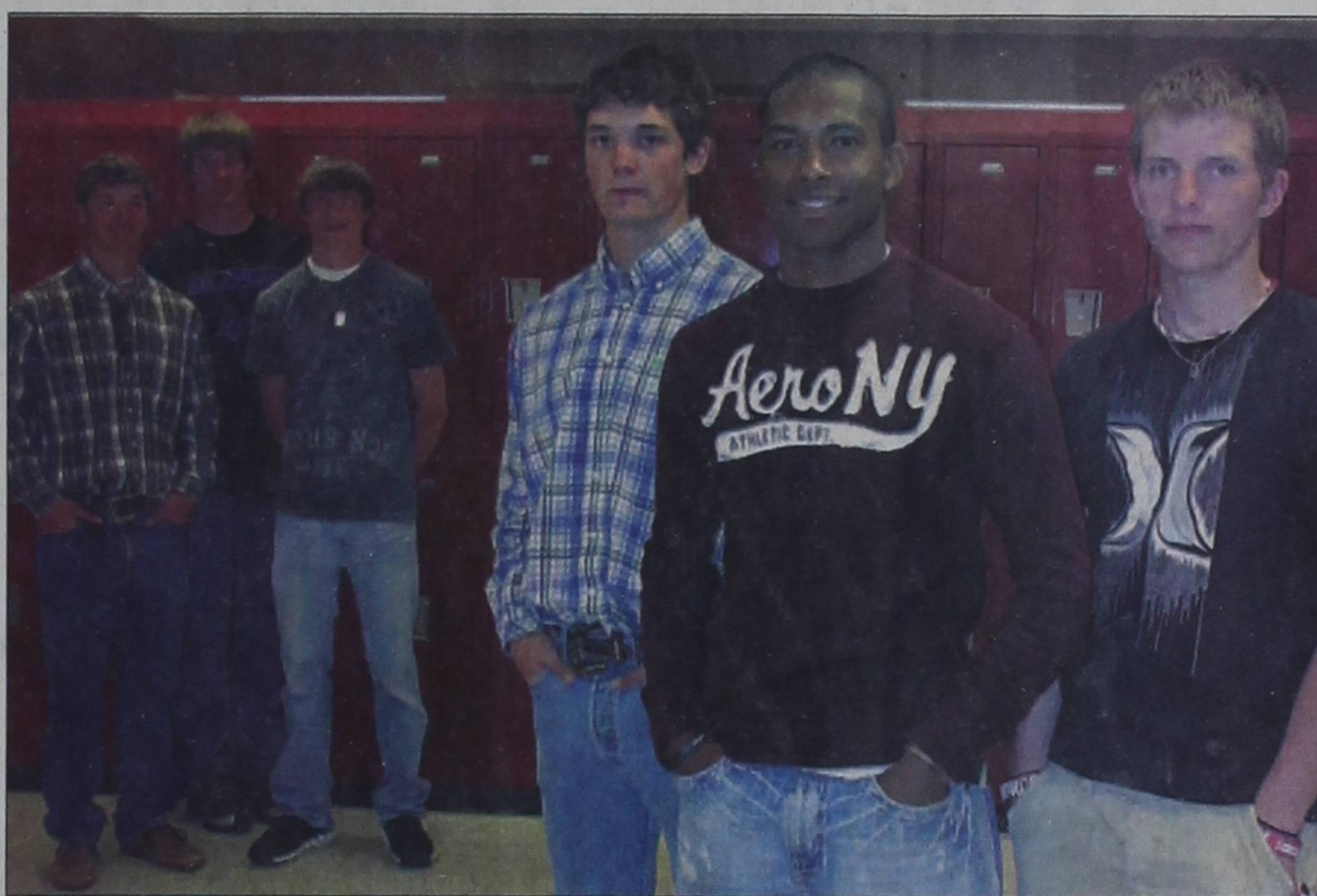
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Clarendon's Johnny Gaines (front center) was named to the All-State 1A Basketball team. Brayden Phillips (right) was named on the All-Regional team, and he and Mike Crump were also on the All-District team. Other Broncos recognized for their performances were (background) Chris Crump, Adam Topper, and Justin Shillings.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / JULIE SHIELDS

## Clarendon's Gaines makes All-State team

By Sandy Anderberg

Senior Clarendon stand out Johnny Gaines was recently named to the All-State 1A Basketball Team, according to coach Brandt Lockhart.

Gaines has been a four-year starter at CHS for the Broncos and led his team to achieve many accomplishments. The greatest of which was the fact that it was Clarendon's first trip to the State Basketball Tournament in Austin since 1970.

Gaines and the Broncos fell one game short in that tournament, but recorded an awesome year.

Gaines was also named to the All-Region team as was fellow senior Brayden Phillips, who also was instrumental in the Broncos' success this year.

Gaines was named as the Most Valuable Player in the District 3-1A All-District Team. He was joined by Phillips and strong inside post player Mike Crump.

Chris Crump and Justin Shillings received Honorable Mentions.

Adam Topper was named to the Academic All-District Team.

Others named to the All-District Team are: Klark Ashmore, Newcomer of the Year, Wellington; Hayden Morris, Wellington; Brodie Klink, Wellington; Kallen Moore, Wheeler; Rodrick Woodard, Quanah; Robert Lewis, Wheeler; Collin Hampton, Wheeler; Terrell Simms, Memphis; Garrett Betts, Quanah; and Dustin Castillo, Wellington.

## Clarendon, Hedley youth represent county well

Donley County youth have had been very busy over the last several weeks participating in livestock shows across Texas and in Colorado.

The kids who participated were from both Clarendon and Hedley schools and were members of the Donley County 4-H or their school's FFA chapter.

On January 19, Hannah and Tres Hommel and Lilly Carr Exhibited Market swine projects at the National Western Livestock show in Denver with Hannah's Duroc Barrow Placing 9th and Tres' Hampshire Barrow Placing 11th.

Local youth began exhibiting at the Fort Worth Livestock Show on January 20 with open Junior Heifers. Jacob and Kay Hewitt of Clarendon exhibited their Braunvieh heifer projects, and Kay placed 8th place. The Junior Market show began on January 30 with Brendon Hough of Hedley exhibiting his lamb project

Also from Hedley were Seth Ruthardt, Caden Farris, and Austin Adams who exhibited Market Steer projects with Seth placing 2nd with his light weight exotic calf. Brittney and Kelsey McAnear, Jayson and John Pigg, Tres and Hannah Hommel, Kaden Bennett, Trevor Cobb, Annie Patten and Kylie Phillips of Clarendon also exhibited steer projects, and Brittney McAnear placed 8th with her Shorthorn steer. Also from Clarendon

exhibiting market Swine projects were Lilly Carr, Kelsey McAnear, and Seth Greer.

At the San Antonio Livestock show, Kati Adams and Austin Adams of Hedley exhibited Market Swine projects with Kati receiving 12th place with a Spot. Chris Blackburn of Hedley and Trevor Cobb and Annie Patten from Clarendon also exhibited Market Steer projects with Chris exhibiting 5th place Angus, Trevor placing 7th in the Chi's, and Annie 10th with her ABC Steer.

Twelve local youth participated at the San Angelo Livestock show on February 24 and 25. Exhibiting Market Swine projects from Hedley were Kati and Austin Adams, Reid Copelin, Collin and Caylor Monroe, and Payton and Grayson Morris with Austin exhibiting a 1st place Spot, Kati showing 4th place Cross and 5th place Hampshire, Reid exhibiting 8th place Hampshire, and Grayson Morris exhibited a 4th place Yorkshire. Participating in the Market Swine division from Clarendon were Trent White, David Johnson, and Dalton Benson. Tres and Hannah Hommel also exhibited market steer projects.

Wrapping up the winter and spring major livestock show season in Houston this month, a total of 20 youth exhibited projects in the Market Steer and Swine divisions.

See 'Livestock' on page 3.



Reid Copelin smiles with his sixth place ribbon from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Copelin was one of several Donley County youth who exhibited animals in big stock shows across the state.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

## Mulkey fundraising climbs past \$11k

The Mulkey Theatre was in the news again this week, this time on the front page of Tuesday's AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS, and fundraising has now passed the halfway point for restoring the marquee.

GLOBE-NEWS reporter Cheryl Berzanskis and photographer Stephen Spillman spent Friday morning exploring the theatre and visiting with Clarendon Economic Development Corp. board members Roger Estlack and Bill Stavenhagen.

The well-written piece highlighted the history of the Mulkey and its namesake, Homer Mulkey, and also focused on the continuing effort to raise money to "Bring Back the Mulkey."

