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3 Mac Thornberry is named Legislator of the Year by veterans' organization.
4 Bob gives sound advice to those helping folks in Nepal.
7 And the Lady Broncos softball season comes to an abrupt end.

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

Citywide clean-up begins on Monday

A weeklong citywide clean-up will begin next Monday, May 11, and continue through Saturday, May 16.

During the clean-up, city residents will be charged half the usual price of disposal fees at the convenience center on Front Street, and city workers will be available to pick up large items curbside for senior citizens and disabled residents.

The city is also requesting volunteers from the community to help residents who do not have the means to haul off debris.

The convenience center will be open during the clean-up from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, through Friday, May 15, and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 16.

Items not accepted are shingles, construction waste, electronics, paint, and batteries.

Dumping charges will be half their normal rate for Clarendon citizens during the clean-up. A copy of citizens' water bills will be requested at the time of dumping to show residency.

For more information, contact City Hall at 9874-3438.

CC commencement will set new record

Clarendon College will hold commencement exercises for the largest class of graduates in its history this Friday, May 8.

As many as 212 students are expected to participate during three ceremonies, the largest number of graduates in CC's 116-year history.

All commencements will held in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center with the Associate of Science degree ceremony beginning at 10 a.m.; the Ranch & Feedlot Operations program ceremony; and the Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, and Certificates ceremony at 6 p.m.

Appraisal notice ad discusses protests

The Donley County Appraisal District is reminding local taxpayers of their rights in a public notice this week.

The notice of "Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures" is published annually and outlines the procedures and details of protesting an appraised value.

Protests must be filed 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you.

For more information, contact the appraisal district at 806-874-2744.

Methodists to hold tasting Wednesday

The First United Methodist Church of Clarendon will hold its Spring Tasting next Wednesday, May 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available at the church or at Every Nook & Cranny. Kids age 12 and under eat free. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the church.



Clarendon is know for its college on the hill, but a new study finds that the Panhandle's oldest institution of higher learning has a tremendous impact on the economy of Donley County and seven other counties.

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CC adds \$45 million to economy

Clarendon College added an estimated \$44.5 million to the economy of Donley County and seven neighboring counties that make up the CC service area in fiscal year 2013, according to a new study.

Those figures were presented by CC President Robert Riza to the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board at its regular meeting Monday evening.

The study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI) was paid for by the college and the CEDC and looked at several factors including the college's payroll, purchasing, student spending, and alumni earnings as well as the investment of the taxpayers. The CC service area includes Donley, Gray, Chil-

dress, Hall, Collingsworth, Briscoe, Wheeler, and Motley counties.

The 78-page reports finds that CC had \$6.5 million in direct spending during the study period, which included \$5.6 million in payroll for 121 full-time and part-time employees. Much of that figure was spent in the service area to purchase groceries, clothing, and other household goods and services.

EMSI calculated that college students spent more than \$472,000 in the service area. Most of that student spending would have been in Clarendon and Pampa.

Clarendon College alumni had an economic impact of \$37.5 million.

"These numbers are conservative," Riza told the CEDC. "We

know Donley County drives the college, and a lot of our students stay here."

Twenty-three percent of CC students originate from outside the region with some of those relocating to the service area. Those students likely would not have come to the region if not for the college, the study says.

In fiscal year 2013, state and local taxpayers contributed \$3.2 million to Clarendon College, of that \$430,621.02 came from ad valorem taxes levied in Donley County. Every tax dollar invested in CC yields \$6.80 in benefits to society, for an average annual return on investment of 17.6 percent.

EMSI says a student who invests \$1 in education at Clarendon

College will see \$5.80 in higher future income for a return of 20.3 percent.

The study further found that Texas receives \$312.4 million in added state income over the course of students' working lives and realizes \$4.6 million in social savings from educated students due to "reduced crime, lower unemployment, and increased health and well-being."

The CC operating spending is the equivalent of 140 jobs for the area, the impact of student spending is the equivalent of 17 jobs, and the alumni impact is the equivalent of 893 jobs.

Overall CC and its students and alumni support the equivalent of 1,050 jobs.

JRCA says 200+ will rodeo this weekend

More than 200 kids will put their cowboy skills to the test this weekend when the Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association hosts a spring competition at the Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10.

JRCA officials say kids ranging in ages from three to 19 are registered for more than 1,100 runs over the two-day period. Events will run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, and admission is \$5.

Scheduled events including barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, tie down roping, team roping, ribbon roping, bull riding, bronc riding, and mutton busting.

JRCA is a non-profit organization serving the rodeo interests of youth from across the Texas Panhandle, Northwest Texas, and Western Oklahoma. Organized in 1998, the JRCA has enjoyed steady growth and now boasts about 300 members.

Members compete in traditional rodeo events in six different age groups for both girls and boys with regular season rodeos plus the two performance finals.

Members of the JRCA come from Lubbock on the southwest to Oklahoma City on the northeast and from Vernon on the southeast to the Oklahoma Panhandle on the northwest.

This weekend's event is sponsored by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation with Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds, and Clarendon Chamber of Commerce officials are preparing welcome bags encouraging rodeo attendees to support Chamber members.

For more information, visit www.jrcarodeo.com.

Clarendon, Howardwick vote May 9

Voters in Clarendon and Howardwick will go to the polls Saturday for city elections.

Early voting ended Tuesday and turnout was light in both cities. Approximately 80 citizens had voted in Clarendon by late afternoon May 5, and only eight early ballots had been cast in Howardwick shortly after noon that same day.

The only competitive race this spring is in Clarendon where three candidates are vying for two seats on the city council. Incumbent Aldermen Sandy Skelton and Doug Kidd are joined on the ballot by challenger Britton Hall.

Mayor Larry Hicks is also on the city ballot but has no opponent.

