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THIS WEEK

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- 3 Assessment rates are set for this year's boll weevil eradication program.
- 7 The Lady Bulldogs begin their inaugural softball season.
- 8 And six Clarendon athletes receive all-district honors.

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

Party primaries will be held next Tuesday

Local Democrats and Republicans will be going to the polls next Tuesday to select their candidates for state and national offices.

Polling for both parties will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the following locations:

Democratic Primary: Precincts 101 & 103 - Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center; Precinct 102 - Howardwick City Hall; Precinct 201 - Donley County Courthouse; Precincts 301, 302, & 303 - Hedley Lions Den; and Precincts 401 & 402 - Community Bank (Clarendon).

Republican Primary: Precincts 101 & 103 - Clarendon College Courson RFO Center; Precinct 102 - Howardwick Baptist Church; Precinct 201 - Episcopal Church Mission Building; Precincts 301, 401, & 402 - Burton Memorial Library; and Precincts 302 & 303 - Hedley Fire Department.

In addition to selecting candidates, the Democratic Primary ballot will include two non-binding referenda on privatizing Social Security and Medicare and regarding an amendment to the state constitution outlawing unfunded mandates on counties.

Hedley OAP to present dessert theatre Mar. 8

The Hedley High School One Act Play will present a dessert theatre on Monday, March 8, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The students will perform *The Saga of Kay and the Gambler's Lady*.

The cost of the performance is \$3.00, which includes a dessert that will be served by the cast and crew of the play.

Clarendon GT program seeking nominations

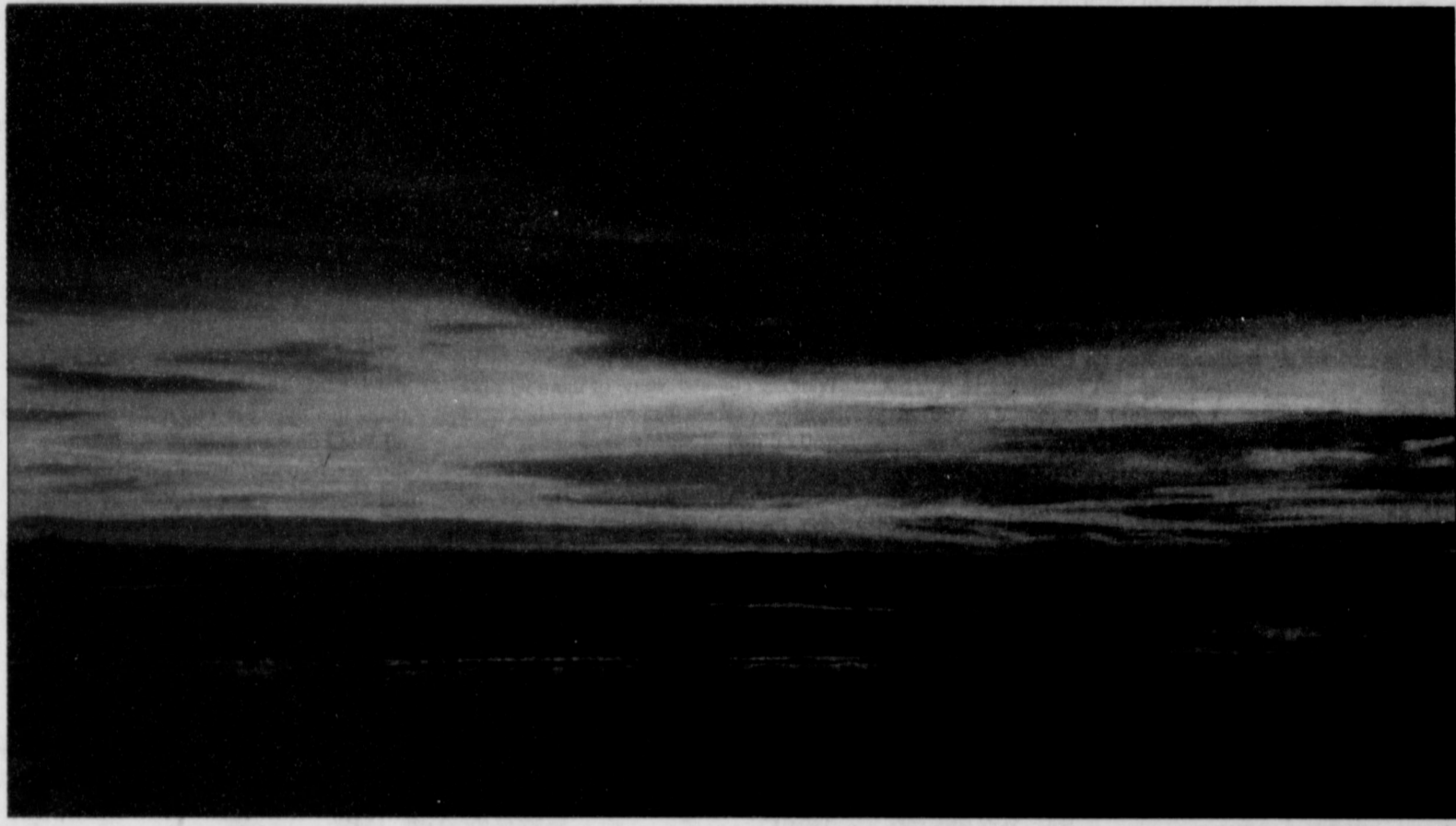
Clarendon High School will be accepting nominations of high school students in grades 9-12 for the Gifted and Talented Program. The G/T Program is a program designed to serve academically advanced students.

If you would like to nominate a high school student for the program, please drop by the high school office to obtain a nomination packet. The nominations must be turned in to Principal Larry Jeffers by March 19, 2004.

Shots clinic to be held in Clarendon March 16

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled in Clarendon at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) office on March 16, 2004.

The clinic will be held 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the TDH Clinic, which is located at Medical Drive #5 by the Medical Center Nursing Home.



Sunrise over the Salt Fork

The dawn of a recent morning brings a spectacular sunrise over the Salt Fork of the Red River in northern Donley County.

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Democrats to vote on mandates

Voters in next Tuesday's Democratic Primary will have an opportunity to speak out about the practice of state government forcing unfunded mandates on local taxpayers.

Following efforts by members of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), Texas Democrats chose to place on their ballot a referendum to allow citizens to vote for or against a state constitutional amendment "protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases."

The amendment itself will be presented to the Legislature at its next session.

State Republican officials decided not to put a similar referendum on their ballot next Tuesday.

"While Democrats were voting to protect local taxpayers from any more of Rick Perry's unfunded mandates, rank-and-file Republicans were buckling under to pressure from him to support additional assaults on counties across this state," Democratic Chair Charles Soechting said.

But Donley County Judge Jack Hall said the issue goes beyond party lines and is something of which all local voters should be aware.

"I think [unfunded mandates] is an issue that is very important to this county and local taxpayers," Hall said. "It is very important today, and it will be more important in the future."

The Donley County Commissioners Court is in favor of a ban

on unfunded mandates and passed a resolution in November in support of TAC's efforts. More than two-thirds of Texas counties have passed similar resolutions.

"Our property taxpayers currently have no protection against state actions that force counties to raise taxes," Hall said. "We believe a constitutional amendment would curtail many of the unfunded mandates. While legislators and state executives do not willingly intend to cause local tax increases, their actions too often result in tax hikes because they do not include statewide funding mechanisms to pay for the directives to counties."

Many state mandated programs end up costing local taxpayers,

particularly in the areas of indigent health services and judicial costs.

Donley County officials say indigent defense expenses, incurred when the county is required to pay attorneys' fees for economically disadvantaged criminal defendants, are the most costly to local taxpayers. Treasurer Becky Jackson says the county spent \$16,214 on indigent defense in the last fiscal year, of which less than 21 percent was reimbursed by the state.

While Tuesday's vote is not for or against an amendment at this time, it will bring the issue to the attention of the Legislature, Hall said.

"This is just a step toward the future to not allow them to do this anymore."

BBB advises caution on magazine scam

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about a scam involving door-to-door magazine subscription sales.

Magazine sales have been reported door-to-door and in area malls.

"We usually see this sort of scam in the spring and summer," said Janna Kiehl, Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau. "These individuals have gotten brave enough to attempt sales in places like the mall."

This warrants attention and extreme caution. The door-to-door sales have been reported to be aggressive. Reports coming into the Bureau have included a male in his late 20s or early 30s with long blond hair, and wearing a black leather jacket asking to come into the home for a drink of water after being told by the consumer that they did not want any magazine subscriptions. In another incident, the individual stuck

his foot in the door, perhaps attempting to intimidate the resident. This happened after 8:00 p.m.

The individual is described as saying he is selling magazine subscriptions to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo.

Ronald McDonald executives have notified the BBB they are not soliciting door-to-door, the individual does not work for them and does not have authority to use their name. In fact the Ronald McDonald House has never solicited in this way.

While everyone should be alert when responding to an unsolicited knock at the door, senior citizens and those who are home alone should be extremely cautious.

"Just because your door bell rings doesn't mean you have to answer it," said Kiehl.

Amarillo Police advise area residents not to answer their door to someone they don't know, especially after dark or if you are home alone.



Life lines

Adrian Hudgins as Willa the witch (right) reads the palm of Myra, portrayed by Lana Wallendorff, during the Clarendon College Theatre Arts Department's performance of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" last Friday in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

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Four finalists remain in running to lead Canyon museum

CANYON - The list of hopefuls for the position of executive director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum has been narrowed to four. Finalists are Bonnie Campbell, Rick Stryker, Peter B. Tirrell, and Guy C. Vanderpool.

Campbell recently completed a three-year term as executive officer of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. Prior to that appointment, she served as project manager for the museum and curator of the Texas Capitol.

Campbell received bachelor's and master's degrees in art history from Occidental College and Williams College, respectively.

Stryker has worked for the City of Corpus Christi since 1985 as director of the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History. He earned his undergraduate degree in history from Austin College and a master's in American history from the University of Delaware.

Peter B. Tirrell is associate director of the Sam Noble Oklahoma

Museum of Natural History. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in zoology from Springfield College and the University of North Dakota, respectively.

Vanderpool received a baccalaureate degree in political science from Lipscomb University and a graduate degree in history from Middle Tennessee State. He is the executive director of the Texarkana Museums System, a position he has held since 1994.

The search committee hopes to

name the new executive director by March 15.

"I am very pleased with the caliber of applicants," said Gary Barnes, vice president for business and finance at West Texas A&M University and chair of the search committee. "The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is so important to this area, to the state, and to the region; and it's very important that we select the right leader. I am confident that we will find that right leader among this pool of finalists."

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum was founded in 1933. With more than 3 million artifacts, it's the largest history museum in Texas and is divided into five major exhibit areas: petroleum, western heritage, paleontology, transportation, and art.

