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

## Bands to battle it out here this Friday

Nine bands are scheduled to take the stage at Clarendon's first "Battle of the Bands" at the City Park this Friday evening, April 29.

The first band will take the stage at 5:30 p.m., and two local bands - Product and Whiskey Marinade - are scheduled to perform during the evening. The lineup is as follows: Product, Secrets For The Dead, Conviction of a Ghost, Humans Haunting Ghosts, Shâm Bears, Wrecking Romance, Whiskey Marinade, Collision, and No Sugar Added.

The public is invited to attend the event.

## Meeting for parents of Kindergartners set

Clarendon Elementary will be having a Transition Meeting on Wednesday, May 11, at 2:30 p.m. for parents of the children who will be starting Kindergarten next year. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

This meeting will discuss Kindergarten Readiness, daily schedule, and supplies needed. You may also pre-register your child at this time. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and their social security number. If your child is in Headstart or Pre-Kindergarten this is on file.

Please help us locate all children who will be starting Kindergarten next year. If you know of a child that will be 5 by September 1, 2011, please call 874-3855 with the information.

## CISD surveying parent satisfaction

Clarendon CISD is conducting a Parent Satisfaction Survey through the school's website.

Responses generated from this survey will be used as part of a comprehensive needs assessment. CISD administrators say they hope to improve learning for all students and that the survey should take less than ten minutes to complete.

To participate, parents should visit [www.clarendonisd.net](http://www.clarendonisd.net). Located on the front page of our website is an article entitled "Parents: Take Our Survey." Click on the title to see the full article. You can access the links to the survey there. Please complete a survey for each campus in which you have a student(s) enrolled.

Parents without Internet access can come to the school during the school day and access the survey through the school library. The survey will be available through May 10, 2011.



## Paint across the sky

Donley County residents were grateful Monday and Tuesday for the little bit of rain that fell across the county. National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Tommie Saye said Monday's precipitation only measured a trace amount, but everyone enjoyed it while it lasted, and many residents were impressed with the rainbows that decorated the sky afterward. This one was captured by Stephanie Ehler in Lelia Lake. She wins a t-shirt from [ClarendonLive.com](http://ClarendonLive.com).

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## Greenbelt nears Stage 3 drought level

Conserve where you can and pray for rain. That's the message this week from Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority, which is giving notice that it is in Stage 2 of its drought contingency plan and is nearing Stage 3.

The plan in both stages seeks to reduce consumption of water, but Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd says the real concern is weather.

"The problem is not usage. It's pure lack of rainfall and this hot, dry wind," Kidd said.

Greenbelt says the reservoir loses a huge amount of water - almost equal to what is consumed - to simple evaporation, which is worse in hot, windy weather.

Usage meanwhile is falling due to a declining population in the member cities that Greenbelt serves, Kidd said.

That doesn't mean people should not conserve water wherever they can, because, as Kidd points

