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

Chamber taking award nominations

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for recognition of local citizens.

Nominees can include anyone from Donley County. The awards to be given this year include: the Saints' Roost Award (for a lifetime of service to the community), Man and Woman of the Year (for outstanding service in 2012), Pioneer Man and Woman of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year.

Each nomination should include a brief narrative of the reason for the selection and qualifications of the nominee. Nominations should be limited to a maximum of one page in length.

Nominations can be delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or mailed to Clarendon Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 987, Clarendon, TX 79226.

County considers VFD coverage areas

Donley County Commissioners discussed coverage areas with local fire departments during their regular meeting Monday morning.

Attending the meeting were Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell, Hedley Fire Chief Leon Ward, and Howardwick Fire Chief Joe Hall. County Attorney Landon Lambert also attended.

Discussions focused on which departments should be dispatched for certain areas. County Judge Jack Hall said the commissioners' court took no action on the topic and let the parties sort it out for themselves.

Chief Joe Hall said Howardwick will be dispatched on calls from their city and in an area north to the county line bounded by State Hwy. 70 on the east and basically County Road 9 on the west. Hall said he appreciated all the parties involved in designating this area for his department. Clarendon will also be paged out to fires in that area.

In other county business, the court approved purchasing replacement highway signs informing travelers of the burn ban in Donley County.

Channel 7 features Clarendon paper

ProNews 7's Larry Lemmons spent last Wednesday, March 5, with THE ENTERPRISE crew and featured the Texas Panhandle's first newspaper on the 10 o'clock news. Watch the video here: <http://bit.ly/1i3l6Fe>.



Swing!

The Lady Bulldogs faced Garden City Community College this Monday, March 10, 2014, at Clarendon College. The ladies won both games against the Lady Bronco Busters with a 13-6 victory in the first and 11-3 runs in the second. At the plate is Freshman Alexis Vines of Sulphur Springs, Texas. The ladies will take on Rose State Friday, March 14, at home at 1 p.m.

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District court hears two guilty pleas

The district court heard two pleas resulting in convictions when it met in Clarendon on March 6.

District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Greg Buckley, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

A total of \$5,500 in fines were assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on March 6. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,065 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Larry Mario Jaramillo, a 39-year-old resident of Lelia Lake, pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate and was convicted and sentenced to 35 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On September 20, 2012, Jaramillo originally pleaded guilty to the first degree felony offense of aggravated sexual assault of a child that occurred on April 1, 2012, in Donley County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on December 12, 2013, alleging two violations of community supervision.

Jaramillo is also required to pay \$689 in court costs to Donley County and a \$5,000 fine.

Colten Michael Bradham, a 21-year-old resident of Wellington, pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate and was convicted and sentenced to 18 months in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

On June 17, 2013, Bradham originally pleaded guilty to the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance that occurred on December 29, 2012, in Collingsworth County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on November 4, 2013, alleging nine violations of community supervision.

Bradham is also required to pay \$376 in court costs to Collingsworth County, and a \$500 fine, and \$140 restitution.

EDC votes to expand storefront program

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation last week expanded its Façade Grant Program to include businesses on the US 287 corridor in the city.

Sixteen recipients have received a total of more than \$19,000 since the program began in 2008. Those improvements were made to fourteen properties in Clarendon's Central Business District, and CEDC board members said last week it was time to open the program up to the main highway through town.

CEDC board members emphasized that businesses interested in funds from the Façade Grant Program must have their grant application before the project begins. Funding will be considered on a case by case basis and first come, first served as long as budgeted funds will allow.

The CEDC Façade Grant Program provides fifty-fifty matching grants up to a maximum of \$2,000 per project for properties within the Central Business District and along US 287 inside the city.

If the total of a project costs \$1,500, the CEDC would contribute \$750. A \$4,000 project would be eligible for the maximum of \$2,000, and any projects costing more than \$4,000 would also only be eligible

See 'Grants' on page 3.

Donley eligible for FSA loans

Donley County was declared as a primary natural disaster area on February 12, 2014, and is eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans.

Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to the damages and losses caused by drought, that occurred from December 17, 2013 and continuing may be eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

Armstrong, Collingsworth, and Hall counties are named contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance, pursuant to section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Tonya R. Watson and Farm Loan Officer Debbie Roberts Hillis is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

Mrs. Watson said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is October 14, 2014, for production and physical losses. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is located at 305 Ave B, NW in Childress or the Donley County office located at 321 S. Sully St. in Clarendon. The telephone number is in Childress is 940-937-8624 and in Clarendon is 806-874-3561.