As of this week, more than \$11,000 has been raised or pledged, which is more than halfway to the \$20,000 goal set by the CEDC and the Mulkey Advisory Committee. If that much money can be raised, the CEDC will pursue restoring and lighting the theatre's marquee, a project that is estimated to cost about \$35,000.

One of the principal fundraising efforts is for donors to sponsor one of the 12 letters spelling MULKEY on the north and south faces of the theatre's marquee for \$1,000 each. Eight of those letters have already been sponsored.

Donors who give \$50 or more will be recognized inside the the-

atre, and donations can be made to Donley County Historical Commission, PO Box 905, Clarendon, TX 79226 and note "Mulkey" in the memo of your check.

Clarendon's downtown merchants are also supporting the effort by selling paper light bulbs which can be purchased for \$1 and are displayed in stores downtown.

The Mulkey project was also bolstered earlier this month when the CEDC and the City of Clarendon approved measures to create a visitor's center in the theatre's old barber shop. The CEDC is committed to using its own funds to renovate that space, and city aldermen have agreed to cover the cost of utilities out of Motel Bed Tax funds. The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has also expressed its support of the visitor's center, which would also be used as office space for the Chamber.

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE plans to print a series of Mulkey Memories submitted by readers and project supporters. You can share your memories of good times at the Mulkey by writing or e-mailing the paper, visiting www.ClarendonLive.com, or posting comments on the ENTERPRISE pages on Facebook.

For more information about how you can help "Bring Back the Mulkey," visit www.ClarendonEDC.org or check out www.facebook.com/mulkeytheatre.

## Kids Fair to be this Saturday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and Clarendon College are planning a Summer Fun for Kids Fair on Saturday, March 26, at the CC Bairfield Activity Center from 1 to 5 p.m.

If you are a church, organization, club, or individual that has something fun for kids to do this summer, they want you to participate in the Fair.

The fair is free and everyone will be given booth space to hand out information on your event or opportunity.

Scheduled to appear at the fair are: Girl Scouts, Christ's Kids, Burton Memorial Library Summer Reading Program, Clarendon College Kids' College, 4-H, Lions Club Circus, and Texas Lions Camp.

Participants will also be given a discount on advertising on a special "Summer Fun for Kids" page in THE ENTERPRISE that will run March 31.

The fair is designed to promote everything going on this summer: from VBS to summer camp and swim lessons to summer reading programs.

For more information, call Charlie Smith at the Chamber office at 874-2421 or e-mail him at clarendonchamber76@yahoo.com. You can also contact Ashlee Estlack at the college at 874-4808 or ashlee.estlack@clarendoncollege.edu.



guest commentary

# US health system old and busted

By Spencer Harris

When children are young, they carry on them a multi-tool of sorts. It works as a handkerchief, splinter protector, napkin, and neighborhood sports uniform all in one. It is the timeless pair of denim jeans.

As kids wipe their hands, tug the pockets, or slide into second base, the jeans get worn and torn. When the hems fray and the knees tear, Mom always saves the day by patching them up good as new.

What does this have to do with the current health care debate? One word: waivers.

Waivers are programs and exemptions that adjust the original statute. These adjustments are made as laws come into contact with the countless complexities that exist in the marketplace. Like a patch on jeans, they cover a small problem. But too many waivers can indicate that more than a patch is required.

One example of too many waivers is the number given to labor unions and corporations that exempt them from the minimum annual insurance benefits, among other things.

Most of these waivers were needed to exempt "mini-med" plans. These are cheap, low maximum benefit plans that are ideal for low-wage or part-time employees who otherwise would not have any coverage.

Certain organizations, realizing it would not be cost effective to offer full benefit plans to these employees, told the Obama Administration that they were going to end these plans. Subsequently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began to patch the problem through waivers. At last count, HHS had granted more than 1,000 waivers covering more than 2.2 million Americans.

Then in February, Arizona requested an exemption from the portion of the health care law that requires states to maintain Medicaid eligibility levels in effect on the date the bill was enacted. The population Arizona sought to drop was made eligible through a Medicaid expansion waiver program that was due to expire.

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius responded that Arizona was not obligated to renew the waiver, effectively allowing the state to reduce the eligibility level through the program's expiration.

While this exemption is different from a formal waiver, it is consistent with the many adjustments that have been made during implementation of this massive law. Another problem was found, and another patch was made.

Most recently, HHS waived the entire state of Maine from the minimum loss ratio to prevent a destabilization of the individual health insurance market. A problem came up, and Maine got a patch.

As any parent knows, jeans are not always good as new. You can only patch a pair of jeans so many times before they are no longer worth patching. That is when you take your masterpiece, throw it in the trash, and get a new pair.

The sheer number of exemptions and waivers being granted is startling. A few exemptions here or there over the course of many years might be defensible, but more than 1,000 in less than 12 months? It's time to look for a better solution — like starting over.

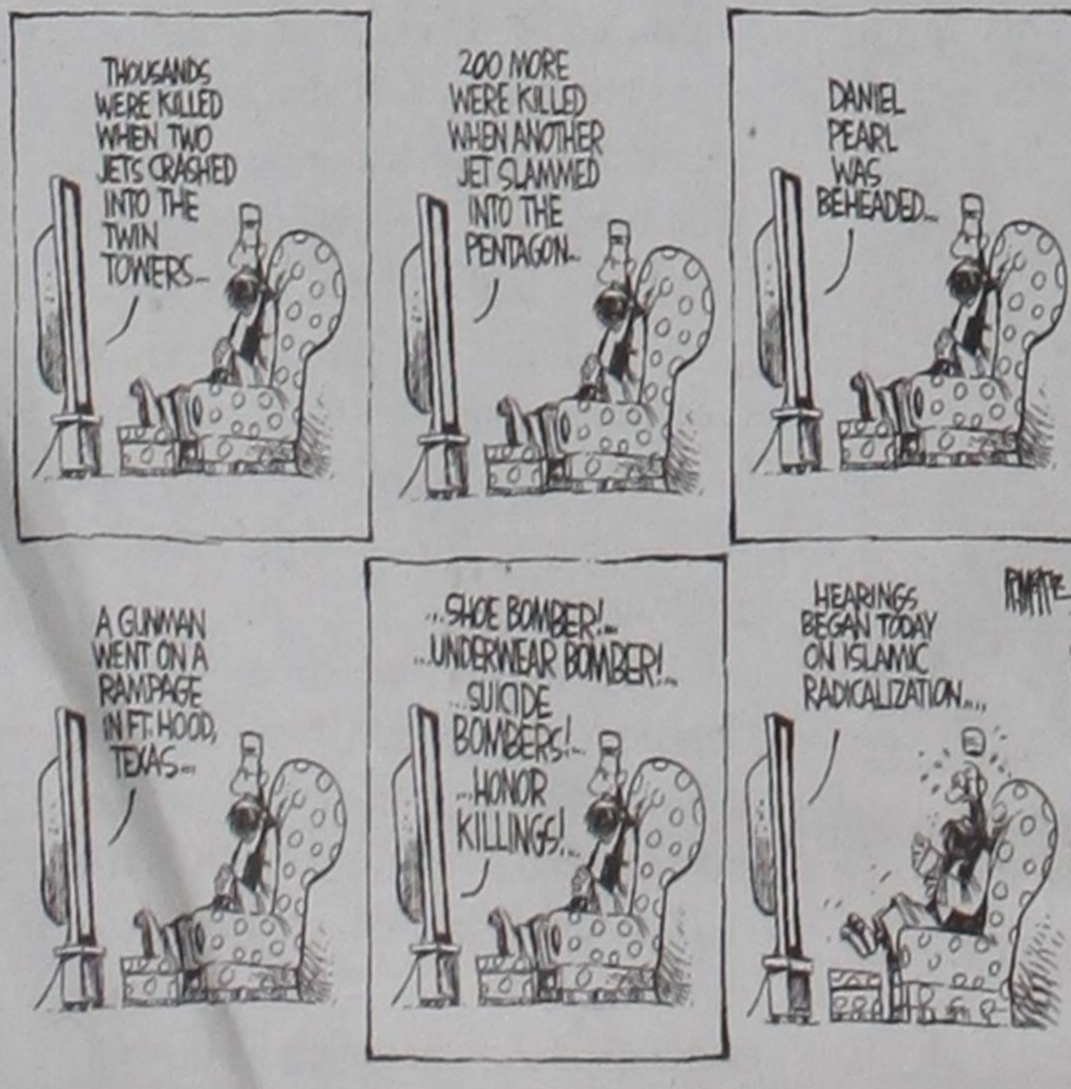
Health care needs a 21st century law that opens the marketplace to meet needs and does not hinder it by a slow, cumbersome bureaucracy.

