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- 2 A commentary looks at whether Presidents Day is really worth celebrating.
- 3 A regional meeting will focus on the future use of groundwater.
- 5 The American Legion will hold its annual area convention in Amarillo.
- 6 And the Broncos start their baseball season.

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

Primary voters start casting early ballots

Republican and Democratic voters began heading to the polls this week as early balloting for the spring primaries began Tuesday.

Early votes can be cast by personal appearance at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

The office of county judge has four Republican candidates — Randy Bond, Gary Campbell, Jack Craft, and Dr. John Howard; and three men are running as Republicans to be Commissioner of Precinct 2 — Daniel Ford, John Grady, and Mitchell Martin.

Other Republican candidates are Pam Mason for Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand, Precinct 1 Commissioner Dan Sawyer, and County Treasurer Wanda Smith. Katherine Williams is not on the ballot but is a write-in candidate for Republican County Chair.

In the Democratic primary, the following local candidates are running: Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Connie Havens, Ricky Rattan for Precinct 4 Commissioner, and County/District Clerk Fay.

Early voting runs through February 28. The primaries will be on March 4.

Bairfield Foundation awards three grants

Three local groups are the recipients of grants totaling \$10,000 from the Charles & Thelma A. Bairfield Foundation.

Trustees of the Foundation met in January to consider three requests for funding. The Hedley Senior Citizens organization was awarded \$5,000 to help with operating expenses and contribute to a fund that will eventually replace their current facility. Clarendon College received \$4,000 to establish the Jerry Gage Ranch & Feedlot Operations Scholarship Fund in memory of longtime RFO instructor Jerry Gage. And the Clarendon Lions Club received \$1,000 for the Chance Mark Jones Memorial Playground in Clarendon's City Park.

With these grants, the Bairfield Foundation has awarded \$119,894.13 to deserving causes since being funded in 1993.

United Christians breakfast this week

The United Christians Monthly Breakfast will be held at 7:00 Thursday morning, February 20, 2014, at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

Lance Wood, Pastor of The First Baptist Church in Clarendon, will bring the program. Lance and others have just returned from a mission trip to Africa. Come and enjoy breakfast.

Chamber social to be held on March 6

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours Social for members, merchants, and prospective members, Thursday, March 6. The host for this event will be L&L Bookkeeping & Tax Service. The hours will be 5:30–7:00. Bring a friend.

Local students more likely to earn degrees

Based on a report by Reeve Hamilton, Texas Tribune

Donley County youth beat the state statistic in a recent study of kids who go on to earn a higher education credential with six years of graduating high school.

Among young Texans who started eighth grade in 2000, less than one-fifth went on to earn a higher education credential, according to data analyzed by two state education agencies and presented last Tuesday in a Texas Tribune news application.

However, the application revealed that of the 60 students in Donley County who began 8th grade

in 2000 — students who are now in their 20s — 33.3 percent received a higher education degree or certificate within six years of their anticipated high school graduation date.

That rate is 13.9 percentage points higher than the statewide rate

Donley County students also beat the regional data which found that of 5,887 eighth graders served by Region 16 in 2000 in the Texas Panhandle, only 20.3 percent received a college degree or certificate, which was just more than one percentage point higher than the state rate.

Local students also beat neighboring county higher education achievement rates, including Armstrong 16.0, Briscoe 20.0, Carson

31.5, Collingsworth 9.6, Hall 26.9, Gray 24.1, and Childress 28.4.

Most students from nearby counties fared better with eighth graders who started in 2001. Donley County's rate stayed at 33.3 percent, Armstrong rose to 22.6, Briscoe came up to 26.1, Carson was closest to Donley at 33.0, Collingsworth rose considerably to 31.7, Hall fell to 10.5, Gray was just above even at 24.5, and Childress dropped slightly to 24.5.

The highest local performing class in the study range 1997-2001, were eighth graders who started in 1998. Of the 54 students in that cohort, 38.9 percent earned a college degree or certification, beating the

state rate for that class by more than 20 points.

Clarendon College President Dr. Robert Riza said the success of local students is helped by the presence of a community college at home but that other factors also contribute.

"This shows the fine job the ISDs are doing and the importance of the college working closely with the ISDs," Riza said. "It also goes back to the community itself and the focus families place on education."