Clarendon EDC awards 17th storefront grant

A local business' renovation more than six months in the making has been capped off with new doors paid for in part by a grant from the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

Robertson Funeral Directors at 212 S. Sully received \$1,627.50 as the 17th award under the CEDC's popular Façade Grant Program, and this mark's the programs first award that is not on Kearney Street.

Chuck Robertson said the CEDC money specifically helped pay for the purchase and installation of custom-made doors for the funeral home as well as some glass work. The business has also repainted its awning and exterior as part of a complete remodeling.

"This is a huge remodel project, and this grant helped a bunch with the final stage of the work," Robertson said.

The biggest changes from the project are on the interior, which has been completely modernized. The funeral home's staterooms, chapel, lobby, showroom, planning office, and bathrooms were completely renovated with new texturing, carpet, updated lighting, and new furniture. A second bathroom was

also installed.

"It all feels more comfortable now," Robertson said.

Robertson said he's proud that most of the work on the interior and exterior was done by local contractors, and more work is on the horizon as the business plans to renovate an apartment in the building for use as office space.

Robertson recommends the CEDC's Façade Grant Program to other businesses as a way to help spruce up the town.

"It just makes things look better when people come through town," he said. "Now they will see our building, the Security Abstract building, and the Courthouse. I want to see Clarendon grow, and the only way it's going to happen is if businesses invest and make it grow."

Since the Façade Grant Program began in 2008, the CEDC has awarded \$19,397.04 to property owners in downtown Clarendon. The Façade Grant Program provides 50-50 matching grants, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per project, for improvements done to commercial storefronts.

The program considers properties located in the city's entire



Clarendon Director of Tourism & Economic Development Chandra Eggemeyer presents a check to Chuck Robertson of Robertson Funeral Directors. The funeral home plans an open house in the near future to showcase its recent renovations.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Central Business District, an area that generally includes properties facing Kearney Street from First to Fifth streets as well as properties facing Sully Street and Jefferson Street from First to Fifth and properties on the west side of Gorst Street from Second Street (US 287) to Fourth Street. Businesses located on the US 287 corridor are also now eligible to apply for funding.

Projects eligible for

consideration could be anything from a coat of paint to new signage to sidewalk improvements to a complete rehabilitation of a storefront. Property owners interested in Façade Grant funds must get approval before beginning their projects.

For more information about the CEDC Façade Grant Program, contact Chandra Eggemeyer at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre at 874-2421.

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Humorist Robertson graces Ritz stage

Nationally known humorist and professional speaker Jeanne Robertson will bring her unique and hilarious life perspectives and a positive, uplifting message to the Ritz Theatre stage in Wellington at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

Speaking to thousands of people annually, Robertson utilizes her positively funny style to illustrate that a sense of humor is much more than a laughing matter. For Robertson, it is a strategy for success.

Critics have hailed her as a speaker so adept at turning personal experiences into funny material that it does more than elicit laughter. This Miss Congeniality winner in the Miss America Pageant uses her

down-home Southern drawl to leave her audiences laughing and thinking about her message. More information on Robertson's life and message can be found at jeannerobertson.com.

Tickets went on sale March 6 and may be purchased by stopping by or calling the Ritz box office between 6:30 and 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or online at wellingtonritztheatre.com. Outside of box office hours, callers are encouraged to leave their name and number on the Ritz voicemail to receive a call back. Tickets purchased in advance are \$35 and \$40 for premium seating. Day of show ticket price is \$45. The Ritz was built in 1928, and

formally opened in 1929 as the first "talking" movie theater in the county and one of the first in the region. It used the Vitaphone and Movietone systems that brought silent movies to life through synchronized sound.

The Ritz closed in the early 1980s and fell into ruin until a local group, Historic Wellington, rescued the building and launched a restoration effort.

The Mission-Revival theater was completely rebuilt with community support and reopened in 2007, and shows first-run movies and stages live musical and theatrical events. It is managed by the non-profit Wellington Ritz Theatre, Inc. Board.