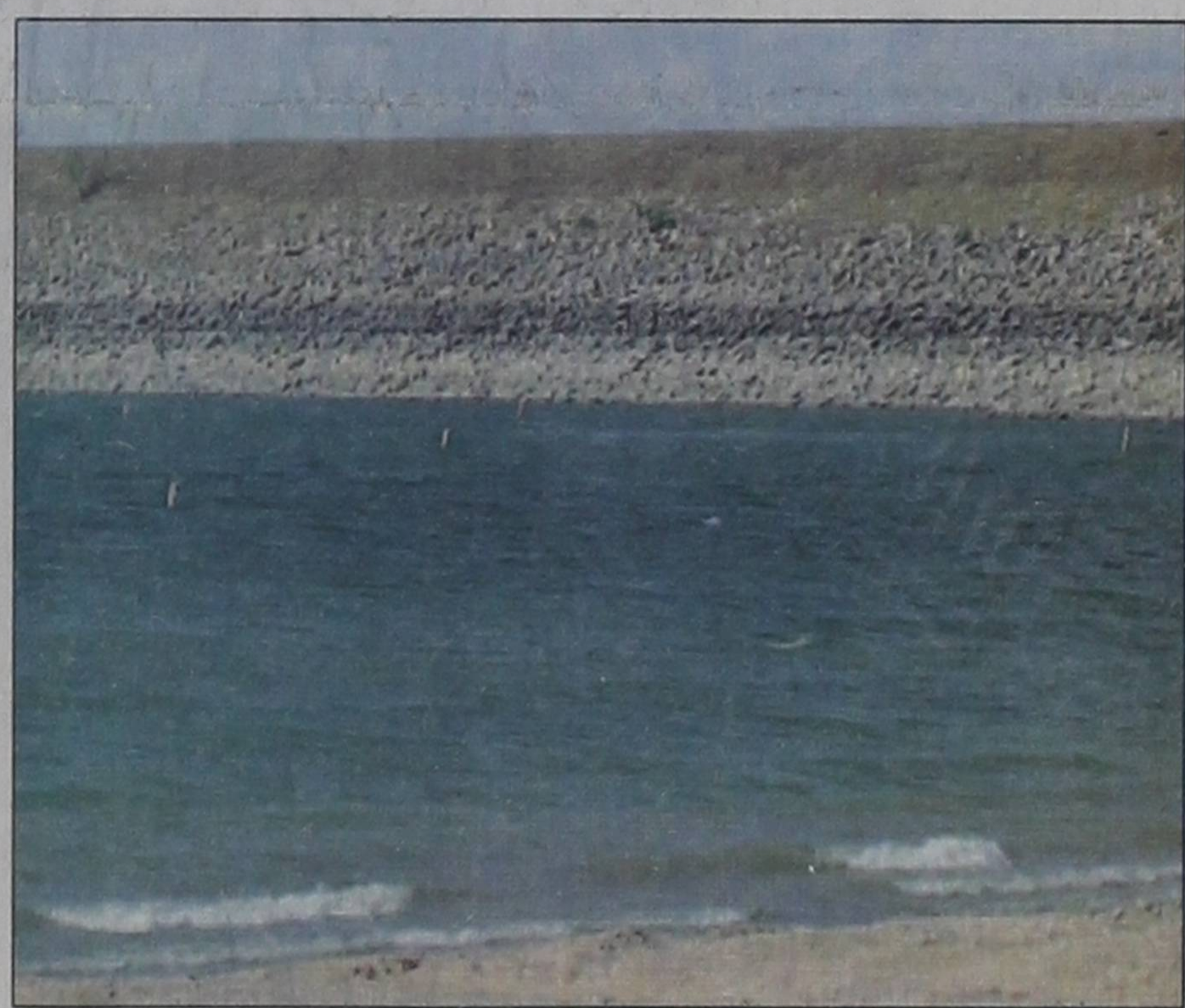
out, "Every bit helps."

Greenbelt Lake has been in Stage 2 for three years, although it did come out of it briefly last year when wet weather brought the lake level up five feet. Now the lake is just barely one foot above the Stage 3 level.

On Monday, the lake depth was at 52.07 feet. Stage 3 kicks in when the lake falls to 51 feet, and the plan calls for the authority to reduce the levels in municipal storage tanks, which Kidd said reduces water pressure and therefore reduces usage. Greenbelt's board would decide whether to implement that rule though.

"It may not come to that," Kidd said. "The lake's not changing real fast, and if we can catch some rain, the lake will come up fast."

For now the biggest concern is that lower lake levels will impact recreation at Greenbelt, which has two boat ramps open. Kidd says those ramps probably can't be



Water lines mark previous lake levels on the Greenbelt Dam. The reservoir held 77 feet of water in 1977, but today the lake stands at about 52 feet.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

extended any further.

"That could impact money in [Clarendon] if recreation suffers," Kidd said, but he noted that fore-

casts are calling for a cooler, wetter summer later this year. But until the weather pattern changes, Kidd advises, "Don't waste any."

## District court hears nine pleas from five counties

The 100th District Court heard nine pleas in cases from all five counties in the district when it met in Clarendon on Monday, April 11.

The pleas resulted in four convictions and five deferred adjudications in Clarendon. Out of the four convictions, three defendants were sent to the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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 \$20,250 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on April 11. In addition

to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$3,422 in court costs and \$4,445.95 restitution.

Catherine Brooke Ingram was convicted and sentenced to ten years in TDCJ. Ingram, 35-year-old resident of Amarillo, was sentenced for the second felony offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Ingram was arrested for the offense that took place on March 2, 2011 in Hall County by Sheriff Wiginton and Tiedemann after Wiginton conducted a routine traffic stop on the vehicle Ingram was travelling in. Ingram pleaded guilty to a complaint filed by the State on April 8, 2011.

