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THIS WEEK

- 2 Texans should remember the sacrifices of the men who died in 1836.
- 5 A candidate takes an early lead in the election to be the next Turkey King.
- 6 One Hedley city alderman resigns, and a replacement is named.
- 8 And the Broncos claim a victory over the Irish.

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

Clarendon Clean Up will be held Saturday

Residents of Clarendon are urged to brighten up the town this Saturday, April 17, during the spring citywide clean up.

City Administrator Sean Pate says residents will be able to dump their trash for free all day at the City Recycling Center. The center still cannot accept some things — such as shingles and tires — but tree limbs and general trash and debris can be taken until 8 p.m.

The clean up will start in the North Ward community, proceed downtown, and then go from there as needed. Pate said some city workers are donating their time to help with the project, and volunteers from the community are invited to meet at the City Barn at 8 a.m. to offer their assistance.

Pate also said that if any senior citizens or disabled residents are unable to haul off debris, they can obtain assistance by calling City Hall ahead of time at 874-3438.

Business renditions must be turned in now

The Donley County Appraisal District reminds all business owners that the deadline to file their business renditions is April 15.

To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, and other property a business owned or managed as of January 1. The Appraisal District may use the data to set property values.

State law creates monetary penalties for business owners who file their annual property tax rendition late, fail to render, or file an incomplete or false rendition.

Property owners needing more time to file their rendition may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an extension to May 15.

Additional information can be obtained from the Appraisal District office at 307 S. Sully or by telephone at 874-2744.

Baseball League plan Tailgate Party April 20

The Clarendon Baseball League will hold a Tailgate Party on Tuesday, April 20, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the baseball field.

Hamburgers, chips, lemonade or tea, and homemade cookies or brownies will be available for \$5. To-go meals will also be available.

Bronco and Lady Bronco district games begin at 4:30 p.m.

Stock Show meeting to be held Tuesday

The Donley County Stock Show Board will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hedley Ag Building.

The meeting is open to exhibitors, parents, and those interested in making suggestions for next year's stock show.

MCNH finances center of debate

The financial condition of the Medical Center Nursing Home has become a central issue as voters prepare to cast ballots in next month's hospital board election.

Board member Alan Fletcher is raising concerns over the home's financial losses, the cancellation of the Donley County Hospital District's professional liability insurance, and the amount of debt the district has.

Fletcher points to the district audit report for fiscal year July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, which shows Medical Center Nursing Home had a net loss of \$199,739, and says the home has lost more than \$600,000 in the last four years. He says part of the problem is that the budget has been prepared based on 96 percent occupancy and that average occupancy is closer to 91 percent.

But district administrator Alan Graham says the district's books really look pretty good, and he says he's willing to discuss the matter anytime. He doesn't dispute Fletcher's numbers, just the interpretation of them, and he says the nursing home is on track to make a profit this fiscal year.

The \$199,739 loss shown in the audit report, Graham notes, includes expenses for more than \$110,000 in depreciation and interest payments on bonds totaling \$88,696, — the latter of which should be considered a hospital district expense rather than strictly a nursing home expense.

The hospital district is comprised of three components — the nursing home, the Associated Ambulance Authority, and the district itself, which has some administrative duties and is

responsible for indigent health care payments.

Graham said the annual audit report only has two categories — one for the ambulance service and one entitled "Medical Center," which includes the nursing home and the district expenses — and that can be confusing.

Graham also said the audit report does show a net loss for MCNH in the last fiscal year. He said past reports have shown losses every year going back to 1990 and beyond, including fiscal year 2002 when the home had a pre-depreciation profit.

The administrator admits that the current budget was based on 96 percent occupancy, but says that the occupancy in the previous fiscal year was 94 percent and that he therefore felt comfortable projecting 96 percent. Although, occupancy for the first seven months of fiscal

year 2004 has been below 96 percent, things are turning around.

"We are currently at 52 beds, which is 98 percent," Graham said last Friday. "Hopefully by the middle of next week, we will be completely full."

Occupancy is not something fully within the control of the district, and it is affected by everything from the economy to acts of God, Graham said. Whatever the cause, empty beds have a profound impact on the financial operations of the home when five beds can generate approximately \$185,000 per year.

"We, as a community and as taxpayers, need to support the nursing home and help keep the beds full by talking it up," Graham said. "It's in all our best interests."

See 'Finances' on page 7.



Mighty hunter

One-year-old Aubrey Jaramillo gets a little support from her dad as she discovers an egg during the seventh annual Community Easter Egg Hunt held at Medical Center Nursing Home last Saturday. Scores of youngsters of all ages braved the chilly weather to gather more than 2,000 eggs during the event.

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'No water for you!' Municipal alliance goes after debtors

People who skip out on city water bills will soon find it more difficult to get away thanks to a new alliance among regional cities.

The Panhandle Regional Recovery Association (PRRA), which became active on March 29, allows member cities to collect overdue accounts on behalf of other member cities.

"You can run, but you can't hide," Clarendon City Administrator Sean Pate said of utility debtors.

Under the new system, when a resident leaves Clarendon with a past due water bill and moves to Claude, for example, then that resident must pay the Clarendon bill before Claude will turn on his water service.

The customer is charged a \$25 fee, which goes to the PRRA; the collecting city gets 25 percent of the overdue payment; and the city where the account originated collects the remaining 75 percent. The system works on all new and existing accounts.

"When the customer moves to a member city, the individual is notified; and if they don't pay, they get their water turned off."

City Hall has about \$25,000 in

delinquent accounts on its books, but only those accounts that have become delinquent since July 1, 2003, can be entered into the system.

"In the last couple of days we've entered into the system 24 accounts worth about \$3,000," Pate said.

Currently, there are 22 Texas Panhandle cities in the PRRA, and Pate thinks that number will soon increase.

"For it to really work, we need to get all the cities in a 50 mile radius of us to join," said Pate, who is also a member of the PRRA Board of Directors. "We're getting one or two new cities every week, and by the next six months, I think we'll have nearly all the cities in the Panhandle."

The PRRA is the first effort of its kind in the state, and such a system would have been illegal before new legislation took effect last summer under HB 2036. Now, all eyes are on the Panhandle as regional groups in North Central Texas and on the South Plains prepare to form revenue recovery associations of their own.

"We envision it going statewide to the point where if you leave here and move to Texarkana, we'll still catch you," Pate said.

Local sales tax rebates ahead for year-to-date

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last week that the state received \$1.18 billion in sales tax revenue in March, a 17.2 percent increase over March 2003.

"This tremendous jump is a direct result of my recommendation to the legislature to have a tax amnesty plan to bring dollars into our state coffers," Strayhorn said.

Local rebates were mixed with Hedley and Howardwick seeing increases of 3.72 percent and 1.02 percent for returns of \$490.50 and \$784.47. The City of Clarendon's

rebate dropped 7.86 percent this month for a total of \$14,869.02, but the city is still 11.27 percent ahead for the year-to-date total.

So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 8.2 percent as the Texas economy continues to gain momentum.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax allocations of \$199.1 million to Texas cities, up 11.2 percent compared to April 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8.7 percent higher than last year.

STARS grant to benefit Saints' Roost Museum

The Saints' Roost Museum's tenth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff is one of the first rural tourism events approved for matching reimbursement funds from a new Texas Department of Agriculture program designed to help rural communities leverage their tourism marketing dollars.

TDA announced last week that 15 rural Texas communities were approved to receive a total of \$127,963 in matching reimbursements in the first round of funding for TDA's new Hometown STARS program.

Hometown STARS (Supporting Tourism and Rural Success) funding

for the September 26 Chuckwagon Cookoff will provide \$4,442 in matching funds for promotional packets, advertising, direct mail, posters and signs. The cookoff annually attracts about 1,000 visitors to Clarendon, and funds raised by the event support the continuing operations of the Saints' Roost Museum.

The grant application was submitted on behalf of the museum by the City of Clarendon through the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

Hometown STARS was launched with TDA's "Texas Yes!" program in



late 2003. "Texas Yes!" is a broad-based membership program open to rural communities, businesses, and organizations. The goal of the "Texas Yes!" program is to spotlight and promote rural Texas. Funding for the Hometown STARS program is provided through a grant from Gov. Rick Perry in support of TDA's rural tourism promotional efforts.

"Tourism is an important way for rural communities to bring in new dollars and share the diversity and beauty of our great state," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "The Hometown STARS program offers a hand to rural communities as they create fresh ideas and new opportunities through their tourism efforts. The range of projects approved for funding provides a wonderful example of the take-charge attitude alive in rural Texas today."

Hometown STARS is a competitive dollar-for-dollar matching reimbursement program open to

"Texas Yes!" community members. Eligible communities apply for the funds by submitting a tourism event promotion proposal to TDA. Proposals are reviewed and scored by the Hometown STARS Review Team, an independent panel with expertise in marketing, media, tourism and rural communities. TDA makes the final award decision based on this input.

Of the 15 proposals submitted for the first round of Hometown STARS funding, all were approved for either full or partial funding.

Other rural events funded in this round include the following:

City of Cactus — matching reimbursement program open to

See 'Grant' on page 5.

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

Remember the men who died for Texas

Next Wednesday will mark the 168th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto – the great military upset that stunned the government of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and won Texas its independence from Mexico. Unfortunately, the day will go by like any other as time carries us further away and modern Texans slowly let history slip away.

It is important that we keep our history alive to remind us of where we have been and where we are going. This is particularly important because the lessons learned from the period of the Texas Revolution can have a significant bearing on this state and the entire nation today.



editor's commentary by roger estlack

Illegal immigration was a factor back in the 1820s and 1830s, albeit in a reverse fashion from what we see today as Anglo-Americans crossed the Red River into what was then Mexican territory. Legal immigration was also a problem for Mexico as it tried – unsuccessfully – to force cultural changes on Anglo-American settlers, also known as Texans. Modern proponents of making English the official language of this country might want to think about that.

Attempts at forced assimilation and a general disregard for the rule of law on the part of the Mexican dictator were contributing factors to the revolution. The problem with trying to force the newcomers to speak Spanish, making them convert to Catholicism, or trampling on their rights was, as Professor Camilio Martinez always put it: "You cannot tell an American what to do."

At least you couldn't in 1836. Today, I'm not sure that's still the case since many Americans seem to expect government to take care of them like they are little children and are willing to give up their money and certain degrees of freedom to achieve the illusion of security.

Texas sensibilities have also changed somewhat with regard to our history. Last fall, this column reported on a movement to have Texas history classes taught about the Goliad "Execution" rather than the more familiar Goliad Massacre so as to be more sensitive to Mexican-Americans. My response to that stupid idea was that history classes should teach the important roles played by many Tejanos in the Texas Revolution rather than gloss over the atrocities committed by the military of the Mexican dictator.

There are some people out there who would disagree with my opinion and who are, I suppose, ashamed of the Texas Revolution.