The executive director position was vacated by Walter R. Davis II, who retired in January. His 12-year tenure with the museum was highlighted by a \$6 million renovation project that was unveiled in August 2001.

Candidates signing up for offices

With less than two weeks left to sign up, many local governments were still looking for candidates to run for office at press time.

So far, only two boards currently face the prospect of contested elections.

In Hedley, three people have signed up to run for two at-large positions on the board of aldermen. Pamela Casteel is challenging incumbents Leon Ward and Terry Stevens. Mayor Janie Hill is running unopposed for re-election.

At the Donley County Hospital District, Linda Kay Bell is challenging incumbent Carolyn Moffett for her Place 5 seat on the Board of Directors. Incumbents Onita Thomas and Jim Douglas are running for re-election to their Place 6 and Place 7 seats. No one has signed up to run for the Place 4 seat formerly held by the late Jerry May.

The City of Clarendon has three citizens seeking three seats on the Board of Aldermen. Ron Lamberth and incumbents Janice Knorpp and Tommy Hill have filed to run.

All three incumbents on the Clarendon College Board of Regents have filed their paperwork. Ruth Robinson, Susie Shields, and Charles Deyhle, Sr. are all seeking re-election.

Incumbent Marvin Thompson is the sole candidate for three seats on the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees; and incumbent Marlee Sharp is similarly alone in the contest for three seats on the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees.

The City of Howardwick remains the lone entity with no candidates at all with three seats on the Board of Aldermen open this year.

Sign up for local offices will continue through March 15, 2004. This year's elections will be held on May 15.

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.

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Dems avoid real causes of job losses

Democrats are ramping up their criticism of President George W. Bush, and they are making the nation's unemployment figures a cornerstone of their campaign.

At issue is the loss of some 2.2 million jobs in the US economy since Bush took office in 2001. This problem, according to Democrats, is caused by Republicans' infatuation with free markets and free trade; but the Dems really need to look at other overriding causes of job losses - unions and government.



editor's commentary by roger estlack

"In difficult times, the American people turn to the president for leadership. But instead, we get salesmanship," Rep. Tim Ryan said Saturday in the Democrats' weekly radio address. Ryan represents a highly unionized district in Ohio and finds it "outrageous" that more than one million Americans have had their jobs outsourced to people overseas in the last three years.

The real outrage, however, is that unions are never held accountable for basically pricing the labor of their members out of the market.

Every job has an economic value, which is determined by the marketplace. An employer can't afford to pay a hamburger flipper \$50,000 per year, for example, because that job can't generate that kind of income. Unions may have served a purpose several decades ago, but, as Coach Beck used to say, "Now we've got the tail wagging the dog with some guy on an assembly line making \$18 per hour to screw on four lug nuts."

Democrats fail to understand that through investments in technology, America's workers are much more productive today, as explained by Dan Ikenson, a trade policy analyst at the Cato Institute.

"Americans can produce much more with less - including fewer man-hours - than was required just 20, 10, and even two years ago," Ikenson writes. "In the textile industry alone, productivity increased by 111 percent between 1980 and 2002 while employment declined by 35 percent."

Greater productivity is a good thing because it ultimately translates into lower prices and higher standards of living for consumers.

New technology is also eliminating some jobs from the economy by erasing the need for some products. In January, Kodak announced it would cut up to 15,000 jobs over the next three years. That company is slipping into obscurity as more and more people turn to digital photography and stop using film.

The ENTERPRISE, for example, has only developed one roll of film in the last year where five years ago we would sometimes develop two or three rolls each week. This phenomenon multiplied across thousands of newspapers around the country translates into big losses for Kodak and people who develop film but big gains for productivity and efficiency for the newspaper industry.

While productivity and changing technology decrease the need for some jobs, government and liberal policies continue to stand as a barrier to the creation and retention of other jobs.

Life Savers recently moved its manufacturing operations to Canada. Wages there are similar to those in the United States; but as free market columnist Walter Williams writes, the price of sugar is lower. The US government, at the behest of American sugar producers, sets high tariffs on sugar imported from foreign countries.

"...our domestic sugar prices are about three times higher than the world marketplace," Williams writes.

The result is that by moving to Canada and buying their raw materials at the cost the rest of the world pays, Life Savers saved itself \$10 million per year. That's a no-brainer in the business world.

There is no denying that job losses hurt Americans, but the debate over unemployment needs to consider the bigger picture - unions hurt business and government rules and regulations stunt job growth.

Meanwhile...

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-New York) said last week that women in Iraq really had it better under the rule of Saddam Hussein than they do now.

In a speech at the Brookings Institution, Clinton called Saddam "an equal opportunity oppressor" and said of Iraqi women, "...as long as they stayed out of [Saddam's] way, they had considerable freedom of movement."

But during Congressional hearings last November, US Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida said of Saddam's regime: "Women were brutalized partly in an effort to control their husbands, partly out of a mere uncontrolled hostility. Rape was a state policy and at times videotaped and sent to women's families in order to intimidate them. At other times, the rapes were intentionally committed in front of the families."

Perhaps Clinton thinks those women should have just stayed out of the way.

In other developments, the Iraqi Governing Council this week approved an interim constitution, which guarantees certain basic human rights and sets the goal of having 25 percent of Iraq's future parliament seats held by women - major steps forward for a nation in that region.

'Rings' takes fun out of watching Oscar

When I was but a wee babe, certain events passed by completely without so much as stirring the outer corners of my life. I was hardly aware that the Oscars even happened until Sunday night.

My life is forever changed. In high school, no one really cares who wins an Oscar. All you need to know is what you can see on the cover of People in line at the grocery store. But things are different at college.

I run around with a lot of theatre types who eat, sleep, and breathe film. (Not movies, please. It's film.) The Oscars are to thespians as the Super Bowl is to the rest of the world.

I was invited to three different Oscar parties. My dorm hosted one with its own red carpet announcer. Girls were encouraged to dress formally as if they were really attending the Oscars. No boys allowed.

I opted for a less formal (co-ed) pizza binge at a friend's apartment.

When you get that many actors into one room, there is bound to be a disagreement. It never fails. Any discussion, no matter how innocuous, can turn to politics, religion, or film. And then it gets ugly.

When I arrived at the party, the lines had already been drawn.

It was Lord of the Rings: The Return

of the King against everyone else. Lord of the Rings was up for 11 academy awards - an amazing feat.

I felt it was deserving of most of those awards. It is a piece of cinematic beauty, a real work of art. I joined the pro side.

But as the night wore on, and Peter Jackson and his stupid looking suit got up to accept his fifth and sixth awards, I was beginning to tire of the little picture. It seemed most of my comrades were in agreement.

Most of these kids are actors and artists. To them, watching a film is like working on their craft. They aren't fooled by computer animation or dazzled by big budgets. Oh, no. Some of them will not even go to see a film with a budget of over \$50 million.

I guess it is something innate in me. I have this natural urge to root for the underdog. I'm a Cubs fan, and I like folk music, for crying out loud.

I was hoping against hope that Sophia Coppola, the first woman ever to be nominated by the Academy for Best Director, would also be its first winner.



life's lessons by carrie helms

In 27 days and with a budget of next to nothing, young Sophia wrote and directed a strange little film called Lost in Translation. I have not even seen it, but it won my vote.

Granted, Sophia got things done on her name. As the heir to the royal Coppolas, who could tell her no? Daddy would "make them an offer they couldn't refuse."

But she's still a girl, and I desperately wanted her to be the first winner. Alas, I was disappointed to hear, yet again, Peter Jackson.

I won't begrudge the man his due, but after the eighth and ninth, whom do you have left to thank? After the eleventh, haven't you just about gotten around to everyone in New Zealand?

Then I got to thinking, what would my acceptance speech be like?

"For the love of donuts. What am I doing here? There are so many people to thank that I just can't do it. I'll forget them all. But I do want to thank my fabulous director, Sophia. I haven't stopped believing in you since you got snubbed at the Oscars in '04. And to my incredibly supportive boyfriend Johnny Depp. You are my pillar of strength. Big thanks to my lawyer, my make-up artist, and to Versace and double sided tape for this fabulous dress. God Bless the Oscars!"



Hold the line on government spending

It seems fitting that the deadline set by law for Congress to pass a budget is the same deadline taxpayers have for filing their tax returns - April 15.

Most of the debate about the budget revolves around spending money: how much to spend on which programs, whether spending is going up fast enough to meet the need. But, it is probably a good idea to start at the beginning. For as Winston Churchill once said, "Governments create nothing and have nothing to give but what they have first taken away."

For the fiscal year starting October 1, the federal government expects to take about \$2 trillion dollars from taxpayers. That is \$238 billion more than it took last year. It is about \$7,000 for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

There are some who do not think that is enough. They want to repeal some or all of the tax cuts of recent years, in effect raising taxes. Some of those tax reductions will expire automatically in December if they are not extended. Those expiring provisions include the increase in the child tax credit, reducing the marriage penalty, and expanding the 10% bracket.

While the federal government will take in about \$2 trillion in taxes, it is estimated that it will spend about \$2.4 trillion.

In other words, it is expected to spend about \$400 billion more than it receives - that is the deficit.

The fact that we have such a large deficit surprises some people. After all, the federal budget was in surplus just a few years ago. When the economists analyze what has caused the change, they say 22% of the cause is higher spending, much of it for defense and homeland security, 25% is from tax cuts bringing in less money to the federal government, and 53% is based on the slow economy bringing in less revenue than was forecast. The President wants to cut the deficit in half over the next five years. A lot of us in Congress think we can do even better.

When you look at federal spending, the biggest category is mandatory spending, also known as entitlements. Two-thirds of federal spending is entitlements, the largest being Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and unemployment benefits.

Of the 34% of federal spending that is not entitlements, national security programs are the biggest category. The

President has proposed increasing defense spending 7% next year and increasing homeland security 10%. Congress should carefully review the individual programs, but we are still engaged in a war with a determined enemy and must fulfill the government's responsibility to defend our people.

For me, the top priority this year ought to be making sure the economy continues to grow, and that is just what the tax relief passed last year seems to be doing. The next priority should be to hold the line on spending. I would support lower spending than most of my colleagues but will support the effort that is most effective.

I also believe that it is very important for Congress to make structural reforms. It is just too easy for Congress to spend other people's money. And when something jumps up as an urgent priority, like homeland security after September 11, spending on lesser priorities ought to be reduced.

I try to never forget that every dollar spent by the federal government is taken out of the wallet or purse of some American who earned it - an American who is also trying to feed a family or create jobs or pay for health care. We must be very careful how much we take and how we spend that dollar.



issue update by rep. mac thornberry

Counties want to protect local taxpayers

Each president of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) takes on a particular initiative to be the priority project during his or her presidency.

The initiative for my new presidential term in 2004-05 is one of critical importance to local taxpayers and county government in Texas - putting an end to unfunded mandates!