The mayor and aldermen all serve two-year terms. City voting this Saturday, May 9, will take place at the Donley County Courthouse Annex from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

While no other local taxing entity is having a competitive election this year to choose local officials, the City of Howardwick is holding an election to renew a local sales tax option in that city.

The measure would renew a one-quarter percent sales tax for street improvements. Howardwick City Hall says the tax doesn't raise much money but is needed for street repairs.

Voting in Howardwick will also be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Howardwick City Hall there, and Mayor Mike Rowland and Alderman Gail Leathers along with alderman candidate Brenda Hampton also are opposed on the ballot.

Election results will be posted Saturday night on ClarendonLive.com



Derby Day

Clarendon Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby last Thursday, April 30. Top Photo: The members of Pack 437 watch closely as Jaythan Green (seated) races Kayden Early (standing). Bottom Left: Kayden Cummings races his car against Nathan Estlack. Bottom Right: Cubmaster Roger Estlack sets cars on the track as Tiger Cubs Kaenden Moffett, Haughton Bivens, and Mason Green watch.

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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. Read at your own risk.

Step up and give leaders your ideas

The Donley County AgriLife Extension Office held a community planning workshop last Tuesday evening, but it turns out the community wasn’t much interested in making plans.

Your editor showed up 30 minutes late (more on that in a moment), and that brought the total number of people at the event to... four.

Extension Agent Leonard Haynes was there along with Clarendon Interim Director of Tourism & Economic Development Jack King, city clerk and Chamber of Commerce board member Sharon Braddock, and myself (newspaper guy, CEDC secretary and Chamber president).



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Mr. Haynes sent out about 80 personal invitations to the event, and it made the front page of the Enterprise twice. And then there were four of us.

Granted, it was a busy night. Clarendon ISD’s Gifted & Talented Showcase was the same night and started at the same time. (There we go with the editor being 30 minutes late.) But surely not everyone on the invitation list was at the GT program.

Maybe it was just a bad day or time, but when is a better day or time? That’s always an issue planning any community event. It always comes down to just picking a day, pulling the trigger, and hoping for the best. Mr. Haynes did due diligence to avoid any possible conflicts, and considering the GT program was going on, he thought he had a good date. And yet, there were four of us.

It’s been suggested that perhaps food would draw more people. Shoot a mile, free beer would probably help, too. But surely there are more than four people interested in the future of our community.

Perhaps things have changed from a decade ago when Mr. Haynes held his first such workshop and more than 40 people attended. Perhaps we’re busier now. Or perhaps – and this is the scary part – we’re a society that is now largely disengaged.

But again we come back to the four of us who were there. We didn’t plan the future for the rest of you. We waited around for another 30 minutes or so and then folded up the tent and went home. But we left knowing that the idea of getting input from the community is a worthy goal.

It may be that we need to go with an online survey of our citizens. What do you want and more importantly what do you think we truly need? What are assets in your opinion and what our weaknesses? What do you think will make Clarendon and Donley County grow? And more importantly, how can we pay for the improvements you would like to see?

All these questions your civic leaders are interested in having answered, but you have to get involved and be part of the process. Join the debate, write a letter to the editor, come to a city council meeting, or call Jack King and tell him your thoughts.



How about a National Siblings Day?

If it were voted on, there’d be no “National Siblings Day.” Period, end of discussion.

The unofficial “date” is sneaking onto calendars, however, perhaps with a gentle push by brain trusts at Hallmark Cards.

Best I can tell, one woman decided her fellow Americans need to “make nice” to their brothers and sisters, with sentiments exchanged April 10 each year – in close proximity with April Fool’s Day....

Women may take to the holiday more than men. Men may limit expression of warm thoughts to brothers only, often just for birthdays. Exceptions may be guys who cave in, giving posies to little sisters to salve guilt feelings for pain they inflicted during growing up years.

Some men may observe the day negatively. Take Randy Humphrey as a current example. He’s half a decade younger than brother Stephen, and both are leaders of Humphrey and Associates, an electrical/mechanical contracting firm founded by their parents, Stephen Sr. and Jackie, 38 years ago as a “Mom and Pop” company. It now has 450 employees. At the firm’s annual awards banquet – held the day after “Siblings Day” – Stephen announced that his little brother was laid up at home, nursing a kidney stone. “I think we should all send get-well text messages to Randy right now,” he said, “Here’s his cell number.” Just to make sure, he repeated it – speaking very slowly so everyone could jot it down.

Randy got 38 text messages. It may be “payback” time later, perhaps with multiple “hope-you’re-sleeping-well” calls to Stephen, perhaps around 2 a.m....

Hallmark may be left holding the envelope. First off, it is NOT a nationally-recognized holiday, even though the Siblings Day Foundation is lobbying to that end. It is “national” in the same manner that hot dogs, automobiles, airlines, etc., are declared “official” by professional sports teams.

In fact, the holiday is observed in only four-fifths of these United States. This figure is identical to the percentage of Americans who have siblings....

With all the surveillance going on, I’m not sure what would happen if there were photographic proof of “happy Sibling Day” cards mailed across boundaries of non-participating states. This might violate some postal rule, or at least the spirit of the so-called holiday.

Maybe participants will handle the cards with rubber gloves, mailing them in the dark of night.

Probably the old “easier to apologize than get permission” excuse would come into play if one is guilty of sending – or receiving – cards in the “wrong” states....

Card-pushers point out that siblings being nice to each other might eventually result in larger families.

Now, costs of raising children dominate adult conversations. Back in the day, children were essentially “farm employees” when most folks had rural addresses. Families of 10-12 – or even



the idle american
by don newbury

more – were fairly common.

One couple, living in a farmhouse near a tar pit, had 15 children. One day, one of the youngsters – coated head to toe with tar – was admonished to stay outdoors. He heard parental mumblings that it might be easier to have another one than to clean him up.”...