Last week, I had the good fortune to see the new motion picture account of *The Alamo*, and the movie is very good, although it does take some artistic liberties. The execution of David Crockett is particularly priceless. Santa Anna demands Crockett, who is on his knees and surrounded by the entire Mexican Army, discuss surrender. Crockett, played by Billy Bob Thornton, tells the interpreter that he is willing to discuss surrender and that if the Mexicans will all lay down their arms right now, he'll put in a good word for them with Gen. Houston. Santa Anna doesn't see the humor in that remark and has Crockett shot.

All joking aside, the essential truth of the Alamo story still comes through in the film – a small band of men fighting for what they believe in and willing to die for their rights. As the movie shows, the sacrifice of those men fueled the rage of the Texans and the Tejanos and propelled them to swift victory at San Jacinto.

Upon leaving the theatre, I passed by a group of four young people – two Anglo men and two Hispanics.

"Hey, I'm really sorry about all that," one sniveling Anglo said to the Hispanics.

"Yeah, me too, dude," the other Anglo said. "I mean... I wasn't there back then and I didn't do it, but I think it was wrong, man."

The Hispanics, meanwhile, shuffled from one foot to the other and looked like they couldn't figure out what the heck these two nincompoops were apologizing for.

I thought to myself: "This is exactly what's wrong with this country today. These kids are so ignorant about history that they think they have to make amends for Sam Houston's army kicking Santa Anna's fanny."

No apology is necessary for the Texas victory at San Jacinto. To even offer one is to disgrace the memories of the men who died on that field, at Goliad, and at the Alamo.

The Texas rebels were not perfect men. Some of them had checkered pasts. Some were swindlers, cheats, and drunks. But I think it's safe to say they each wanted a better life than what they had left behind and a better future for their children, and they wanted to live that new life free from oppression.

In the movie, Col. William Travis, played by Patrick Wilson, addresses that very issue as he tells the men under his command about their hopeless situation. He acknowledges that Texas means different things to all of them and then says: "I'd like to ask each of you what it is you value so highly that you are willing to fight and possibly die for. We will call that Texas."

The question posed by Wilson's character was probably lost on the dudes in the theatre lobby, but it is really just as valid today. What do you value so highly? What would you die for? Your family? Your independence? Do you really remember San Jacinto and the Alamo and the sacrifices made there?

Sadly, many people do not.

Best friend a casualty of new epidemic

I may have neglected to tell you this, but it seems that there is a horrible epidemic raging across Hardin-Simmons University campus. It's very contagious, and it only seems to affect women.

The first symptom is pure and unadulterated insanity followed by a break out of diamonds on their left hands. This rash is generally isolated to one finger in particular.

It seems to be carried by men and passed on to women, because it doesn't seem to have any affect on single women like myself, except to make us extremely bitter.

In one week, I kid you not, we lost fifteen girls. Half of them were close friends of mine. I lost my best friend Whitney.

Whitney is to be married in August. And I am a bridesmaid.

I'm going to go ahead and just be honest with you; all of my bitterness comes from pure jealousy. I would have given my right arm to be picking out dresses and invitations and looking at *Bride* magazines with my mother.

Please note that sentence is in the past tense. I have changed my mind.

Last weekend, Whitney called me up to go pick out fabric. We spent two hours circling around Abilene to find the perfect balance of shiny and textured; pink, but not too pink; brown, but not too brown.

Of course, I had no say in the matter. I

was brought along for my opinion, but my opinion was invariably ignored. I just had to wear it. I did not have to live with my decision for the rest of my life like Whitney obviously did.

We made our choice, but not before she had harassed a few fabric store employees and asked the opinion of everyone in the store.

I spent part of my Easter break with Whitney at her house. I drove down there by myself, praying out loud with desperation that Jesus would come back before I got to Midland.

My whole purpose in going was to be measured for my bridesmaid's dress.

Not only was this to be a reminder that I was not a bride, but also it was a not so gentle hint that I am not quite as thin as I used to be. Self-esteem goes through the roof.

The dressmaker had finished part of Whitney's dress; and as I watched Whitney having her first fitting in her dress, I had to stifle a tear or two.

Then Mom came in and started discussing underwear, and just how badly Whitney needed a push-up bra.

The entire store is now discussing



life's lessons by carrie helms

Whitney's chest. She decides she needs a little support (no pun intended), and drags me into the conversation. "Carrie has the same problem I do. Don't you, Carrie?"

So now I'm fat, single, and flat chested. Okay. I'll go with that.

"Thank you for your concern, old friend, but this is your day. You need to have better cleavage than I do. Don't you worry about me. I'll be fine."

My part of the mission was completed in about 15 seconds before we left the dressmaker. It was only 6:00. If I ran, I could be back in Abilene before dark, watching chick flicks and eating ice cream in my dorm room. But that would be rude.

I stayed on through dinner and the discussion of the invitations. They had to have the perfect balance of traditional and modern; religious, but not too religious; sweet, but not too sweet.

Two hours of looking at every Web site with invitation wording, everyone asking my opinion but no one really caring what it was, and I was ready for bed.

They invited me to stay on for the rest of the weekend. Tomorrow we were shopping for flowers and shoes and veils! Oh boy!

I politely declined. I had had all the wedding I could take. I let them know, however, that they could certainly call me when they wanted someone to sample the cake.



War on Terror overrides other concerns

One of the things I enjoy most about being your United States Senator is the opportunity I get to visit with you as I travel around our great state. Every April, during the legislative break in Washington, I like to update Texans on what Congress has done during the first quarter of the year. While I make stops across the state, I wanted to also take a moment and update you in this column.

One of our chief accomplishments thus far was the passage of the 2005 Budget. It has passed the Senate and provides a roadmap to win the war on terrorism, defend the homeland, promote economic growth, and create new jobs. The budget clearly reflects our top priority of protecting Americans at home and abroad, while moving to cut the federal deficit in half, in just a few years. It is pending in the House of Representatives.

We've also made great strides toward improving our nation's economy. Americans are still reaping the benefits of last year's tax relief. We received the good news that 308,000 jobs had been created in March, bringing the seven-month total to 759,000 jobs.

To continue that trend of job creation, we are working on the JOBS Act to preserve work for thousands of Americans, alleviate the tax burden on manufacturing companies, and allow U.S. businesses to compete fairly with their European counterparts. Unfortunately, it has not passed the Senate, but we will continue to work to

lower unemployment and make sure every American looking for work can find it.

Passage of a comprehensive energy policy remains a burning issue for Congress, particularly as we suffer through record gas prices at the pump. I'm hopeful we'll be able to produce a bill that will lower costs, promote conservation, reduce our reliance on foreign sources of oil, and create jobs and opportunities at home.

But overriding everything we do in Congress is the war on terror our men and women in uniform are waging everyday. We know we are up against a vicious enemy who values nothing, not even their own lives, as they seek to destroy freedom and democracy.

In Washington, we'll continue to give our soldiers the resources, support, and encouragement they need to defend our freedom and way of life.



capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

DCHD board member responds to letters

In response to recent articles in the paper and the rumors around town, I feel I need to set the record straight. We have an excellent nursing home and ambulance authority with outstanding employees. I do not wish to sell or close the nursing home or fire nor cut employees' salaries.

When you take the oath of office, you agree to do three things as a director of the hospital district. "The duty of care" requires you to apply the same level of care in managing the affairs of the hospital as a reasonably prudent person would apply in managing his or her business affairs. "The duty of loyalty" means avoiding conflicts, self-dealing, enrichment, and breaches of confidentiality. "The duty of obedience" means obeying the law, including statutes, enabling legislation, and bylaws. Complying with these three general duties won't guarantee that you will never be sued as a director, but it should insure that you will win if a case is ever brought against you.

The financial loss of the Medical Center Nursing Home for the last four years is as follows: 2000 - \$171,507; 2001 - \$199,911; 2002 - \$44,767; 2003 - \$199,779. These figures include depreciation because there is no cash set aside for replacement of depreciated items, i.e. roof,

refrigerators, air conditioners, or carpet. We have also canceled the professional liability insurance, which means no protection from being sued by nursing home residents or families. For the first eight months of this fiscal year, we are operating at 91 percent occupancy, five percent less than expected or \$66,000 less revenue than expected.

The Donley County Hospital District has a bond of \$1,645,000 payable until 2022 of approximately \$130,000 a year. Notes payable to Community Bank are approximately \$160,000.

I believe that the taxpayer is at risk of higher taxes because of having no professional liability insurance and operating at a continuous loss with no cash reserve for nursing home needs or ambulance authority needs. My goal for the next year is to hold the tax rate at the current level. I want to work towards getting the nursing home in the best possible financial health while keeping wages strong and working towards providing health insurance to keep quality employees. I want the residents to get the best physical care and be secure and happy in their nursing home environment. Their families need to feel their emotional and physical needs are satisfied.

In response to Buddy Howard's letter (March 25, 2004) regarding underpaid employees, the board has never been asked by the administrator for higher wages or less hours.

Alan Fletcher, DCHD Director

Consider MCNH residents

I have been blessed to have the God given opportunity to be a volunteer at MCNH for over three years now. As a concerned citizen and tax payer, I would urge each voter, before election time, to take some of their time to visit the nursing home and talk to the residents and staff to witness the excellent care, love, and compassion that our loved ones receive at MCNH.

Let's continue to see that the residents receive the best care and not lessen their quality of life. We are fortunate as a community to have one of the nicest, cleanest, best run nursing homes in the area.

Prayerfully consider the residents' needs when you go to vote.