Since 2012, Houston Endowment, a philanthropic foundation and sponsor of the news app, has advocated for the use of "cohort tracking" to evaluate the state's education pipeline. The analysis begins with all

Texas students entering eighth grade in a given year and follows them for 11 years, giving them six years after high school to earn a post-secondary degree.

George Grainger, senior program officer for Houston Endowment's education initiatives, said he believes it's a valid performance index for the entire education pipeline, not just higher education. "We felt if we put our name on this, we can talk about it in a way that a state agency is perhaps not able to," he said.

Cohort tracking is something the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board had been doing for

See 'Degrees' on page 3.



Area Champions

The Clarendon Lady Broncos claimed the 2014 Area Championship trophy Friday night, dominating Wheeler, 63-22. Complete details of that game are located inside this week's issue, and the results of Tuesday's playoff game against Sunray are now available at www.ClarendonLive.com.

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Local offices drawing more candidate filings

Candidates continue to line up for this spring as sign-ups for seven boards continues.

Clarendon Aldermen Larry Jeffers and Beverly Burrow has signed up to seek two of the three terms available on the city board. They will be joined on the ballot by challenger John Lockhart, who announced his candidacy Tuesday afternoon. Aldermen Will Thompson, whose term is expiring, has not filed to run again.

The City of Hedley has three

positions available on the May ballot. The terms of Mayor Leon Ward and Aldermen Lonnie Roby and Carrie Butler are up this year. Roby and Ward are running for reelection, and Diana Postma has filed for the board.

The Clarendon College District has three seats available on the Board of Regents, and the positions are held by Dr. John Howard, Dr. Bill Sansing, and Jack Moreman. All three incumbents have signed up to run for re-election.

Incumbent Ted Wright and challengers Troy Monroe and Michelle McCann have signed up to run for three positions on the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees. The other two posts are currently held by Karen Watt and Tonja Rutherford.

The Donley County Hospital Board has four positions up for election this year. Those seats are currently held by Jan Farris — Place 4, Jeannie Owens — Place 5, Mark C. White — Place 6, and Lori Howard — Place 7. All four incumbents have

signed up to run again.

H.L. Baird is running for the city board in Howardwick where three positions are open. Those seats are currently held by Gene Rogers, Cory Longan, and Robert Brewster.

Clarendon ISD has two trustee positions up this year, which are held by Reneé Betts and Weldon Sears. Only Sears has filed for re-election at press time.

Filing for local positions runs through February 28. Elections will be held May 10.

Second Jones 5K to fund playground

Planning is underway for the second annual Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K, which will be held Saturday, April 12, and help fund new playground equipment at City Park.

The race and playground project is sponsored by the Clarendon Lions Club in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month to raise awareness of child abuse.

Last year's race and subsequent donations, including most recently \$1,000 from the Bairfield Foundation, have raised more than \$23,000 of the needed \$33,000 to purchase playground equipment.

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen gave their blessing to the playground project last week and approved placing the equipment in the southwest corner of the park near the covered pavilion there.

The equipment when installed will be 21 feet by 15 feet and will accommodate up to 29 children in ages ranging from two to 12. The playground will also be designed to include four play components that will meet the needs of children with disabilities.

The race and playground are intended to honor the life of four-year-old Jones, who died from abuse in 2011.



Proposed Chance Mark Jones Memorial Playground.

Sponsorships are now being sought for the race and registrations for runners/walkers are also being accepted.

This year's race will start and end at Clarendon College and will run through town and by the future site of the playground equipment. The start time is 9 a.m.

The event is expected to draw several out-of-town athletes to the community, as running events continue to gain in popularity and participation in them increases. Last year's event drew more than 200 participants.

For more information, contact Boss Lion Ashlee Estlack at ashlee.

estlack@clarendoncollege.edu or 806-874-4808 or 806-662-4687 or Lion Chandra Eggemeyer at tourism@cityofclarendon.com or 806-874-2421 or 325-234-3401. Race registrations are available at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or online at http://bit.ly/1dFOBdH.

City sales tax revenue rises

Economic activity in Clarendon showed continued growth in the final quarter of 2013 according to sales tax information released by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs last week.