The conventional ideas of price controls and government regulation will not meet the needs of our modern health care system. Instead, we need reform to be driven by innovators, entrepreneurs, and, above all, individuals.

Removing the antiquated government structures such as tax incentives and government programs is crucial. It must be replaced with a system where individuals make choices based on value and affordability. By doing this, every individual in America will push providers everywhere to increase quality and decrease prices.

ObamaCare builds upon the same patchwork of health care regulations, restrictions, and mandates America developed over the last century that got us in the mess we are today. The system is busted and old, and it is time for a new approach to health care.

Spencer Harris is a health care policy analyst for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin.



# Troops need support from homefront

"They fight in every corner of the globe... for you. They live to fight... for you, and they never rest because there is always another battle to be won in the defense of America." - Lieutenant General John F. Kelly

In recent months, from the highest ranks of the U.S. Military, we've heard a growing concern that the American public is losing touch with our service men and women, veterans and their family members, and the critical sacrifices they make on our behalf.

Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently testified before Congress that there's a "growing disconnect between the American people and the military... the day-to-day connections are less than they used to be, the depth and breadth of who we are and what we're doing, isn't there." Similarly, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said last year in a speech to students at Duke University, "for most Americans, the wars remain an abstraction."

Today, less than 1 percent of the U.S. population serves in the military. Of that small community, Texas is home to roughly one out of every 10 current service members. Our state is also home to 15 major military installations and more than 1.7 million veterans. For these reasons, it's no wonder it's often said that "Texas defends America." While Texans have a special appreciation for our ser-

vice members and our veterans, there is always more we can do to show our support, comfort the wounded, and care for those who have lost loved ones.

Just as Texas is home to millions of service members and veterans, it is also host to a variety of organizations devoted entirely to providing support for our military community. This past week, one organization in particular, Homes for Our Troops, began construction on four specially adapted homes for severely injured veterans in Texas. Volunteers will work over the next seven weeks building these homes, which come at no cost to the veterans receiving them, but instead are covered completely by donations from corporate sponsors, individuals, foundations, professionals from home construction and related industries, and thousands of volunteers.

In Killeen, Homes for Our Troops has partnered Text Box: Sen. Cornyn serves as Reviewing Official at Change of the Command Ceremony for the 51st Adjutant General for the State of Texas. 03/12/11. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Eric L. Wilson) with Cameo Homes, Inc., to build a home for Sergeant First



texas times  
by sen. john cornyn

Class Charles Armstead and his family. Armstead was critically wounded during his third deployment to Iraq when an insurgent attacked his outpost and shot him in the stomach, shattering his hip and resulting in the loss of his right leg. In just one weekend, teams of volunteers managed to construct the wheelchair-friendly home, with wide hallways, doors and showers.

While Texans truly set an example for the rest of the nation on how we can best support our troops, veterans and their families, it is essential that we keep that enthusiasm alive—especially as our nation remains engaged on multiple fronts in the War on Terror.

As Lieutenant General Robert Kelly, recently nominated to serve as Secretary Gates' senior military aide, said in a poignant speech just days after losing his son in combat in Afghanistan, the responsibilities and burdens of war should not be shouldered alone by the "tiny fraction" who serve and their families at home.

It is my hope that General Kelly's words will be a challenge for all of us to reflect every day on the freedoms we hold dear, give thanks for those who sacrificed to secure those freedoms, and commit to do more to support those who serve.

Note: Visit <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/> to find more information on ways to support our soldiers and their families.

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## NEWS ITEM: OBAMA TO HOST TALKS ON BULLYING...



# Health reform isn't helping anything

One year ago this month, against the tide of public opinion and to the further detriment of our economy, the president signed into law the estimated 2.6 trillion dollar health care reform bill. Now, one year later, the reality of its effects on our economy and our health care system are staggering. The mounting consequences of the Obama health reform law make it increasingly clear that we must repeal and replace this damaging law.

As the administration forges ahead with implementation, there has been chaos and resistance at every turn. From the American people to small businesses to state governments, they have all balked at this law's costly new provisions.

For the American people, the health reform law has already translated to higher health care costs, higher taxes, and more unsustainable government spending. Unfortunately, none of these developments are surprising, considering that this 2,000 page long bill contains over \$500 billion in new taxes, cuts nearly \$500 billion out of the Medicare program to fund a new government entitlement program, and puts the federal government between patients and their doctors.

With unemployment hovering near 9 percent and gas and food prices on the rise, American families are seeing their paychecks continue to shrink, as they struggle to pay for rising health care premiums driven by the law's new regulations. If families don't buy "government approved" health insurance for themselves and their family, they will be charged a fine.

For small businesses, the Obama health care reform law means unprecedented premium increases in order to provide coverage to their employees or tax increases if they do not offer employees "government approved" health insurance.

For state governments across the country grappling with massive budget shortfalls, the health reform law adds \$118 billion in new unfunded mandates during the first 10 years of the law being enacted.

It should be no surprise that the majority of states believe this law is an unconstitutional overreach of the federal government. Twenty-eight states have sued the federal government, challenging the law's constitutionality. Two federal judges have struck down all or parts of the law, and the Supreme Court is expected to issue its ruling later next year.

Even the administration has given us further reason to believe that this law is bad public policy, when they recently conceded to select companies and unions by issuing nearly 1,000 waivers providing exemptions from some of the costly new mandates created by this law. They even gave the entire state of Maine a waiver from parts of the law!

Sadly these effects on families, small business owners, and cash-strapped state governments are only a snap shot of what health reform one year later really looks like in America.

Although efforts in Congress to repeal the health care reform bill were narrowly defeated earlier this year, the fight is far from over. The fact remains: the Obama health law is fundamentally flawed and we must repeal it and replace it with the real commonsense reforms we need.

We must continue to work to dismantle the health care law one provision at a time, if necessary. One of our most pressing priorities in the coming months

must be to protect individuals from the law's mandates and employers from expensive new regulations that are stifling job creation.

I have introduced legislation to repeal the limitations on health saving accounts and flexible spending accounts to restore patients' access to choose health care plans that suit their individual and family needs. Many families rely on their health savings accounts or flexible spending accounts to purchase over-the-counter medicine to help lower the cost of managing their health care. But a provision in the health care law now requires patients to go to the doctor to get a prescription for their over-the-counter medications first. This is yet another federal obstacle for working families to overcome.

While I continue to pursue all available avenues in Congress to repeal this law, the two federal judges who have ruled this law to be unconstitutional also give us good reason to be hopeful that one avenue for repeal could be accomplished through the Supreme Court. In the meantime, why should tens of billions of taxpayer dollars be spent to implement a measure that could be ruled unconstitutional?

As state governments wait in limbo for the Supreme Court to make its final ruling, an estimated 23.6 billion in taxpayer dollars could be wasted if the law is declared unconstitutional. My Save Our States Act would halt further implementation of this law so that we don't spend any more taxpayer dollars implementing a bill that ultimately could be struck down by the highest court in the land.

One year later, it is increasingly clear that we need to enact commonsense solutions to reform health care in a way that does not add to our \$14 trillion deficit, but rather brings down the rising costs of health care to ease the burden on American families and small businesses.

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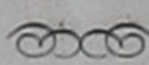
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**Troubling sign**

Clarendon has long had trouble with street signs such as the above pictured signage at 4th and Goodnight. And amusing as that is, it may actually be better than the sign in the 500 block of "N. McLean," which is between the 400 and 600 blocks of "S. McLean," and even that is better than the several intersections in our fair city which are not marked at all. For calling this particular sign to our attention, Burton has submitted our Star Photo of the Week and is due a free T-shirt from ClarendonLive.com.

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**weather report**

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
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Tues	15	61°	33°	-
Wed	16	74°	32°	-
Thur	17	84°	34°	-
Fri	18	95°	44°	-
Sat	19	75°	45°	-
Sun	20	68°	47°	-

Total precipitation this month: .02"

**weekend forecast**

	Fri., March 25 Sunny 81°/47°
	Sat., March 26 Mostly Sunny 76°/36°
	Sun., March 27 Mostly Sunny 62°/39°

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**City: Aldermen agree to partner with college**

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times and based on his input tried to design something that would be classy and attractive," Estlack said. "I think they made a good decision."

Estlack has previously designed logos for the college, the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation, and the Bring Back the Mulkey campaign and has also created numerous other marketing and promotional materials.

Little said the city will begin using the logo right away on business cards and stationery and will also use it when the city sponsors activities.