Judy Castner, Lelia Lake

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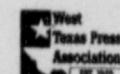
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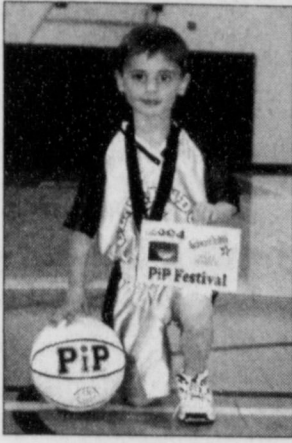
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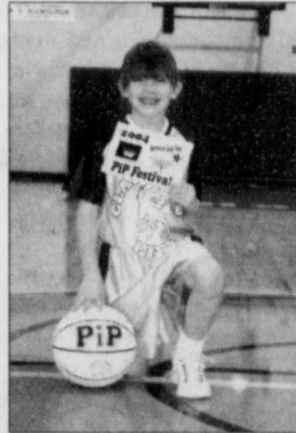
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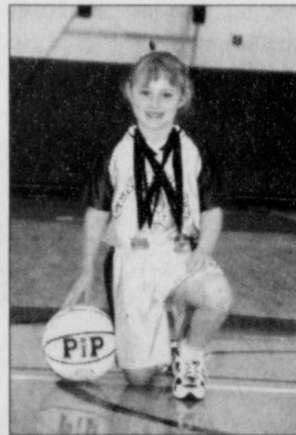
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- 2nd - Drop Pass
- 4th - Backward Dribble



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- 4th - Between the Legs Pass



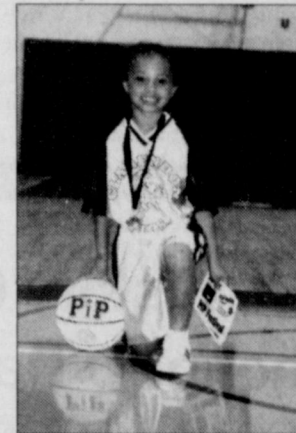
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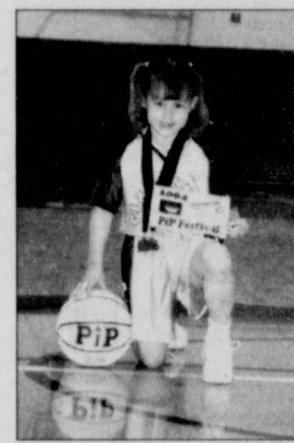
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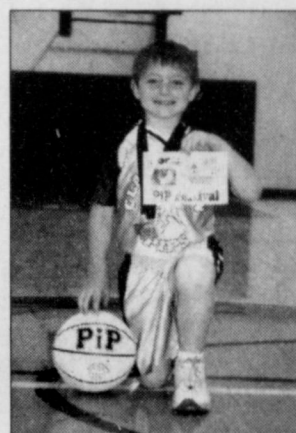
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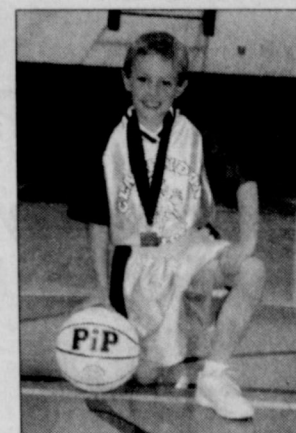
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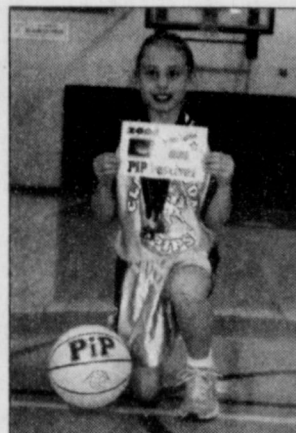
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10 yrs. old

- 5th Drop Pass



Jonah Sell
9 yrs. old

- 2nd - Drop Pass
- 3rd - Backward Dribble



Jentry Shadle
9 yrs. old

- 1st - Spin
- 1st - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)
- 2nd - Walking Spider
- 6th - Between the Legs Pass Around the Waist



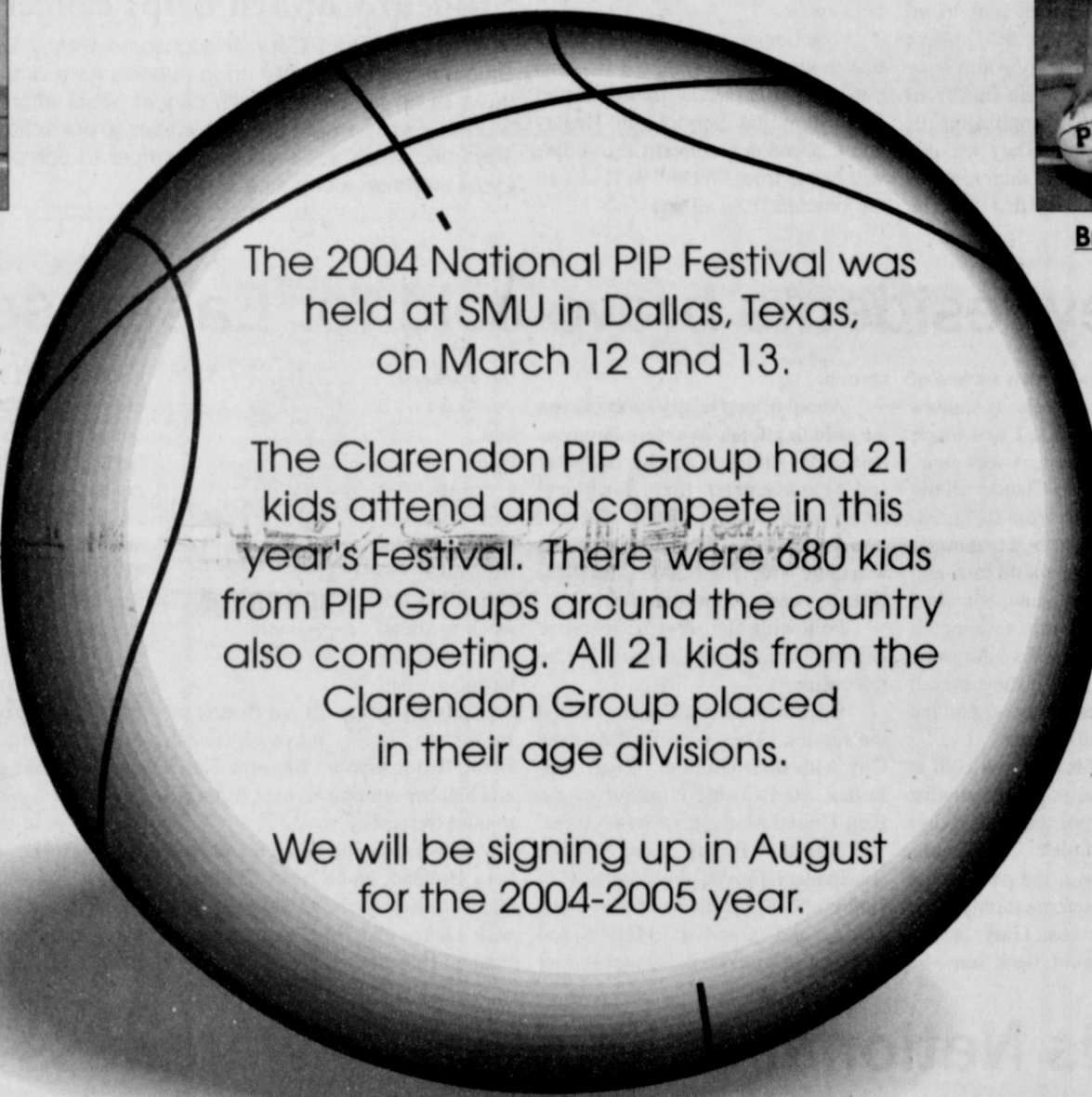
Kenzie Perryman
9 yrs. old

- 3rd - Figure 8 Dribble
- 5th - Between the Legs Pass
- 6th - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)



Kae Lea Hewett
9 yrs. old

- 1st - Between the Legs Pass
- 4th - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)
- 4th - Drop Pass



The 2004 National PIP Festival was held at SMU in Dallas, Texas, on March 12 and 13.

The Clarendon PIP Group had 21 kids attend and compete in this year's Festival. There were 680 kids from PIP Groups around the country also competing. All 21 kids from the Clarendon Group placed in their age divisions.

We will be signing up in August for the 2004-2005 year.



Maci White
9 yrs. old

- 2nd - Drop Pass
- 3rd - Between the Legs Pass
- 3rd - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)
- 6th - Spin



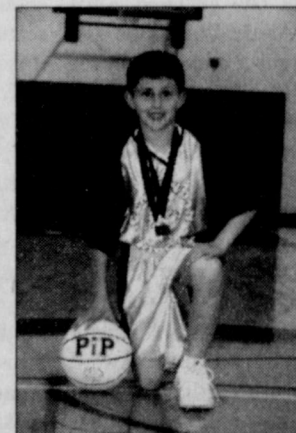
Cole Ward
9 yrs. old

- 3rd - Drop Pass
- 5th - Spin
- 6th - Between the Legs Pass



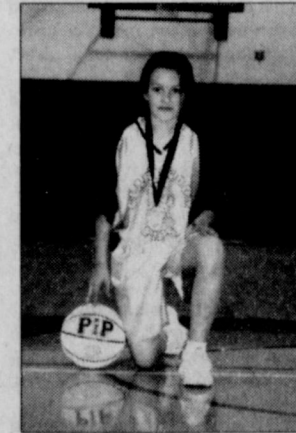
Trent White
12 yrs. old

- 4th - Between the Legs Pass
- 6th - Drop Pass



Dylan Alaniz
9 yrs. old

- 1st - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)
- 3rd - Between the Legs Pass



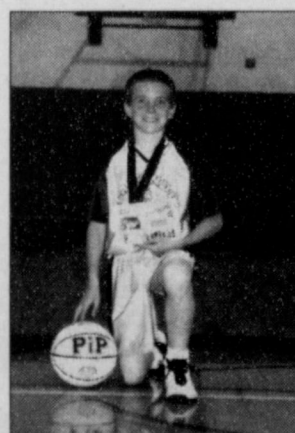
Chelsea Alaniz
10 yrs. old

- 2nd - Between the Legs Pass Around the Waist
- 5th - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)



Trevela Dronzek
10 yrs. old

- 1st - Walking Spider
- 1st - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)
- 2nd - Spin



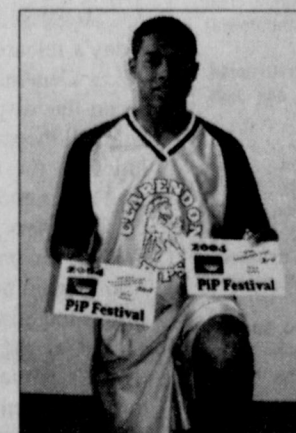
Bradley Watson
11 yrs. old

- 2nd - Obstacle Speed Dribble (4 cone)
- 3rd - Between the Legs Pass
- 5th - Between the Leg Dribble



Johnny Gaines
11 yrs. old

- 1st - Spin
- 1st - PIP Shots
- 1st - Walking Spider
- 6th - Between the Legs Pass Around the Waist



Al Gaines
13 yrs. old - Old Timer Division

- 2nd - Between the Legs Pass
- 3rd - Two Ball Obstacle Speed Dribble

¿Qué Pasa?

Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

April 15
United Christian Men's Breakfast • Methodist Fellowship Hall • 7 a.m.

April 17
Clarendon Clean-up Day

Broncos v. Fritch • McClelland Field • 4:30 p.m.

April 19
Breast Cancer Screening • Associated Ambulance Authority • 356-1905.

April 20
Broncos v. Wellington • McClelland Field • 4:30 p.m.

Lady Broncos v. Aspermont • Hart-Moore Field • 4:30 p.m.