"The law enforcement agencies in Hall County are working hard to take drug traffickers away from their community," said Inman. "They make good cases and this plea is the direct result of their efforts."

In addition to the sentence, Ingram is also required to pay \$376 in court costs to Hall County, \$140 restitution, and a \$1,000 fine.

Lynda Soyla Ceballos was convicted and sentenced to four years in the TDCJ. Ceballos, 24-year-old resident of Wellington, was sentenced for the third felony offense of failure to appear.

Ceballos was arrested for the offense that took place on January

25, 2011 in Collingsworth County and pleaded guilty to a complaint filed by the State on April 8, 2011.

In addition to the sentence, Ceballos is also required to pay \$376 in court costs to Collingsworth County and a \$1,000 fine.

Gillene Olivas was placed on probation for a period of ten years for the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Olivas was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ, but the sentence was probated for a period of ten years.

Olivas, 23-year-old resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, was arrested in

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## H'wick to vote on sales tax hike

### Early voting begins May 2 for city, school

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Early voting by personal appearance begins Monday for four local governments, including the City of Howardwick, where citizens will decide raising that city's sales tax rate to fund street maintenance.

Howardwick Mayor Del Essary is the only candidate on his city's ballot - although incumbent Gene Rogers is a write-in candidate for one of two vacant seats on the board of aldermen - but the mayor hopes his citizens will turn out to the polls and vote for a quarter-cent sales tax to help fix up the streets.

"The tax won't be enough for us to pave streets or top any streets, but it will help us maintain what we have," Essary told the ENTERPRISE. "I figure it will generate about \$3,350 per year."

Essary said he has only heard positive comments about the tax proposal from people in Howardwick, which would bring the total local and state sales tax in the city to 7.5 percent.

"People realize that it's not going to be just us paying the tax, but then it's not just us driving on the streets either," the mayor said.

Texas cities can levy a maximum sales tax of two percent, but Howardwick only collects one percent right now. The law allows a city to levy one-quarter of one percent for maintenance of streets.

"It amounts to one penny for every \$4 spent in our town," Essary said. "It will certainly help us buy materials and maybe help with an annual payment on better machinery."

Other local entities having elections this year are the City of Clarendon, Clarendon ISD, and the City of Hedley.

Clarendon Mayor Larry Hicks has filed to run for his office again, and three candidates are running for the two open aldermen's positions - incumbent Janice Knorpp and former aldermen Tommy Hill and Terry Noble.

Clarendon ISD has three candidates for two trustees' positions up this year. Incumbent Weldon Sears is seeking re-election, and Che Shadle and former board member Renee Betts are also candidates.

The City of Hedley has four candidates for its three alderman positions - incumbents Tonya Metcalf, Travis Ruthardt, and David Wells and challenger Michelle Cope-lin.

Positions on city boards of aldermen and the hospital board are two-year terms, and school board terms are for three years. All positions are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must sign up for a specific place.

Howardwick and Hedley voters can cast ballots at their respective city halls. Ballots for the City of Clarendon and Clarendon ISD can be cast at the Donley County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse Annex.

Early balloting continues through May 10. Election Day will be Saturday, May 14, 2011.

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# Court: Fines, sentences follow pleas

Continued from page one.

Carson County on March 5, 2011, and pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State on April 8, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Olivas is required to pay a \$5,000 fine to Carson County, and is also required to pay \$330 in court costs, \$140 restitution, and complete 400 hours of community service.

Rex Hazelwood Marshall IV was placed on probation for a period of two years for the second degree felony offense of aggravated assault. Marshall IV pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication.

Marshall, was arrested in Donley County on September 14, 2009. Marshall was later indicated by a Donley County Grand Jury on October 27, 2010.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Marshall is required to pay a \$250 fine to Donley County, \$473 in court costs, and successfully complete 300 hours of community service. If Marshall violates probation, he could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Ricco Ruben Granadoz was placed on probation for a period of four years for the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation. Granadoz pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Granadoz, 18 from Wellington, was arrested in Collingsworth County for the offense that took place on December 2, 2010. Granadoz was later indicated by a Collingsworth County Grand Jury on February 10, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Granadoz is required to pay a \$1,500 fine to Collingsworth County, \$376 in court costs, and successfully complete 300 hours of community service.