The city's February sales allocation came in a \$39,841.45, up 14.87 percent compared to \$34,682.99 for the same period last year.

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers as well as October, November, and December sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Clarendon is 11.42 percent ahead for calendar year 2014 with sales tax revenue of \$67,479.29.

Revenue is also up for Hedley, which had an allocation of \$911.01 this month, up 34.2 percent for the month and bringing the year-to-date tally up 11.56 percent to \$1,220.29.

Howardwick was up 24.50 percent for the month at \$1,483.86 but is slightly behind for the year-to-date, down 2.34 percent at \$2,296.58.

Statewide sales tax revenue in January was \$2.3 billion, up 8.3 percent compared to January 2013.

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some time — but quietly. Houston Endowment approached the agency about running the numbers again and providing an annual snapshot of the education system, this time for public consumption.

Texas Higher Education Commissioner Raymund Paredes called the idea of using the simple, easy-to-understand metric — rather than standard metrics like college graduation rates — “a minor act of genius.”

“If your final number is 19 out of 100 students receiving some form of post-secondary credential, you know there’s an awful lot of leakage

in the pipeline,” Paredes said.

Houston Endowment is careful not to be prescriptive in its cohort analysis.

“We’re very careful in saying that we don’t know what the goal for the state should be for this index,” Grainger said, “nor are we saying how to get there.”

But he acknowledged that “intuitively,” the fact that just one out of five Texas students completes a post-secondary degree is “not what Texas needs, not what the kids of Texas need, not what employers need.”

Texas’ data collection isn’t perfect. The cohort analysis, for example, does not account for some productive post-secondary endeavors, such as military service and apprenticeship programs.

Plus, if students move out of state, the system loses track of them until they move back in — meaning those who attend out-of-state colleges or universities and don’t return aren’t counted.

This omission could be corrected, Grainger said, but Texas does not currently pay to access National Student Clearinghouse data.

Citizens invited to attend Groundwater meeting

Managing area groundwater resources will be the topic of an Amarillo meeting this Friday, February 21, at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission office.

Citizens are invited to attend the Groundwater Management Area 1 Joint Planning Meeting, held by groundwater conservation districts located in whole or in part of the management area. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Texas Water Code Chapter 36 requires groundwater conservation districts to conduct joint planning within groundwater management

areas. The groundwater conservation districts must meet at least annually to review management plans, accomplishments of the management area, and proposals to adopt new or amend existing desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area. TWDB will calculate modeled available groundwater values, based on the desired future conditions, which will be used for regional water planning, groundwater conservation district management plans, and for permitting groundwater withdrawals.

Groundwater Management

Area 1 consists of the following groundwater conservation districts: Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.1, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Counties within Groundwater Management Area 1 include Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.

Extension preplant decision workshop set

CANYON – A Producers Preplant Decisions Workshop will be held Feb. 26 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Kuhlman Center, 200 N. Brown Road, Canyon.

“Our speakers will provide producers with helpful information for critical preplanting decisions,” said Dr. J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

The meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9 a.m. The fee is \$10, payable at the door. Those planning

to attend should preregister before noon Feb. 25 by calling the AgriLife Extension office for Randall County at 806-468-5543.

Topics and speakers for the morning program will be:

- Estimating Soil Fertility Requirements for Sorghum and Corn, Dr. Robert Schwartz, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service soil scientist at Bushland.

- Critical Decisions for Irrigated Cotton Production, Dr. Louis Baumhardt, USDA-ARS soil scientist at Bushland.

- Recommended Sorghum Varieties for Both Dryland and Irrigated, Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.

- Sorghum Yield Under Dryland, Supplemental and Full Irrigation, Schwartz.

- Suggested Seeding Rates at Planting, Trostle.

- Top Dressing Wheat, Trostle.

Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. and include a discussion of in-depth result demonstrations. The program will offer three Texas Department of Agriculture general continuing education units for private applicators.