USDA urges producers to keep thorough records

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia, last week repeated his appeal to livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the drought in the West and the unexpected winter storm in the upper Midwest to keep thorough records. This includes livestock and feed losses, and any additional expenses that are a result of losses to purchased forage or feed stuff.

"The 2014 Farm Bill provides a strong farm safety net to help ranchers during these difficult times," said Garcia. "We'll provide producers with information on new program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. In the meantime, I urge producers

to keep thorough records. We know these disasters have caused serious economic hardships for our livestock producers. We'll do all we can to assist in their recovery."

In addition to western drought and the early-winter snowstorms, there are a variety of disasters from floods to storms to unexpected freezes. Each event causes economic consequences for farmers and ranchers throughout the United States. FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

- Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;

- Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
- Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures;

- Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed;
- Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records;
- Pictures of on-farm storage facilities that were destroyed by wind or flood waters; and
- Evidence of damaged farm land.

Visit www.fsa.usda.gov or an FSA county office to learn more about FSA programs and loans. For information about USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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Tues	4	64°	28°	-
Wed	5	47°	22°	0.11"
Thur	6	68°	28°	-
Fri	7	80°	29°	-
Sat	8	46°	24°	-
Sun	9	66°	27°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.21"
Total precipitation to date: 0.42"

weekend forecast

Fri., March 13
Mostly Cloudy
69° / 48°

Sat., March 14
Mostly Cloudy
72° / 51°

Sun., March 15
Mostly Sunny
70° / 44°

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- March 14**
Bronco Baseball v Quannah • 1 p.m. • Clarendon
Lady Broncos Softball v Quannah • 12 p.m. • Clarendon
Building Baseball v Luna • Noon • CC Baseball Field
Lady Building Softball v Rose State • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. • CC Softball Field
- March 15**
Building Baseball v Luna • Noon • CC Baseball Field
Lady Broncos Softball v Alumnri • 1 p.m. • Clarendon
- March 17**
St. Patrick's Day
- March 18**
Bronco Baseball v Friona • 4:30 p.m. • Friona
- March 19**
Building Baseball v Garden City • 2 p.m. • CC Baseball Field
- March 21**
Bronco Baseball v Claude • 4 p.m. • Clarendon
Lady Broncos Softball v Claude • 4 p.m. • Clarendon

March 24-25
South Zone UIL One Act Play • Harmed Sisters Fine Arts Center

March 25
Bronco Baseball v Gruver • 4 p.m. • Gruver
Lady Broncos Softball v Gruver • 4 p.m. • Gruver

March 28
Bronco Baseball v Shamrock • 4 p.m. • Clarendon
Lady Broncos Softball v McLean • 4 p.m. • Clarendon

March 29
Invitational Judging Contest

April 1
April Fool's Day
Bronco Baseball v Follett • 4 p.m. • Clarendon
Lady Broncos Softball v Follett • 4 p.m. • Clarendon

April 4
Bronco Baseball v West Texas • 4 p.m. • West Texas
Lady Broncos Softball v West Texas • 4 p.m. • West Texas

April 5
Twist a Wish Bull Riding Event • Livestock And Equine Center • Details TBA

April 8
Bronco Baseball v Booker • 4 p.m. • Clarendon
Lady Broncos Softball v Booker • 4 p.m. • Clarendon

April 10-11
Steve Lewis Horse Clinic • Livestock And Equine Center • Details TBA

April 15
Bronco Baseball v Claude • 4 p.m. • Claude
Lady Broncos Softball v Claude • 4 p.m. • Claude

★ Menus

March 17 - 21

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Meatloaf/tomato sauce, green snap peas, buttered squash, sugar cookies, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat rolls, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Charbroiled beef patty, pepper & onions, grilles, baker potatoes, buttered corn, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: BBQ chicken, garden salad, tator tots, wheat bread, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Beef stroganoff/noodles, whole wheat roll, whole wheat roll, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken salad sandwich, lettuce, tomato, onion, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Country fried steak, cream gravy, yellow corn, mashed potato, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Ham & beans, spinach, orange pineapple cup, corn apple crisp, corn bread, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Turkey & dressing, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
Tue: Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast club, fresh fruit, milk.
Thu: Chicken-n-waffles, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, fresh fruit, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Pork chop, salad, green beans, peaches, breadstick, milk.
Tue: Tacos, salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberry, milk.
Thu: Ham & cheese sandwich, chios, broccoli bites, salad, orange smiles, milk.
Fri: Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, milk.