It is said that Dick, the younger, once sent a greeting card to their mom, carefully printing these words: “Dear Mom. Thanks 4 putting up with a spoiled, ungrateful, messy, bratty child like my sibling,” signing it “Your Favorite.”

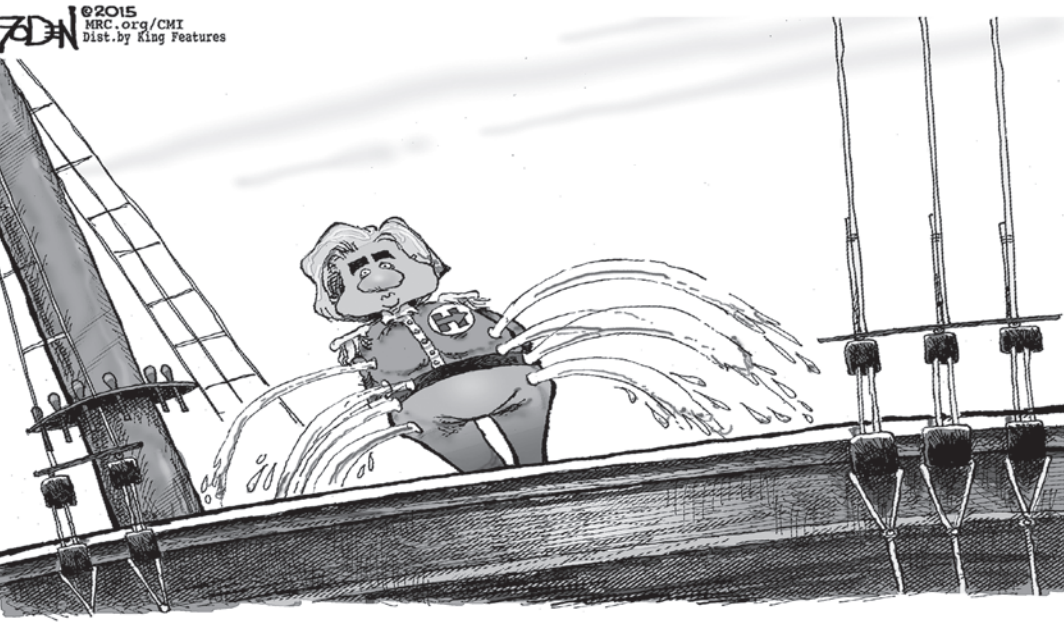
Tom, the older, maintained across the years that “Mother always liked you best.”...

Seems to me the holiday, now just 13 years into play, is more of a “permission slip” than an official observance. Perhaps the 39 governors who signed on figured it to be easier to go along than to oppose the measure. Since it also is acknowledged in India and Australia, look for proponents to call it an “international holiday.”

In the meantime, I hope to stay in touch with my brother with occasional phone calls.

And if I think of it, I’ll send him a birthday card....

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Join the Chamber to help Clarendon

Maybe it’s time for a report from the Economic Development side of your Chamber of Commerce. Now don’t expect this to become a habit, but some of you do like to keep up with your EDC stuff, so here we go.

We started this adventure by trying to identify Real Estate that would be available for industrial usage and this has proceeded quite well. Several parcels, adjacent to the city, have been located and their owners are willing to work with us, so now we just need industry to “come on down.” Their letters are in the mail. Other subjects, such as our local peanut industry, have been recognized as having great possibilities for future development, as well as a strong wish for a well-developed airport that could service any new industry as needed

along with a myriad of other subjects make every day an exciting experience.

I do find the need for some straight talk about the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. Surely, you all know that the Chamber is basically charge with only one principle responsibility and that is to make our city more comfortable, more dynamic, and more economically secure. Each day the Chamber doors open for that reason. Consider the Chamber, if you will, as your own full time employee, working to make yours a better life. I can’t help but be amazed that every single business in town is not a member, nor that every single one that cares about our town being better and better would not have a Chamber banner on the front door.

Come on, folks. The Chamber

needs you, your membership, your thoughts, your abilities, and your talents. Join this everyday employee of yours and pay dues, exercise your thoughts, speak up, step up, throw up (if necessary), but come on in. we don’t care if you are a parent, a student, a teacher, businessman, clergy, senior citizen, has-been, or going-to-be. If Clarendon is to become a whirlwind of activity, a fun place to live and work, and full of going businesses, we must depend on you! Join today!

Drop by the Clarendon Visitor Center anytime. We would love to hear your ideas.

Jack King
Interim Director of Tourism
& Economic Development

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Congressman Mac Thornberry receives an award from being named Legislator of the Year by a state veterans' organization. Shown here are Terry Kirby President, VVA Chapter 297(Amarillo), Larry Barnett, member VVANP Chapter 404 (Borger), Luther "Buster" Newberry President VVA TSC, U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry, Charlie Morris, President, VVANP Chapter 404 (Borger) and Joseph Schreiber, Secretary VVANP Chapter 404 (Borger). Photos courtesy US Congressman Mac Thornberry's Office.

Thornberry named 2014 Legislator of the Year by the Vietnam Veterans of America

AMARILLO – U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) has been named the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Texas State Council 2014 Legislator of the Year. Thornberry was presented the award today by members of the VVA North Plains Chapter 404.

"Congressman Thornberry's district is home to hundreds of thousands of veterans and active duty personnel from each branch of the military," said Charles Morris, VVA chapter 404 president. "His office assists thousands of veterans with coordination of their benefits, inquiries with federal agencies and record

requests. Additionally, he focuses much of his legislative efforts on providing for the national defense of our nation."

The group praised Thornberry for his efforts as vice-chairman of the House Armed Services Committee to protect TRICARE from proposed cuts; stop military pay raise reductions; establish a military compensation commission; and reject commissary cuts. Thornberry now serves as the chairman of the committee. He played a major role in expanding access to State Veterans' Homes to parents whose children died while serving in the military.