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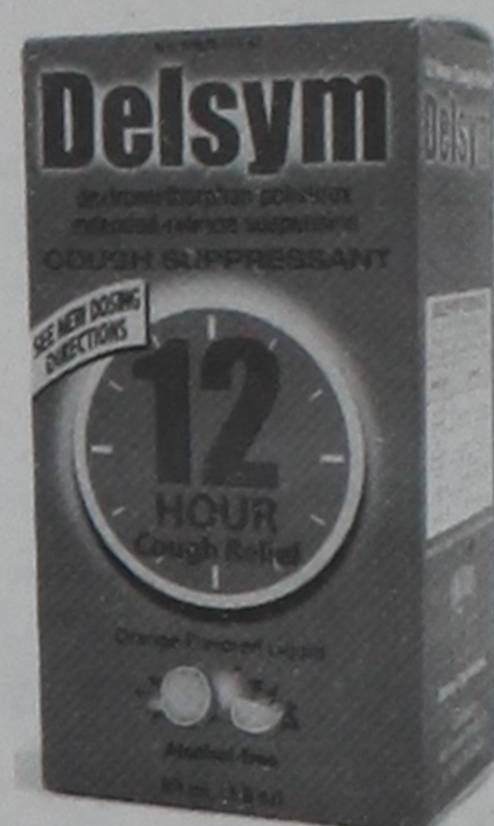
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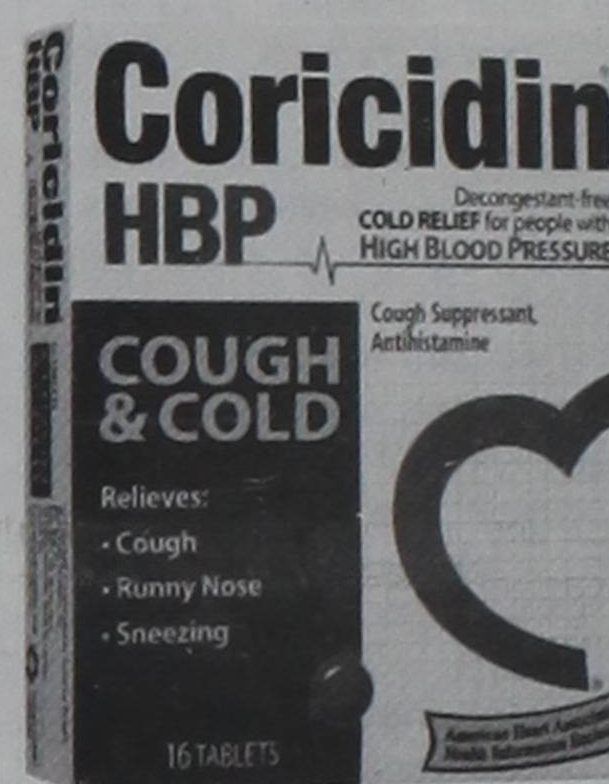