Locals fall victim to telephone scam in Clarendon

Hi, gang! I have learned of one of our older citizens who has lost a large sum of money to a telephone "you have won a large amount of money" scam.

A concerned friend just happened to check on her and found her with a large sum of cash. She asked about the money, and the lady said that she was going to the Western Union but was evasive about why. The lady kept talking and was finely told that she had won a lot of money and she had to send some more money to receive it. On further visiting she said she had already sent a large sum yesterday. The scammer called while they were talking and after the friend listened in she took the phone and told the scammer that she knew this was a scam and to never call her friend back.

Please if you have an older loved one or friend check with them often and warn them about these

scams that want them to send money to receive something. This older lady lives on Social Security and has no other income. They may be reluctant to tell you but remind them that they should not send money. No, their grandson is not in jail. Their debit or credit card has not been frozen. They have not paid their water bill and their water will be cut off. Some of these scams are also through the mail. Tell them to look up the number in the phone book or on their last stub (not the number that they have received) and call their bank, city office or kinfolk before they do anything. They can also call the Sheriff's Office or my phone number, 205-2758.

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Be safe out there and check on an older friend or relative.

Celebrating the history of Texas

Wars take time. The American Revolution took about nine years, the Civil War was more than four years, and the Texas Revolution was just weeks. The Declaration of Independence was signed March 2, 1836, and Gen. Santa Anna surrendered April 21, 1836.

The road leading to the Revolution was long, beginning in 1822 with the Old 300 who were granted the right to settle on Mexican land in exchange for recruiting and taking care of the settlers. The rules they had to promise to follow were to practice Catholicism, learn Spanish, own property or have a useful profession, and report to nearest Mexican authority to settle. People could claim one square league (4,438 acres) of land, if they had cattle they could request more land and large families could request more. They were also allowed to bring slaves into Texas.

Soon it became apparent many Americans were moving to Texas

and settling land without following the rules which were difficult to enforce from Mexico. In 1830, the legal immigration from the US was halted, no more slaves could be brought in, and custom houses to collect tariffs were constructed.

In 1832, the first skirmish between Texans and Mexican troops occurred at Anahuac. In 1832, and 33 diplomatic talks led by Stephen F. Austin against the Mexicans continued. During one of the sessions at Mexico City in July 1833 Austin was arrested with no charges and held a prisoner until August 1835 when he returned to Texas.

In early 1834, fearing rebellion by Texans, concessions were granted. But in April 1834, Gen

Santa Anna suspended the Mexican Constitution and declared himself dictator. Conditions between the two countries continued to deteriorate with the battle of Gonzales over a dispute of a cannon and the famous saying, "come and take it". The Declaration of Independence was March 2, 1836 followed by the 13-day siege of the Alamo that resulted in the death of 189 men. Battles continued, and on March 27 the Goliad massacre occurred with the execution of James Fannin and 400 Texas prisoners. The last battle was at San Jacinto, led by Sam Houston. It lasted 18 minutes and resulted in the capture of Santa Anna and securing the independence of Texas. Thus the Republic of Texas was born and lasted nine years with the annexation as a state for the United States of America. What a history!

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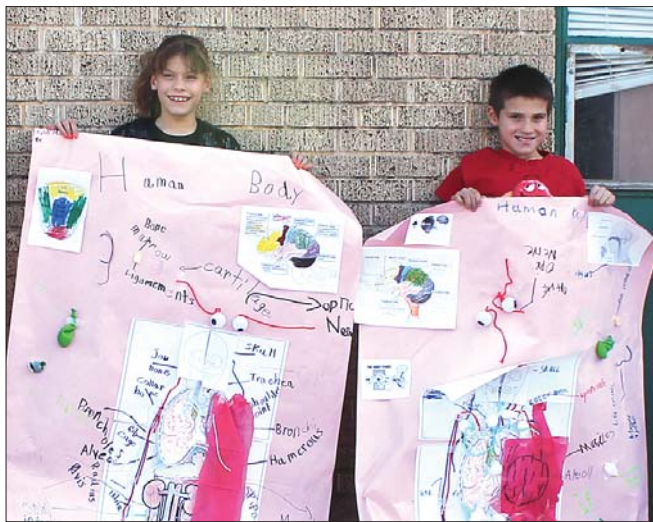
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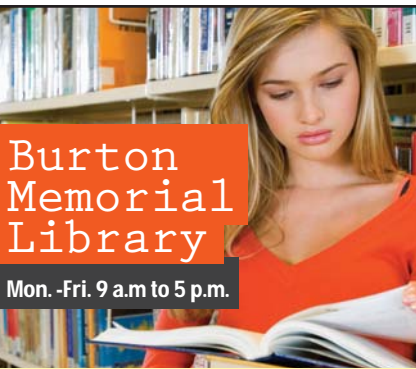
Hedley 3rd grade students learn about the human body with student teacher Angie Branigan. Pictured are Kylie Monroe and Joshua Booth.