He also sponsored and co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation that help retired and active duty military and their families.

"Meeting our commitments to our veterans is essential," Thornberry said. "These men and women have put their lives on the line to keep our country safe. They deserve our very best in return."

The VVA is the nation's only congressionally chartered veteran's service organization. It is dedicated to the needs of Vietnam veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

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Wednesday - Chicken Fried Steak **SALE \$8⁹⁹**
Thursday - All you can eat Pancakes & eggs **SALE \$3⁹⁹**
Friday - Grilled Salmon & 2 sides **SALE \$8⁹⁹**

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

May 9
Election Day

May 10
Mother's Day

May 16
Hedley Prom

May 23
Mulkey Block Party • 6-10 p.m. • call Clarendon Visitor Center for more information

May 25
Memorial Day

May 29
Clarendon Graduation

May 30
Hedley Graduation

June 21
Flag Day

June 21
Father's Day

July 4
Independence Day

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Menus

May 11 - May 15

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti/meat sauce, tossed salad, Italian mix vegetables, garlic toast, chocolate chip cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, wheat roll, peach short cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Mexican pile on, olives, onions, pinto beans, garden salad, Mexican wedding cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, garden salad, biscuit, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Hawaiian ham, new potatoes, carrots, whole wheat rolls, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken & dumplings, fried squash, tossed salad, brownies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Ham & salad sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, cottage cheese, cherry jello, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast beef, baked potato w/ sour cream, buttered carrots, roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Meat loaf w/sauce, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, apple fluff, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Turkey & dressing, candid sweet potato, green beans, fruit salad, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Mon: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry cup, roll, milk.
Tue: Beef & cheese chalupa, chips, salsa, salad, refried beans, apple-sauce, milk.
Wed: Cheese pizza, salad, California blend, apple, milk.
Thu: Turkey & cheese, baby carrots, corn, orange, milk.
Fri: Popcorn chicken, roll, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries, peaches, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage roll, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Cheese omelet, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, milk.
Tue: Beef & cheese chalups, tortilla chips, salad, salsa, beans, apple-sauce, milk.
Wed: Chicken spaghetti, bread stick, salad, California blend, apple slices, milk.
Thu: Soft beef tacos, salad, seasoned corn, salsa, milk.
Fri: Popcorn chicken, fries, salad, milk.

CISD plans visit to Kindergarten

Clarendon Elementary will have its Future Kindergarten Visitation on Wednesday, May 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Future students will visit the classroom and be served a free lunch. If you know a child who will be five years old by September 1, 2015, please call the Elementary office at 874-3855 with their name and phone number.

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How to help the earthquake victims in Nepal

Hi, gang! I sure know that prayers are answered. I received a good report and will not be going back to Houston until July.

We all were shocked by the earthquake in Nepal. Please read the following release by the Federal Trade Commission. We would all like to help, and the scammers will be very active trying to get you to help the scammers. Beware!

How to help the earthquake victims in Nepal by Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The devastation caused by a massive earthquake in Nepal and the Katmandu Valley region has left

many people asking how they can help. If you're looking for a way to give, the Federal Trade Commission urges you to do some research to ensure that your donation will go to a reputable organization that will use the money as promised.

Urgent appeals for aid that you get in person, by phone or mail, by e-mail, on websites, or on social networking sites may not be on the up-and-up. Unfortunately, legitimate charities face competition from fraudsters who either solicit for bogus charities or aren't entirely honest about how a so-called charity will use your contribution.

If you're asked to make a chari-

table donation, consider these tips: Donate to charities you know and trust. You want to find a charity with a proven track record with dealing with disasters.

Be alert for charities that seem to have sprung up overnight in connection with current events. "Look alike" websites resembling legitimate charitable organizations and international aid efforts may be popping up. Check out the charity with



bob's whittlin'
by bob watson

Making progress on a treehouse

Last Thursday, I got to race in the Pinewood Derby for Cub Scouts. I think I did a lot better than last year. Last year, my wheel fell off.

This year my big cousin Nathan won, and I got reserve champion, which is second best. Afterwards we had Subway cookies and had lemonade, and then we help load up the truck.

My car looks a lot like my Dad's car because that's how I wanted it to look. It's a small car you build by carving a piece of wood. All the

boys race their cars, and whoever wins gets the trophy.

Over the weekend, me and my Dad built on our tree-house.

We are almost to the walls; we're finishing the flooring on it. I think my Dad has done a really good job so far.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

April showers bring May flowers

Oh, my goodness! Those April showers brought May flowers in more abundance than we have seen in many years. The irises were beautiful, roses are so pretty, and the perennials have spread and are ready to bloom in all their glory. More rain is in the forecast. God is good!

Buffy the Wonder Dog is loving these beautiful spring days but has developed a few more enemies to protect us from. One early evening last week from her vantage point on the back of the couch she shot out to the door with that "I'm gonna get you" bark and was actively breaking the door down. With a quick look to assure myself we weren't being invaded by a mountain lion, I opened the door and there was a very frightened bunny rabbit. Like Peter Cottontail he quickly found his escape hole, and Buffy is very proud of herself. We are once more safe.

Don't forget to vote in the local

elections Saturday, May 9. Howardwick had slots open for mayor and two aldermen but all three positions have a candidate with no opposition so we will not have an election but they are being held in Clarendon and possibly in your community so don't forget to vote.

If you are an owner of a travel trailer and have not yet registered it for the year, you may not be aware of changes in the law. It was a shock to find the trailer must be pulled to the inspection station and pass a regular inspection before purchasing the license. Ole Jim was skeptical too, he apologized and admitted I told him so.



'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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Les Beaux Art Club met at the Castle

By Tommye Duncan

The Les Beaux met May 1, at the Castle for its final meeting until September.

The owner of the Castle, Temi Wardell graciously set up her house for our May meeting and allowed us to tour her home. The woodwork, five fireplaces and her Christmas decorations that adorned the tables were so special.