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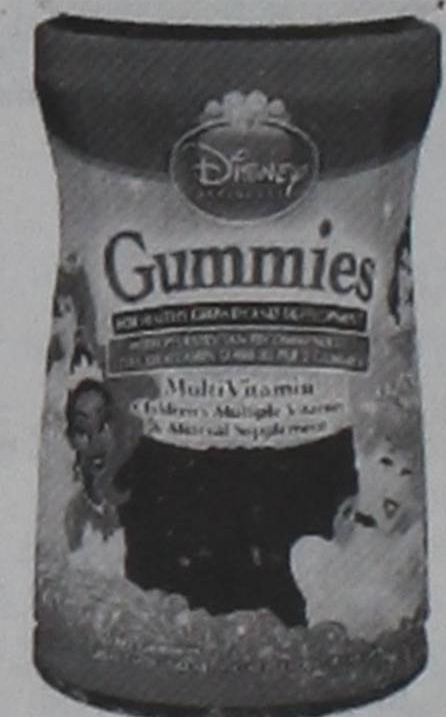
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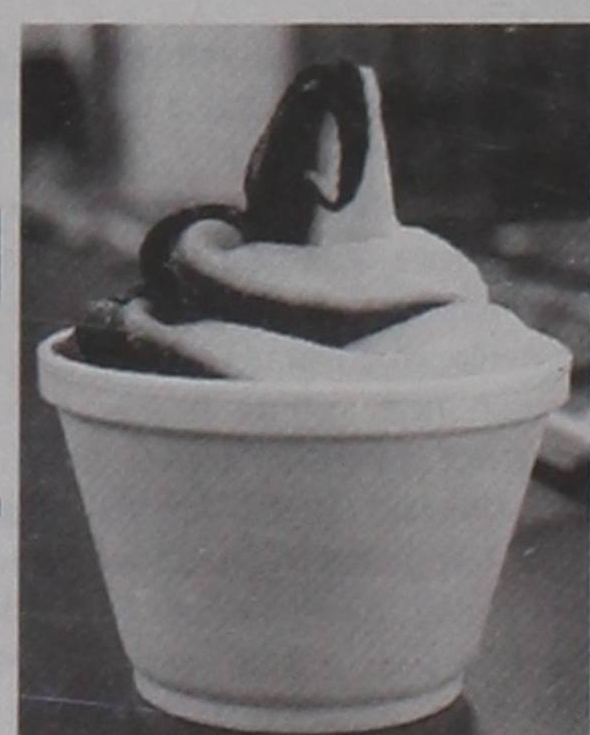