April 21
San Jacinto Day

April 23 - 24
Lady Bulldogs v. Odessa College • Lady Bulldog Field • 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

April 24
4th annual Turkey Strut Festival • Details TBA

April 27
Immunization Clinic • Texas Dept. of Health office • 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

April 29
Health and Wealth Fair • Bairfield Activity Center • 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 8
Masonic Lodge Chicken BBQ

May 9
Mothers Day

Community Menus

April 19-23

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Oats, toast, fruit, milk
Tue: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thur: Rice, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Chicken nuggets, French fries, salad, fruit, milk
Tue: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, corn, fruit, milk
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, vanilla pudding, rolls, milk
Thur: Taco salad, lettuce, beans, fruit, milk
Fri: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, carrot sticks, French fries, cobbler, milk

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tue: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Wed: Pancake and syrup, sausage patties, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Thur: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Fri: Peanut butter and toast, muffins, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Beef taco, pinto beans and rice, green chili casserole, tossed salad and fruit, corn bread muffins, milk, fruit juice
Tue: Corn dog or burrito, corn, salad, fruit, fruit juice, milk
Wed: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, fruit, rolls, milk, fruit juice
Thur: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, fruit, rolls, milk, juice
Fri: Cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce and tomato, apple sauce, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stroganoff, green bean casserole, Harvard beets, tossed salad, butterscotch pudding with topping, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tue: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, pasta salad, peach cobbler, biscuit, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, bread pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Oven fried chicken, broccoli au gratin, corn, spinach salad, apple crisp and ice cream, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Chili dog, tator tots, sauerkraut salad, peanut butter cookies, hot dog bun, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Hot turkey sandwich, potato wedges, cucumber and onion salad, cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, milk
Tue: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, buttered squash, Waldorf salad, cookies, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Chicken spaghetti, fried squash, green peas, beet and onion salad, brownie, garlic bread, coffee, tea, milk
Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, pudding, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Mexican Pile-On, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, sliced peaches, chips and crackers, coffee, tea, milk

Cat making its mark around Howardwick

Easter Sunrise Services with scripture and message by Dr. Geona Goad, pastor of Howardwick First Baptist Church, and music by Dan Hall was attended by about forty-five people, who braved the cold but saw a beautiful sunrise over the crosses. Breakfast was served by the Beautification Club with Mary Selfridge in charge. She was assisted by Dorothy Arnold, Donna Murdock, and Peggy Cockerham. That coffee was a welcome sight after staying out in the cold. It was nice having visitors. Donald and Judy Bland brought his mother Cora to the services.

Our volunteers have been busy. Sam Grider built a canopy over the

post office door and painted the door and trim at City Hall. Buster Baird has painted the posts on the street signs and the flagpoles at the park. All this was done while maintenance man Harold Stevens remains on extended leave with his injured foot.

Ed Bills, who lives on Meredith, is recovering from an emergency appendectomy performed Thursday after a couple of days "not feeling well." Sometimes it is the simple things we need to watch for. I am glad Mary Linn reports he is some better. Joyce Hardin is home and recovering well. Her daughter and granddaughter were at the sunrise services and breakfast as her representative.

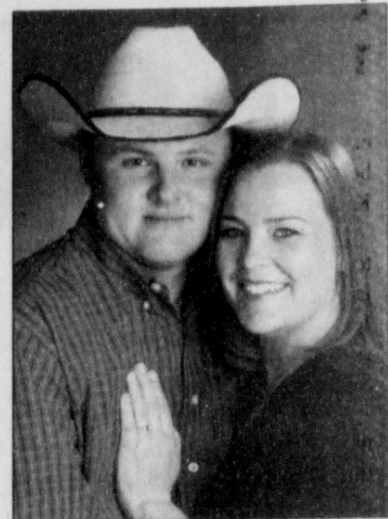
Nancy Davis is home for a few days then back to Dallas for more treatments on Darlene. She is improving but recovery is slow.

C.H., the cat, is back at City Hall. (C.H. City Hall. Get it?) A few months ago, C.H. started hanging around City Hall like a lot of men do. But instead of offering him coffee, someone started feeding him. He would find a nice warm safe

place to sleep down in the sheds and was free to roam and do his "tom catin'" as he wanted to. Dean and Wanda Nazworth saw this pretty cat and decided to take him home with them. All went well for a few days. He enjoyed the nice warm house and food, but then Wanda and Dean noticed a rank odor in the house. He was using the litter box, but, being a tom, he was doing what came naturally and marking everything in sight, including their new mattress. I don't know if it was Wanda or Dean that grabbed ole C.H. by the scruff of his neck and took him back to City Hall, but he's back and is again free to "tom cat" all night long.



'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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Jared Patterson and Robin Henard

Henard-Patterson to exchange vows

Billy and Debbie Henard are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Robin Zee, to Jared Clay Patterson. Jared is the son of Jimmy and Alice Patterson. Robin is also the daughter of Johnny and Marcia Henard.

The couple will exchange wedding vows in a double ring ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church in Wellington.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of H.R. and Bess Yarbrough of Memphis, Robert and Willie Faye Patrick, Louise Henard and the late John Robert Henard, Jr., all of Wellington.

The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are B.J. and Mary Nell Patterson of Wellington and Pete and Sue Granger and the late Rendall Mace of Mountain View, Oklahoma.

Senior Dance Club enjoys surprise

Maurice and Mary Mayer surprised members of the Senior Dance Club with cake and coffee following the dance Monday night, April 5, 2004.

The treat was one of those tasty creations by Maurice. (We must admit he is a super chef.) All agreed that the punch bowl cake, the first of its kind for him, was delicious. Thanks, Maurice and Mary!

It was good to have Junior and Agnes Brumfield of Pampa and Howardwick back after her illness.

Dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday night at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. You are invited if you enjoy dancing.

Hermesmeier wins ham

By Marlee Sharp
The winner of our ham raffle was Pearl Hermesmeier. We appreciate all of the support we received from those who purchased tickets.

Our condolences go to the family of Woodrow Ashcraft.
Reminders:
Mondays: Dance Club, 7-9 p.m.
Tuesdays: Game Nights, 6 p.m.
M-W-F: Exercise Group, 9 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays: Inspirational Singing, 2 p.m.

WBU students earn awards at recital

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University's Department of Music honored eight of its students with the Music Achievement Awards after a competition recital held Thursday, March 25.

The winners included Megan Roberts, second-year percussionist from Clarendon.

The awards recognize outstanding scholar-musicians, with competition based on academic achievement as well as musical talent and performance. The awards are the highest granted yearly by the music department.

Students compete for the awards by their class year, with two winners per level awarded. Music department faculty served as judges for the event, which featured 19 student performers.

CC to celebrate national poetry month in Pampa

Clarendon College will celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry reading Tuesday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the CC Pampa Center at 1601 W. Kentucky.

Contact Jewel Houston at 874-3571 if you would like to participate by reading a poem you have written or by reading your favorite poem.

VFW, History Channel unite to honor D-Day anniversary

The VFW has announced an exciting new association with The History Channel that will kick off with a joint effort this spring to honor the upcoming 60th anniversary of D-Day.

The History Channel and the VFW will be putting the World War II veterans in the spotlight with real stories and real history that pay tribute to those who served.

As the VFW prepares for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, they invite World War II veterans to go to HistoryChannel.com for a chance to win an extraordinary journey to Europe to re-visit historic sites from World War II, all compliments of HistoryChannel.com. They are also asking veterans to share their remembrance at the website so that it can be

preserved.

Beginning in April, The History Channel will be premiering several exciting new programs to commemorate the anniversary and to honor the veterans.

VFW Post 7782 in Clarendon and American Legion Post 287 of Hedley encourage all World War II veterans to stop by the VFW Post in Clarendon, Clarendon Steakhouse, or the Burton Memorial Library to pick up a form with all the rules of the contest.

The Legion and VFW would also like to invite all the citizens to come out and participate in the Memorial Day Memorial Services in Hedley and Clarendon to support those they will honor from World War II and all the veterans from all wars.

Hedley residents brave cold for Easter services

We've had about two inches of rain during the last week. It snowed in Amarillo today while I was there; but by the time we left, it was gone. By the time we got to Claude, all the snow was gone, even from the grass. It might rain again tonight, though. One forecaster said it would rain, and another said it might snow; but when the sun went down this evening, it was shining. Who knows? Anyway, everybody knows that if they are not happy with the weather now, wait ten minutes, and it will change.

I'll say one thing: it was cold at the sunrise service at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. It didn't take us long to finish. The Combs sang an Easter song, the pastor read a scripture, the congregation placed flowers on the cross, Gary said a prayer, and we went back into the

church. About fifteen hearty souls braved the cold to attend. We were happy to have A.W. Atkinson and his daughter and granddaughter from Texarkana along with A.W.'s sister, Annette, from Oklahoma City. Alene Leathers was there with Don Blanks, and Juicy Herndon from Memphis.

Following the service, everyone enjoyed brunch and especially the hot coffee.

Bill and Juanell Carson missed the service. They were in Oklahoma City with their children. Their son-in-law, Stan Cosby, is pastor of the First United Methodist Church there.

Juanita Brown and Grace Burkhalter enjoyed the company of Junny and KayBeth Brown of May, Texas, and grandson Melvin and Deborah Guinn from Memphis over

the weekend. Buford and Jerry Holland accompanied their grandson, Calvin Holland, to Amarillo last week to attend a surprise birthday part

for Calvin's sister, Tanya Burton, at Joe's Crab Shack. Tanya's husband, Blain, had a treasure hunt for Tanya and had her running all over Amarillo to hunt treasure.

Tanya's parents, Darell and Barbara Holland, came from Childress; and her sister, Schelli Moore, along with Lauree and Hayden, came from Pampa. Her mother, Clara, and Gary

Calhoun and her daughter, Kailen, along with Cassidy and Courtney, were there, too. They all enjoyed root beer and birthday cake along with the crabs.

I've been enjoying Guy, Cathy, and Christian since Friday evening. They attended church with me Sunday. The regular service, not the sunrise service. It was too cold and dark to get Christian out.

On Sunday we went to Su-San's house to dinner. It was her birthday. Keith, Karen, Rance, and Reece came, and the girls hid Easter eggs in the house for Rance and Christian to hunt. Reese is a little small to hunt eggs yet. He will be a year old this month.

I'm not sure how long Guy and his family will be here. At least a month, I hope.



watt's happening
by peggy watt
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April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month

AMARILLO - Texas Governor Rick Perry has declared April 2004 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), which administers the state's Child Protective Services (CPS) program, is taking the opportunity to increase public awareness about preventing child abuse.

In 2003, there were 50,208 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect in Texas. This is 5.9 percent increase over 2002, when there were 47,409 confirmed victims. Over 4,000 children in the Texas Panhandle were the victims of child abuse

and neglect in 2003. Childhood should be a time of happiness and security; but for too many children, it is a time of tragedy and suffering. Unfortunately, home is not always the safe place it should be.