Joe Anthony Arreloa was placed on probation for a period of four years for the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habi-

tation. Arreloa pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication.

Arreloa, 25 from Wellington, was arrested in Collingsworth County for the offense that took place on December 2, 2010. Arreloa was later indicated by a Collingsworth County Grand Jury on February 10, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Arreloa is required to pay a \$1,500 fine to Collingsworth County, \$376 in court costs, successfully complete 300 hours of community service, and attend drug rehab.

Darryl Anthony Smith pleaded true to the allegations listed in the State's Motion to Revoke Community Supervision of Defendant. Smith was convicted and sentenced to five years in TDCJ.

On March 25, 2010, Smith originally pleaded guilty to the third degree felony offense of engaging in organized criminal activity that occurred on March 12, 2010 in Donley County.

The State filed the motion to revoke on October 20, 2010, alleging one violation of community supervision.

Smith pleaded true to the violation contained in the State's motion and was sentenced to five years in the TDCJ. Smith is also required to pay \$443 in court costs to Donley County, a \$500.00 fine and \$3,885.95 restitution.

Amber Suzanne Noonan was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Noonan pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Noonan, 21-year-old resident of Whittier, CA, was arrested in Childress County on March 17, 2011 by DPS Trooper Riley Barham and pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State on April 8, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement,

Noonan is required to pay a \$1,500 fine to Childress County, and is also required to pay \$376 in court costs, \$140 restitution, and complete 200 hours of community service.

Donnie Lynn Schilling was placed on probation for a period of eight years for the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Schilling pleaded guilty for the offense that took place on November 10, 2010 and was placed on deferred adjudication.

Schilling, 39-year-old resident of Mentor, Ohio, pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State on February 1, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Schilling was required to pay an upfront fine of \$8,000 to Carson County, \$140 restitution, \$296 in court costs, and he must successfully complete 400 hours of community service.

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Wed	20	85°	45°	-
Thur	21	70°	43°	-
Fri	22	76°	51°	-
Sat	23	90°	54°	-
Sun	24	73°	47°	-

Total precipitation this month:   
Total precipitation for the year:

### weekend forecast

**WINDY** Fri., April 29  
Windy  
88°/51°

Sat., April 30  
Sunny  
81°/47°

Sun., May 1  
Partly Cloudy  
74°/51°

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People who aren't living for God may find moments of temporary satisfaction, but I don't believe they know what true joy is. Job 20:5 "That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?"

Think about the dawning of each day and the disposition of one of God's faithful. Contrast that of one who awakens from a night of drinking and using drugs. Or what of the disposition of one who awakens with another person that is not their spouse who is waiting patiently and broken-hearted at home? One who starts his day knowing that he has wasted all of his family's money on a night at the casino or partying, do you think this person knows what joy is? In Philippians 4:7, Paul talks about a "peace that surpasses all understanding." This peace is where many of God's faithful find their joy, and one living for Satan can never have it without a change.

Friends, many people are searching for that which would bring joy. They make a lot of bad choices in this search. (Acts 17:27) "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;" True joy is when we find God and live by His decrees. Let us continue to seek God and pray for those who haven't found Him yet.

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## Lady Broncos move into post-season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos slid past West Texas High at 9-7 at home Tuesday afternoon.

After a slow first half, the ladies came alive and put together three innings of three runs each to earn the advantage.

WT struck first with two runs in the third, but were scoreless in the fourth. The Lady Broncos then took control of the game gaining the upper hand and was able to ride the momentum to the end.

"It was a good game," head coach Gary Jack said.

Jack cited Emily Clark as hitting two doubles and a triple in the game and noted that Audrey Shelton had some big hits. Also mentioned for their good offensive play were Trevela Dronzek and Erin Moore.

On Friday, the ladies took on McLean at home and were defeated 1-5. The loss put the Lady Broncos second in District play behind McLean. The ladies slammed four hits against the Lady Tigers' pitcher but struggled to open up the game.

"We played a good defensive game overall," Jack said. "But we made an error in the third inning that

allowed them to score three runs."

Danielle Ford (13-5) was on the mound and Audrey Shelton was behind the plate.

"We threw eleven strike outs, and they only struck us out seven times."