Unfunded mandates from the state to the counties are not a new problem. They have occurred for decades.

The state - whether through the Legislature, state-wide elected officials, or agency bureaucrats - has long had a penchant for shoving costly mandates onto counties without providing full funding to carry them out.

While county officials understand that counties are the state's creation and that the state may lean on us to carry out their programs, we also feel very strongly that

the state should take responsibility for its directives and fund them properly.

Otherwise, counties and local taxpayers are forced to fund more and more state programs with local money.

The mandates include very expensive programs like indigent health care and indigent criminal defense representation. We in the counties do not take issue with the need for these programs, but our local taxpayers should not have to pick up so much of the tab.

Your locally elected county officeholders are good stewards of the public's tax dollars. If we spent frivolously, you the voters would bounce us out of office. In county government, we are as chelant as anybody around.

Over two-thirds of the county commissioners courts in Texas have passed resolutions calling for an end to unfunded mandates and urging passage of a constitutional amendment prohibiting them. More

counties pass resolutions each week, and the number will soon reach 200.

Taxpayers, whether they are Republicans or Democrats, have an opportunity to speak out on this issue during the March 9 Primary Election Day. Democrats will find on their ballot a non-binding referendum that says: For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.

Wouldn't it send a powerful message to the Legislature if both major political parties in Texas called for a constitutional amendment against unfunded mandates?

As a colleague of mine recently noted, government is like water. It all runs downhill. Taxpayers have an opportunity to make their voices heard, whatever their feelings on being at the bottom of the hill.

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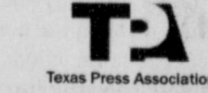
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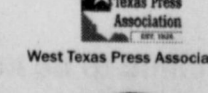
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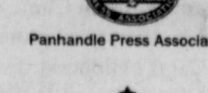
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Texas DQ meeting recognizes Spruell

Propelled to success by her crewmembers, Clarendon Dairy Queen Manager Karen Spruell achieved inter-company recognition recently and was rewarded with an all-expense paid trip earlier in the week to Austin, Texas, to participate in the TDQOC Annual Convention. While there, Karen attended specialized training seminars and evaluated new products.

According to company president and franchise owner, Parrish Chapman, "Karen's success at Dairy Queen isn't all that surprising. She's always put extraordinary effort into the management of 'her' Dairy Queen and attributes her success to her crew and customers. Customers frequently write into our corporate office about their positive experiences in Karen's DQ."

Following the convention Karen and crew have already begun to prepare for the release of numerous new products over the course of the next three months.

"We're fixin' to blow the socks off of our DQ customers with all the tasty new Hung'r Busters and yummy ice cream treats on the way," Spruell said.



Representing Treats Management, Inc. (left to right) Karen Maye, Karen Spruell, Andy Anderson, Rosie Gallardo, Parrish Chapman, Donna Ivey, Kathy Fields, Rosie Barjas, Joe Villaseñor, and Teri Sintas.

Photo courtesy Treats Management, Inc.

Assessment dates, rates set

ABILENE - The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2004 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2004 in the NRP is \$10 per dry row acre and \$15 per irrigated row acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit of 50

percent of their assessment on those acres destroyed before the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by September 7, and payment is due October 8.

Cotton growers who pay by September 23, 2004, are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their assessment.

Clarendon Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 24 in the Board Room of City Hall.

Librarian Jerri Shields gave a brief report on activities at the library and thanked the board, the city secretary, and the city administrator for their assistance.

Administrator Sean Pate updated

the board on emergency equipment being acquired through a grant and on a conference he attended in Shamrock.

Pate also facilitated a discussion about a sewer jet machine, which can be used to clean sewer lines quicker and more efficiently than the methods currently used by the city.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	23	65°	37°	0.23"
Tues	24	58°	33°	-
Wed	25	34°	27°	0.40"
Thur	26	46°	15°	-
Fri	27	58°	21°	-
Sat	28	71°	32°	-
Sun	29	48°	36°	0.90"

Total precipitation this month: 1.81"
Total precipitation to date: 2.93"
Total precipitation in February last year: 0.13"
Total YTD total last year: 0.13"

weekend forecast

Friday, March 5
Mostly Cloudy
54°/30°

Saturday, March 6
Mostly Sunny
58°/28°

Sunday, March 7
Partly Cloudy
50°/31°

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the lion's tale

by allen estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 2 with Boss Lion Pro-tem conducting the meeting.

We had 14 members and five guests. Our guests were District Governor Jack King (who should be a member of our club); Roy Bertrand, guest of Lion Denise Bertrand; Rusty Kennedy, guest of Lion Greg Henry; Ashlee Kidd, guest of Lion Roger Estlack; and Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

Rusty Kennedy, the college girls' basketball coach, will be taking his girls to Dallas this week.

District Governor King gave a short program on events that are sponsored by the district and state Lion's organization.

There being no further business we were adjourned.

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Looking Back

15 Years Ago

THE CLARENDON PRESS, March 2, 1989

The Clarendon Firebelles sponsored a volleyball tournament February 16, 17, and 18. Placing in the men's games were first - W.H. Cattle Company, second - Floyd's Auto, third - Good Guys Wear Black, and consolation - White's Feed and Seed. Placing in the women's games were first - The Nook, second - the Shields, third - Calliope, and consolation - Monroe and Sons. Placing in the mixed teams were first - It Don't Matter, second - Memphis Compress, third - the Stavenhagens, and consolation - Country Kitchen.

50 Years Ago

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, March 4, 1954

Thirteen men and one lady have been selected and approved to serve on the 1954 Advisory Board of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. Those selected to serve were C.B. "Cap" Morris, Carroll Knorpp, Miss Ruth Richerson, Milton "Bill" Todd, Bob Moss, R.E. Drennan, Maurice Lane, Bill Lowe, H.W. Truitt, Dr. Charles E. Deyhle D.V.M., Oscar Thomas, Basil Smith, J.R. Brandon, and M.S. DeGailsh.

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

March 5
CC Bulldogs v. New Mexico • Bulldog Field • 12:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos v. Ascension Academy • Moore Field • 4:30 p.m.

March 6
CC Bulldogs v. New Mexico • Bulldog Field • 12:00 p.m.

March 8
Lady Broncos v. Aspermont • Moore Field • 4:30 p.m.

Hedley OAP Dessert Theatre • School Auditorium • 7:00 p.m.

March 8-12
Clarendon ISD Spring Break

March 9-10
CC Lady Bulldogs v. West Texas College • CC Softball Field • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

March 16
Immunization Clinic • TDH Office in Clarendon • 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 20
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby • First United Methodist Church

Community Menus
March 8-12

Clarendon Schools
Spring Break - No School

Hedley Schools

Breakfast
Mon: Egg sausage bake with cheese, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast bar, toast and jelly, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Beef or chicken fajitas, grilled peppers and onions, pinto beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice.
Tues: Roast beef on a bun with barbecue sauce or chicken on a bun, salad, fruit, chips, cookies, milk, fruit juice.

Wed: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, rolls and honey, salad, fruit, milk, fruit juice.

Thur: Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, rolls, milk, fruit juice.

Fri: Cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce and tomato, applesauce, mixed fruit, milk, fruit juice.

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sliced ham, green bean casserole, cauliflower with cheese, tossed salad, pastries, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.
Tues: Hamburger casserole, peas and carrots, onion rings, Carolina salad, butterscotch pudding with topping, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.
Wed: Caffein, hominy casserole, turnip greens, coleslaw, banana pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.
Thur: Mexican pile on, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches and bananas, tortilla chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.
Fri: Oven fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, pears and cottage cheese, apricot cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, steamed cabbage, cucumber and onion salad, baked apple, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee.
Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear halves, bread pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee.
Wed: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, English peas, tossed salad, peaches and bananas, roll, milk, tea, coffee.
Thur: Chicken and dumplings, steamed broccoli, apple rings, cake, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee.
Fri: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, apple, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee.

From Our Exchanges

The Pizza Hut in Canadian was the scene of a burglary on Thursday. A safe containing about \$800 was stolen, according to Sheriff's Deputy Jay Moseley. The burglar or burglars broke the glass out of the back door of the restaurant and proceeded to search the cabinets for the safe. Once found, they tried it out.

The Canadian Record

Trooper Jason Henderson found himself in a full-fledged confrontation after discovering three pounds of cocaine in a 2003 Volvo. After discovering the cocaine, Henderson attempted to arrest the suspect; however, the suspect had other ideas. In a three to four minute fight, in which Henderson used pepper spray and his asp baton to defend himself, the suspect began to choke the trooper. The two rolled down an embankment in the median allowing the Trooper to free himself and the suspect fled the scene but not before Henderson shot out the tires on the car. Henderson injured his right thumb in the struggle.

[Wheeler] County Star-News

Arvis Davis congratulates Clayton Ryan of Paducah after Ryan purchased the 20,000th vehicle sold by Arvis Davis Chevrolet. Arvis and Joann Davis have been in the Chevrolet business in Paducah for 42 years this year and offer full service to all their customers. They also operate used car dealerships in Chilchess and Crowell.

The Valley Tribune

CC performance draws good attendance

February is over, March has begun. This means Spring Break next week for both Clarendon College and Clarendon ISD. (Isn't it nice of the public school and college administrations to get together and make sure those dates are coordinated?)

Last weekend, the college Theater Department presented the play *A Bad Year For Tomatoes*. It was another one of the intimate theater presentations where the audience got to sit on the stage surrounding the actors as they performed. On Friday night, when I went, there almost weren't enough seats for everyone who wanted to attend. I hope the other two performances were just as full.

The comedy was about a grown-up child actor Myra, played by Lana Wallendorff, who has left Hollywood against the urging of her agent and would-be spouse Tom, played

by Charles Mock (a.k.a. Cowboy - which makes me wonder whether they might have had to surgically remove his hat for the play).

Myra has taken a home in a small New England town to write her autobiography, but she can't get any peace and quiet to concentrate on writing because the neighbors keep coming by to bother her. So she makes up a crazy sister, using old television costumes, to scare them off and of course, it backfires on her.

Justin Hagel, playing a backwoodsman named Piney, came close to stealing the show with his one-liners - which come to think of it were more One-words, because he rarely had more than one word to speak at a time. Especially when he used the rocking chair as a nut-cracker.

When he wasn't stealing laughs, Scarlett Sperry was. She played Cora,

the neighbor who came to Myra for consolation and found it in Myra's excellent whiskey. Amy Wilson was wonderful as the pie-bearing neighbor, Adrian Hudgins did a great job playing the "crazy" gypsy neighbor everyone else gossiped about, and David McCutcheon played a terrific sheriff. No one fell off the stage Friday from laughing too hard - but it was a near-run thing. I hope the same can be said of the other performances.