There are four major types of child maltreatment including neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. Neglect is the failure to provide for a child's basic needs. Physical abuse is physical injury that can range from minor bruising to severe fractures or death. It can be a result of punching, eating, shaking, kicking, biting, throwing, stabbing, hitting, burning, chok-

ing, or otherwise harming a child. These injuries are considered abuse regardless of whether the caregiver intended to hurt the child. Sexual abuse includes engaging in a sexual act with a child, or exposing a child to sexual acts to arouse the desires of another, or failure to make reasonable efforts to prevent such acts from occurring to a child. Emotional abuse is mental or emotional injury that results in an observable and material impairment of a child's growth, development, or psychological functioning.

DFPS encourages you to advocate for children and help us make

communities safe for all children. If you suspect a child has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to DFPS, by calling the 24-hour hotline, 1-800-252-5400. Child abuse and neglect are against the law in Texas, and so is failure to report them.

"Our children are our most valuable resource, and our future," said Camille Gilliam, program administrator of Child Protective Services in the Lubbock/Amarillo area. "Every child deserves to be safe."

For more information on child abuse prevention, visit www.itsuptoyou.org.

Virtual museum honors heroes of Alamo, Goliad

AUSTIN - Coinciding with today's release of "The Alamo," the Texas General Land Office unveils an on-line display of documents that help tell the story of the Texas Revolution in the actual words of those who experienced it.

"Letters of the Texas Revolution" is an online display of letters from Alamo and Goliad heroes kept safe at the Land Office. It's the latest exhibit at the Texas General Land Office's virtual museum, which features selections from 5.3 million historic documents in the agency's care.

The Texas Revolution has been the subject of countless articles, books, songs, and films. It is one of the foundations of our history and heritage as Texans. It is part of our national story as Americans. Names

like Travis, Bowie, Seguin, and Crockett and places like the Alamo, Goliad, and San Jacinto resonate with all of us, serving to shape our personal relationship with our collective history. Yet there are actually very few original documents - primary sources - that have survived to tell us this story.

A major repository for documents relating to the Texas Revolution, the Texas Adjutant General's Office, was destroyed by fire in 1855. As a result, few documents detailing this important event in history remain. The Texas General Land Office is one such place where these rare materials can be found and are available for public study. This exhibit contains not only actual letters, but also testimony from our

court of claims files.

The Alamo-Goliad exhibit can be seen at the following Internet address: www.savetexashistory.org

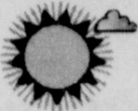


The historic letters by legendary Texans were scanned as part of the Land Office's award-winning Digital Preservation Project. This allows the letters to be seen in their true colors and condition. To spare viewers from deciphering flamboyant 1830s penmanship, a transcript of each letter is provided.

The Land Office recently opened an online database with names of original land grantees, allowing anyone to access grants of land issued by Spain, Mexico, and the Republic and State of Texas. The Archives and Records Division is also scanning documents in its Scrap

File collection, converting them to PDF format for the database. This enables genealogists, title companies, petroleum landmen, historians, academics, attorneys, and Land Office staff to view data and images over computers. A complete index to records in the Land Office's Spanish Archives and Special Collection was added late last year.

The Digital Preservation Project, along with the former Adopt-A-Map/Adopt-A-Documents program for conserving historic maps at the Land Office, were recently combined in the Save Texas History program. To view the conserved maps and those still in need of conservation, visit www.savetexashistory.org. For more program information, call 800-998-4GLO.

weather report				
Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	5	58°	44°	0.07"
Tues	6	63°	49°	0.12"
Wed	7	62°	50°	0.40"
Thur	8	69°	43°	-
Fri	9	70°	44°	1.30"
Sat	10	74°	39°	0.32"
Sun	11	46°	33°	-
Total precipitation this month: 2.42"				
Total precipitation in April last year: 6.62"				
Total YTD total last year: 1.26"				

weekend forecast	
	Friday, April 16 Mostly Sunny 67°/46°
	Saturday, April 17 Partly Cloudy 50°/49°
	Sunday, April 18 Partly Cloudy 45°/34°

Visit us on the web at www.ClarendonOnline.com/weather

Betts leading early Turkey King voting

Reneé "Broncho" Betts is the early leader this week as the race to be Donley County's fourth Turkey King heats up.

Betts started this week with a total of \$5.88 collected in her money jars around town. She is followed by Jewel Houston with \$4.94, Valerie Ashcraft with \$3.49, and Martha Smith at \$2.06.

Unconfirmed reports have said that Betts was strutting her stuff at the Sandell Drive-In this past weekend as she policed for the support of potential voters.

Trailing the top four candidates are Tessie Robinson and Linda Thornton, who have failed to break the two-dollar mark, and other minor contenders, who have only registered some spare change in the voting.

The 2004 king election seems to still be a "girls only" affair, according to local officials.

"We still have not had a single man who feels up to the challenge," said election judge Linda Gray.

Votes are still one penny each, and the hen with the most money wins when the fourth annual Turkey Strut Festival is held Saturday, April 24. Ballots may be cast in the jars of the respective candidates at Sayes, Duckwall's, and the Texas Steakout. Proceeds go to promote tourism in Donley County.

Any individual or organization interested in fundraising or having an arts and crafts fair during the Turkey Strut should contact Terry Askew at 874-3844.

Grant: Funds help promote rural tourism

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bursement funds for brochures and print and broadcast advertisements to promote the city's Diez y Seis de Septiembre Celebration.

City of Crowell - matching reimbursement funds for print and broadcast advertising, promotional literature and direct mail to promote the city's stargazing opportunities.

City of Dumas - matching reimbursement funds to spotlight the city's High Plains Ag Expo, Aug. 24-26.

City of Eden - matching reimbursement funds to promote the Fall Fest in Concho, Texas, Sept. 24-26.

City of Hearne - matching reimbursements for billboards, promotional materials, direct mail, and Web site enhancements for the Crossroads Music Festival, Sept. 25.

Hemphill County - matching reimbursement funds to promote

"Break Away from the Ordinary," a tri-county effort designed to spotlight Hemphill, Lipscomb and Roberts counties. Promotional materials will encourage visitors to discover the art, music, and history of the region, located near the Canadian River adjacent to the Texas High Plains. Materials will spotlight the Texas Prairie Rivers Musical in Canadian, the Canadian Arts Alliance, the Naturally Yours Dance Platform in Lipscomb County, and the High Plains Youth Art Show in Roberts County.

City of Hico - matching reimbursement funds for banners, brochures, advertising, and posters to promote the city's 1st Annual Texas Steak Cook-off and Tourist Trap event, scheduled to take place May 22, 2004.

Karnes County - matching

reimbursement funds to promote the Karnes County Sesquicentennial Celebration, May 1, in honor of the county's 150th year.

City of Madisonville - matching reimbursement funds to promote the city's annual Texas Mushroom Festival Oct. 15-16.

City of Miami - matching reimbursement funds to promote the city's Annual Cow Calling Festival, June 4-6 in Roberts County.

City of Perryton - matching reimbursement funds to promote Ochiltree County's Pioneer Days Festival held the third weekend in August.

City of Quanah - matching reimbursement funds for posters, fliers, advertising, direct mail, and billboards to promote the musical show "Pump Boys and Dinettes," which will be May 29-30.

Reagan County - matching reimbursement funds for posters, advertisements, direct mail, billboards, and banners to promote the Classic Sheepdog Trials to be held in Big Lake in November.

City of White Deer - matching reimbursement funds for banners and brochures to promote the city's annual rodeo. The event is held the last weekend in July.

The Hometown STARS program provides up to \$15,000 in matching reimbursements to rural Texas communities that are members of "Texas Yes!" to offset the cost of their tourism promotion efforts.

Application deadlines for the next round of funding will be announced in April. For more information, go to www.TexasYes.org or call (866) 4TEX-YES (866-483-9937).

Looking Back

15 Years Ago
The CLARENDON PRESS, April 13, 1989

- Explorer Post 2437 recently spent time learning the thrills of flying a light aircraft from Charles (Chuck) Ekleberry. Explorers taking part in the training were Shane Ashcraft, Jodi Kidd, Lee Gage, Robert Lee, Nathan Lowrie, Christie Helms, Cindy Hermesmeier, Andrea Edwards, Kelly Edwards, Toni Breittling, Stephen Bivens, Megan Williams, Steven Davis, Buddy Howard, and Michelle Chambliss.

50 Years Ago
The DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, April 15, 1954

- The Clarendon Jaycees installed five new officers and two new directors last Friday night. The new officers are Jack Ballew, president; Denzil F. Miller, 1st vice-president; Carl M. Bennett, 2nd vice-president; George Watson, secretary; and J.B. Melton, treasurer. The two new officers are Arvis Davis and Bill Mooring.
- Local students will participate in the KGNC-TV Quizdown program April 18. Students representing the 4th grade are Robert Rhode and Judy Benson with Herman Vinson as alternate; fifth grade, Janie Smith and Drubetter Cook with Martha Joe Risley as alternate; and 6th grade, Pat Wilson and Martin Head with Kay Lane as alternate.

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Hedley Aldermen appoint Casteel

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session April 5 at 7 p.m.

The board considered and accepted a letter of resignation from Alderman Abby O'Neal, who is running for a position on the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees. The board voted to appoint Pamela Casteel to serve the remainder of O'Neal's term.

Rates for telecommunications right-of-way access were considered and left unchanged at \$1.31 for residential, \$3.12 for non-residential, and \$4.59 for point to point.

Aldermen considered a proposal from Greenbelt Electric Cooperative to extend power lines to the sewer treatment plant at a cost of \$4,637.50. Alderman Terry Stevens moved, seconded by Alderman Jim Lollar, to approve the project, paying \$1,037.50 up front with the remainder paid out over three years as part of the monthly bill. Motion carried, 4-0-1. (Leon Ward abstained.)

Candidates who applied for the May municipal ballot drew for positions on that ballot. Terry Stevens will be listed first, followed by Pamela Casteel and Leon Ward.

Elementary looking for kindergarten students

Clarendon Elementary is currently trying to locate all children who will be starting kindergarten next year.

If you know of a child that will be 5 by September 1, 2004, please call Clarendon Elementary at 874-3855 with the information. You must provide the child's name, birth date, parent's name, mailing address, and telephone number.

Information must be turned in by April 30.

CC Judging teams place in Houston competition

The Clarendon College Judging Team placed third overall at the Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest held on March 15 during the 2004 Houston Livestock Show.

Team member Cole Gardner was named high individual overall. Other members of the team that were named on the high individual list include Jenae Antonick, Chris Fishbacher, and Andrea Yelek. The team placed second in Reasons and Sheep, third in Cattle, fifth in Placings, and ninth in Swine.

CC Meats Team places at Houston stock show

The Meats Team from Clarendon College placed fourth overall at the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest held March 6 during the Houston Livestock Show.