In other city business last week, aldermen also discussed with fire department representatives a pending insurance claim on a fire truck that was totaled while responding to a traffic accident several weeks ago.

The board also heard from Clarendon College's Interim Dean of Instruction Scarlet Estlack as she requested the city to partner with CC for this year's Kids' College. Aldermen agreed to provide \$1,000 to help defray tuition costs associated with Red Cross babysitting and first aid certifications for young people this summer.

**Livestock:**

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From Clarendon Jayson and Jacob Pigg, Tres Hommel, Charleston Harris, Trevor Cobb, Kaden Bennett, Brittney and Kelsey McAnear, Annie Patten, and Joseph Russell exhibited Market Steer projects with Tres Placing 8th with his Limousine Steer and Brittney Placing 12th with her Chi steer. Also participating in the Market steer show from Hedley were Chris Blackburn, Austin Adams, Seth Ruthardt, and Caden Farris with Chris placing 7th in the Angus division.

Swine exhibitors included Austin and Kati Adams, Kallie and

Kyle Lindsey, Coltin Kingston, Colby Ford and Reid Copelin of Hedley with Reed placing 6th place with his Duroc Barrow.

Hedley and Clarendon Ag Science teachers Lon Adams and Don Hillis and Donley County Extension Agent Leonard Haynes are very proud of all of these local youth and their families for spending countless hours working with their livestock projects and learning responsibility, the value of hard work and the importance of family support in preparing these projects for major show competition.

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Community Calendar

**March 25**  
Lady Broncos v. Booker • in Booker • 4 p.m.

Broncos v. Vernon Northside • in clarendon • 4:30 p.m.

**March 28**  
Broncos v. Paducah • in Paducah • 4:30 p.m.

**March 29**  
Lady Broncos v. Claude • in Clarendon • 4 p.m.

**April 1**  
April Fool's Day

Broncos v. Quannah • in Clarendon • 4:30 p.m.

**April 2**  
Lady Broncos v. WT High • at WT High • 1 p.m.

**April 5**  
Lady Broncos v. McLean • in McLean • 4 p.m.

Broncos v. Electra • in clarendon • 4:30 p.m.

**April 15**  
Tax Day

**April 16**  
Clarendon High School Prom

**April 17**  
Palm Sunday

**April 22**  
Good Friday

**April 24**  
Easter

**April 30**  
Hedley High School Prom

**May 8**  
Mother's Day

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**Menus**

**March 28 - April 1**  
**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Hamburger & cheese, casserole & egg noodles, onion rings, okra salad, banana pudding, bread.  
Tue: Beef tips & broccoli, rice, corn salad, chocolate cake, biscuits.  
Wed: Chicken strips & gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, tomato & zucchini salad, peach cobbler, rolls.  
Thu: Beef fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit salad, cookies.  
Fri: Barbeque beef slices, pickle slices, chips, lemon pudding.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Hamburger steak, grilled onions & gravy, tater tots, black eye peas, fruit & cookie, biscuits.  
Tue: Steak & gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, jello salad, coconut pie, rolls.  
Wed: Chili rellanos, Spanish rice, beans, tossed salad, apricot halves, chips.  
Thu: Chicken strips, potato soup, fried green beans, pears & cottage cheese, brownie, corn bread.  
Fri: Menu unavailable

**Clarendon ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.  
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.  
Lunch  
Mon: Soft beef tacos, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Corn dog, black eye peas, salad, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Baked ham, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.  
Thu: Lasagna, salad, cooked carrots, breadstick, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Chicken sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Mon: Chicken fajitas, beef taco, refried beans, rice, orange halves, milk.  
Tue: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, corn, salad, dressing, pineapple chunks, milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak, chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, milk.  
Thu: Pizza, salisbury steak, potato, brown gravy, broccoli/cheese, hot rolls, milk.  
Fri: Submarine sandwich, oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, milk.



**Show time**

Hedley High School presented "Katy and the Saga of the Gambler" Monday night, March 21, at a dessert theatre. They will perform at Zone competition in Paducah on Thursday, March 24. Shown here are (back) salem shelp, Kaylee Shields, Sierra Shelp, david Bell, Rance Watt, (middle) Kari Lindsey, Kassidy Burton, Kristen Liner, Kyle Lindsey, Tangela Copelin, (front) Joey Allen, Maya Nascimento, Kallie Verstuyft, Haley Chambless, Chris Blackburn, and Coltin Kingston.

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**Thirty-three courses to be offered at CC Kids' College**

Clarendon College will be hosting the Clarendon and Groom Zones UIL One Act Play Competitions this Wednesday and Thursday. The competitions will be held in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The softball team will play Otero this Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the CC Lady Bulldog Softball Field. The CC rodeo team will be at Odessa College this weekend competing. The baseball team will play Howard College at home Friday and Saturday at noon each day. The softball team will take on Odessa College on Friday at 1 p.m. at home.

The College has joined with the Clarendon-Donley County Chamber of Commerce to put on the first ever "Summer Fun For Kids Fair." This fair will showcase clubs and organizations offering fun activities for kids this summer. The fair will be held in the Bairfield Activity Center on Saturday, March 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring your kids, grandkids, niece, nephews, or any other kids you know to the BAC and find out what they can do to stay busy this summer. CC will have a booth during the fair to promote Kids' College. This summer we will offer 33 different courses for kids age 5-15. For more

information on Kids' College, come see us at the fair on Saturday, or visit our website. We will also be sending information packets home with Clarendon and Hedley students this Friday. The Iota Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will hold induction ceremonies on Sunday, March 27, at 1 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. There are



**happenings on the hill**  
by ashlee estlack,  
cc marketing coordinator

76 eligible students this year. Softball will play Luna at home next Wednesday, March 30, at 1 p.m. Rodeo will travel to Western Texas College next week for competition on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A Health Fair that will be held in the BAC on Thursday, March 31. The fair will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Clarendon Lions Club circus will be held on campus on Friday, April 1. The shows will be at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information on where to get tickets, call THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE at 874-2259.

**Howardwick Friendship Club attendance down due to Spring Break**

I am finding rotator cuff surgery is living up to its reputation. I removed the brace and began the serious part of rehabilitation with sticks and ropes and pulleys. Oh my! But it is working. I have gone from no forward movement in my shoulder to a few inches, and I consider that progress. I am typing with both hands but have not gotten brave enough to drive the car. Maybe this week. The only thing Ole Jim is doing for me is putting in eye drops, but he continues doing most of the household chores and cooking. Train your man gently, ladies, and he will step up when the need arises. Who knew it would take over 50 years for

that to happen to us. Friendship Club met Friday night with 26 in attendance which was about the size anticipated because so many were out of town during spring break. Working Moms call on retired Grandmas to help out at that time, and they happily leave for the week. The room was decorated in the Irish green by Carol Jean McWilliams and Dorothy Arnold. Julie Mullinax brought two grandchildren from Amarillo who were helping her with some spring cleaning. I enjoyed seeing everyone and missed many faces, some who are sick and some that have left us. The next meeting will be April 15; so if

you are feeling the tax pinch that day, bringing one dish and combining it with all the rest makes a feast. Mark your calendar to join us at 6:30pm at City Hall. We had a visitor yesterday - our newest great-granddaughter, three-week-old Grace Violet Kelley of Amarillo. We have our own Princess Grace. She is beautiful with blond fuzz for hair, but Mom keeps that



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by peggy cockerham  
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cap on all the time. Her parents are our grandson and his wife, J.V. and Elizabeth Kelley. Even though she is our #8 great grand she is the only one living near, so you will be hearing more of our Princess I am sure. Spring is here; still no rain. I hope everyone saw the awesome moon this week. It won't be like that for another 20 years. We have the perfect view outside our front door. Ladies, since spring is officially here, the fashion police give you permission to wear your white shoes! Our condolences to Cloise Robinson on the death of his wife Carolyn. Please put this family in your prayers.

**Hedley Spring Fling to be May 21**

The Town Meeting we had on March 15, as far as I am concerned, was a success. We had around 15 people show up to discuss the future of Hedley. Hopefully, when we have the next meeting which will be March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Building, more of the community will want to get involved. We have some good ideas, but we need your help. Here are some things that came from the meeting (short and sweet):  
1. The Rowe Cemetery needs funding. We are asking anyone for donations especially if you have family resting there. The general public may not realize how much it takes to keep the cemetery up and running, and we don't want it to go to weeds. Please either call the City Hall at 806-856-5241 or mail a donation to PO Box 185, Hedley, Texas 79237 to support the Rowe Cemetery. We may have a Cemetery Work Day, but details will follow later.