Sunday evening, I'm pretty sure that if someone had stood in the middle of town and shouted, the place would have echoed from the emptiness. Everybody in town - or almost



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went to Amarillo to see *The Passion of the Christ*. The whole theater was full of people from Clarendon. I'd list everyone I saw, but I wouldn't have room, and I'd invariably leave someone out because I know I didn't see everyone.

It was an intense experience. A number of people have said that they're glad they went but wouldn't want to do it again.

This Friday, Art Club is meeting at the Methodist Church at noon. They're expecting to have the Amarillo portrait artist make her re-scheduled appearance at this meeting. It should be a good one.

Friends of the Library are meeting the Wednesday after Spring Break (March 17) at noon, open to everyone with an interest in Clarendon's Burton Memorial Library. Do make an effort to come. They'll even feed you.

Panhandle-Plains Museum to host annual art show, sale

On March 6, 2004, the Friends of Southwestern Art of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and Museum will sponsor the fourth Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale.

This event provides the only museum-quality venue in the Texas Panhandle for contemporary Western artists. The proceeds of the Invitational will benefit the art department of the Museum by funding additions to the collection and bringing the finest in historic Southwestern art to the area.

The Museum has a history of hosting then-contemporary Southwestern artists, beginning with the Coppini Academy of San Antonio's

annual exhibitions in the 1950s through the Amarillo Rotary Club exhibitions in the early 1990s.

Moreover, inviting accomplished, skillful, and sought-after artists to the Panhandle-Plains Invitational will complement the Museum's outstanding historic Southwestern art collection.

Consequently, the Invitational is curated like any other museum exhibition and only the highest-quality works will be shown.

Some forty artists from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Oklahoma have been invited to the exhibition, which will conclude on April 4 with objects for sale throughout the show.



Happy Birthday

Clara Lohoefer marked her 97th year last week with cards and visits from friends and family. Above with Clara is longtime friend and neighbor Ellie Wilkinson.

Photo courtesy Suzie Rhinehart.

Local woman celebrates birthday with family

We really got some good rains this past week. It rained Tuesday, a light mist that lasted almost the entire day, and early Saturday morning the fog crept in, and the rain came again and lasted into the night. It was wonderful.

Bill and Juanell Carson went to Mustang, Oklahoma, to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. Stan and Susan Cosby. Stan is pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. The church rented a theatre to show *The Passion of the Christ* to members of the church.

Stan and Susan's daughter, Carmen, and her children joined them for a visit.

Juanita Brown celebrated her

birthday Saturday. All her children were here to help her celebrate.

Grace Burkhalter lives in Hedley, Marine Norton came from Denver, John and Kay Beth Brown from May, Kay Miller from Brownwood, Chubby and Sharon Brown from Amarillo, and Helen Ford from Clarendon were here in addition to many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and some great great grandchildren.

I know how old she is...

Have you noticed how the newscast gets shorter and the commercials get longer on television? And the newscasters talk faster. Some of the women newscasters talk faster than I can listen.

All the programs are that way. The entertainment part lasts about 30 minutes, and the commercials take up about twenty-two minutes.

A thirty-minute newscast has nineteen minutes of news and eleven minutes of commercials.

There's been a lot in the news about the cost of medicine. Especially heart medicines, rather colostr medicine. I take two kidney



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meds, and the Kidney Foundation pays for them. There's no way I could pay for them.

I think I have a new neighbor. Morgan Harmon has moved into one of the apartments on my side of the street. Morgan is the son of Ricki Baker.

Next Tuesday, March 9, is primary election day. I don't know who is running for what office except Commissioner of Precinct 3 - Andy Wheatly and Buster Shields.

The Hedley Homemakers met Monday evening. After a short business meeting and dinner, Mariah Couch and Kyra Stevens read their poems they will read in the District UIL Meet later this month.

Burton Library has wide selection of new books

Burton Memorial Library congratulates THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE on receiving top honors over all other entries in the "Special Section Contest" during Texas Press Association's Mid-Winter Conference and Trade Show last month. Continued state recognition of the ENTERPRISE demonstrates its top quality of information presented to the public. Thanks Roger, Cheryl, and Ashlee for your dedication in doing a great job.

What a pleasant time I experienced, last week, while examining Burton Memorial Library's variety of beautiful new books! Various selections of mystery, western, inspirational, humorous, and other types of special interest are available.

Authors Aimee and David Thurlo have brilliantly mixed Native American lore with modern situations in their novel, *Plant Them*

Deep. Navajo life is blended with rare suspense to intrigue readers.

Those of us who are John Grisham fans have come to expect the fast paced excitement he delivers. As usual, high interest begins on the first page and continues through the last. You will not be disappointed as you read his latest book, *The King of Torts*.

If "heavy suspense" is too much for you, but you enjoy a flavor of light mystery, Lori Copeland's book, *A Case of Bad Taste*, may be the book for you... that is, if you are prepared for unusual humor involved with mysterious occurrences. In order to connect the title with this delightful story, you'll simply have to read the book.

Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross has been described as "a witty tale" and "comic drama." Raleigh News and Observer consid-

ers it "traditional humor." Publisher's Weekly comments, "Along with homespun appeal, the novel offers an interesting take on gender, race, and family in the South: it's fast-paced and funny."

Urgent Care by Hannah Alexander (pen name for the writing collaboration of Cheryl and Melvin Hodde) offers warmth of struggles, successes, heartaches, and triumphs of a small town involved in a "true-to-life world of emergency medicine."

Western fans will be pleased with *The Western Story* edited and introduced by Jon Tuska. It is labeled as a 1892-1939 "chronological treasury;" and, indeed, it is! The



check it out
by mary beth nelson

book includes stories from best-loved writers and is designed to present Western American fiction as it chronologically occurred. Previous to the marvelous story collections, the first 56 pages contain Jon Tuska's descriptive introduction concerning authors, their work, and interesting incidents you may not have heard before. Following the introduction, the remainder of the book is divided into "Part I, East Goes West" featuring stories from Mark Twain, Remington, Wister, Harte, and Neighardt. Part Two, "Founders of the Golden Age" treats readers with stories from Zane Grey, Max Brand, Haycox, Cather, and Bower. Incidentally, *Western Story* is in large print along with 26 other large print new books in this section.

Before selecting your next book, you may want to see what the new books offer. Why not check it out?

Ag Department sponsoring quilt block competition

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the 2004 quilt block competition, open to participants across the state.

For the first time, TDA will feature two separate themes for the competition with a goal of spotlighting children's nutrition and rural Texas, and the focus of two new TDA programs.

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton, mohair and leather - to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be combined into two separate quilts. The two

quilts will be unveiled at the 2004 State Fair of Texas and will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

The two quilt block themes will be "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids," which will focus on the importance of proper childhood nutrition, and "Texas Yes!," which will be designed to showcase rural Texas and rural Texas communities.

Quilt blocks for the "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" quilt can feature themes such as fresh Texas-grown fruits and vegetables, other healthy Texas-produced food

choices from the other food groups, healthy school meals, or other nutrition-related concepts. A list of Texas-grown fruits and vegetables is available on TDA's Pick Texas Web site at www.picktexas.com.

Quilt blocks for the "Texas Yes!" quilt can showcase a particular rural Texas community or feature themes such as rural tourism opportunities (examples might include birdwatching, trail rides, or wildlife viewing), rural agricultural heritage, rural Texas cultural and food events, or other unique features and aspects of rural Texas. Details on the

Texas Yes! program can be found at www.TexasYes.org.

To participate in the quilt block competition, call TDA at (877) 99GO-TEX to reserve a packet for each quilt. To help defray the cost of mailing, the final quilting of the winning blocks and the traveling display of the quilt statewide, a \$12 donation for each packet is requested.

The deadline to receive entries is May 28, 2004. The winning blocks will be combined into the two final quilts during the summer and will be unveiled at the Texas State Fair in September 2004.

Senior Citizens seeking volunteers

By Marlee Sharp

The Donley County Senior Citizens are currently seeking volunteers for their Meals on Wheels program, and for their center activities. We would love to have your help, and it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering, please come by the office or call 874-2265.

We appreciate the donation from the 1926 Book Club and welcome our new sponsors Earl and Susie Shields. This now brings our total of sponsors to 172.

We send our well wishes to Onita Thomas.

Our condolences are sent to the family of Phoebe Ann Buntin.

Reminders:
Mondays: Dance Club, 6-8 p.m.
Tuesdays: Game Nights, 6 p.m.
M-W-F: Exercise Group, 9 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays: Inspirational Singing, 2 p.m.

4-H Club selling geranium plants

Spring time is just around the corner, and it will be time to brighten your homes with colorful spring time flowers.

The Donley County 4-H Club members are now taking orders for 4 inch geranium plants in a variety of colors for only \$3.00 per plant. Various colors offered are red, pink, magenta, salmon, and white. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the purchase of educational materials, equipment needed in the 4-H club, and supporting their annual 4-H Member Recognition Banquet.

You may contact any 4-H member to order your geraniums: If you do not know a 4-H member and you are interested in purchasing geraniums, you may call the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141.

The deadline to order will be April 13, 2004. All orders must be paid for in advance, and checks need to be made payable to the Donley County 4-H. The plants will be delivered around May 14, 2004.

Red Hats will meet

Scarlet Saints of Clarendon Red Hats Society are on the move again.

On Wednesday, March 10, the Hatters will be having lunch at Marty's, which is located at 34th and Georgia in Amarillo. After lunch, the Scarlet Saints will attend the Norman Rockwell Tour sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America at the Santa Fe Building in downtown Amarillo.

Call hostess Cula Jo Trout at 874-3612 for information or for a ride. Remember to RSVP by Monday, March 8 for reservations for either lunch or the tour.

The dress for the occasion is red hat and purple dress in an artistic theme.

OBU lists Anderberg

Clarendon High School graduate Lacey Anderberg was recently named to the President's Honor Roll at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma, for the Fall Semester 2003.

Anderberg qualified for the honor by earning a 4.00 grade point average. She is the daughter of Jeff and Sandy Anderberg.

Organization helps with getting scholarships

As college costs continue to increase each year, the need for financial aid increases as well. The Opportunity Plan, Inc., of Canyon is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to assist college students in defraying educational expenses.

Thanks to the generosity of area businesses, civic groups, families, and individuals, the Opportunity Plan awarded 380 students with more than \$400,000 in scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year. Students in the panhandle area are given first priority for 129 scholarships that are administered by the program.

The Opportunity Plan, Inc., is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2004-2005 school year. Deadline to submit applications is April 1. Students can access the application online at www.opportunityplan.com or through the office at 504 24th Street in Canyon, (806) 655-2528.

Cotton produces bigger profit per gallon of water

ALTUS — Every season, growers in the Rolling Plains region of North Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas must decide which crop will give them the best profit return per gallon of irrigation water applied. For an increasing number of growers, the choice is cotton.