Team member Brandon Borgstedt was named tenth high individual in the overall standings.

the lion's tale
by allen estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting April 13, 2004, with Boss Lion Marvin Elam in charge.

We had 17 members and 2 guests. Our guests were Ashlee Kidd, guest of Lion Roger Estlack, and Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

The District Lions Convention in Amarillo will be April 23 and 24.

The college baseball team is currently ranked 12th in the nation, and there will be a college choir concert Thursday night at the Harned Sisters Auditorium.

The high school One Act Play placed third in regional competition with Vanna Holton being named best actress.

Gary Jack is coming back home to revive the school football program as head coach and athletic director. High school district tennis and golf meets will be held this week. The softball team is in the playoffs, and the baseball team is currently tied for first in district with Claude.

The city will have a clean up campaign this weekend with no charge for dumping.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Egg-cellent work



Mario Flores, age 4, found 52 eggs, and Whitney LaRoe, age 4, found the prize egg in the 0-4 age group during the annual Community Easter Egg hunt at Medical Center Nursing Home last Saturday.



Savannah Topper, age 7, found 40 eggs, and Stone Schwertner, age 7, found the prize egg in the 5-7 age group during the annual Community Easter Egg hunt at Medical Center Nursing Home last Saturday.



Dominique Brady, age 11, found 71 eggs, and Cydney D'Costa, age 8, found the prize egg in the 8-12 age group during the annual Community Easter Egg hunt at Medical Center Nursing Home last Saturday.

Noble competes at Houston Show

Cheyenne Noble of Clarendon recently competed at the Houston Livestock Show with her mule Cule Benjamule Abeta Ass and her donkey Petunia Rose.

Noble placed first with Pole Bending with Cule Benjamule. She also earned second place in the Coon Jumping, third in the Barrels, and fifth in the Keyhole Race.

Cule Benjamule, which is owned by Noble, was also exhibited by Lynn Thornton. Thornton earned third place in Heading and Steer Stopping and fourth place in Heeling.

Noble placed fourth in the Showmanship Halter with donkey Petunia Rose. She also earned second in the Jennets division, and fourth place in Trail, Pleasure Riding, and Donkeymanship. The donkey is owned by Leroy Cagle.

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Finances: Sides differ on nursing home

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With regards to the professional liability insurance, Fletcher says he feels taxpayers are exposed to a huge risk not having that protection, but Graham says the risk is limited and that the premium for the insurance simply went out of control this year.

"Our premium last year was \$18,769 for medical professional liability coverage," he said. "For this year we were notified that - with zero claims against us - the coverage was going up to \$136,824. We simply couldn't afford it."

Graham said Texas tort law caps the amount for which the hospital district can be liable and also said the district does carry general liability coverage.

The district's debt includes a bond in excess of \$1.5 million (for remodeling the Medical Center

Nursing Home and adding ten beds to produce more revenue) and approximately \$160,000 in local notes, which were taken out to build the Community Services Building and Ambulance Building and to purchase equipment and software for the ambulance service and MCNH.

Fletcher says the district can't keep borrowing money for those kinds of expenses. Graham says that the Community Services Building generates lease revenue for the district, that building the ambulance facility "just made sense," and that the other equipment was needed.

Fletcher, who is in his first year of a two-year term, says talk around town that he wants to close the nursing home or fire employees are just rumors started by other board members.

"I swore when I took office out there to operate it as I would my own business," he said. "My feeling is just that no one wants to change anything."

For his part, Graham said the people of Donley County have to decide what services they want to do without when it comes to budget cuts. He also says he's willing to talk to Fletcher any time to discuss his concerns but that Fletcher has never done that.

"If Mr. Fletcher has questions, he has the opportunity to come to my office any time," Graham said, "but he has never been to my office to discuss any issues pro or con, good or bad."

The Donley County Hospital Board will meet in regular session next Tuesday, April 20, at 6 p.m.

VA trying to find POWs to award their benefits

The Veterans' Administration is trying to find former POWs and enroll them so they may enjoy the medical benefits they are entitled to.

Reports are that there may be as many as 11,000 who are not enrolled in VA. These are men and women who lost their freedom and endured tremendous hardships so that Americans can enjoy their freedoms. The benefits for former POW's have recently been improved and expanded.

You can help former POWs by encouraging them to contact VA through the local veterans' service officer Doug Lowe or by calling 1-800-827-1000 or by looking at VA's POW Web site at www.vba.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/index.htm

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Brittney Bennett

Bennett receives SWOSU scholarship

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Only a select group of out-of-state freshmen receive this scholarship, which allows full-time, out-of-state students to pay only the resident tuition and fees. The non-resident tuition waiver is the highest dollar value scholarship offered by Southwestern.

Bennett will be a freshman at SWOSU during the 2004-2005 academic year and plans to major in pharmacy. Bennett is the daughter of Larry and Carissa Bennett and Neil and Cheryl Koetting, all of Lelia Lake. Terry Stevens is Bennett's principal.

Obituary Ashcraft

Funeral services for Woodrow Wesley Ashcraft, age 86, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2004, in the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Ashcraft died Saturday, April 10, 2004, in Clarendon. He was born March 8, 1918, in Lakeview, Hall County, Texas, and had lived in Clarendon most of his life. He married Corene Row on December 11, 1938, in Clarendon. He had been employed in several area business and farming operations throughout his life before his retirement. He was a member of the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

He was preceded in death by a son, Wesley Merie Ashcraft on January 11, 2001, and by three great grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Corene Ashcraft of Clarendon; one son, Jimmy D. Ashcraft of Copperas Cove; three daughters, Jo Veta Sasser of Odessa, Nancy Watson and Judy Haire, both of Clarendon; one brother, James Ashcraft of Clarendon; 13 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Darrell Leffew, Ronnie Ward, Johnny Leathers, Anthony Knowles, Larry Kidd, and Bud White.

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Lady Broncos tie for second in district track meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos advanced to the Area track meet by finishing in the top four finishers at the District meet held in Stratford April 5-6. The Area meet will be held April 16 at Panhandle.

The top placers will go on to compete in the Regional meet that will be held April 30-May 1 in Levelland.

Despite an earlier injury, junior

Angel Williams won three events in the meet, taking top honors in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.18, 200-meter dash at 25.45, and the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.50, which was only 1/2 of a second off her fastest time this year in that event.

Senior Equilla Weatherton advanced in the 200-meter dash as well finishing in a time of 26.44 and posted the best time in the 100-meter

dash at 12.42. Weatherton also finished second in the long jump as she jumped a distance of 16'4". Sprinter and jumper Haley Shelton qualified in two events as she finished with two thirds. Her leap of 15'5" in the long jump was good enough to advance, as was her third place finish in the 100-meter dash at 13.52. She also claimed sixth place in the triple jump with a leap of 32'2".

Long distance runner Jessica

Hernandez will get to go on as she finished third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 14:01.15, and Claudia Thomas ran the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 51.56, which was good enough for third place, and she finished in sixth place in the high jump at 4'8". Jessie Howard jumped 6'6" in the pole vault for a sixth place finish, and Heather Baker ran a 1:07.81 in the 400-meter dash, which gave her sixth place as well.

CHS athletes bound for area

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos are sending several runners and jumpers to the Area track meet to be held Friday, April 16 at Panhandle.

The top four finishers in the District meet held April 5-6 in Stratford will advance to the Area meet. The top places in the Area meet will then advance to the Regional meet to be held in Levelland April 30-May 1.

The 800-meter relay team took second place behind Sunray with a time of 1:36.06. The members of the relay are Adam Leeper, Matt McCabe, Dusty Martindale, and Jesse Gowdy. The 1600-meter relay finished in fifth place with a time of 3:57.84. Those running for the mile relay are Tim Sanchez, Quentin West, Will Drackley, and Brad Sell. Smith also cleared 5'10" in the high jump, which was good enough for second place; and Sell finished third in the pole vault with a jump of 11'. Martindale skimmed in under the wire to finish fourth in the 200-meter at 23.85, and McCabe took fifth place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.18.

Junior varsity runner Jeremy Utsey claimed the top spot in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.24. Robert Shelton took third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.69. Freshman Jon Vaught was fourth in the 400-meter dash at 58.95. The 800-meter relay placed fourth with a time of 1:48.09, and the 1600-meter relay came in fifth with a time of 4:16.10. Members of both relays are Jeremy Jeffers, Shelton, Vaught, and Utsey.

Bronco golfers third in tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

Ten teams took part in the Clarendon Invitational held at the Clarendon Country Club Thursday, April 8.

Memphis walked away with top team honors, turning in a 291; and Stratford was second, shooting a total of 316. The Broncos finished the 18-hole course with a 337.

Senior Gary Utsey was the lone Bronco to medal and shot a 71, which was one stroke off the top score of 70 turned in by Barnett and Guy of Memphis. Jeremy Utsey finished with an 88, Quentin West turned in an 88, Jeremy Howard shot a 90, and Ty White completed the course with a 101.

"The guys played well," coach Mike Ray said. "This was really a preview of our District and possibly even state."

The top two teams and top six individuals that do not go as a team at District will advance to the Regional meet to be held in Levelland next week. As of press time, the Broncos are competing in the District meet at Borger. The results will be reported in next week's edition of the ENTERPRISE.

Applications being taken for basketball camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

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West leads Broncs to 5-3 win

By Sandy Anderberg

Sophomore Quentin West is pitching a winning season so far this year at 5-2 and helped the Broncos to another District win over Shamrock. The final score was 5-3.

The Broncos began slowly and spotted the Irish a 3-0 advantage until the sixth inning when the Broncos went on a scoring run to go up by one. They put one more run on the board before the last out was recorded.

"This was a big win for us," coach Brad Elam said. "We started real slow on offense and were unable to hit the ball. We didn't strike out much the first five innings; we just were not hitting the ball hard."

The Broncos then got their bats swinging and made some big hits. Defensively, the Broncos played well but teased their opponent.

"The sixth and seventh innings were nerve racking for us," Elam said. "Shamrock had runners on first and third when we made a double play, and the next batter struck out. In the seventh inning, they were able to load the bases with one out.

"Quentin was able to strike out their number eight hitter and then struck out the last hitter. We mixed the pitches up, and Quentin struck him out with a curve ball to win the game."

West had two runs and three stolen bases. He also struck out 13 hitters. Dusty Martindale had one double and scored one run. Adam Leeper helped with one hit and one RBI, and Stephen Ford hit a double.