The Lady Broncos are 7-2 in district play and earned the right to post-season play. They will play Lockney this Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. Friday's game will be at 5:30 p.m. in Clarendon. Saturday's game will be at noon in Lockney, and game three, if needed, will be 30 minutes after Saturday's game.



Lady Bronco Danielle Ford winds up for the pitch during Clarendon's game with McLean last week.

COURTESY PHOTO / MIKE HAYNES

## Eight teams compete in scramble at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

Thirty-eight players participated in the weekly nine-hole scramble at the Clarendon Country Club Friday night.

The team of P.J. Lemons, Jennifer Clark, Sandy Anderberg, and Steve Lemons took the top spot with six under par. The other seven teams came in at five and four under par.

Tom Stauder placed first in the weekly men's game with a net 68 out of a field of 12 golfers. Wendol Miller was second with a net 71, and Bo Morrison was third with a net 71.

Gail Leathers shot an 81 to win low gross in the weekly women's game on Thursday. Gayle Rogers and Ouida Gage tied for second with a net 68. Nine women played in the 18-hole contest.

There will be a Two-Person Century Tournament May 14-15. The 36-hole event is a combination of both team members' ages that add up to at least 100 years and will be flighted according to combined ages. You may call the Pro Shop for more information.

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## Broncos shut out Indians in second inning

By Sandy Anderberg

An explosive second inning gave the Broncos the edge they needed to totally destroy the Northside Indians 26-0 in Vernon last Tuesday.

The win put the Broncos at 15-0 overall and on top 10-0 in district play.

The Broncos began the game slowly as they only put up two runs in the first inning. But they made up for it in the second and added no less than two runs each inning after.

"We started out a little slower than I wanted, but we were able to explode for 14 (runs) in the second," coach Brad Elam said. "If Northside

had made a play in the second, we would have only scored one run, but we were able to score 13 runs with two outs."

The Indians committed eight errors in the game to only one for the Broncos. Pitchers Johnny Gaines and Brayden Phillips, who combined for a five-inning no-hitter according to Elam, led the Broncos' defensive attack. Gaines got the win and went to 5-0 on the year.

Defensively, the Broncos had their bats going, but gained a lot of walks and bases because of hit batters.

Bradley Watson scored three runs and Phillips scored four runs

and accounted for four RBI. Gaines added to the total with three runs, four RBI, and his tenth homerun of the year. David Roberts hit exceptionally well and had four runs, five RBI, and hit his second homerun of the year.

Troy Chambless scored two runs, and Justin Shillings racked up three. Rowdy Speed had two hits, and Dusty Rice had two RBI. Trevor Cobb scored three runs and had two RBI.

The Broncos will travel to Quanah Friday, April 29, to take on the Indians at 4:30 p.m. and play at Electra on Saturday, April 30, at 1:00 p.m.

## Davide Cabassi to play at the Ritz

Davide Cabassi, Italian pianist, will play the spectacular finale of this season at the Wellington Ritz Theatre at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

An expressive pianist with a distinctive personality, Cabassi upholds the tradition of lyric Italian pianism. Winner of the Twelfth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in June 2005, Davide has performed with symphonies throughout Europe and USA. The guest soloist on Saturday night with the Amarillo Symphony, Cabassi will then come perform Sunday afternoon at the Wellington Ritz.

Davide Cabassi made his orchestral debut at the age of thirteen with the RAI Radio Symphony Orchestra in Milan. He has also collaborated with the Munich Philharmonic, the Neue Philharmonie Westfalen, the Russian Chamber Philharmonic, OSI Lugano, Orchestre Romantique Paris, as well as with several Italian orchestras working with such conductors as Gustav Kuhn, James Conlon, Asher Fisch Vladimir Delman, Antonello Manacorda among others. Mr. Cabassi has played concerts in Austria, China, France, Germany, Japan, Portugal, Russia, Poland, Scandinavia, and Switzerland, highlighted by appearances in Salzburg's Mozarteum, the Gasteig in Munich, Rachmaninoff Hall in Moscow, Roque d'Antheron, and Tiroler Festspiele. In October, 2010 he debuted at La Scala with Orchestra Verdi.

Tickets for the Davide Cabassi recital on May 1st are priced at \$10 per seat. Tickets may be purchased at the Wellington Ritz Theatre on the day of the performance when the box office opens at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please visit web site [www.wellingtonritztheatre.com](http://www.wellingtonritztheatre.com).