"Cotton allows producers with limited water supplies to generate more revenue per gallon of water than nearly any other major field crop," says Dan Krieg, Ph.D., professor of crop physiology at Texas Tech University. "In a water-limited environment, cotton offers considerably better economic water use efficiency than corn or sorghum, which require almost twice the total irrigation water to produce maximum yields

as cotton."

Krieg says irrigated cotton can deliver an economic return of \$35 to \$40 per inch of water applied. That compares to a return on each inch of water of \$30 to \$32 for irrigated corn, \$16 to \$18 for sorghum and \$10 to \$12 for wheat.

"On the other hand, if you have adequate water, cotton will take all you can give it," Krieg continues. "In west Texas, for example, cotton will consume an average of .25 inch of water daily from the first of July through the 20th of August. So if you have the water resources to put on a total of 24 inches of water, including rainfall, you have the potential to make up to 3.5 to 4 bales per acre."

Extension specialists say cot-

ton's water-thrifty nature also makes it a good fit for the region's dryland producers. J.C. Banks, Ph.D., Extension cotton specialist at Oklahoma State University, says cotton offers an alternative for wheat-producing areas of his state where insufficient soil moisture has resulted in poor tiling and low yields.

"Here in Kansas, we have dryland growers who can make a bale of cotton on ground that's too dry to produce a corn crop," says Stu Duncan, Ph.D., Extension crop and soils specialist at Kansas State University. "We also have growers in the southwest corner of our state who can produce up to 2 bales of cotton with 8 to 14 inches of water, compared with the 17 to 19 inches of

irrigation water it takes to produce a 200- to 220-bushel corn crop."

This season University Extension services, cotton ginners, warehouses and oil mills, equipment, seed and chemical suppliers, and other supporters of the cotton industry in North Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have formed NTOK Cotton.

This industry partnership supports and encourages increased cotton production in the Rolling Plains region. NTOK Cotton supporters say a strong federal target price of 72.4 cents a pound for cotton, combined with improved water efficiency and cost-effective production practices, can generate more income per acre for growers and their communities than other row crops.

Extension service to hold Introductory QuickBooks seminar

VERNON — Texas Cooperative Extension will offer an Introduction to QuickBooks Pro computer short course in March at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center here.

The seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 24-25. Class size is limited to 14 participants. Enrollment costs \$125 per person. The registration deadline is

March 22.

Each participant will have individual, hands-on computer access. The seminar will cover the basics of this software — from setting up accounts and entering transactions to creating reports.

Extension economist Stan Bevers will teach the seminar, with help from Brenda Duckworth, Extension program assistant, and

Ron Borchardt, Extension statewide marketing club coordinator. All of the instructors have several years experience teaching financial record keeping and computer software.

"QuickBooks is designed for flexibility and ease of use," Bevers said. "It is advanced accounting software that should help producers improve their financial records and record keeping. Participants

will learn how to enter transactions; categorize them by type of income and expense; split and memorize transactions; and generate meaningful reports."

For more information, or to register, contact Bevers, Duckworth or Borchardt at (940) 552-9941. Their telephone extensions are: Bevers, 231; Duckworth, 249; and Borchardt, 207.

Sheriff's Report:

Possession of marijuana sends two to jail

Feb. 23
1:15 a.m. — Disabled boat trailer ½ mile west of county line.

1:18 a.m. — Disabled vehicle. Milepost 163 eastbound. Unoccupied.

3:19 a.m. — Welfare check. 900 block S. Faker.

4:00 p.m. — See complainant E. Hwy. 287. Telephone harassment.

4:08 p.m. — Residence. Lelia Lake.

5:09 p.m. — Residence. Second Street.

5:21 p.m. — Residence. Bugbee Avenue. Serve legal papers.

5:52 p.m. — Residence. E. Hwy. 287. Follow-up. Telephone harassment.

8:13 p.m. — To jail with one male in custody. Poss. marijuana. Less than 2 oz.

8:15 p.m. — To jail with one female in custody. Poss. marijuana. Less than 2 oz.

9:12 p.m. — EMS assist. 400 block S. Parks Street.

10:25 p.m. — EMS assist. 900 block W. Seventh Street.

Feb. 24

5:32 a.m. — EMS assist. FM 1260 N.

9:54 a.m. — Welfare check. 1000 block E. Third Street.

10:12 a.m. — Destruction of property. FM 1260 N.

4:28 p.m. — Traffic accident. Fifth and Koogle Streets.

Feb. 25

7:13 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle. 100 block W. Third Street.

10:42 p.m. — Assist. DPS.

10:57 p.m. — Welfare check. 300 block Angel Street.

Feb. 26

4:06 a.m. — Suspicious vehicle. Storage facility. Hwy. 287 and N. Hwy. 70.

8:00 a.m. — Out with disabled semi-truck. Hwy. 287 and Kearney Street.

10:32 a.m. — 600 block west Fourth Street. Take statement.

1:10 p.m. — Vandalism to boat. Dawn Street. Howardwick.

5:17 p.m. — E. Martindale Street.

8:54 p.m. — EMS assist. 500 block Ellerbe Street.

Feb. 27

12:20 a.m. — Vandalism to vehicle. Clarendon College.

11:31 a.m. — 100 block W. Second Street.

1:12 p.m. — 1100 block W. Fifth Street.

4:29 p.m. — Escort Childress ambulance through town.

4:43 p.m. — Clarendon College. Set up

landing zone for Lifestar.

11:05 p.m. — Fourth and Parks.

Feb. 28

7:42 a.m. — EMS assist. 200 block E. Third Street.

3:57 p.m. — Business alarm. 300 block W. Second Street.

5:50 p.m. — See complainant. 500 block W. Second Street.

7:37 p.m. — Family dispute. Second and Blair Streets. Hedley.

10:49 p.m. — EMS assist. Third and Jackson Streets.

Feb. 29

12:14 a.m. — See complainant. 600 block W. Fourth Street.

12:56 a.m. — Secure building. 600 block E. 2nd Street.

8:40 a.m. — Assist motorist. Hwy. 287 and Kearney Street.

9:26 p.m. — EMS assist. 200 block S. Goodnight Street.

10:59 p.m. — Subject on foot. Hwy 287 and Wells.

Summary

Arrest: 9

Fire Department: 1

EMS: 9

Children's home needing foster families


The Community Services Program of Methodist Children's Home currently has families in Amarillo and the Panhandle Area that can offer parents in crisis a safe, temporary place for their children until the crisis is resolved.

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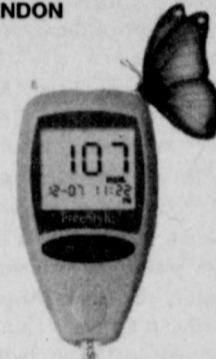
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Obituaries

Smith

Memorial services for George Wilson Smith, MD, age 85, of Marlin, Texas, were held at First Christian Church in Marlin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 29, 2004, with Rev. Jimmy Phillips officiating. Interment was held at Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Dr. Smith died at his home on Friday, February 27, 2004. He was born in Chico, Texas, on December 24, 1918, to John Henderson Smith and Katie Skaggs Smith. Upon graduation from Memphis High School, he earned a BA degree in 1940 from Texas A&M, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook and a proud member of the Aggie Band. Other honors at A&M include Distinguished Student, Scholarship Honor Society, President of Press Club, and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. During World War II he served as field grade officer, Artillery, retiring after 54 months as a Lieutenant Colonel.

George was married to his college sweetheart, LeVerne Simmons of Sherman, Texas, for 47 years until her death in 1988. He was associated with Aetna Casualty and Surety Company after college and was owner/manager of General Insurance Agency in Sherman until 1951. During those years he was a Director of the Sherman Chamber of Commerce and an officer of the Sherman Rotary Club.

George received an M.D. Degree from University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in 1955, where he was president of his class each of four years. He was a family physician in Clarendon from 1956 to 1973, where he also served as Administrator of Adair Hospital, and County Health Officer. He took an abandoned physical plant, built in 1910, in a town which had no hospital for many years, and brought it into compliance with all state and federal regulatory agencies, including Medicare, and then established a fully accredited school of vocational nursing. He was president of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce, president of Donley County Industrial Foundation, and president and chairman of the Building Committee of Clarendon Country Club.

After 17 years of family practice in Donley County, Dr. Smith was recruited to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Amarillo by the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He was the driving force in establishing the Amarillo VA as the primary site for Texas Tech's clinical rotations. His presence in organized medicine at local, state, and national levels served the VA well, as he was the Chief of Staff of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Amarillo, El Paso, and Marlin, Texas, where he retired in 1994.

Dr. Smith served in the Texas Delegation to the American Medical Association from 1983 to 1995. Professional credentials include Diplomate, American Board of Family Practice; and Fellow, American Academy of Family Physician. A long-time member of the House of Delegates of the Texas Medical Association, he was elected to the Council on Member Services, 1982-1994.

Survivors include his wife, Bettye Norris Smith; son, Charles Vernon Smith and daughter-in-law Cheryl of Houston; daughters, Sharon and son-in-law George Reynolds of Houston; Janis and son-in-law Jerry Elmore of Houston; Laurie and son-in-law Walter Becker of New Orleans; seven grandchildren, Melissa Leigh Reynolds, Scott Henderson Elmore, Jefferson Fontayne Elmore, Lindsey Le Becker, Hailey Simmons Becker, Andrew Marshall Smith, and Matthew Jordon Smith; one brother, Harold Winston Smith and wife Bettye of Memphis, Texas, and their children Karyn Nicolaou, Russell Smith, and Matthew Smith. Also mourning his loss are the family of his wife, John Norris of Dallas; Natalie and John DeFrees, daughter Taylor of Pflugerville; Elaine and Randy Wilhelm, daughter Julie and son Jeffrey of Houston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice.



Smith

Booth

Funeral services for Kenneth Dale Booth, age 61, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in Robertson Chapel of Memories with Rev. Calvin Burrow, Pastor of Jesus Name Apostolic Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Booth died Sunday, February 29, 2004, in Amarillo. He was born March 2, 1942, in Lesley, Hall County, Texas, and had been a Clarendon resident most of his life. He married Shirley Marie Holman on February 6, 1959, in Clarendon. He was a mechanic at Chamberlain Motor Company for 32 years and had been employed in the Maintenance Department at Clarendon College since 1994. He attended the Clarendon Church of the Nazarene.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, on October 19, 2002; a son, Bobby Dale Booth, on May 14, 1994; his father, B.B. Booth; and two infant sons, Dale Ray Booth and Terry Booth.

Survivors include one daughter, Sheryl Carter of Erick, Oklahoma; his mother, Eula Booth of Memphis; four brothers: Don Booth of Childress, Bobby Booth and Jimmy Booth, both of Memphis; and Alan Booth of Amarillo; one sister, Mary Middleton; a special friend, Tina Johnson; grandchildren, Tony and Randi Carter, Kim and Gary Carter, Kyle Carter, Mary and Kenny Booth, and Josh Allred; and great grandchildren, Caleb Carter, Emberlyn Carter, and Dylan Booth.