Our hostesses were Mary White, Susie Shields, Tookie Thornberry, and Frances Skelton. The salad, cantaloupe, and sandwiches written like this does not sound like much, but the ladies outdid themselves. The sandwiches on special bread, the blue berry and cashew salad with the special dressing and

then homemade strawberry ice cream with pound cake was wonderful.

We will welcome a new member, Darlene Spier in September. We will be excited to welcome her to our club.

Theresa gave a report on the Art Festival. She has all of her committees and they have started work already.

Jan Campbell was given a round of applause for the excellent job she has done this year as president.

Our new officers for next year are: President Greta Byars, Vice-president Gloria Gage, Secretary Gay Cole, Treasurer Tookie Thornberry, and Reporter Tommye Duncan.

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These Pain Medicines Help COPD Symptom Managment

The results of a recent study published in the Annals of the American Thoracic Society showed that opioid type medications can help improve the sensation of breathlessness in people who suffer from a breathing condition called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Researchers wanted to examine if opioids helped improve feelings of breathlessness, exercise capacity, and quality of life. Data from sixteen clinical trials and over two hundred and fifty participants who had COPD showed that opioids reduced breathlessness overall and opioids that are injected into the veins had a better outcome than the inhaled version. There were no reports of severe adverse events. Opioid medications are a group of prescription medications that help control mild or severe pain. They do so by binding to receptors in the brain, spinal cord, and certain areas in the body. Opioids can cause sleepiness, nausea, confusion, and reduce breathing. This group includes codeine, morphine (Kadian, Avinza), or oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet). These medications should be taken as prescribed.

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Century Tournament nets 42 teams

By Sandy Anderberg
The six-flight Two Person Century Golf Tournament was held at the Clarendon Country Club last weekend with 84 players competing in several different flights.
The two-day 36-hole tournament is played every year and was broken into six flights with the combined partners' ages adding up to 100 years and older.
The youngest flight, 100-109 years ended with a two-way tie for first shooting a 135. The winners were Clint Grange and Mack Grange and Kevin Wood and Bruce Ferguson. Third place went to Norma Hagood and Jennifer Clark.
Todd Curry and Steve Paschall won the 110-119 flight with a 134, Mark Ward and Judy Bland won second with a 137, and Carroll Duncan and Jeff Duncan came

in third with a 138. The 120-129 flight winners finished in a tie at 126 and was won by Byrd Adkins and Kim Burnett and Gary Mullens and Robert Riggs. David Majors and Doug McCain won third with a 133.
The 130-139 winners were John Goodwin and Jerry Baker at 133 and second place was won by Mike Santos and Mary Ann Sawyer at 134. George and Gail Leathers won third with a 144. Alvin Danner and Felicia Segura won the 140-149 flight with a 129 and Joe Jackson and Mickey Wilson, and Tom Stauder and Terry Esch tied for second with a 134. Don Pomykal and Buddy Lamberson won the 150 and over flight with a 138, and Steve Jarnagin and Charlie Davis finished second with a score of 145.
Gene Rogers won closest to the pin on number 15 at 8' and Alvin

Danner won closest to the pin on number eight at 12'. Danner also won the longest putt on number nine at 25'.
Earlier in the week, Todd Curry won low gross in the men's game with a 79, and Bob Hornberger won low net with a handicapped score of 67. Twenty-two players played in the nine-hole scramble on Friday night and three teams finished in a tie at five under par.
The team of Chris Linquist, Michael Thompson, Gavin Word, Neal Johnston, and Jana Lemons won the putt off to take first place. The other teams were Mike Santos, Jesse Lincycumb, Bob Hornberger, and Jennifer Wood and PJ Lemons, Gene Rogers, Sherol Johnston, Collin Edwards, and Pat Butler.
There will be an 18-hole scramble on Memorial Day, May 25.



Chick it out
Donley County Extension Agent Leonard Haynes and Clarendon first graders look at the newly hatched chicks recently. Haynes put out eggs in incubators on April 8 in the first grade classes and explained the laying/hatching process for the Egg to Chick program.

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Town Hall meeting regarding benefits for current and former pantex workers

Cold War Patriots, a membership-based non-profit organization, has organized a town hall meeting to inform the community on issues which may affect current and former Pantex workers. The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the Donley County Activity Center, located at 4430 Highway 70 North, in Clarendon.
Cold War Patriots will provide information regarding potential benefits to current and former Pantex workers. The benefits available for those who qualify may include payments of up to \$400,000 through the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). Other benefits include access to no-cost medical care, pre-

scriptions, in-home nursing and personal assistance and more. The details of EEOICPA and steps to apply for benefits and compensation, as well as the recent expansion of the DOL Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), will be discussed. "These programs are a great resource for those whose health has been affected by their contribution to America's atomic defense through the end of the Cold War. This is a great meeting to come and learn about the benefits available especially for those previously denied under dose reconstruction.
The expansion of the SEC through 1991 could benefit thousands of former Pantex workers," stated Kevin Fitzgerald, Commu-

nity Outreach Director for Cold War Patriots.
Cold War Patriots (CWP) is an organization founded to honor and provide assistance for over 700,000 patriotic men and women who worked in over 350 nuclear weapons and uranium facilities to fortify America's nuclear defense. CWP's mission is to connect members with information and resources to navigate complex government programs, advocate for former worker rights and connect members with health services.
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Clarendon GT students hold showcase

Clarendon ISD Gifted & Talented students showcased their projects for the community last Tuesday, April 28, in the school cafeteria.

GT classes focused on the Texas Performance Standards Project, which provides standards for students to conduct self-guided research on topics of their choice while challenging them to high levels of achievement. Through completion of the projects, students were able to demonstrate a deep level of understanding in at least one area of study.