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### Friday, April 29

**Broncos v. Quanah**  
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### Saturday, April 30

**Broncos v. Electra**  
in Electra, 1:00 p.m.

### District Playoff

**Lady Broncos v. Lockney**

**Fri. at 5:30 p.m. in Clarendon**  
**Sat. at 12 p.m. in Lockney**

Game 3 to follow 30 min. after game 2 if necessary

### Lady Broncos

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1 Phara Berry      | Fr. |
| 2 Danielle Ford    | Sr. |
| 3 Jentry Shadle    | So. |
| 4 Emily Clark      | Sr. |
| 7 Miranda Miller   | Sr. |
| 8 Maci White       | So. |
| 10 Jency Burton    | So. |
| 11 Amber Keelin    | Jr. |
| 12 Trevela Dronzek | Jr. |
| 14 Camra Smith     | Fr. |
| 15 Erin Moore      | Sr. |
| 16 Chelsea Covey   | Sr. |
| 19 Haley Ferguson  | Fr. |
| 20 Marqueda Gaines | Jr. |
| 30 Audrey Shelton  | So. |

Head Coach: Gary Jack  
Assistant Coach: Shanna Shelton

### Broncos

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1 Trevor Cobb      | So. |
| 2 John Levario     | Sr. |
| 3 Dusty Rice       | So. |
| 4 Jerami Johnson   | Jr. |
| 5 Diego Santos     | So. |
| 6 Justin Shillings | Sr. |
| 8 Brayden Phillips | Sr. |
| 9 David Roberts    | Sr. |
| 10 Bradley Watson  | Sr. |
| 12 Johnny Gaines   | Jr. |
| 13 Caleb Mitchell  | Jr. |
| 14 Troy Chambless  | Sr. |
| 15 Rowdy Speed     | So. |
| 17 Cole Ward       | So. |

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**CHS wins Sweepstakes Award**

What appears to be the perfect ending to an amazing year, Clarendon High School has been named the recipient of the District 5-A Spring Meet Sweepstakes. This is determined by totaling the winning points for the academic, track, tennis and golf meets. Congratulations, Broncos! Shown here are members of the CHS UIL Academic, Golf, Tennis, and Track teams who together earned the Sweepstakes Award.

COURTESY PHOTO / MELODY HYSINGER

**Clarendon sales tax collections up 2.41%**

The City of Clarendon posted a 2.41 percent gain in sales tax revenue when Texas Comptroller Susan Combs made April allocations to Texas cities this month.

March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in February.

Clarendon collected \$22,181.70, which was up from \$21,659.22 during the same period

last year. For the calendar year, the city is up 14.45 percent with \$109,293.50 in sales tax revenue so far.

Hedley's sales tax revenue dropped 30.84 percent for a total allocation of \$405.19 for the month and dropping that city 1.73 percent for the year-to-date at \$2,208.26.

Howardwick's revenue also slipped 26.30 percent compared to one year ago with an allocation

of \$997.08 this month. However that city remains up 4.85 percent for the year-to-date with revenue of \$4,271.43.

Combs said the state's sales revenue in March was \$1.60 billion, up 9.9 percent compared to March 2010.

"State sales tax revenue has now increased for 12 straight months," said Combs. "Strong consumer and business spending helped

increase revenue in large sectors of the economy such as retail, manufacturing and the oil and gas industry."

Combs sent April sales tax allocations of \$279.4 million to Texas cities, up 5.2 percent compared to April 2010. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 6.7 percent higher than last year.

The Comptroller's May sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, May 13.

**CISD Trustees approve new purchases of new pickups**

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session April 14 in the Administration and Technology Building.

Clarendon City Administrator Lambert Little commented in Open Forum and thanked the board for their dedication and commitment to the community.

A motion was approved to complete Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Band Storage project as presented. The board also voted in favor of accepting the Joint Representation Agreement from Underwood Law Firm as presented.

The board met in closed session for 18 minutes but took no action.

Melody Hysinger demonstrated the website upgrades for the New District Website.

Trustess accepted a proposal from Culberson-Stowers of Pampa for the purchase of one new pickup for the maintenance department and one new pickup for the agricultural sciences program.