Reck

Funeral services for Freddie Garland Reck, age 65, were held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church in Claude with Rev. Janet Edwards, Pastor, and Dr. Roger A. Hubbard, Pastor of Lake Tanglewood Community Church, officiating. Burial was held in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Reck died Monday, March 1, 2004, in Amarillo. He was born July 25, 1938, in Claude and had lived in Armstrong County much of his life. He graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Sul Ross University. He married Colleen Mathus DeVore on June 30, 2000, at Tucumcari, New Mexico. He was employed in various positions with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company throughout his 32 year career. He was based out of Pampa and then Amarillo before his retirement. Throughout his career, he maintained his involvement in the family farming and cattle ranching business in Armstrong County. After his retirement, he continued full time in the family farming and ranching business as a third generation owner of land in Armstrong County, holding land that was homesteaded and has always been owned only by the Reck family.

He was preceded in death by his father, John P. Reck.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen Reck of Claude; his mother, Frances Chauveaux Reck of Claude; two daughters, Cheri Reck Mann and husband Gary of Lake Tanglewood and D'Lene Reck Sandleback and husband Brian of Coppel; three

grandchildren, Preston Mann of Lake Tanglewood, and Beau Sandleback and Cody Sandleback, both of Coppel; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Bowling

Funeral services for Alfred Eugene Bowling of Fort Worth were held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at Shannon North Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2004, at Citizen Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon North Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth.

Mr. Bowling died Monday, February 23, 2004. He was born September 15, 1920, in Hedley. He was raised in the Windy Valley community in Donley County. Alfred was a veteran of World War II. He moved to Fort Worth in 1950 to work at Convoir. He retired from Westronics in 1984.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Jean Bowling.

Survivors include one son, Gary L. Bowling of Granbury; one daughter, Vicki Taylor of Amarillo; grandchildren, Byron Taylor of Edgewood, Crystal Cosby, Becky Brown of Godley, Douglas Taylor and Terra Wood all of Amarillo, and Gary L. Bowling II of Granbury; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Braswell

Sam P. Braswell of Kerrville, passed away Sunday, February 8, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Braswell was born March 17, 1910, in Dallas. He moved to Clarendon during World War I where his father, Sam M. Braswell, published a newspaper for many years. After graduating from high school, he attended Clarendon College and the University of Texas. At the University of Texas, he played collegiate baseball and tennis. One of the most memorable baseball games was a scrimmage against Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees.

On August 10, 1930, Sam P. married Cecelia Atteberry. Their son Sam Harben Braswell was born July 16, 1931, in Pampa. In the fall of 1936, the Braswell family moved to Kerrville and joined the production staff at the *Kerrville Mountain Sun*, owned by Mrs. W.A. Salter. Sam P. was employed in Kerrville until 1941.

In 1941, Sam and Cecelia moved to Winnsboro to operate the *Winnsboro Weekly News* in the absence of the publisher, who was called to serve our country during World War II. In 1944, the Braswells had an opportunity to purchase the *Coleman Democratic-Voice* newspaper. So they were on the move again. In 1947, they converted the weekly paper to a daily newspaper.

Succumbing to the desire to return to the Hill Country in 1948, the Braswells purchased a co-ownership interest with G. Rankin Starkey in the *Kerrville Times*. Three years later in March of 1951, the paper was converted from a weekly paper to a daily newspaper, going to the name

it is known as today, *The Kerrville Daily Times*. The Braswell interest in *The Times* was sold in 1955.

Sam P. Braswell became *The Victoria Advocate's* (Texas' second oldest newspaper) associate manager for the first five years. During this time, his wife Cecelia served in the advertising department.

Returning to Kerrville in 1960, the family purchased the Fine Printing Co. from Haskell Fine and constructed a building on Junction Highway to house the expanding business. The name was changed to Braswell Printing Company and now is known as ADCO Advertising and Printing owned by Sam H. and Betty Braswell.

In 1977, Sam enjoyed the next 12 years in Chas. Schreiner Bank in downtown Kerrville as their public relations representative while Cecelia was employed in the advertising department and helped with the Schreiner Ladies Club.

Sam enjoyed a minor role in politics when the late Texas Governor Allan Shivers appointed the elder Braswell to a seven-member task force to develop what is now known as the Texas Commission on Higher Education. He was an associate to the former State Representative and Texas Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent as well as a Kerr County consultant and a friend of President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Cecelia Braswell; a son, Sam Harben Braswell and his wife Betty Jean of Kerrville; three grandchildren: Samuel Lynn Braswell and his wife Rebecca Ann of San Antonio/Kerrville; Carol Denise Bernhard and her husband Robert Carlton of Austin; and Robin Aileen Perrin and her husband John Eric of Birresdorf, Germany; a niece, Margaret Woods of Youngstown, Ohio; and six great grandchildren: Samuel Taylor Braswell, Andrew Phillip Braswell, Megan Leigh Brenhard, Ryan David Perrin, Ashton Elise Perrin, and Emma Renee Perrin.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville.

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Alan Brugler, president of Brugler Marketing and Management in Omaha, Neb., and an expert in technical analysis, was the instructor. Janet Tregallas and her family farm near Booker. Danny Krienke farms near Perryton. Both knew they needed to know more to be successful marketers.

"Based on my experience with Extension's Master Marketer Program, I knew the advanced training would be detailed, factual, and help-

ful," said Tregallas. Learning more about the specialized tools that traders use also added to her understanding about charting points and ways to put the tools into practice.

"Now, I have a better idea on when to forward contract and when to market only a percentage of our crop," she said. Krienke also has a clearer vision of what it will take for him to stay on top of his own market watching.

"Technical analysis requires time to make it work for you," said Krienke. "Knowing what is involved just means I am better prepared to balance my time in order to realize some of the rewards available in the marketplace."

The Perryton farmer believes fundamental analysis makes the most sense for him in the long term. But, the strategies he learned at ATS also helped him understand the influences and tactics used by large funds and speculators over the short run.

Agriculture continues to change. Markets continue to be unpredictable. Farmers are in a tough business climate, especially now, said Dr. Steve Amosson of Amarillo, Extension economist and the program's

co-director.

Sound planning for marketing commodities is a primary control producers have over their bottom line, said Amosson. Any guesswork has to be minimal at best, said Tregallas and Krienke.

Technical analysts use visual tools such as trends and formations as well as mathematical studies, or indicators, to help determine likely market directions. Brugler discussed several market challenges and many different ways of looking at the market, all based on price behavior. The analyst said the keys for understanding and tracking market movement are contained in the commodity price and its tendency to trend in certain ways. By observing carefully, producers and traders can see that certain price patterns repeat again and again.

Brugler said farmers get into marketing trouble through single-trade thinking, forced sales due to cash flow, or refusing to exit a bad position early. Listening too much to neighborly suggestions, dubbed backyard-itis, can be problematic as well. He included the components of a successful marketing matrix for

effective selling decisions.

"First, know your costs, then overall risk situations and understand the differences between the selling tools available. Finally, knowing how the market establishes prices is key to higher revenues," Brugler said.

Today at the Tregallas farm, Janet and her husband are looking at the corn market in a new way. They had been counting on a feed yard's purchase of their silage at a set price. But again, the unexpected can and often does happen in farming.

"We just learned the company would not be buying from us this year so we'll plan differently now," Janet said. "My participation in ATS also showed me that futures and options is a better fit for our operation because we are dryland."

Amosson and ATS co-leader, Dr. Mark Waller of College Station, Extension grain marketing economist, say experts like Brugler are giving producers what they need to know in a user-friendly, hands-on setting. The statewide program began just two years ago at the request of many Master Marketer program graduates for more specialized training.

Lady Bulldogs begin maiden season

By Sandy Anderberg

Newly introduced to Clarendon College, softball is making its debut in their spring season.

According to head coach Bo Pagliasotti, things are going well for the first time sport, but he has hopes for lots of improvement.

"We've played eight games and have lost them all, but we have not had our entire starting line-up on the field except for the last two games that we played against Midland," Pagliasotti said. "We are just now starting to come together as a team. Our fall season was very successful,

and we have added a few new faces to the team. I expect some very positive things in the coming weeks."

Brenda Rodriguez (transfer from UTEP), Kristin King, Megan Graham, Sara Bolton, Brittany Lawhon, and Amber Martin joined the squad at semester. Emilee Bolton, Sheena Barrett, Aliea Paden, and Chelsie Calysto joined from the volleyball team.

According to Pagliasotti, CC is in the second strongest conference in the country, but they are staying close in most games.

"It is usually one bad inning

toward the end of the game where we give up a few runs and commit a few batting errors that gets us," Pagliasotti said.

The Lady Bulldogs will face Frank Phillips at Borger Wednesday, March 3, and travel to Big Spring to take on Howard College for a conference series on March 6-7. The Lady Bulldogs will play West Texas College March 9-10 at 1:00 p.m. each day.

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CHS tennis players finish 6th in Dumas meet

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos and Lady Broncos participated in the Dumas Tennis Meet February 27-28 against several 4A teams and had a great showing in the tournament.

The dynamic duo of Amina and Uthala Abdullah got off to a good start in the tournament as they defeated Bernal/Woodrum (Dumas) 6-0, 6-2. They hit a snag in the second round as they lost to Lao/Nguyen (Palo Duro) 6-7, 3-6. The team came back to defeat Perez/Rivera (Dumas) 6-2, 6-2 and claimed third place. The other girls' doubles team was Lacey Eads and Kaitlyn Howard. They lost to Rogers/Fangman (Hereford) 1-6, 1-6 in the first match and to Reece/Reece (Borger) 2-6, 1-6, in the second round.

Drew Sell and Will Betts teamed up to compete in the tournament and went up against Bain/Lechner (Dumas) and lost 2-6, 3-6. They lost to Ferrell/Kotara (White Deer) in three sets 4-6, 6-2, and 4-6. The third round was better for the team as they defeated Hernandez/Ramos (Hereford) 6-2, 6-2 before falling to Carroll/Moore (Borger) 4-6, 6-4, and 2-6 in the final round. The team of Brad Sell and Tim Sanchez fought hard but fell short as they were defeated by Harris/Granado (Hereford) 2-6, 7-6, and 2-6 in the first round. In the second round they took on Stapp/Carpenter (Clovis) and lost 3-6, 2-6 and fell to Carroll/Moore (Borger) 4-6 and 3-6 in the final round.

Chase Thornberry participated

in the singles and finished in fifth place. Thornberry defeated Alway (Perryton) 6-2, 6-2 in the first round but lost to Cochran (Dumas) 3-6, 5-7 in the second round. He went on to defeat Julian (White Deer) 6-4, 6-0 and Cole (Clovis, NM) 6-4, 6-4. Matt McCabe received consolation for his efforts as he lost to Bonner (Dumas) 0-6, 0-6 in the first round, but he bounced back in the second round to defeat Bryan (White Deer) 6-1, 6-1, Kile (Perryton) 6-2, 6-4 and Allen (Borger) 6-1, 6-1.