2. Spring Fling will be Saturday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. with hot dogs and fixings, a Cake & Pie Auction, and a 1950s Dance (come in costume if you can). More details coming later.  
3. The Hedley Senior Citizens and the Hedley Cotton Festival will raffle off a Hunting Package which will include a \$1,200 .308 Iowa Hunting Rifle w/scope, two-day guided Hog Hunt, and a two-day stay at the Bar-H Dude Ranch in Clarendon. The raffle proceeds will be split between the Hedley Senior Citizens and the Cotton Festival Fund. We will start selling tickets as soon as I can get them made from now until October 8.



**chatty kathy**  
by kathy spier  
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**On the Eagle's trail**

Local Boy Scouts received several merit badges during a recent Court of Honor. Shown here are (back) Cooper Bilbrey, Marshal Johnson, Justus Burton, Tommie Saye, (front) Jacob Hewett, Ray Jaramillo, and Joseph Jaramillo.

COURTESY PHOTO/ CHERYL JOHNSON



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 22 with Boss Lion Roger Estlack in charge.

We had 16 members, three Sweethearts, and one guest this week - Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

Lion Monty Hysinger updated the club on activities at the public school, and Lion Ashlee Estlack discussed upcoming events at the college.

Sweetheart Kaleigh West gave a quick synopsis of the high school's One Act Play, which is in zone competition this week.

The Boss Lion gave an update on circus preparations, and plans were made for ticket takers to be on hand. The club will also participate in Saturday's Summer Fun for Kids Fair at the college.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

**Quilting Club met March 17**

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Gay Cole home on March 17 with quilting and lots of visiting.

Lunch was served to those present, which included; Wilma Lindley, Wilma Collis, Barbara Helms, Jo and Sydney Shaller, Mary Lynn Manning, Ann Bunyan, Eva Lee Swinney, Rose Lee Watson, and Gay Cole.

The members did not quite finish their quilt.

**CC Judging Team places fourteenth**

The Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team placed 14 out of 26 teams at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo last week.

Morgan Williams, a sophomore from Quemado, NM, placed 25th overall and 10th in cattle.

Jackie McKenney, a sophomore from Big Timber, MT, was High individual cattle and Blaine Red, a sophomore from Sunray was 2nd high in swine.

**Senior Citizens to have party March 29**

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center will hold a Birthday Anniversary Party for those who celebrated either event in March with a potluck dinner on March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

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## Broncos clobber Memphis in District opener

By Sandy Anderberg

Normal baseball games take seven innings to finish, but the Broncos did not mess around in their District opener against Memphis last Friday at home and easily defeated them 14-4 in only five innings.

Clarendon improved to 5-0 on the year and pitcher Troy Chambless got the win to go 3-0.

The Cyclones took the early lead in the top of the first inning at 2-0 but relinquished that lead in the bottom of the first.

The Broncos began their route with four runs in the first to go up by two and added another in the second when Brayden Phillips connected with a homerun.

According to coach Brad Elam, four of the first five batters scored in that opening inning to give the Broncos the lead.

"Brayden drove in Bradley Watson, and Troy Chambless singled home Phillips," Elam said. "John Levario singled home two (runners) before Phillips hit the homerun in the second."

The Broncos coasted from there and continued to add to the score.

"We took a 6-4 lead going into the bottom of the fifth where we

scored eight runs to end the game," Elam said.

"In the inning we had a walk, four hit batters, a double by David Roberts, another RBI by Phillips and a two-run homerun by Johnny Gaines to end the game."

Chambless had a great day on the mound pitching five innings for the win.

He struck out eight and only walked one. Phillips also had a monster day at the plate with three hits, which included a homerun, four RBI, and three runs scored.

The Broncos will play Vernon Northside at home Friday, March 25, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and travel to Paducah Monday, March 28.

### Lady Broncos win by one

After trailing part of the game, the Lady Broncos rallied to get a one-run win over Borger at home Friday. The 10-9 win was hard fought, and the ladies dug in when they needed it most.

Senior Danielle Ford pitched a "pretty good game" according to head coach Gary Jack.

"Danielle pitched a good game, and we really hit the ball well," Jack

said. The ladies made several good defensive plays to stifle the Lady Bulldogs. Jack credited Maci White with making some good plays on the defensive side of the ball.

Offensively, Jack felt the momentum change when Emily Clark hit an out-of-the-park homerun that was good for two Clarendon runs.

"That homerun gave us a spark," Jack said. "It came in the middle of the game and got us going with our bats. It was a big hit."

Borger tried to come back in the seventh inning, but the Lady Broncos answered their rally with great defense and solid offense.

"Borger is a good 3A team," Jack said. "In years past, we've beat them pretty easily, but they are a much-improved team."

The junior varsity played after the varsity and lost a close game at 6-7. Jack was pleased with their effort despite the loss and knows the playing time is good for the underclassmen.

The Lady Broncos will play at Booker Friday, March 25, beginning at 4:00 p.m. They will play Claude at home on Monday, March 28.



### MAYO Champs

The Clarendon fifth and sixth grade Bronco basketball team were named tournament champions in the MAYO (Miami Area Youth Organization) Tournament March 18 and 19. Pictured from left to right are: Joshua Cobb, Clay Koetting, Colt Wood, Justus Burton, Taylon Knorpp, Chance Lockhart, Riley Shadle, Keandre Cortez, Damarjae Cortez.

COURTESY PHOTO / LANCE WOOD

## CHS competes in Fritch track meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Tyler Smith turned in a great performance for the Broncos as they competed in the Sanford-Fritch Pantex Relays March 4.

Smith won the 100-meter dash at 11.24, won the 200-meter dash at 23.71, finished second in the long jump with a distance of 21' 1/4", and ran a leg on the sprint relay for fourth place with a time of 47.85.

Other members of that relay are Corey Barker, Jerami Johnson, and Trajen Johnson.

Jerami Johnson jumped for third place in the triple jump with a leap of 37' 3/2" and finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:05.22.

Gage Nelson was second in the 800-meter run at 2:25.39, sixth in the 400-meter dash at 1:06.57, and fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:12.69.

Barker came in fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.96. The junior varsity boys also competed in the meet.

Austin McNelly was second in the shot put with a distance of 35' and third in the discus with a throw of 94' 10". Cody Harjo was fifth in the 100-meter dash at 12.70 and fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 32' 7".

Sarah Luttrell competed well in the meet for the Lady Broncos and finished second in the 100-meter dash at 13.08 and fourth in the 400 at 1:08.49.

Audrey Shelton was second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13:48.35; and Glory Bryley was fourth in the 100 at 13.67, third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.16, and third in the 400 at 1:07.76.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will compete in the track meet in Quanah March 26.

### Golfers named to top spot in weekly games

By Sandy Anderberg

Sterol Johnston finished ahead of the pack on Monday in the monthly women's game with a gross 79.

Tanis McMorries was first low net with a 65, and Mary Ann Sawyer was second low net shooting a 67.

On Thursday, Johnston once again shot a gross 79 to win the top spot for the day out of a field of nine golfers.

McMorries was first low net with a 60, and Ouida Gage was second low net with a 62.