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Hedley's 3rd and 4th grade team won first at the Hedley Tournament. Pictured are (back) Colton Morrow, Josiah Howard, Koyt Tucek, Cutter Goodpasture, Jordan Herndon, (front) Gaven Nazario, Calder Havens, Jodee Pigg, and Brock Hatley.

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Derby time

Kaden Early (holding trophy) won the championship when Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 held its annual Pinewood Derby last Thursday, March 6. First place winners by Den also included Tyler Paul, Nathan Estlack, and Jacob Murillo. Also recognized following the race were Nathan Estlack, Daniel Estlack, and Mason Allred for placing in their grade divisions during a BB-gun shoot out held in Amarillo last month by the Golden Spread Council during which more than 100 boys participated.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ASHLEE ESTLACK

Restocking comes before rebuilding for cattle herds

AMARILLO – Restocking of cattle ranches must take place before the nation can rebuild its cattle herd. But restocking in a period of drought takes careful management, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

“You have and will continue to hear about the glorious market incentives that will cause you to rebuild the national cow herd,” said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist from Vernon, who spoke at the recent Panhandle Ranch Management workshop in Amarillo. “But many people don’t understand there is a difference between rebuilding and restocking a cow herd.”

“Everyone’s ready to rebuild the cow herd. We’d all love to do it. Just tell me when my water is ready, and tell me when my grass is ready.”

Rebuilding starts with restocking on the individual ranch level,

Bevers said.

“The unique thing about a cow-calf operation compared to other components of the beef industry is it is a totally different business model,” he said. “We are talking about an asset management business where we have to pay attention to the fixed assets and fixed costs within that operation.”

Bevers explained that the only way from a micro-economic theory standpoint to decrease a fixed cost is to increase the number of cows.

“So anytime we get into a drought situation, the example I use is property taxes: somebody that has owned land out there may be paying \$10,000 in property taxes. The tax appraisal district doesn’t care if you have five or 500 cows on that land, the fact is you still have to pay \$10,000 in taxes.”

His definition of restocking is:

The process of placing beef cows back onto your property in order to efficiently utilize the property as an income generating investment.

Rebuilding, on the other hand, is increasing the national beef cow herd over and beyond inventory numbers once restocking after drought has already taken place. This is a macro-level issue commonly referred to as expansion. To rebuild, someone has to move out of their comfort zone, Bevers said.

“And when I’m talking about a comfort zone, I’m talking about where our production on a ranch is maximized, where our expenses are minimized and where our resources are protected,” he said.

“At the cusp of those three things, that is where I get my maximum efficiency and that is my comfort zone and where I want to be,” Bevers said.

But a drought forces a reduction in numbers and the first thing that happens is productivity goes down, expenses rise and the natural resources are endangered, he said.

“Because of the fixed cost nature of cow-calf operations, anytime we destock like that, if we don’t kill some of our fixed expenses, then our fixed costs go up. So it is a cusp there and a balancing act to get back to a restocking where I’m most comfortable and most efficient as an operation.”

When this happens, then the industry can look at rebuilding from the current 29 million cows in this country back to the 31-31.5 million that existed before the drought, Bevers said.

“We have to restock before we rebuild, and the first thing is making sure the rancher gets the numbers he needs.”

DPS Increases Spring Break DWI Enforcement

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from March 7 – March 23, which coincides with one of the busiest Spring Break periods in Texas. During this effort, DPS troopers will focus on DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded by a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant.

“The decision to drink and drive during Spring Break – or any time – can often lead to disastrous and deadly consequences,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Taking impaired drivers off Texas roadways during Spring Break is a top priority for the department, and we also call on the public to do their part and designate a sober driver or find alternate transportation if they plan to drink alcohol.”