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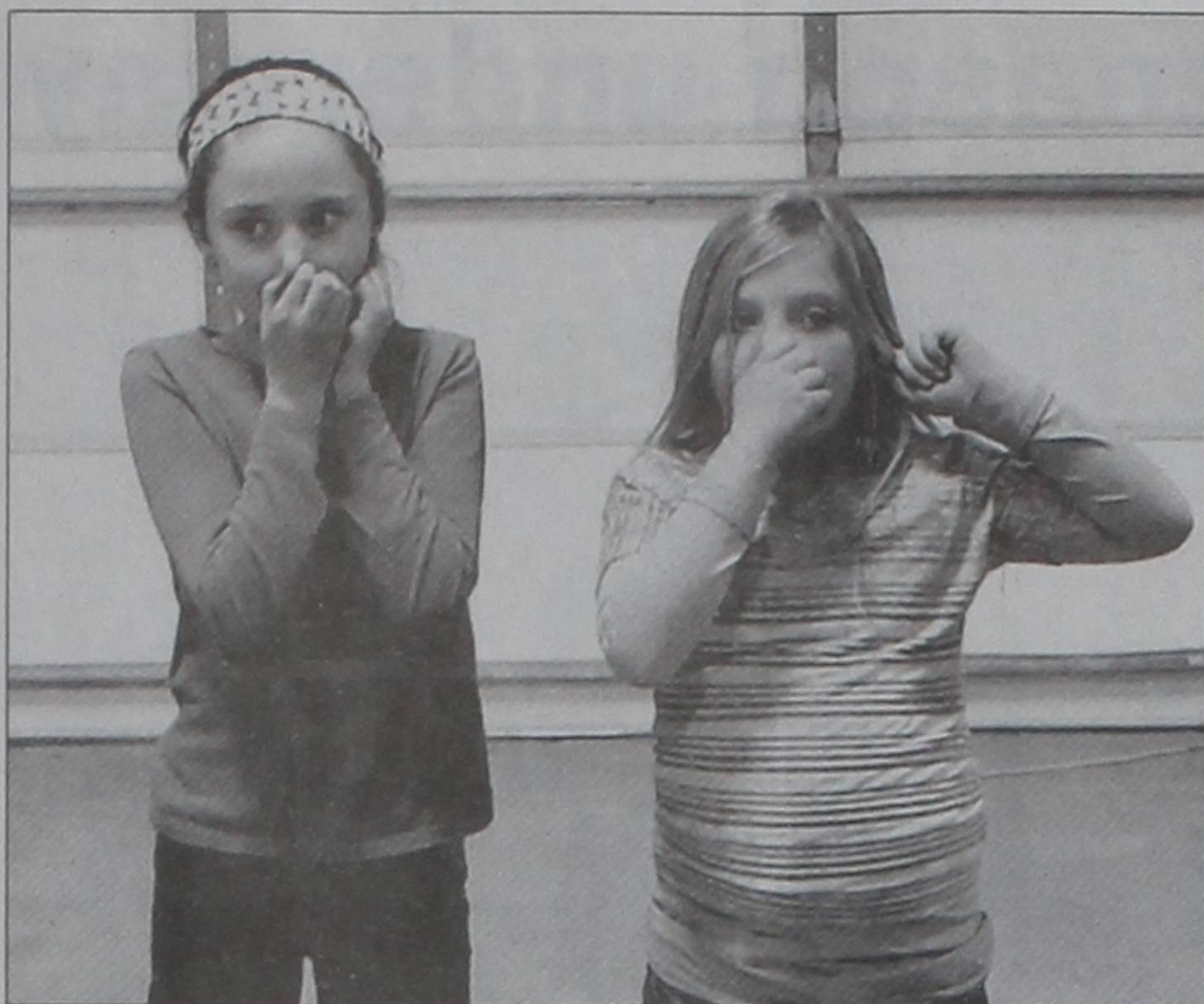
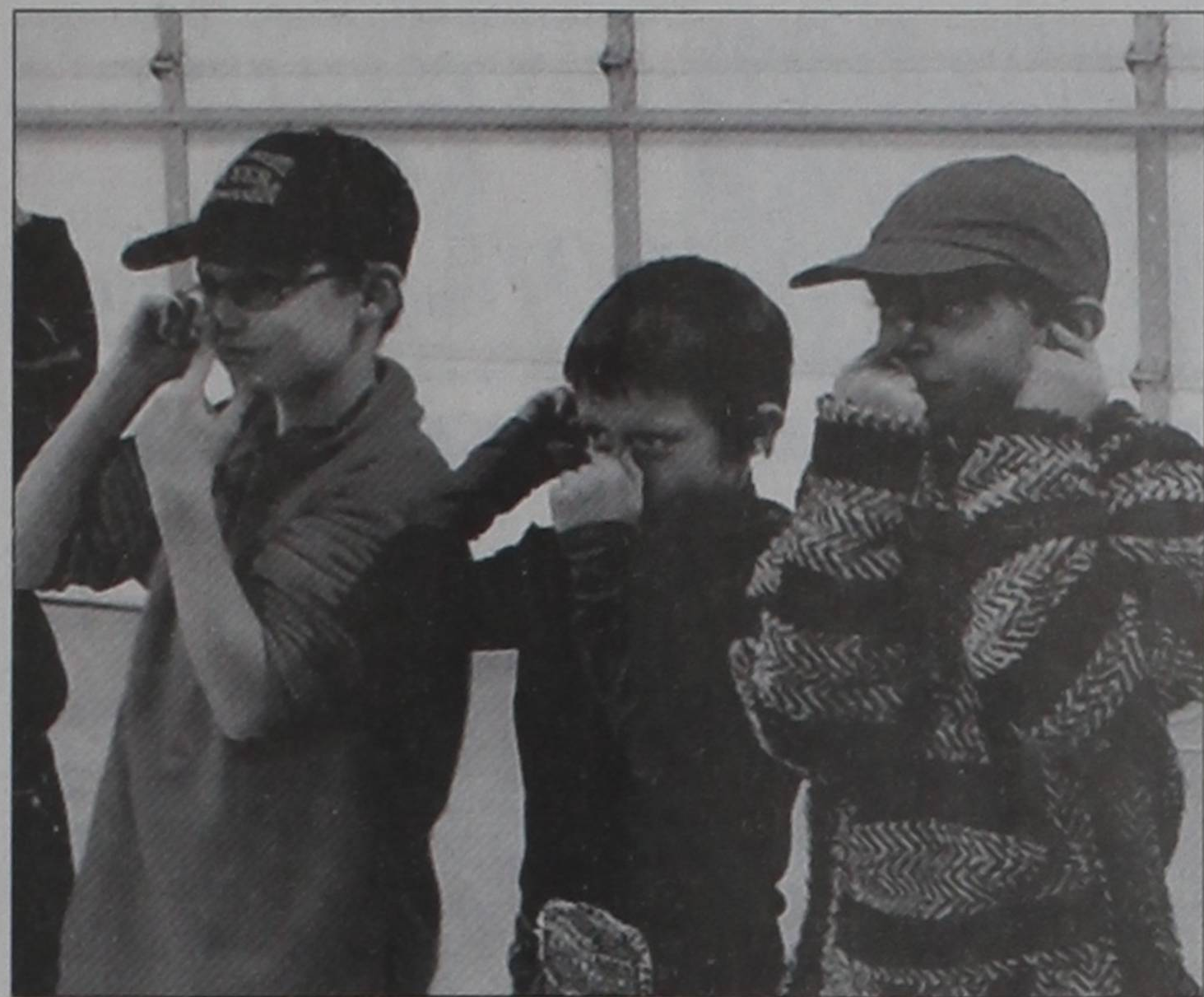
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Simon Says