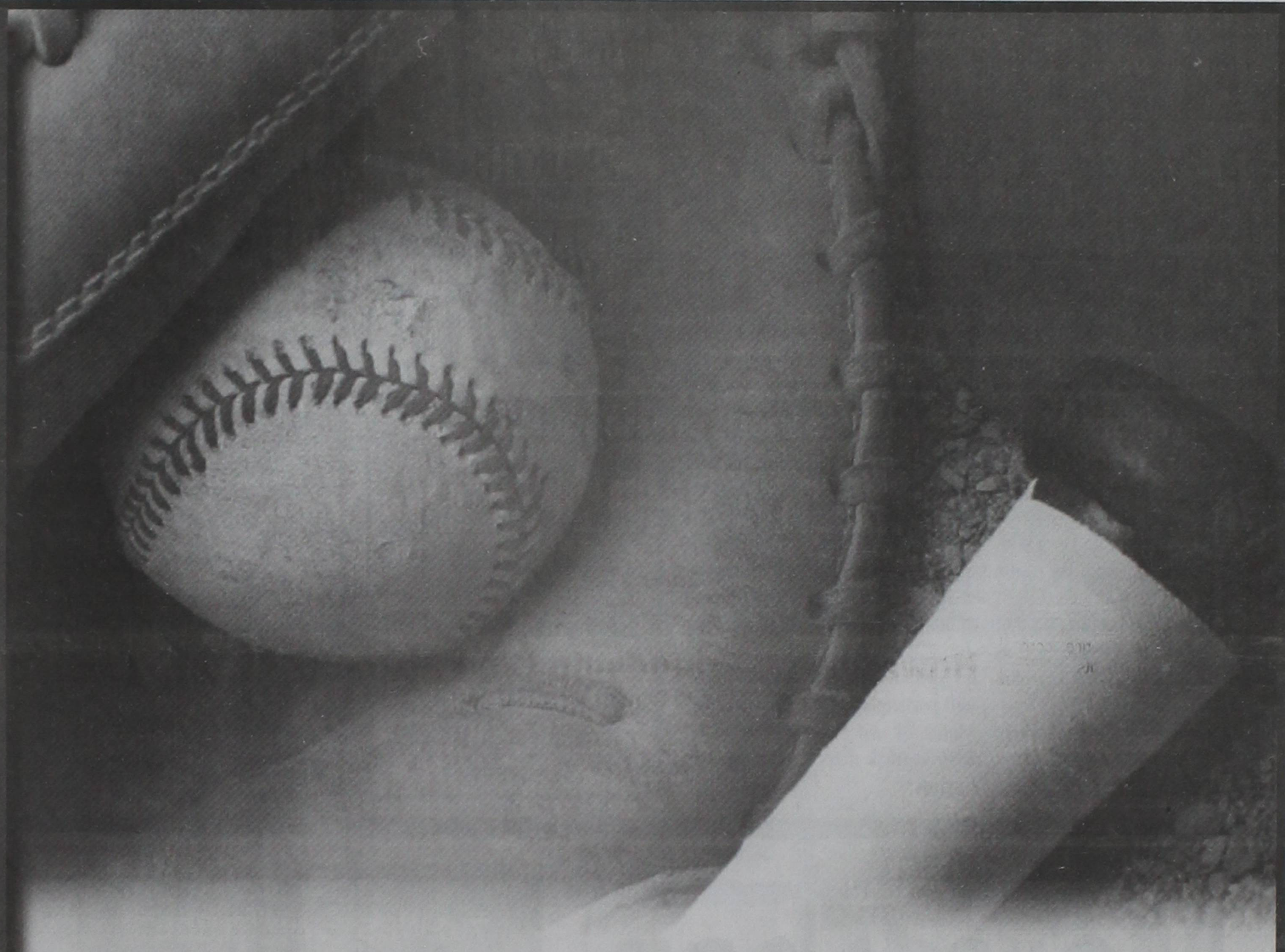
Larry Lincecomb bested the field on men's day on Wednesday with a net 63. Todd Curry, Tom Stauder, and Bob Hornberger tied for second with a net 64.

The spring Six Man Skins game will be held Sunday, March 27. The tournament is full, but you can be placed on a waiting list by calling the Pro Shop.

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### Friday, March 25

**Broncos v. Vernon Northside in Clarendon, 4:30 p.m.**

**Lady Broncos v. Booker in Booker, 4:00 p.m.**

### Monday, March 28

**Broncos v. Paducah in Paducah, 4:30 p.m.**

### Tuesday, March 29

**Lady Broncos v. Claude in Clarendon, 4:00 p.m.**

### Lady Broncos

2	Danielle Ford	Sr.
3	Jentry Shadle	So.
6	Emily Clark	Sr.
7	Miranda Miller	Sr.
8	Maci White	So.
10	Jency Burton	So.
11	Amber Keelin	Jr.
12	Trevela Dronzek	Jr.
15	Erin Moore	Sr.
16	Chelsea Covey	Sr.
19	Haley Ferguson	Fr.
20	Marqueta Gaines	Jr.
22	Anna Cenicerros	So.
30	Audrey Shelton	So.

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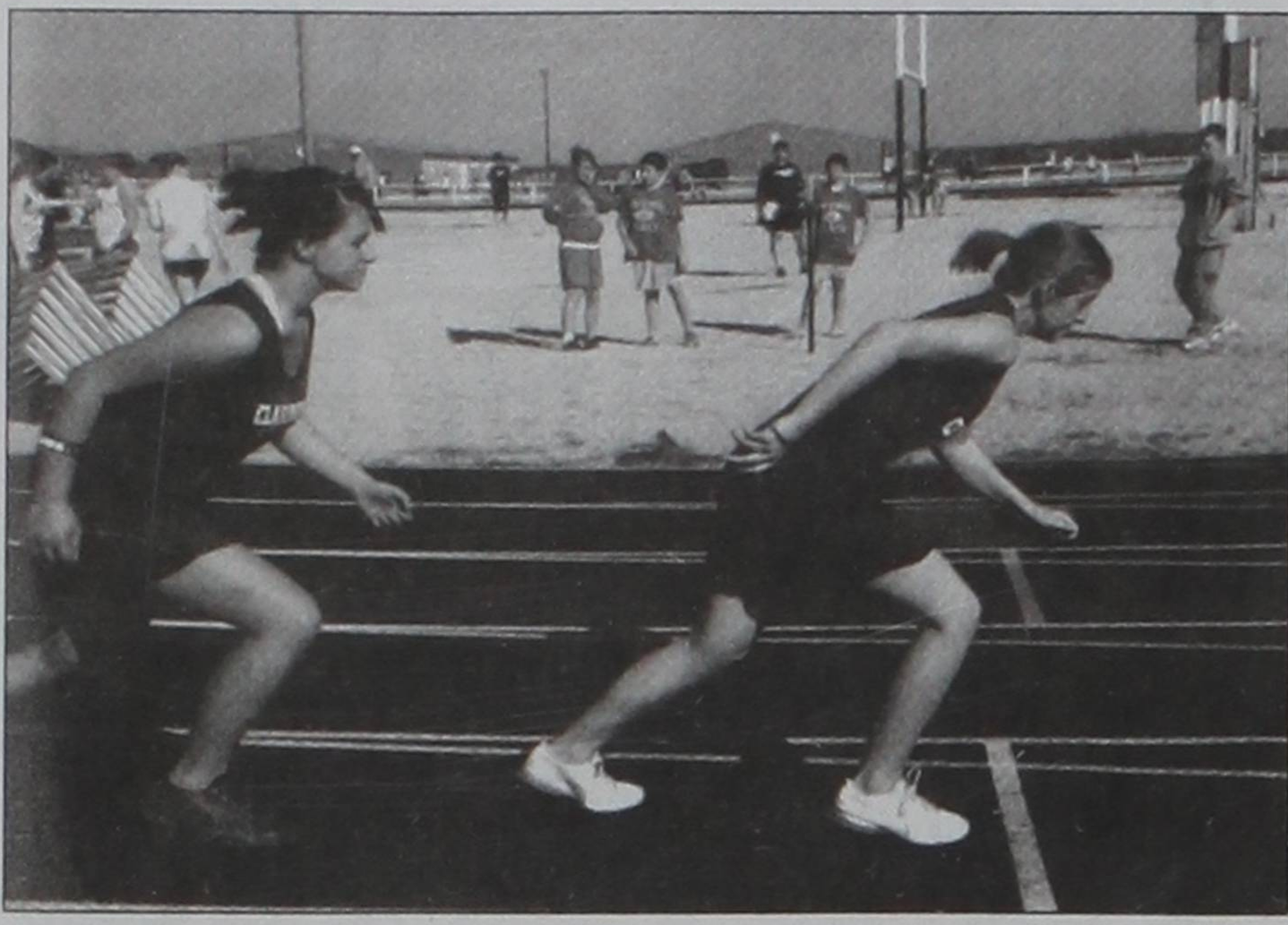
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Clarendon Lady Colts Chrislyn Durham and Brooke Martin make a run for it during the Fritch Track Meet last week.

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## Clarendon JH athletes compete in Fritch meet

The Clarendon Colts and Lady Colts made a good showing at the Fritch meet on March 3.

In the seventh grade boys division, Caleb Cobb won first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.71, first in the 1200-meter run at 4:23.99, and third in the long jump with a distance of 14'7".

Johnathon Taylor was fourth in the shot put with a distance of 29'2", and Jr. Ceniceros was fourth in the 1200-meter run with a time of 4:56.13 and fifth in the 2400-meter run at 10:39.00.

The eighth grade boys competed as well, and Charles Mason finished first in the long jump with a distance of 16'7", sixth in the 100-meter dash at 13.24, and ran a leg on the 400-meter relay, which finished third with a time of 4:29.48.

Cedrick McCampbell was fifth in the long jump with a leap of 14'11", third in the triple jump at 31'4", fifth in the 100-meter dash at 13.02, fourth in the 200-meter dash at 28.43, and ran a leg of the sprint relay. Lee Buckhaults was second in the 200 at 27.47, fourth in the 400 at 1:03.70, fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 29'2", and ran a leg of the sprint relay.