During last year’s Spring Break enforcement period, DPS troopers

made more than 1,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 226 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 11,400 speeding citations, 1,600 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and about 12,000 other citations. In addition, troopers made 552 fugitive arrests and 463 felony arrests during this time period.

The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of

mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it’s the law.

Don’t drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire, EMS and TxDOT vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it’s the law.

Avoid travel to Mexico. (U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html.)

USDA reminds producers of March 15 deadline

Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Vance Killian urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of March 15, 2014.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of March 15, 2014: Sorghum Forage, Millet, Cantaloupes, Watermelons, Peas, Peaches, and Pumpkins.

“NAP allows producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops,” said Killian.

“Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers recover when they experience a loss,” he said.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, “Application for Coverage.” Producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 15th deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Limited resource farmers may request a waiver of the service fee at the time the application for coverage is filed. Producers must recertify their limited resource status for each year that a waiver is requested.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Donley County FSA office at 806/874/3561.

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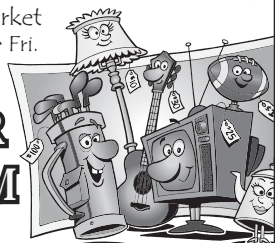
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CHS runners compete in Claude

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos competed in the Claude track meet last week and finished in third place with 80 points behind Wellington and Follet.

Abby Johnson won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.62, and Sarah Luttrell won the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.84 and was second in the long jump with a leap of 15'8". Johnson was second in the 200-meter dash behind Luttrell at 28.24.

Sarah Williams finished fifth in the 1600-meter run at 7:04:27 and Myra Castillo was fourth in the 400 with a time of 1:07.05. Bailey was sixth in the 400 at 1:09.85. Berkeley Alexander finished fifth in the shot put with a distance of 30'10" and Karlee Adams was sixth in that event at 28'6½".

The Broncos competed with limited athletes and finished fifth as a team. Caleb Cob finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time

of 57:93 and fourth in the 800-meter run at a tie of 17:27.

Cedrick McCampbell was third in the 100 at 16:48, fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.83, and fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 40'5". Montana Hysinger was fourth in the discus with a throw of 106'6¼".

The next track meet for the Broncos and Lady Broncos will participate in the Quannah track meet March 22.

Leathers hits hole-in-one at the ccc

By Sandy Anderberg
Howardwick golfer George Leathers took advantage of the great weather Monday afternoon and nailed a hole-in-one on number 11 at the Clarendon Country Club.

It was Leathers' second career hole-in-one, and he used a driver on the 215-yard par three hole. Last Thursday, Sherol Johnston won low gross in the ladies game with an 89, and Gayle Rogers won low net with a 71.

March 30 will be the annual spring Six-Man Skins game. Spots are still available in that tournament. Also, the new tournament schedule for the CCC is set with many tournaments over the summer. For more information you may call the Pro Shop.

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Broncos win wild game over Skyrockets

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos looked unbeatable in the first three innings against Wellington, but let a fourth inning breakdown allow the Skyrockets back into the game last week.

"We jumped out early and often and looked like world-beaters only to collapse in the fourth inning," head coach Brad Elam said. "We opened a 13-0 lead after three innings with timely and clutch hitting. We were able to add three more in the 6th and 7th that ended up to be very important runs."

Elam added that Wellington had a big nine-run third inning and scored three more in the seventh to give us a scare.

Elam felt the pitching was not up to par for the Broncos.

"(Our) pitching was very disappointing as we walked or hit 13 (hits)," Elam said. "We can't do that and be successful. We made some good plays on defense. Bryce Hatley made two very good plays at catcher, (but) we also had some crucial errors also."

Elam knows the Broncos need

to clean some areas up, but there were bright spots in the win.

"I was pleased with our offense," Elam said. "We added nine walks and had 13 hits including doubles by Caleb Cobb, Jonathan Cartwright, and Zack LaRoe. Chance McAnear scored three runs, Hatley scored four runs and Cobb scored three runs. Cobb and LaRoe had three RBI each."

The Broncos will play Kress at home March 15 at 1:00 p.m. and host Chilicothe on Monday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos slam Wellington with 14-8 win

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos scored in every inning in their 14-8 romp over Wellington last week to take them to 2-1 and 1-0 on the season.