Clarendon finished in 6th place with an incomplete team, as no girls were able to go to the meet. Palo Duro was first, Dumas second, Clovis third, Borger fourth, Perryton fifth, Hereford seventh, and White Deer eighth.

Coach Wade Callaway knows his team will improve with the upcoming meets.

"I was very pleased with our kids. It was a 4A Varsity tournament, and we competed very well. The Abdullahs were defeated by a team of which one of them went to state in 4A last year, and Chase and Matt both finished respectable, in the standings. Our other doubles' teams were very inexperienced (none have played together more than one tournament, and two of them were playing in their first), but they improved with every game. That's what it is all about this time of year."

CHS will travel back to Dumas for the Small School Tournament March 5-6 and take part in the Amarillo ISD Tournament March 9.

Lady Broncos stomp Dimmitt, 28-2

By Sandy Anderberg
Despite the cold wet weather, the Lady Broncos kicked off their 2004 softball season in a big way and made short work of their opponent in a 28-2 win over Dimmitt on Saturday, February 28.

The Lady Broncos had things under control from the very first pitch and never let up throughout the game. Pitching for the Lady Broncos was sophomore Haley Shelton and catching was senior Lacey Eads.

The Lady Broncos had several good hits and ran the bases well for their first game. Fellow juniors Jamie Simmons and Laura

Dziedzic each connected for a home run, and Simmons added a triple as well. Eads also popped one out for a triple.

The Lady Broncos continued their dominance in the JV match up as they won 11-4. Kristin White was on the mound, and Kaitlyn Howard was behind the plate. White slammed a homerun, Dziedzic connected for a triple, and freshman Kelsea Hoeltzel hit a double in the game. Coach Kathy Barton was pleased with their effort.

The Lady Broncos will play Ascension Academy at home March 5 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Broncos defeat Caprock

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos scored big in their first appearance in the 2004 baseball season with a win over Caprock JV with the final score of 13-10.

The Broncos began slow but went ahead by one run in the third inning. After allowing Caprock to tie the score, the Broncos scored six runs to take the lead for good in the fifth inning of play.

The Broncos had nine hits in the game with eight errors. Senior Jeremy Howard was on the mound and pitched for 3 2/3 innings. Quentin West came in to pitch for 3 innings to get the win. Adam Leeper also pitched part of an inning.

Head coach Brad Elam was pleased with the win but knows there's room for improvement.

"We didn't drive the ball well, but we did a good job of two strike hitting and had few strikeouts. Our defense still needs a lot of work. Jeremy and Quentin pitched well but walked too many."

The Broncos faced Boys Ranch Friday, February 28, and fell short in their attempt to defeat the Rough Riders. The final score was 3-18.

According to Elam, the Broncos were in the game until the sixth inning when Boys Ranch scored 12 runs. Dusty Martindale pitched five innings and was credited with the loss, and Andrew Thomas pitched one inning.

"Hitting and defense still needs a lot of work," Elam said. "Pitchers did an outstanding job. Dusty threw five quality innings, and Andrew came on and threw a good 7th (inning). We did turn a triple play in the game. Eric Peterson caught a pop up, tagged the runner going back to first and threw to second for the third out."

The Broncos checked up four hits and eleven errors in the game.

Clarendon will travel to Kress Friday, March 5, to play the Kangaroos beginning at 4:30 p.m. and play a double header against the Caprock Freshmen Saturday, March 6, with the first game starting at 12:00 p.m.

Six local athletes named to All-District

By Sandy Anderberg
Three Broncos and three Lady Broncos have been named to the All-District Basketball Team, according to head basketball coaches Wade Callaway and Kathy Barton. Athletes were nominated by their respective coaches and selected by the other coaches that participated in District 2-1A.

Seniors Jeremy Howard and Drew Sell were named to the team as was sophomore Chase Thornberry. Howard averaged 16.2 points per

game and 5.6 rebounds. Sell added 10.2 points per game and led the Broncos with 70 steals. Thornberry assisted the Broncos with 5.8 points per game, 4.5 rebounds, and 5.6 assists. Honorable mentions to the team were senior Tim Leeper, junior Jesse Gowdy, and freshmen Steven Ballard and Andrew Thomas.

"The fact that the opposing coaches voted these three young men onto the All-District team says a lot about them and the season we had as a team," Callaway said.


Others named to the All-District Team were MVP: Jared Heck (Claude), Trevor Guy (Memphis), Scott Sims and Rob Ingram (Wellington), Brad Masters and Hector Emiliano (Wheeler), Trae Sweatt and Trevor Benton (Shamrock), Russell Irby, Carl Irby, and Clay Conrad (Claude).

Selected to the Girls All-District Team were senior Lacey Eads, junior Destiny Weatherton, and sophomore Claudia Thomas. Congratulations to all of those selected.

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Clarendon College Lady Bulldog Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
March 6-7	*Howard College	1:00 & 3:00	Big Spring
March 9-10	*West Texas College	1:00 & 3:00	Clarendon
March 19-20	*Odessa College	1:00 & 3:00	Odessa
March 26-27	*El Paso CC	1:00 & 3:00	Clarendon
March 31-Apr 1	*Midland College	4:00 & 6:00	Midland
Apr. 6	Hardin Simmons	TBA	Clarendon
Apr. 9-10	*Howard College	1:00 & 3:00	Clarendon
Apr. 11	Frank Phillips	2:00 & 4:00	Clarendon
Apr. 17-18	*West Texas College	1:00 & 3:00	Snyder
Apr. 23-24	*Odessa College	1:00 & 3:00	Clarendon
	*Conference Games		



Baseball

Bronco Style

Broncos

1	JC Blackburn	Sr
2	Lance Ford	Fr
3	Jeremy Howard	Sr
4	Ty Lewis	Jr
6	Adam Leeper	Sr
7	Michael Bruce	So
8	Scottie Willis	Jr
10	Dusty Martindale	Sr
11	Eric Peterson	Sr
14	Jon McGlaun	Fr
15	Quentin West	So
17	LaDez Captain	Fr
18	Andrew Thomas	Fr
21	Stephen Ford	So
22	Tyler Drackley	Fr
24	Chris Tiedeman	Fr
25	Clint Watson	Fr

Coach: Brad Elam
Asst. Coach: Wade Callaway

Lady Broncos

2	Jessie Howard	Fr
3	Kaitlyn Howard	So
4	Laura Dziedzic	Jr
5	Audrey Bennett	Fr
6	Erica Depew	Fr
7	Brittney Hall	Sr
8	Sarah Depew	Jr
10	Lacey Eads	Sr
11	Haley Shelton	So
12	Kayla Martindale	Jr
14	Kristin White	So
15	Kelsea Hoeltzel	Fr
16	Sarah Scrivner	Fr
17	Shanna Shelton	Jr
19	Kimberly Tolbert	So
20	Jamie Simmons	Jr

Coach: Kathy Barton
Managers: Paige Drackley, Caitlan Hall, Shelby Watson

Bronco Baseball
Clarendon v. Kress
Friday, March 5, at 4:30 p.m.
in Kress

Clarendon v. Caprock Freshmen
Saturday, March 6, at 12:00 & 2:30 p.m.
in Amarillo at Caprock Field

Lady Bronco Softball
Clarendon v. Ascension Academy
Friday, March 5, at 4:30 p.m.
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Clarendon v. Aspermont
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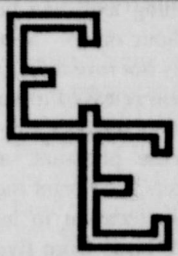
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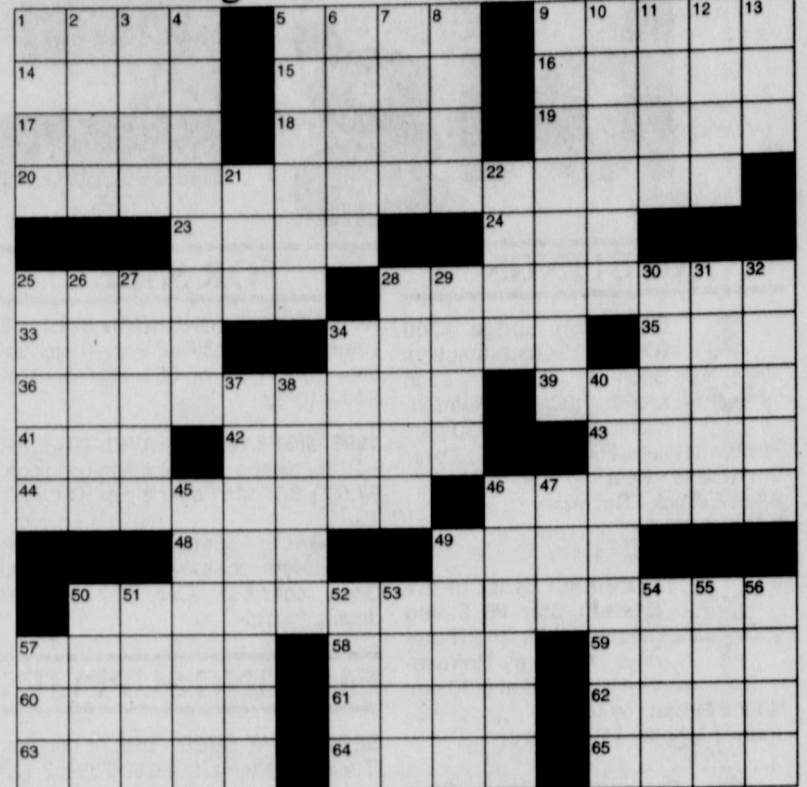
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 - Climbs up
 - Bjorn ___ tennis player
 - Egyptian goddess
 - Large integer
 - Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
 - 24 hours (old English)
 - More coherent
 - Fragrant resin
 - Type of woodpecker genus
 - Insert mark
 - Beams
 - Deck for divination
 - Shoelace end
 - Mouth-watering
 - Banishes
 - Roof coverings
 - Italian city
 - Abandoning a party or cause
 - Capital of Rwanda
 - In a way, hinders
 - Container
 - A bottle that contains a drug
 - Second letter (Greek alphabet)
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 - Tangible
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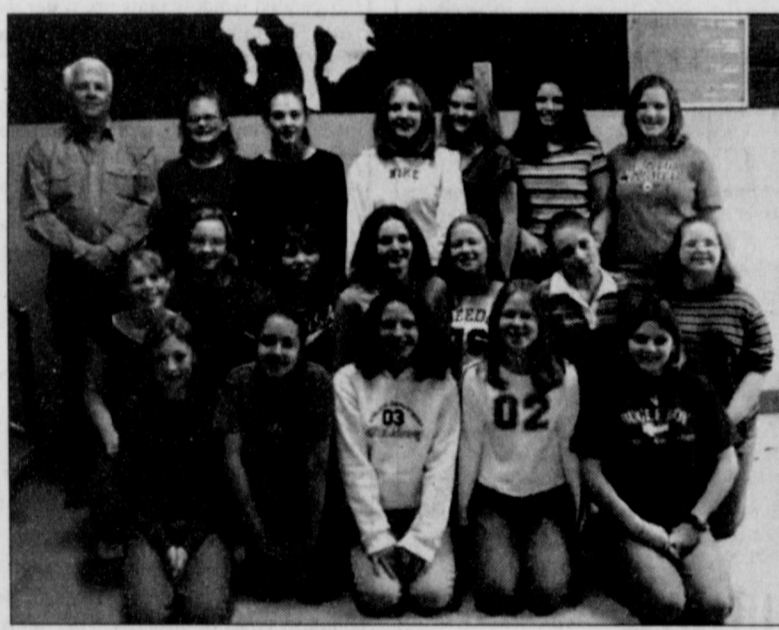
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Jenci White, Haleigh Lewis, Janae White, and Macy Shadle ran the 400-meter relay and finished in first. The 800-meter relay finished 2nd; and the runners were Beka Ray, Allison Garrard, Caitlin Clark, and Cortnee Thornberry. The mile relay finished in fourth place. Members of that relay are Janae White, Abbie Massingill, Lewis, and Shadle.