Montana Hysinger was on that relay as well and also was second in the shot put at 35'6" and fifth in the discus with a throw of 93'8".

The seventh grade Lady Colts finished second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2:07.97 and was

run by Tessa Buckhaults, Kendra Davis, Damara Brown, and Amelia Weatherton.

Buckhaults, Brown, Breiana Robinson, and Weatherton came in third in the 400-meter relay with a time of 58.34. Weatherton also finished first in the 100-meter dash at 14.21, second in the high jump at 4'0", and fifth in the long jump at 11'9". Brown was first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.30. Buckhaults was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles at 1:04.95, and Robinson was fifth in the 1200 at 5:19.60.

Kendra Davis was fifth in the 400 at 1:17.91, and Alicia Medina was third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:57.30. Kelsey McAnear was third in the 2400 run at 11:45.37, and Chrislyn Durham was sixth in the 2400 at 12:15.92.

The eighth grade Lady Colts fared well in the meet, also. Abby Johnson was second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.28, second in the 400 at 1:12.19, and third in the 200-meter dash at 30.84. Taylor Gaines finished third in the 100-meter at 14.61, and Sklyer White was fifth in the 800-meter run at 3:07.47. Caitlyn Nowlin was second in the shot put with a distance of 30'3" and first in the discus with a throw of 89'6".

All of the Colts and Lady Colts will participate in the Quanah meet March 24 and then compete in the District track meet April 2 in Wellington.

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## Obituaries

### Keith

Dusty Ray Keith, age 22, of Idalou, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Carillon House in Lubbock.



Keith

Celebration of life services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the First Baptist Church of Idalou, Texas with Steve Bigham officiating. Interment will be at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, at Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Dusty Ray Keith was born on October 12, 1988, in Lubbock to David Keith and Tonya (West) Bentley. He was a lifelong resident of Idalou and was a student at Idalou High School attending in Lorenzo-EPEC.

To know Dusty was to love him. He was a hugger who would give everyone a hug and tell them he loved them. He truly was a gifted, talented man. He had a knack for finding change wherever he went, and for stealing girlfriends from his friends. Dusty would even communicate with friends and family by using sign language. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and loved him.

Dusty was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Billy and Jimmie West; his maternal great-grandmother, Irene King and his paternal great-grandparents, Charlie and Viola Keith of Matador.

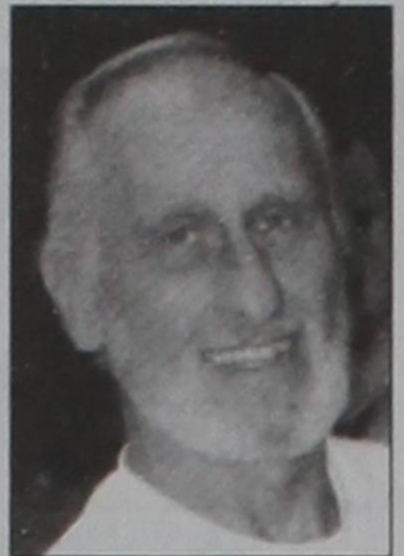
Dusty is survived by his mother, Tonya Bentley, and step-father, Doran Lindsey Sr., both of Idalou; his father, David Bryan Keith, his paternal grandparents, Dave and Tommie Keith, all of Dickens, Texas; two sisters, Jessi Lettunich of Goldsmith and Jonni Keith; a brother, Tanner Keith; two step-brothers, Doran Lindsey, Jr. and Toby Lindsey, all of Idalou; aunts and uncles, Ricky and Vivian West, and Tye Keith, all of Dickens; Bobby and Stella West, and Mike and Jamie Keith, all of Lubbock; six cousins, Laura West, of Dickens, and Alexa West, Torrie West, Beaux West, Taylor Keith, and Grayson Keith, all of Lubbock; his two nephews, Nicholas Lettunich and Levi Lettunich of Gold-

smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to East Plains Education Co-Op, P.O. Box 520, Lorenzo, Texas 79343 or to VistaCare Hospice of Lubbock, 1717 Norfolk Ave, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

### Synek

Robert William Synek, 72, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2011.



Synek

Memorial services were held March 5, in the chapel of Fredericksburg Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the direction of Fredericksburg Funeral Home.

Bob Synek is survived by his wife, Judi Synek of Fredericksburg; three children: Mark Synek and wife Angie of Houston, Christopher Synek & wife Kristi of Houston, Susan Nix & husband Randy of Comfort; five grandchildren; two sisters: Lillian Fuller & husband Woody of Plano, Laurie Breuning & husband Phil of Eustis, FL & sister-in-law, Eva Synek of upstate New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be to Hill Country Memorial Hospice (c/o Fredericksburg Funeral Home, PO Box 2883, Fredericksburg, TX 78624 or the charity of one's choice.

### Belk

Gregory Reed Belk, 53, passed away February 28, 2011, after losing his battle to cancer.



Belk

A memorial celebrating his life was held at his home on March 6.

Belk was born July 9, 1957, in Phoenix, Arizona. His family moved to El Cajon, CA., in 1963. He graduated from Santana High School in 1975, and served in the Air Force for three years. He worked at Hardy Irrigation where he met and married his wife, Donna, of thirty years. He was an Operations Manager at JW Flooring in San Diego, after

which he worked at Pepper Oil Co.

He was a giant of a man, standing 6'4, with a heart of a teddy bear. He cherished his family, enjoyed cooking, boogie ball, Frisbee, golf, western movies, his pets and anything outdoors. He would graciously help anyone in need.

He is preceded in death by his step-dad, John Nelson; his father, Harold Belk; and a brother, Harold Anthony Belk.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Belk, and a son, Kevin Belk, both of Santee, CA; his daughter, Amy Gay and husband, Bill, and five precious grandchildren, Kameli, Malia, Buddy, Zachary and McKenna, all of Yuma, AZ; his mother Gloria Nelson; sister, Jeanne Molder and husband, John, all of Clarendon; his brother, Mike McKinney of Lakeside, CA; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made at Donley County State in honor of Gregory Belk to help cover medical and burial expenses.

### Robinson

Mary Ann Koetting-Robinson, 76, died March 20, 2011.



Robinson

Rosary was said Monday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Tuesday in the church, with the Fr. Arokia Raj Samala, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Groom. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Koetting-Robinson was born March 7, 1935, to Paul and Agnes Sestak in Eugene, Mo., one of four children. After attending Eugene High School and the University of Columbia in Columbia, Mo., she moved to Texas, where she married Marvin Koetting and they had 11 children.

She was a Groom resident for more than fifty-five years. She was a homemaker and babysitter for many years, caring for many of the children around town while she raised her children.

She then went to work at the Groom Memorial Hospital in the accounting department, before taking a similar position with Celanese Chemicals near

Pampa. She retired from that job after nineteen years in 1999.

A special occasion in her life came in 1986, when she received a kidney transplant, giving her a new chance at life.

She married Keith Robinson in 2002, and together they made their home in Groom for the final years of her life.

Throughout the many years of raising her children and the struggles of health, her life was a constant example of her undying faith in God and she lovingly gave of herself to all who crossed her path.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Paul and Ralph Sestak; a grandson, Logan Koetting; and a daughter-in-law, Diane Koetting.

Survivors include her husband; six sons, Paul Koetting and wife Mary of Ferris, Henry Koetting and wife Margie of Liberal, Kan., Mike Koetting and wife DeNise of Amarillo, Mark Koetting and wife Carla of Groom, Neil Koetting and wife Cheryl of Lelia Lake, and Richard Koetting and wife Camille of Pueblo West, Colo.; five daughters, Mary Carol Falconer of Brownwood, Kay Ledbetter and husband Randy of Amarillo, Jean Noggler and husband John of Adrian, Jane Meyer and husband Richard of Vega, and Kathleen Barkley and husband Keith of Groom; a sister, Cyrilla Galbreath of Columbia, Mo.; three sister-in-laws, Elizabeth Sestak of Rolla, Mo., Bonnie Sestak of Panama Beach, Fla., and Jean Stewart of Pampa; 16 grandsons, Paul Ryan Koetting and wife Tamara, Ambrose Gallardo and wife Maria, Jeremy Noble and wife Sarah, Cody Wilson and wife Jessica, Joshua Ledbetter, Seth Koetting, Brayden Bennett, Clay Koetting, Justin Noggler and wife Jenna, Wade Meyer, Chance Barkley, Thane Barkley, Chad Barkley, Tyler Barkley, Malachi Villegas and Zachary Koetting; 16 granddaughters, Marissa Koetting, Katrina Koetting, Tamara Petrosky and husband Dale, Carol Wilson, Cady Wilson, Kaycee Ledbetter, Brittney Conway and husband Justin, Shandy Koetting, Jessica Bezner and husband Trey, Jendi Noggler, Janae Noggler, Keely Artho and husband Kyle, Staci Britten and husband Clay, Lindsay Meyer, Halle Barkley and Katherine Koetting; and eight great-grandchildren, Addie Koetting, Ember Koetting, Hunter Noble, Madison Rhea, Ryder Rhea, Tanner Wilson, Kelsey Artho and Dawson Britten.