The Showcase was a great opportunity for these students to share their area of interest and for the community to enjoy their quality work. CISD officials appreciate everyone for making the Showcase a success, including mentors and teachers that guided students through their projects and Mrs. Howard and the Family & Consumer Science students for preparing and serving refreshments.

Elementary projects under the supervision of Tashia Duncan included: Kindergarten – Ella Estlack, Do Your Part for Art; Second Grade - Gracie Clark, Johnny Appleseed; Ben Estlack, George Washington; Isabella Neal, Do Your Part for Art; Maloree Wann,



Last Tuesday the Clarendon ISD Gifted & Talented students showcased their projects at the school cafeteria.

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Abraham Lincoln; Third Grade – Easton Frausto, TCU Gaming; Avery Halsey, Monopoly Zoo; Toby Leeper, The World’s Runner; Nicole Phipps, Do Your Part for Art; Fourth Grade – Britton Cottrell, Bermuda Triangle; Jace Cottrell, The Marfa Lights; Laney Gates, The Stonehenge; Taylor Halsell, The Loch Ness Enigma; Makenna Shadle, The Bermuda Triangle; Cate Word, The Queen of Loch Ness; Fifth Grade – Rhett Caison, Story Quilt- Hockey;

Graci Drackley, Story Quilt- Fund-raisers for Help; and Josiah Howard, Story Quilt- Kidnapped.

Junior High projects under the supervision of Lisa Grahm were: Sixth Grade - Sophia Bilbrey, History of Sculpting; Shylee Morrow, How History Has Affected Art; Callie Phipps, The Forgotten Event of WWII; Seventh Grade – Madisen Gay, Radio Waves; Jayden Monds, Lasers; Kira Weatherton, Rube Goldberg Project; Eighth Grade –

Charlotte Craft, Gluten Free?; and Gavin Word, Study of Drones.

High School projects under the direction of Karissa Huffman included: Ninth Grade – Harley Jaurequi, Basic Animation; Philip Monds, Aspects of Photography; Trinity Stribling, Pompeii; Tenth Grade – Jack Moore, The Trojan War; Riley Shadle, Modern Uses of Droning; Eleventh Grade – Caleb Cobb, The Battle of Gettysburg; and Xavier Neal, Custom Wiki Project.

Athletes compete in Regional Track Meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Several CHS athletes competed in the Regional Track Meet at Odessa. Although there were no athletes that advanced to the state meet, the Broncos and Lady Broncos had a great season.

Senior jumper Charles Mason made a good showing in the long jump but failed to qualify for the state meet. His farthest jump of 20’9 ¾” put him in fifth place.

Fellow senior Abby Johnson ran third in the 400m dash with a time of 1:01.38. Bryce Grahm competed in the 1600m run and finished in fourth place with a time of 4:46.84 and his time in the 3200m run was 10:24.63, which was good enough for fifth place. Amelia Weatherton jumped 16’2 ¼” in the long jump and place sixth. Congratulations to all of the CHS athletes who participated in the Regional Meet.



Gifted & Talented students named the best in their age categories at the GT Showcase last Tuesday.

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The 2015-2016 HHS cheerleaders are Shaylee Chapman, Kenlee Lambert, Kelsey Wells, Madison Shelp, Makinzie Hinton, Jayden Lambert.

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Broncos roll Nazareth but fall to Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Nazareth Swifts could only muster one run against a solid Bronco defense in a district match up at home last Wednesday.

The 7-1 win over Naz put the Bronco powerhouse at 9-0 in district play, but a 2-4 loss to Wellington on Friday left them at 9-1 for the District season.

In the Nazareth game, Zack LaRoe was on the mound and posted 14 strikeouts, no unearned runs, one hit and three walks for his effort on the mound for seven innings.

The Broncos flexed their muscles in the fifth inning, where they scored four runs. Caleb Cobb hit a single and Kade Hunsaker had an RBI single, and Nick Shadle connected on a RBI single, as well. Bryce Hatley and Cobb seemed to light a fire under the Broncos with their performance at the plate, that allowed their team to find a rhythm offensively.

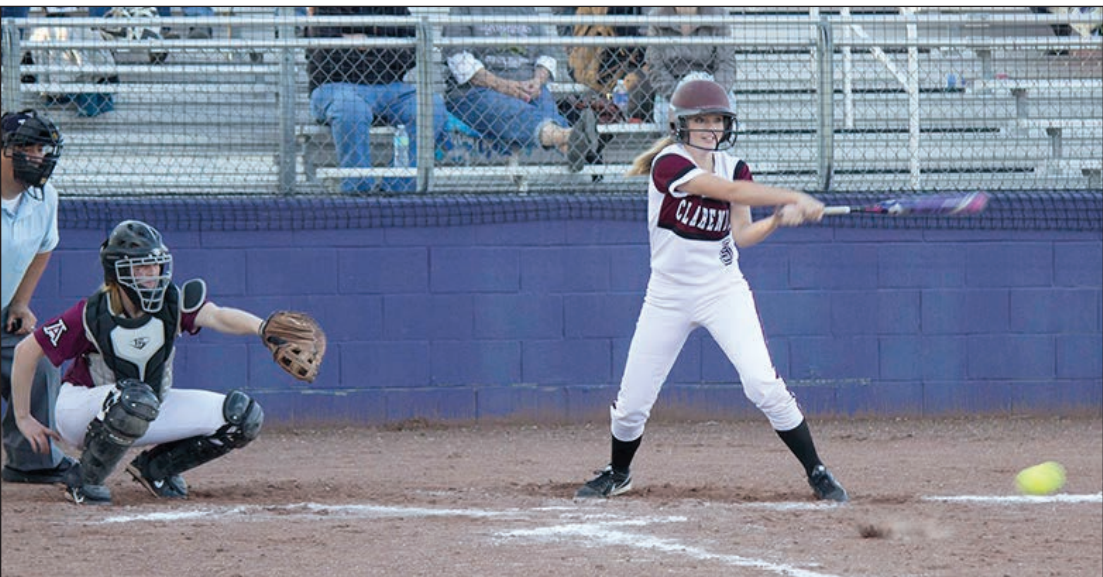
“I thought Zack pitched a great game,” coach Brad Elam said. “But we struggled hitting the ball at times.”