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District Champions

The seventh grade Lady Colts finished the 2003-04-basketball season with a perfect record in district play. They topped off their winning season and walked away as District Champs in the season-ending tournament at Wellington in February. They were recently introduced at a CC Lady Bulldog basketball game and honored for their achievements.

Photo courtesy CJH.

Colts take second place in track meet

The seventh grade Colts walked away with 2nd place at the Highland Park Track Meet Friday, February 27.

The 400-meter relay finished 3rd, and the runners on the team were Alton Gaines, Nathan Gribble, Devin Noble, and Derrick Shelton. That same team finished 2nd in the 800-meter relay.

Individual events; 800-meter dash, Gaines-1st; 400-meter dash, Johnny Ballard-1st, Gribble-3rd, Shelton-4th; 200-meter hurdles; Noble-1st; pole vault; Gribble-2nd; long jump, Gaines-4th, Noble-6th; triple jump, Gaines-2nd. Others participating were Billy Cenicerros, Jesus Her-

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"The Colts did a good job for their first meet," Mike Ray said. "We're looking forward to the next meet."

The Colts will go to Claude Friday, March 5.

Clarendon High School golf team fights elements, finishes 3rd

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco golf team participated in the Childress Golf Tournament, which was their first tournament of the year.

Despite the horrible conditions, the team managed to finish in third place behind Vernon and Quana-

handed, senior Gary Utsey finished second with a 76 and received a medal. He finished one stroke out of first place behind a member from the Vernon team.

Others participating in the meet were Jeremy Howard 91, Jeremy Utsey 94, Quentin West 104, and Tim

Leeper 108.

"Everyone's scores were nowhere near where they will be in better conditions," coach Mike Ray said. "It was wet, cold, and rainy and definitely unfavorable conditions."

The Broncos will compete in the Canadian tournament March 16.

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LEGAL NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valo's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, VALOR proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on VALOR's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$0.6 in Year 3, \$0.4 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

VALOR is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If VALOR's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on VALOR's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse VALOR for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

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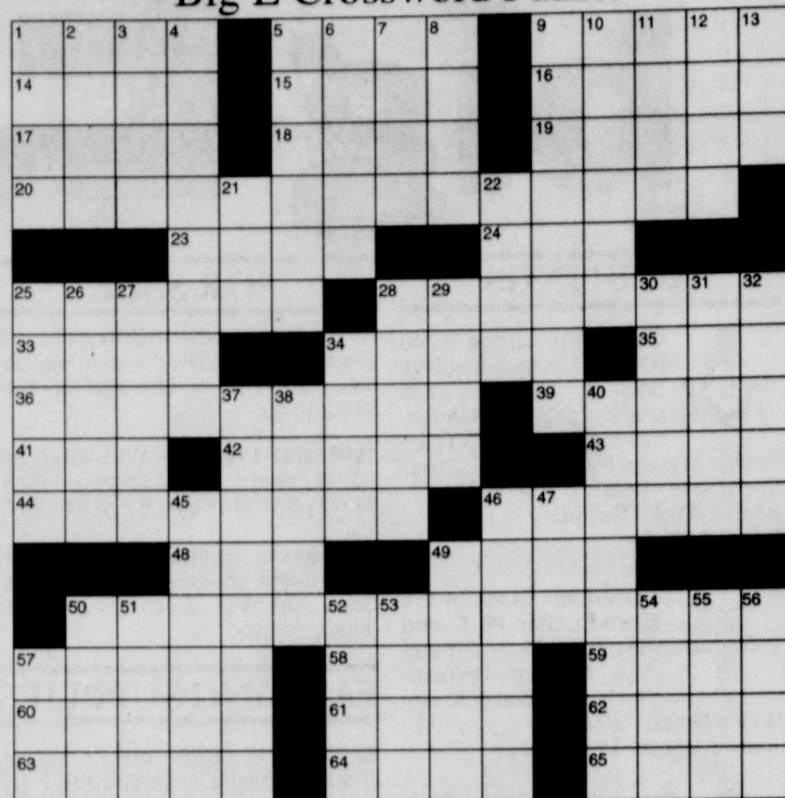
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49. Pesetas (abbr.)
50. Safari goers
57. Pattern transfer
58. Oil company
59. Assist in some wrongdoing
60. Dish
61. The small projection of a mammary gland
62. Murder
63. Anteater genus
64. Holbrook and Roach
65. University in Connecticut

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4. Person who enjoys sensuality
5. Kicks around
6. Makes ale
7. Messenger ribonucleic acid, (abbr.)
8. Asian nation
9. The exact opposite
10. Climbs up
11. Bjorn __, tennis player
20. End of the season
25. Reddish browns
28. Apparatus for maintaining a constant low temperature
33. Settled down
34. Bleated
35. Honorable title (Turkish)
36. Absolutely essential
39. Peers
41. Australian flightless bird
42. Leases
43. Author
44. Most parous
46. Beam Me Up, _
48. Hostelry
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Lady Colts finish 2nd in track meet

The Lady Colts put together a second place finish behind Fritch in the Highland Park track meet held February 27.

Jenci White, Haleigh Lewis, Janae White, and Macy Shadle ran the 400-meter relay and finished in first. The 800-meter relay finished 2nd; and the runners were Beka Ray, Allison Garrard, Caitlin Clark, and Cortnee Thornberry. The mile relay finished in fourth place. Members of that relay are Janae White, Abbie Massingill, Lewis, and Shadle.

Individual events: Long jump: Shadle-3rd, Lewis-5th; High jump: Massingill-4th; Discus, Audrey Jones-1st, Charlea Hoeltzel-4th, Morgan Hysinger-5th; 2400-meter run; Sam Mendez-4th, Brittany Saitta-5th; 100-meter dash; Shadle-4th; 200-meter hurdles; Jenci White-2nd; 1200-meter run; Ray-1st, Mendez-4th, Saitta-5th. Other members of the team are Bailey Starnes, Kaysea Green, and Amelia Taylor.

The eighth grade Lady Colts competed in the meet as well. The 400-meter relay finished 2nd; and the runners were Jill Cornell, Erin Holland, Abby Patten, and Zan Burks. The same team competed in the mile relay and finished 4th. The 800-meter relay finished 5th, and members of that relay are Casey Phillips, Trisha Hewitt, Madison Shields, and Destiny Smith. Individual events: Long jump; Cornell 1st, Burks-4th; Discus, Sade Faas-3rd; Pole Vault, Holland-1st; 2400-meter run; Phillips-6th; 100-meter dash, Cornell-6th; 400-meter dash, Patten-4th; 200-meter hurdles, Holland-5th; 200-meter dash, Burks-5th. Other members of the team are Amanda Mendez and Kati Blackburn.

The Lady Colts will participate in the Claude track meet March 5.

Clarendon High School golf team fights elements, finishes 3rd

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco golf team participated in the Childress Golf Tournament, which was their first tournament of the year.

Despite the horrible conditions, the team managed to finish in third place behind Vernon and Quana.



District Champions

The seventh grade Lady Colts finished the 2003-04-basketball season with a perfect record in district play. They topped off their winning season and walked away as District Champs in the season-ending tournament at Wellington in February. They were recently introduced at a CC Lady Bulldog basketball game and honored for their achievements.

Photo courtesy CJH.

Colts take second place in track meet

The seventh grade Colts walked away with 2nd place at the Highland Park Track Meet Friday, February 27.

The 400-meter relay finished 3rd, and the runners on the team were Alton Gaines, Nathan Gribble, Devin Noble, and Derrick Shelton. That same team finished 2nd in the 800-meter relay.

Individual events; 800-meter dash, Gaines-1st; 400-meter dash, Johnny Ballard-1st, Gribble-3rd, Shelton-4th; 200-meter hurdles; Noble-1st; pole vault; Gribble-2nd; long jump, Gaines-4th, Noble-6th; triple jump, Gaines-2nd. Others participating were Billy Cenicerros, Jesus Her-

nandez, Zack Rattan, Eric Holland, Andie Barton, and Danzel Wilson.

The eighth grade Colts competed in the meet as well. The 800-meter relay finished in 4th place, and the runners on the team are Dalton Askew, Scott Fowler, Trevor Leeper, and Kaleb Shadle. Askew was 1st in the pole vault, and Austin Howard was 2nd. Others competing were Keifer Burton, Stephen Fowler, and PJ Ray.

"The Colts did a good job for their first meet," Mike Ray said. "We're looking forward to the next meet."

The Colts will go to Claude Friday, March 5.

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"Everyone's scores were nowhere near where they will be in better conditions," coach Mike Ray said. "It was wet, cold, and rainy and definitely unfavorable conditions."

The Broncos will compete in the Canadian tournament March 16.

Enterprise Deadlines

News & Photos: Monday @ noon
Ads & Classifieds: Monday @ 5 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, VALOR proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on VALOR's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

VALOR is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If VALOR's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on VALOR's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse VALOR for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, \$3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunications de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales."

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años conmensando el día que la Comisión emite el orden final, por la solicitud de VALOR. La Comisión puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS por cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS se aplicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

VALOR hace propositos de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea residencial: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. VALOR hace propositos de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2, \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, VALOR esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada línea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada línea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posible que VALOR estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines.

Si la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación de VALOR esta aprobada, el efecto neta anual de tasas para VALOR en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a VALOR por los gastos aumentados y asociados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que VALOR trata de recuperar sobre este procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propositados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.