Brooke Martin got the win pitching six innings, and Camra Smith came in and pitched in the seventh inning. Haley Ferguson was behind the plate.

Offense was the name of the game in the first inning for both teams as they each scored three runs. But the Lady Broncos flexed their muscles in the following three innings and were on target defensively as they held their opponent to no runs, but put up seven unanswered scores.

The big three innings sealed the

deal for the ladies as they were able to coast to the seventh and did not need their at bat in the last inning. They had 14 hits and only three errors in the game.

The Lady Broncos will host Quannah Friday, March 14, in a double-header at noon, and on March 15 they will play an alumni game at home beginning at 1:00 p.m.

JV Broncos win Claude track meet last week

The Clarendon junior varsity won the Claude track meet with 119 total points last week. The runner-up team was Wellington with 113 points. Clay Koetting earned two first place finishes in the 1600-meter run at 5:42.34 and the pole vault with a leap of 9'6". Riley Shadle scored two top finishes as well in the 300-meter hurdles at 48:4 and the triple jump with a distance of 34'6½". Freshman Taylon Knorpp also scored a top finish with a win in the discus with a throw of 105'9".

Other results: 800-meter run:

Koetting 2nd 2:26.30, Zack LaRoe 3rd 2:27.2; 110-meter hurdles: Wyatt Papa 2nd 12:26, Clint Franks 3rd 12:32, Ethan Ballard 4th 12:72; 400-meter dash: LaRoe 3rd 62:37, Chance Lockhart 5th 65:11, Ballard 6th 65:51; 200-meter dash: Franks 2nd 24:71, Papa 4th 25:65; Discus: Johnson 4th 96'3"; long jump: LaRoe 5th 15'3¼".

Results from the Fritch meet two weeks ago: Franks 100-meter dash 5th 12:54, 200-meter dash 4t 25.80, and competed in pole vault; Ballard competed in 100-meter and

400-meter: Chance Lockhart competed in 100-meter, 800-meter and discus; Nick Shadle competed in 200, 400, and pole vault; Koetting 3rd in 800-meter dash 2:25.80, competed in 1600, and was first in the pole vault at 9'. Riley Shadle 4th 110-meter hurdles 19:98, 6th 300-meter hurdles 51:02, 4th triple jump 33'4¾"; Johnson competed in shot put and was 5th in discus at 93'4"; and Mikeal Ribble competed in the long jump.

The JV Broncos will compete March 22 in the Quannah track meet.

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Batter up

The Lady Bulldogs dominated Garden City Community College Monday, March 10, 2014 winning both games against the Busters. Up to bat is Freshman Korynna Lara of Allen, Texas. The Ladies will face Rose State Friday, March 14 at 1 p.m. in Clarendon.

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CC knocks Lady Busters

By Fred Gray

This year's Lady Bulldogs have attitude - and teeth! These ladies play hard, are well-coached, and don't know the meaning of quit. In short, they are an absolute delight to watch. Every young lady in Donley County and the surrounding area would profit from watching these girls play.

Consider their most recent home stand against Garden City College, from Garden City, Kansas. The Lady Bulldogs played so well that even the Wizard of Oz himself would have been of no help to the Lady Busters.

During the first game of the double-header, the Garden City side made 13 errors, virtually assuring the Lady Bulldogs of victory, winning 13 to 6. The Lady Bulldogs spotted the Lady Broncobusters a

three run advantage in the top of the first inning, then stormed back and put an 11 to 3 whipping on the side from Kansas.

Aided by a towering two-run home run by Whitney Lane, in the bottom of the 6th inning, the Lady Bulldogs scored three runs in the 6th to win in game by the 8 run rule. The final score was 11 to 3.

Gabby Gloria, from Lubbock Estacado High School, came on in relief during the first inning of the second game and pitched a sterling shut-out, allowing the Lady Bulldogs the time needed to regain the lead.

CC scored 11 runs on 12 hits, and had 1 error. Garden City scored 3 runs on 8 hits, with 5 errors.

The next home stand, against Rose State (Oklahoma) on Friday, March 14, at 1 and 3 p.m.

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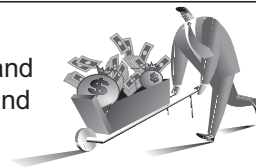
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