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This study suggests that bisphosphonates may be effective in the prevention of colorectal cancer in postmenopausal women, although more studies are needed to confirm this link. Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cause of cancer in both men and women in the United States. In most cases, colorectal cancers develop slowly over many years.

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**'Home at Six'**

Clarendon High School's One Act Play, "Home At Six" is in zone competition this week in a play set in the 1950s where all is perfect when Dad (Cody Holman) comes home at six o'clock every day. But one day he comes home early and discovers that his perfect world is very flawed when he's not around. Shown here are (standing) Cole Ward, Amber Keelin, (sitting) Kaleigh West, Cody Holman, McKayla Shadle, Destiney Pate, and (passed out) Jonah Sell.

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**Lady Bronco All-District**

Sophomore Jentry Shadle (front) was named to the 2010-2011 Girls Basketball All-District Team in District 3-1A. Shadle has been on the Lady Bronco varsity team the last two years and is in the guard position. McKayla Cartwright (right) was also named to that list as Newcomer of the Year. Amber Thornberry from Wellington was named the District Most Valuable Player. Shadle, Lydia Howard (back left), Deborah Howard, (back center) Anna Cenicerros, (not pictured) and Trevela Dronzek (not pictured) were named to the Academic All-District team.

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**Retired School Personnel to meet March 28**

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet in the Family Life Center on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

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That scripture has always been a tough one to swallow for someone who has a low tolerance level for discomfort, pain, and stressful situations. James tells us to consider it a joyful thing to have trials or tough times. He tells us that going through that process will produce endurance or patience and that will help us in our spiritual walk.

Its kind of like when we were children and had to swallow that terrible tasting medicine. Some children will do everything under the sun to get out of taking it. They don't want to sit still and be told that it is good for them if they can just tough it out and swallow it. We don't want to go through those tough times because we have a comfort level that we don't want to leave, not thinking about the value of being tested and tried.

For those who have surgery on hips, knees, etc., you know the pain involved in the rehab of your affected part of your body. The rehab hurts, but you endure it knowing that you are going to be (hopefully) in a better situation than before your surgery. I know an older person from years ago who had surgery but was not willing to go through the pain and basically quit. She never walked again. Because she had a low tolerance level for pain and had lived such a sheltered life, she didn't have the "gumption" it took to get through the process. She had always ducked the trials and tests of life, (her husband told me). She had babied herself and when the storms of life came, she wasn't ready.

I say all of the above to make this point: It is good for us to encounter tough times. It could be an opportunity to be strengthened for something else that is coming in the future. Who knows but that God could be getting you ready for something you can't handle at this time. I think this is along the lines of what James was talking about. Of course we will have spiritual trials and tests and we need to embrace those as well to be prepared for the tougher times.

I pray that we all "grab the bull by the horns" when life deals us a tough hand. It may be an opportunity to grow stronger for a bigger "bull" down the road.

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**A Walk to Remember**

Clarendon High School students Chandace Ritchie, McKaelie Thomas, Ilesha Trevino, Evie Morrow, and Maritta Brady take time for a photo during a class walk.

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**State Meet**

Several local students participated in the TMSCA State Academic Meet in San Antonio on March 19 and placed fourth as a team. Show here are Katrina Johnson, Lydia Howard (first place sophomore and Chemistry champion), Kayla Elam (fourth place junior), and Tyler Burch.

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**TxDOT saying sign vandalism on rise**

CHILDRESS – In a recent observation of all Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) roadway signs in the Childress District, it is apparent that vandalism of roadway signs occurrences have risen.

TxDOT would like to remind whoever is vandalizing our signs that, tampering with or stealing Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) property such as roadway warning and safety devices cost Texas taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Most importantly, it can cause serious injury or death to the traveling public.

Signs are put up for a reason. If tampered with or stolen, it can create a serious problem. If a stop sign is removed, or a paint gun has caused the reflectivity to be compromised, a serious accident could occur if a motorist does not know to stop at an intersection.

Tampering with any TxDOT property is a Class B Misdemeanor and carries a penalty or fine not to

exceed \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days or both such fine and confinement.

However, much stiffer penalties can be handed down in cases where vandalism has resulted in serious injury or death. If someone is killed as a result of a sign being stolen or tampered with, the charge will most likely be Manslaughter. This is a 2nd degree felony. If an individual is judged guilty of a felony of the second degree the punishment will be imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years.

In addition to imprisonment, an individual judged guilty of a felony of the second degree may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

TxDOT's mission is to provide safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Let's all work together to make sure our highways are safe for the traveling public.

**AEP warns of kite flying dangers**

AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) reminds customers that metallic coatings on Mylar helium balloons and on kites can cause damage to SWEPCO's electrical system and cause power losses, emphasizing the need to make sure these objects are not allowed to interfere in the lines.

SWEPCO also wants to remind youngsters and adults, too, that there are certain safety precautions that should be taken concerning kites and power lines.

- Never use wire, tinsel or any metal in kite construction or as string – they can conduct electricity.
- Never fly a kite near power

lines. Electricity always takes the path of least resistance to the ground. It could go through the string to your body. Choose a wide-open field to fly kites.

- If a kite is caught in a power line, *leave it there*. Parents should call SWEPCO toll-free for assistance at 1-888-216-3523, and properly trained personnel with safety equipment can remove the kite.

- Do not fly kites on rainy days where there is a possibility of lightning using the string as a conductor to reach the ground. Wet strings are good conductors of electricity.

Remember to follow simple safety rules for a fun and safe kite-flying outing this spring.

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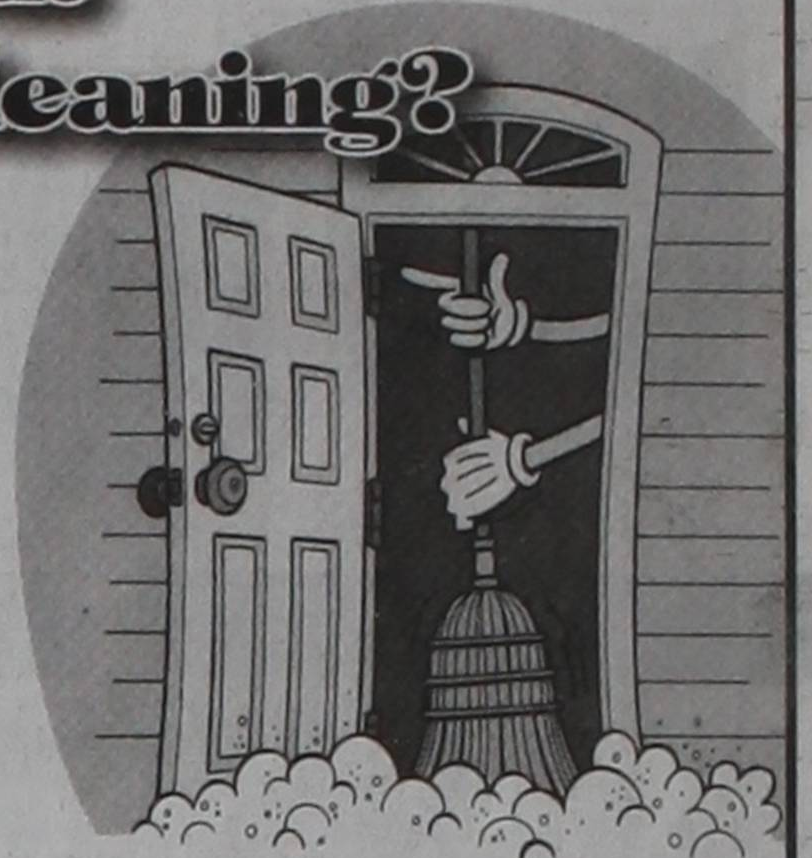
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**Summer Fun for Kids Fair**  
Saturday, March 26 • 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center  
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If you are a church, organization, club, or individual that has something fun for kids to do this summer, we want you to participate in the Fair.

The fair is **FREE** and everyone will be given booth space to hand out information on your event or opportunity.

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