On Friday, the Broncos took on Wellington in their last regular season game and came up short. Chance Lockhart was on the mound for the Broncos and gave a great effort for three innings as he held them hitless and struck out two. Hunsaker took the loss for the Broncos.

The Broncos put two runs on the board in the fifth inning, but could not get anything else going in the game.

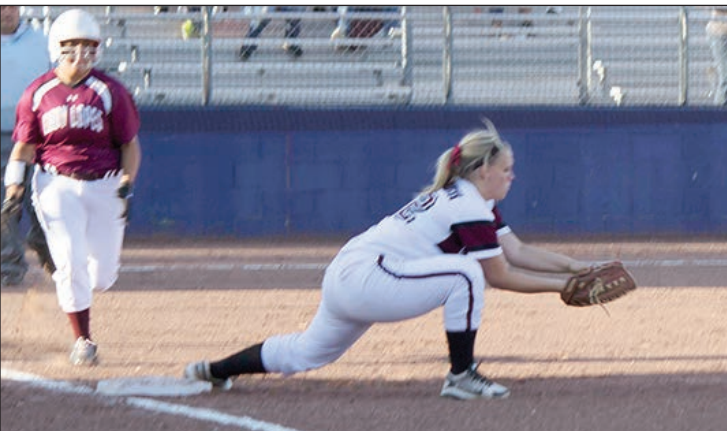
“(I) was very disappointed at the results,” Elam said. “We had no fire, just going through the motions. We only had two hits. We just did not hit the ball. Giving up only four runs are games you should win.”

The Broncos will be looking to post-season play, which will get underway next week.



The Lady Broncos played a Playoff game last Wednesday against Abernathy. Pictured is Brooke Martin up to bat for the ladies.

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Lady Bronco Karlee Adams gets an out on first during the ladies Playoff game against Abernathy.

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Lady Broncos’ season comes to abrupt end

By Sandy Anderberg

With a win seemingly in hand, the Lady Broncos only had to hold on through one more at-bat from Abernathy to earn the right to advance to the next level. They were sitting in a good spot, with two outs against their opponent. But according to head coach Gary Jack, ‘one little mistake’ took the win away from the Lady Broncos.

“Our softball season came to an end Wednesday night in Canyon,” Jack said. “The girls played a tough game and with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, we were still ahead 4-3. One little mistake allowed Abernathy to score the two runners on base and squeak out a 5-4 win.”

Jack cited several players with great defensive play in the game.

“We played really well defensively all night,” Jack said. “Taylor DeGrate, Taylor Gaines, Sterling King, Briley Chadwick, and Allyson

Hogan made some great defensive plays throughout the game. Sterling pitched the best game I’ve ever seen her pitch.”

As good as the Lady Broncos played, they struggled to hit Abernathy’s good pitcher.

“We did have trouble hitting Abernathy’s pitcher,” Jack said. “Brooke Martin, DeGrate, and Hogan hit the ball very well, ripping several hits to the wall. It wasn’t enough as a couple of mistakes allowed Abernathy all five of their unearned runs. Our girls did play a very inspired and emotional game. We just didn’t get the little breaks at the end we needed. I am very proud of how our girls competed.”

The Lady Broncos finished their season in second place in the District race.

“I’m very proud of how our girls competed,” Jack said. “Overall, it was a good season.”

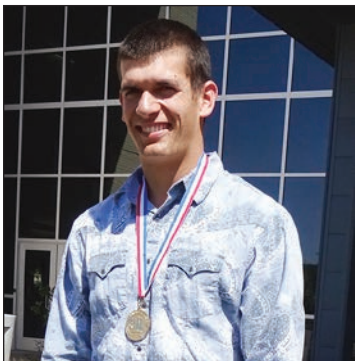
Cobb heads to state academic meet

Clarendon High School UIL academic teams competed at the regional academic meet in Odessa last Saturday to try and earn a berth at the state academic meet in Austin May 26.

The competition was tough as always, but several students won medals. Kendra Davis placed 5th in Ready Writing, and Chesson Sims won the silver medal for 2nd place in Chemistry.

Caleb Cobb competed in three events and won first place in Current Issues, which qualified him for state competition. As Caleb competes at state, he will qualify to pursue TILF scholarships only available to those students who compete in UIL at the state level.

Davis, Sims, and Cobb are all juniors and return to compete next year. Students put in many hours of extracurricular practice in order



Caleb Cobb

to be successful in their respective contests.

Several younger students also performed well this year even though they didn’t place, and sponsors are excited about the future of the program, with hopes of bringing home an overall district championship next year and sending more students to the state meet.



Grahn signs with LCU

Clarendon High School senior Allyson Grahn signed a letter of intent to attend Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock on Friday, April 24. Grahn will compete for LCU in cross-country and track.

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“Texas driver license offices are especially busy during the summer when students and families are on vacation,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “During these busy months, DPS encourages eligible customers to take advantage of our convenient options for online and phone renewal of driver licenses and identification cards or visit a DPS driver license mega center – if they are required to visit an office.”

If a trip to a driver license office is necessary, customers in the major metro areas should consider visiting mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve effi-

ciency and customer service. Mega centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line telephone.

In addition, DPS encourages customers to take advantage of this same technology to get in line before arriving at an office, which is available at several other locations across the state. To find an office that offers this option, see <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/onlineScheduling.aspx>.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule. In order for a customer to be eligible for online renewal, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card’s expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20-character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit http://dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/Rolodex/scheduleDriverTest.htm. To find out more about online renewal services, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/OnlineServices.htm>.