Administrative reports were given by Gary Jack - Athletic Director, Mike Word - Elementary Activities, John Taylor - Junior High Activities, Larry Jeffers - High School Activities, Ken Baxter - Guidance Program Activities, Linde Shadle - Special Programs, and Superintendent Monty Hysinger.



**EMTs finish class**

The Associated Ambulance Authority class for EMT Intermediates recently finished their coursework. The class started December 14, 2010. Pictured are Pat Archuleta, Paige Drakley, Gary James, and Drew Reynolds. Not pictured, Clay Pittman.

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**Clarendon College Regents approve 37 faculty contracts**

The Clarendon College Board of Regents met in regular session last Thursday at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Among the items on the board's agenda, regents considered rescheduling their regular meetings but decided to keep their schedule of meeting every third Thursday of each month.

The college's student performance measures report was approved as presented.

The board voted to hire John Green as the college's new athletic director and instructor.

The board also voted to accept the administration's recommendation to renew the following faculty

contracts pending adequate state funding: Dale Askew, Amanda Askew, Connie Baten, Candra Crittenden, Charla Crump, Angela DeMine, Gene Denney, Kory Dunn, Russell Estlack, Scarlet Estlack, Cynthia Ewing, Dr. Skip Frazier, Jason Green, Sharon Hannon, Cheryl Harvill, John Havens, Bill Huey, Kim Jeffrey, Mary Nell Kiser, Chris Marks, Melissa McCoy, Andy McLatchy, Kent Miller, Corey Murdock, Kelly Reed, Linda Rowland, Dr. Jeremy Sain, Mike Silva, Mark Simmons, Tony Starnes, Annis Stavenhagen, Robert Taylor, Miklan-Tennel, Johnny Treichel, Laban Tubbs, Frank Vance, and Larry Wiginton.

**Hysinger joins nationwide honor society**

ATLANTA, Georgia - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has announced that Clarendon High School student Maegan Hysinger has been selected for membership. The society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved academic excellence.

The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Maegan has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Maegan is now a

member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future.



Hysinger

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

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**Floral carpet**

George Self submitted this picture of the beautiful blue bonnets that have sprung up in his yard and sending us this picture of the Lone Star State's flower makes this our Star Photo of the Week and wins him a ClarendonLive.com t-shirt.

**May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month**

May is National Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, but in Texas every month is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

With 961,682 licensed motorcyclists in the Lone Star state, all roadway users share the responsibility of safe travel each and every moment.

With the good-weather riding season beginning and the increased popularity of motorcycles, more and more two- and three-wheeled traffic is present on Texas highways and city streets. Motorcycles are difficult to see because of their smaller size compared to larger vehicles, so

please make a conscious effort to look, and then look again for motorcycles.

In 2010, more than 37,000 beginner and advanced students took the Texas Motorcycle Operator Training Program courses. Most motorcycle insurance companies offer a 5 to 20 percent discount for taking the safety course.

John G. Young, Coordinator of the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit, reminds everyone interested in motorcycling to get properly trained and licensed. Wear all protective gear including a DOT-approved helmet; ride unimpaired by alcohol

or other drugs; and ride within your own limits while obeying all traffic laws.

To increase the safety of motorcyclists, recommendations to all road users include: check your vehicle's blind spots before changing lanes; give motorcycles extra space to maneuver; and look twice before going through an intersection.

The person on that motorcycle may be your friend, relative or fellow Texas driver, just like you.

For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Unit, visit [www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb) or call 1-800-292-5787.