The Broncos will travel to Boys Ranch Friday, April 16, and take on Sanford-Fritch in a double header at home on April 17 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Cub Scouts to hold annual bake sale

The Clarendon Cub Scouts will hold their annual Shakey Bakey Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

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18	Andrew Thomas	Fr
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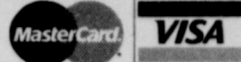
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GARAGE SALES

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Saturday, April 17, 9-4, 513 Orpe - Osburn's residence. Maternity clothes, some baby items, odds and ends. 17-1tc

FOR SALE

1998 MIGHTYLITE TRAVEL TRAILER - 21 ft., sleeps six. Excellent condition. \$7,500. 874-1151 after 6 p.m. 11-ctfc

FOR SALE: Carpet - 40 square yards, sculpted tan, high pile. Needs cleaning, \$35. Draperies - antique satin, custom tailored, triple fullness, good condition, needs cleaning, window size 84" wide x 84" long. Two pairs, \$15 each. Extra long couch - ivory on ivory design, good condition, \$125. 874-3710. 17-1tc

FOR SALE: Refrigerator, \$250; gas stove, \$125; and washing machine, \$125. Call 672-8908. 17-1tc

SADDLES: Need GOOD used saddles. Complete saddle repair, fast service. Jedco Leather, Main St., Hedley, 856-5251. 17-4tc

FOR SALE: Blue couch, 8 ft. long, excellent condition. \$100 or trade. Gary or Nena Hunt. 874-2631. 17-2tp

FOR SALE: 31 Ft. Alumilite RV trailer, dryer, lamps, couch, Dearborn gas heater. 874-3242. 17-1tc

FULL SIZE MATTRESS SET - box spring. Excellent condition, like new. Guest room use only. \$200 or best offer. 874-2617. 17-1tp

LIVESTOCK

GELBVIEN BULL - ash black. Yearling. Free delivery. \$900-\$1,100. Kim Montgomery at Vega, 806-267-2730 or 806-206-9663. 17-3tc

HELP WANTED

NEEDED: CNA - \$8.00/hr to start; Nurse Aide - \$7.00/hr to start. 12-hour shifts. Need help days and nights. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, Claude, 226-5121, ask for Diane or Rhonda. 16-2tc

CAPROCK MAINTENANCE is taking applications for attendants for second and third shifts, Thursday through Sundays, at I-40 rest areas in Donley/Gray. Pick up applications at 910 West Ave, Wellington or call 806-447-0976. 17-1tc

HELP WANTED at Subway. Apply inside. 17-ctfc

NEEDED LVNs: Part time/full time, 2-10 p.m. Also part time 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, 226-5121, ask for Diane or Rhonda. 17-2tc

100 WORKERS NEEDED to assemble crafts. Wood items. Material provided. To \$480 wk. Free information packet. 24 hour number, 801-428-4643. 17-1tp

NEEDED PART TIME laundry help. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, 226-5121, ask for Shirley. 17-2tc

NEEDED IN CLARENDON AND HEDLEY - Homecare attendants to help with personal care tasks. Flexible schedules. Those interested contact Shonda Phillips with Outreach Health Services, 373-0986. 17-2tc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1½ bath brick home. \$450 per month with deposit. 874-3757. 11-ctfc

SHOP BUILDING FOR RENT OR SALE: East side of town on Hwy. 287. Contact Larry Watson at 335-1445 or 679-2189. 16-2tp

Fletcher Rental Properties FOR RENT

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, CH/A, 608 Collinson

874-2148
(home)

THANK YOU

The family of Gene White would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown during our recent loss. Thanks for your phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food, and prayers. Everyone was wonderful and we thank all of you very much.

**Doris White
Kim Fowler & Family
Mark White & Family**
♦♦♦♦♦

We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, flowers, visits, food, and prayers during Bob's recent hospital stay and recovery. We especially appreciate the quick, courteous, and professional response and care shown by the Associated Ambulance Authority and the Donley County Sheriff's Office. It is wonderful to live in a caring community. May God bless each of you.

**Joan and Bob Kidd
Bobbie Kidd & Family
Doug Kidd & Family
Kathy Holland & Family**

FOR RENT

Davis Rentals

3 Bedroom
2 Bath M/H, Central H/A,
carport, storage
311 S. Faker

2 Bedroom
2 Bath
1010 E. 2nd

874-3934

REAL ESTATE

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CLARENDON

• 620 W. 5th St. English Tudor, brick, 1-7 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 ch/a, 2 w/b, 2 story, finished basement, 2 car over size garage, sprinkler system. \$150,000 FIRM

• 602 Bond St. 4-5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 story, vinyl siding, recent remodel and paint, 2 car garage, storage building, carport, cellar. \$58,500

• 4 Lots in Collados Estates with a 6 year old custom built home with all the amenities plus a beautiful view of Lake Greenbelt. \$135,000.

• 411 E. 4th St. Nice and clean brick home, 2 bedroom, 1½ baths, C H/A, new paint and carpet, covered porch, large carport, storage building, fenced back yard. \$56,000.

• Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 287. Three corner lots with brick commercial building. Approx. sq. ft. 2,080. CH/A, four bathrooms, currently used as a Doctor's office. Lots of possibilities. Approx. 7,975 sq. ft. of asphalt parking. \$60,000. \$50,000.

• Choice restricted lots with underground utilities in west Clarendon.

GREENBELT LAKE

• Four lots with a beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 CH/A, wood stove, two story brick home on Carrol Creek. Swimming pool, tennis courts, water well, cellar, 2 car, 6 car ports, 1 motor home port. \$340,000. \$250,000

• 244 Nocona Hills. Two nice clean mobile homes - one double wide, one single on one acre lot. \$48,000. \$35,000

• 160 Angel St. Two lots, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, furnished. \$20,000. \$15,000

DONLEY COUNTY

• Donley County, 335 acs. grass. Nice stucco 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, 30x50 metal barn, good fences. Should be good hunting.

• Hedley - 2 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. \$7,500 to be moved or \$12,000 with large lots.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR A TYPE V MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

TRANSFER STATION REGISTRATION REGISTRATION NUMBER MSW-40192 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION: City of Clarendon, PO Box 1089, Clarendon, Texas 79226, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a registration to operate a Type V municipal solid waste transfer station facility. The facility will be used for the transfer of scrap metal and construction-demolition waste. The facility is to be located on a 2.27 acre site, within the City limits of the City of Clarendon. The physical location of the transfer station is approximately 1200 feet west and 750 feet north of the intersection of US 287 and Kearney Street in the City of Clarendon in Donley County, Texas.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the condition under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue this registration. The registration application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City Hall, City of Clarendon, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, TX 79226, telephone (806) 874-3438.

MAILING LISTS: Interested parties may ask to be placed in the mailing list for obtaining additional information regarding this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC MEETING: You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator.

You may submit additional written public comment to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING: After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.**

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION:** The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is

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filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this registration application or the registration approval process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at the web site www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from the Office of the Mayor, City of Clarendon, PO Box 1089, Clarendon, TX 79226, or by calling at (806) 874-3438. 17-1tc

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Clarendon CISD Board of Trustee Election will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2004, in the School Administration Office at 416 S. Allen Street, Clarendon, Texas, with voting time being 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting will be held in the School Administration Office at 416 S. Allen Street, Clarendon, Texas, from Wednesday, April 28 through Tuesday, May 11, 2004, with the hours being 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Early Voting Clerk's Mailing Address: Clarendon CISD, Attn: Mary White, PO Box 610, Clarendon, TX 79226. 17-1tc

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE

CLARENDON - HOUSE

BEAUTIFUL HOME & 80 ACRES ON PAVED TX HWY 70 - near midway between Clarendon and US 1-40. All grass with a great view overlooking large ranch country. The house still in process of being remodeled including the addition of a second story and new roof. Other recent improvements include new central heat and cooling units, sauna, Jacuzzi, plumbing, water pump, kitchen cabinets and appliances, washer and dryer, and more. Included also are 60'x40' metal barn with three enclosed horse stalls and office plus plenty of room for equipment, two outside horse stalls, storage building and well. Includes lawn tractor and cart, Kubota B8200 tractor with front-end loader, shredder, blade, tiller, and disk plow. The whole package for \$210,000. REDUCED TO \$195,500

HOME & HORSE FACILITY - 3 bedroom, 1½ bath house remodeled only 4 years ago with all new kitchen fixtures and appliances including cabinets, counters, range, side-by-side refrigerator/freezer, dishwasher, microwave, trash compactor (all will sell with house), tile & carpet flooring, windows, plumbing, fans & light fixtures, central heat & air, roof, septic system, PLUS 640 sq. ft. barn with covered stalls with water & electricity to each, 40" diameter pipe round pen, 100' x 200' pipe arena, 30'x40' framed shop; access through a very attractive gated entry constructed of pipe. All located 1/3 mile North of Clarendon for \$98,500. REDUCED TO \$89,500.

SUPER NICE IN CHOICE LOCATION. between College and High School on paved street with curb and gutter, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living, den, kitchen with built-ins, large utility, large walk in storage room, attached 2-car garage with electric openers, central heat and ref. air - new units, only 2 years old, fenced back yard with trees, new certified appraisal available to buyer at 304 S. Bugbee for \$72,000

CHARMING TWO STORY, master bedroom, remodeled kitchen, dining or den, utility, large entry, living, full bath all on ground floor. Two bedrooms and full bath upstairs. Central heat down, one refrigerated window unit down and two refrigerated window units up, water well, unattached two car garage with opener; large 24' above ground pool complete with deck, fenced back yard, all on three lots at 314 E. 3rd for \$68,000.

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LARGE HOUSE & A GOOD BUY - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, modern kitchen with built-in Gen-air cook top and double oven, dishwasher, utility, large den/living/dining area with wood burner fireplace, concrete carport, well or city water option, 121 sq. ft. storage/well house building at 203 S. Wells for \$54,900. REDUCED TO \$39,900.

EXCEPTIONALLY NICE - 2 bedroom (3rd bedroom in the basement), 2 bath, kitchen, living/dining, utility, central heat and air, lots of cabinet and closet storage; 1 car attached garage with opener, carport, storage building, metal roof, some appliances included, neat and clean at 608 S. Johns St for \$51,500.

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HEDLEY - 2 BEDROOM - (single owner/occupant is relocating) 2 bath, kitchen, living/dining, utility, 2-car port, 2 storage buildings, cellar, chain link fenced yard, well kept at 318 E. 5th St for \$45,000.

GREENBELT - EXCEPTIONAL HOME - 3 levels, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, kitchen with all built-ins, dining/living, den, utility, wood burner fireplaces on two levels, built in television, oversized attached garage and storage, additional attached 3-car port, central heat and ref. air, landscaped with sprinklers, 2 lots back up to Carroll Creek, boat dock, (owner will sell with or without furniture and fixtures) at 105 Tynge. House only for \$135,000. REDUCED TO \$129,900

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GREENBELT - RECENTLY REMODELED trailer with add-on, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new kitchen cabinets and appliances including range, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer/dryer, floor and wall covering, new family room built over finished basement, den, new central heat & air, 1 car garage, and port on three lots at 259 Charles in Huron division for \$30,000.