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Waggoner

Robert Hickman Waggoner, 80, died Sunday, May 3, 2015, in Amarillo. Grave-side services were held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Derrel Evins, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Robert was born May 24, 1934,

Waggoner

in Tahoka to Clyde and Dovie Waggoner. He married Norma Gay Graves on April 18, 1954 in Muleshoe. He had been a butcher prior to his retirement, and had been a resident of Clarendon and Howardwick the past 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and a sister, Ida Pearl Clark.

He is survived by a son, Robert Brett Waggoner of Culloden, West Virginia; 2 daughters, Kim Mayes and Kay Waggoner both of Amarillo; a sister, Dorothy Wyer of Muleshoe; 6 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

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5:58 a.m. – Units paged small fire 4th & Faker
7:16 a.m. – Called City to barricade 4th & Gorst
1:33 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block East 2nd - Hedley
1:40 p.m. – EMS assist 600 block Borger
5:22 p.m. – Report of accidents 287 & Koogle

April 28, 2015
1:30 a.m. – Welfare check West of Memphis
10:39 a.m. – To jail with one in custody
1:35 p.m. – Deputy needed Burkhead & Hawley
2:36 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block West 2nd
4:25 p.m. – Welfare check 200 block Sims
5:03 p.m. – See caller 500 block South Jackson
6:25 p.m. – Welfare check Faker & Wood
7:17 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block

South Jefferson
9:17 p.m. – To jail with one in custody

April 29, 2015
8:19 a.m. – See caller 400 block East 4th
8:53 p.m. – See caller 400 block East 4th
10:17 a.m. – Out @ Courthouse
1:34 p.m. – Out @ Courthouse
4:50 p.m. – EMS Assist Clarendon Family Medical Center

April 30, 2015
6:38 a.m. – Welfare check 600 block Collinson
10:23 p.m. – See caller 4th & Gorst

May 1, 2015
10:01 a.m. – Out @ Annex
11:30 a.m. – Out @ Annex
1:44 p.m. – EMS assist Community Care Center
4:01 p.m. – Loose livestock Co Rd 17
4:27 p.m. – EMS assist 4700 block Co Rd 7
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- *the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll;
- *exemptions that may apply to you;
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- *the taxable status of your property;
- *which local governments should be taxing your property;
- *the ownership of property;
- *the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- *any action taken by the appraisal district that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review: For information about informal review and obtaining property tax records, call your appraisal district at the number listed on the Notice of Appraised Value.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board: If you can’t resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board. The appraisal review board (ARB) is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice a protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You’ll receive written notification of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of proving the property’s value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. A protest form has been included with your appraisal notice.

Note: You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH: After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you’re not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB’s order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB’s order, filing with the Chief Appraiser of the appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

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More information: You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 304 S Kearney or P O Box 1220, Clarendon 79226; phone 806-874-2744. You can also additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller’s publication, Property Tax Assistance Division’s website at www.window.state.tx.us/proptax/basics/96-1425.pdf.

DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTESTS WITH THE ARB*

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Let's race
The Cub Scouts held their Annual Pinewood Derby on Thursday, April 30 at the First United Methodist Church. Pictured (back) Henry Bivens, Kaendan Moffitt, Kayden Cummings, Nathan Estlack, Kayden Early, Robert Powell, and Steven Mills, (front) Daniel Estlack, Ben Estlack, Haughton Bivens, Jaythan Green, Mason Green, Mason Allred, and Jacob Murillo.

Cub Scouts hold Annual Pinewood Derby

Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 closed its scouting year last Thursday, April 30, with a Pinewood Derby and awards ceremony at the First United Methodist Church.

Fourteen boys participated in the derby which races homemade cars on a slopped track. Nathan Estlack had the fastest car in Den 1 and was the overall pack champion this year, Jacob Murillo was first place in Den 2, Ben Estlack, was first place in Den 3, and Haughton Bivens was fastest in Den 4. Three of the four dens spent the last two months earning their Texas Badge, an award that is received after learning about Texas history and culture. Those receiving the Texas Badge were Nathan Estlack, Kayden Cummings, Jacob Murrillo, Patrick Monds (not present), Steven Mills, Ben Estlack, Dan Estlack, Mason Allred, Kayden Early, Jaythan Green, Aiden Word (not present), Robert Powell, and Henry Bivens.

In addition, Dens 1, 2, and 4 received the following awards:

Den 4: Haughton Bivens – Collecting belt loop, Citizenship belt loop; Kaendan Moffett – Collecting belt loop, Citizenship belt loop; Mason Green- Collecting belt loop, Citizenship belt loop; and Asher Cason - Citizenship belt loop.

Den 2: Steven Mills – Computers, Astronomy, Geography, weather, reading, pet care, chess (pins and belt loops), Texas, No Trace Left Behind; Jacob Murrillo – Computers, Astronomy, Geography, weather, reading, pet care, chess (pins and belt loops), No Trace Left Behind; and Patrick Monds – Computers, Astronomy, Geography, weather, chess (pins and belt loops), and No Trace Left Behind.

Den 4: Nathan Estlack – bicycling.

Local Cub Scouts will take a break for summer baseball and attend Cub Scout day camp in July. Den meetings and sign-ups for new Scouts will resume in the fall.

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to address:**

- Learn if you qualify for benefits up to \$400,000 through the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)
- Learn about no-cost medical benefit options
- Learn how to apply for consequential medical conditions and for impairment re-evaluation for approved conditions

**Meeting
Times &
Location:**

**May 19th
10am & 2pm**
Wyndham Garden Amarillo
(Formerly the Ambassador)
3100 I-40 West
Amarillo, TX 79102

**May 20th
10:30am**
Donley County Activity Center
4430 Hwy. 70 North
Clarendon TX 79226

**May 21st
10:30am**
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