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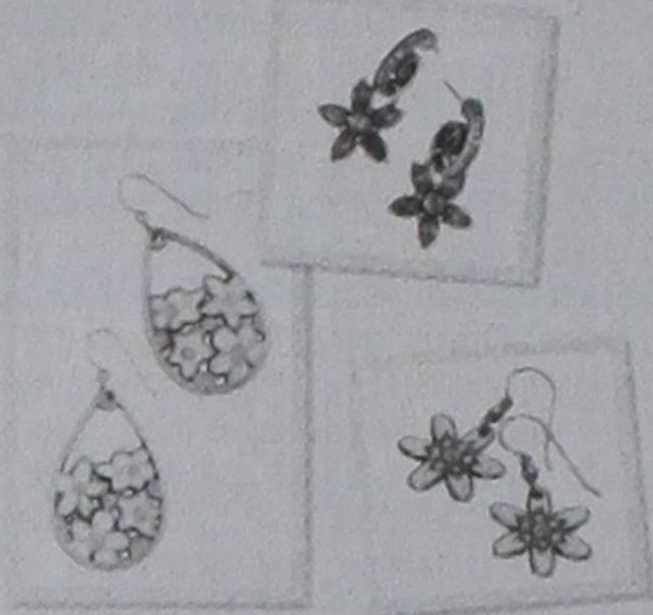
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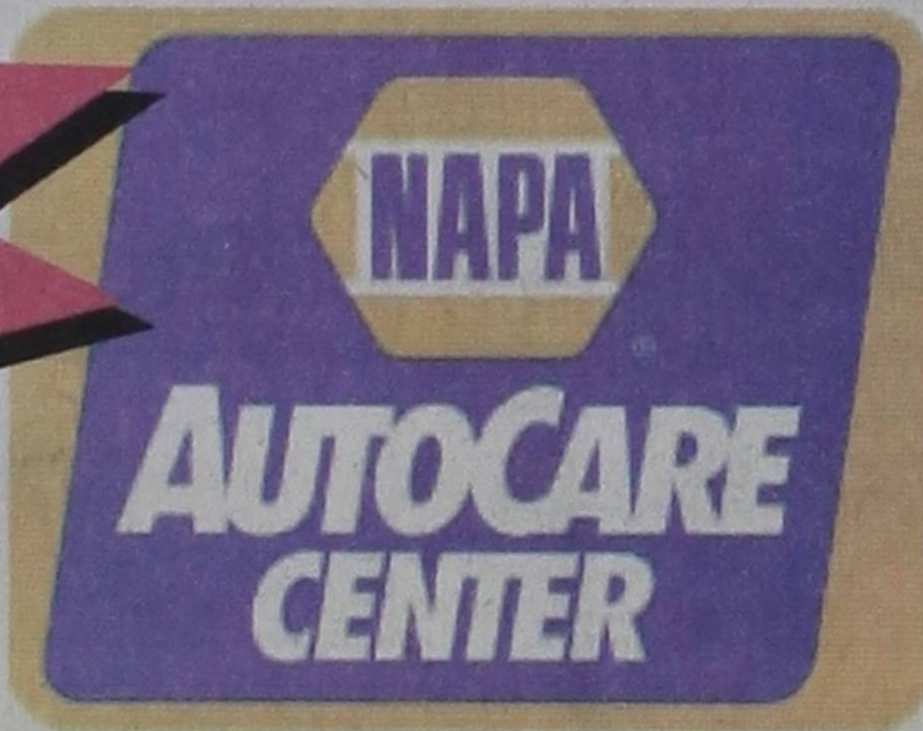
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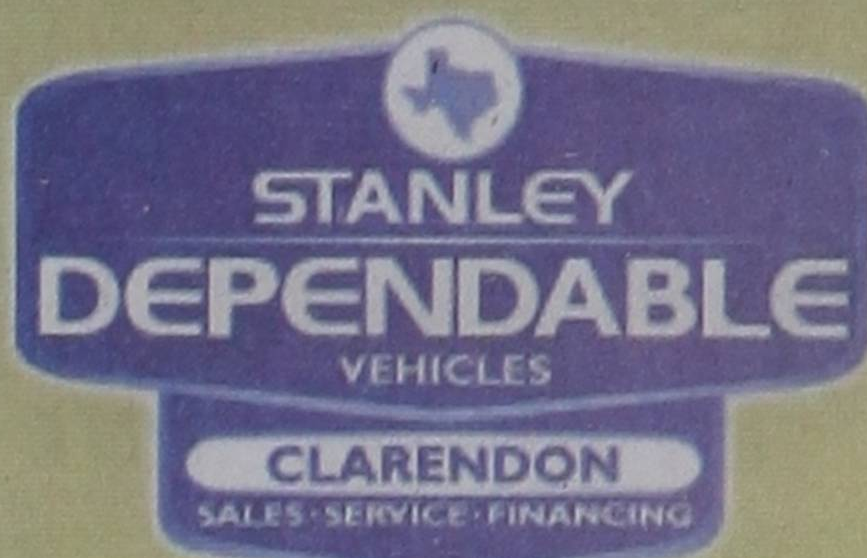
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