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Sheriff's Report:

Traffic stops keep officers busy over weekend

Apr. 5
 4:36 a.m. - Check area. Hwy. 287 and South Parks St. Possible trespassing.
 5:28 p.m. - Assist Greenbelt Security. North Hwy. 79 at dam.
 8:42 p.m. - South Bugbee Ave. (rural). Check two vehicles.
 9:54 p.m. - Clarendon College.
 10:30 p.m. - 11000 block of County Road P. Unfamiliar vehicle backed up to barn.

Apr. 6
 12:19 a.m. - Possible intruder. 300 block of South Jefferson St.
 8:53 a.m. - See complainant at S.O.
 4:02 p.m. - 1000 block of East Third St.
 6:10 p.m. - Third and Carhart. Subject of gas drive-off. Returning to pay for gasoline.
 8:21 p.m. - Respond to business 911 call. North Hwy. 70.
 10:55 p.m. - Clarendon College.

Apr. 7
 3:15 a.m. - Jr. High School. Unsecured door.
 6:42 p.m. - Loose livestock. North Hwy. 70.
 6:57 p.m. - Disturbance. South Koogle St.
 7:09 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody. Assault/criminal mischief.
 11:33 p.m. - College dorm. Disturbance.

Apr. 8
 10:45 a.m. - Landing zone for Life Star.

Roadside park at Goodnight.
 1:35 p.m. - N. 1260. See complainant.
 2:13 p.m. - See complainant. East Hwy. 287.
 2:47 p.m. - Standby. DPS vehicle search. Hwy. 287 eastbound at Lelia Lake.
 3:57 p.m. - Disturbance. W. Third St. Loud music.
 4:35 p.m. - Clerk's office. Post citation.
 5:11 p.m. - Serving legal paper. Clarendon.
 6:05 p.m. - See complainant at S.O.
 9:16 p.m. - Traffic control. Hwy. 287 and S. Hawley St. Water crossing.
 10:14 p.m. - Clarendon College.

Apr. 9
 4:01 a.m. - 911 call, static on line. Officer checks it out. All okay.
 5:55 a.m. - Report of Carson County EMS stuck on Roach Ranch.
 6:00 a.m. - Carson EMS en route to Pampa.
 8:17 a.m. - Report of incorrect sign at Roach Ranch. S.O. reported to Commissioner Johnston, he'll check it out.
 9:13 a.m. - To doctor with one inmate.
 9:23 a.m. - Child calls S.O. to report physical abuse.
 9:34 a.m. - Officer out at child's home. Child okay. Parent counseled with.
 10:37 a.m. - Motorist broken down. Unsure of location.
 10:38 a.m. - Sheriff advised of location for stranded motorist.
 10:41 a.m. - EMS paged to Clinic.
 11:09 a.m. - EMS to NWTH x 1 code 1.

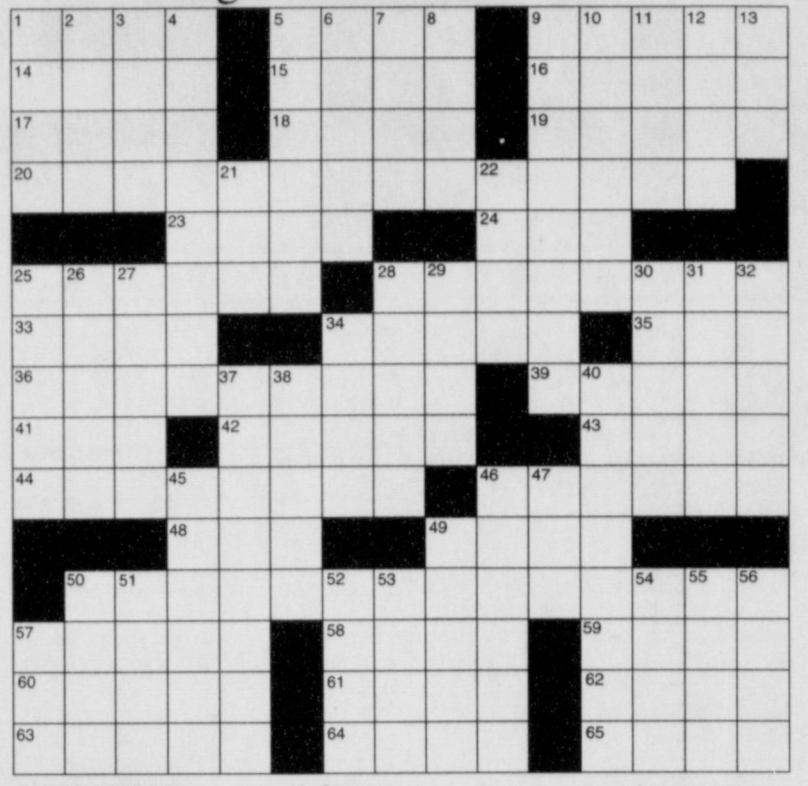
12:48 p.m. - Calf out at Griffin's.
 3:05 p.m. - Out with 18-wheeler. Hwy. 287 and N. Hwy 70.
 3:11 p.m. - 18-wheeler needs diesel. Sheriff assists.
 4:47 p.m. - Checking on report of beige SUV traveling in excess of 90 mph west of Clarendon. Unable to locate.
 5:33 p.m. - Looking for two bulldogs on the loose. Unable to locate.
 6:40 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 6:51 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 8:31 p.m. - Respond to 911 call transfer from Hall Co. on Kade Matthews ranch.
 9:00 p.m. - Officer reports all ok on Matthews Ranch.
 9:04 p.m. - Welfare check request.
 9:22 p.m. - Subject okay, phones were temporarily out of order.
 10:18 p.m. - Pea sized hail reported.
 10:30 p.m. - Alarm reported at business on N. Hwy. 70.
 10:53 p.m. - Officer met with business keeper. After thorough check, reports all okay.
 11:35 p.m. - 911 call. Disturbance on McClelland Street.
 11:42 p.m. - To S.O. with one male in custody.

Apr. 10
 12:34 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 12:54 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 1:08 p.m. - Vehicle check.
 1:10 p.m. - Cows out at Hedley. Con- stable en route.
 2:47 p.m. - Traffic stop.

2:59 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 5:05 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 6:26 p.m. - Cow out on FM 1260. Good neighbor put it up.
 7:45 p.m. - Yearling calf out. Contact made with possible responsible party.
 8:13 p.m. - Out on Front Street. Domestic dispute over child custody.
 10:07 p.m. - Report of assault at residence on FM 2162.
 10:13 p.m. - To jail with one female in custody.
 11:06 p.m. - Report of two persons possibly intoxicated in vehicle in Hedley. Officer responds. All okay.

Apr. 11
 6:48 a.m. - Report of fire behind Lelia Lake Gin. Officer check finds controlled burn in newly dug ditch.
 10:48 a.m. - Traffic stop.
 11:28 a.m. - Traffic stop.
 11:43 a.m. - Traffic stop.
 1:53 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 2:04 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 2:33 p.m. - Officer meets complainant
 3:10 p.m. - Assist DPS on traffic stop.
 4:33 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 4:42 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 4:53 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 5:08 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 5:16 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 5:51 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 7:51 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 8:07 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 8:42 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 10:59 p.m. - Traffic stop.
 11:52 p.m. - Traffic stop.

Big E Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
 1. Military leader, abbr.
 5. Sod
 9. A master of ceremonies
 14. Uncommon
 15. Blue dye
 16. Oafs
 17. Two-toed sloth
 18. Amiable
 19. Eric ____, philosopher
 20. Trash collector's mood
 23. "The - of March," Wilder book
 24. Volcanic mountain in Japan
 25. Stationary part of a motor or generator
 28. Storage areas
 33. Nest
 34. Source of chocolate
 35. Japanese classical theater
 36. Wipe out
 39. Mother-in-law of Ruth, Bib.
 41. Residue
 42. A tiny amount
 43. Survives with difficulty
 44. Beads
 46. Flashy
- CLUES DOWN**
 1. Dirt
 2. Hand (Spanish)
 3. Sketch
 4. In a way, met
 5. Leather artisan
 6. Ones
 7. Marked by great productivity
 8. Take to one's heels
 9. Unrestrained expression of emotion
 10. Western cricket
 11. Enclose
 12. Trees
 13. Electronic warfare-
48. Obstruct
 49. Italian island
 50. Smokey's goal
 57. A way to cook over a grill
 58. Evergreen trees
 59. Japanese waist pouch
 60. Veranda
 61. Prison or school
 62. Old Irish alphabet
 63. Chinese coins
 64. Kansas town
 65. Spanish baby
- support measures, abbr.
 21. Wedding vow
 22. "Aba - do," says Fred Flintstone
 25. Cut fleece
 26. Body part
 27. Nurses
 28. Blanchett and Bangs
 29. Breezed through
 30. Japanese mushroom
 31. Large volumes
 32. __ kabob
 34. Concern
 37. Citizens of Haifa
 38. Intelligent air
 40. Exposing to air
 45. Name of six Popes
 46. Shines
 47. Airborne, abbr.
 49. All
 50. Wife (German)
 51. College in New York
 52. Phillip ____, author
 53. Ancient Greek City
 54. U.S. playwright
 55. City in Algeria
 56. Alaskan town
 57. Nellie ____, journalist

Hedley golfers qualify for regionals

By Tangela Copelin
 The Hedley boys and girls golf teams competed in the District Golf Tournament held April 5, and the girls placed second overall.
 Team member Lacey Wallendorf shot a 53 to win the first place individual followed by teammate Charle Watts who shot a 55 to finish second.
 Sarah Bolin shot a 64, and Katie Gregory shot a 68 to finish out the girls' second place score.
 The boys' team was unable to pull through and place high enough to make it out of district. They did very well considering their inexperience. Those boys competing were Eric Alston, Wes Shields, Will Verstuyft, and Chris Fobbs.
 Terry Collins will be taking the regional qualifiers to Levelland on April 19-20 to participate in the regional tournament.

Hedley runners compete in district track meet

By Tangela Copelin
 The Hedley High School track team traveled to Silvertown on April 5 to run in the rain. Several of the students did very well despite the weather and were able to qualify for Area.
 Jaci Copelin qualified for Area by placing fourth in the 3200M run and second in the 800M run. Carmen Garcia qualified for Area in the 1600M run with a third place. Garcia also placed fifth in the 3200M run. Kale Brandon placed second in the 800 to qualify. Brandon also placed fifth in the high jump.
 Casey Glasgow also competed at the meet and placed sixth in the 200M dash.
 The Area Meet will be held Friday, April 16, at Friendship near Lubbock.

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 Monday, April 19
 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Cornell's Country Store
 Stock Your Pond or Lake with

Channel Catfish (4-6' long)..... \$29 per 100	Large Mouth Bass (2-4' long)..... \$79 per 100
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