At the regular 4H meeting on February 11th Tyler Harper, Jodie Pigg, Calder Havens, Laney Gates and Brenna Ellis played Simon Says led by Blaine Ellis and Tres Hommel. Members also played In the River, On the Bank. The next meeting will be March 4th at the Donley County Activity Center.

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American Legion to convene in Amarillo

The American Legion, Department of Texas, Amarillo's Hanson Post 54 will be the site of the Spring convention scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2014.

William Dannheim, 18th District Commander, said that this particular meeting would be extremely special because of the presence of many state and national leaders. Attending will be: Alternate National Executive Committeeman and Past State Commander Butch Sparks of Pearland, State Commander Jim Fleming of Anna, State SAL Commander Bill Kuehner of Benbrook, 4th Division Commander Ron Pietzsch of Roscoe, 4th Division Auxiliary President Carolyn Dutton of Weatherford, Past State Vice Commander Lynn Sparks of Pearland and State Training Committee Chairman Fred Rogers of Frisco. Also planning to attend are several Past District and Division

Commanders and Presidents.

The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a special Cannon Salute To The Fallen and remarks from key leaders. Hanson Post 54 Commander Charles Frenzel has invited the Mayor of Amarillo to welcome the delegates. Commander Dannheim will oversee the event and lead the official American Legion sessions. President Dutton will oversee the Auxiliary session. The Sons of The American Legion will meet with the Legionnaires.

The entire afternoon will be dedicated to the American Legion Extension Institute which is a four hour training session instructed by State Training Chairman Fred Rogers who is one of only eight certified instructors in the State.

Barry Schoenhals of Darrouzett who chaired the state training committee for the past two years, explained that this level of training

has never been conducted in the 18th District and to have the chairman instructing the session is even more meaningful. Schoenhals went on to explain that the training committee was established three years ago to develop programs and curriculum that would advance The American Legion through training and awareness.

The official business session will consider the approval of a newly revised District Constitution and By-Laws and a resolution to create a District Oratorical Scholarship and a method to fund it and the existing Eagle Scout Scholarship and support the General Fund as well. Delegates will also elect new District Officers, who will serve two year terms. "It will be a very busy day", Commander Dannheim explained, "but I'm extremely excited about this event and what it will represent. Commander Frenzel and Hanson

American Legion Post 54 have done a marvelous job in planning it."

18th District meetings occur every six months and create a forum for Post delegates to convene, train and offer reports on Post activities. The American Legion is the nation's largest and most influential organization of wartime veterans and was chartered by congress in 1919 with a purpose to support Children and Youth, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism and a Strong National Defense. The 18th District is one of five in the 4th Division, 23 in the State of Texas and comprises the top 28 counties of the Texas Panhandle and Northern Rolling Plains with Posts in Amarillo, Borger, Stratford, Memphis, Booker, Perryton, Darrouzett, Claude, Parmer County, Dimmitt, Tulia, Higgins, Nazareth, Childress, Vega, Shamrock, Hedley, Hereford, Wheeler, Matador, Canadian, Miami and Dumas.

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Fire damages homes

The home of Forrest and Judy Newton in Howardwick was lightly damaged by fire shortly after 8 p.m. last Saturday, February 15.

Howardwick Fire Chief Joe Hall said the fire started under the decking at the porch near the east entrance of the home. Hall thanked the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance and called CVFD's new thermal tool a great asset. Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said 13 firemen and seven apparatus responded to the blaze. Powell said there were no injuries and said the fire was caused by a discarded cigarette.

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Fri	14	59°	29°	-
Sat	15	68°	30°	-
Sun	16	68°	41°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.19"
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weekend forecast

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Bronco baseball season underway

By Sandy Anderberg

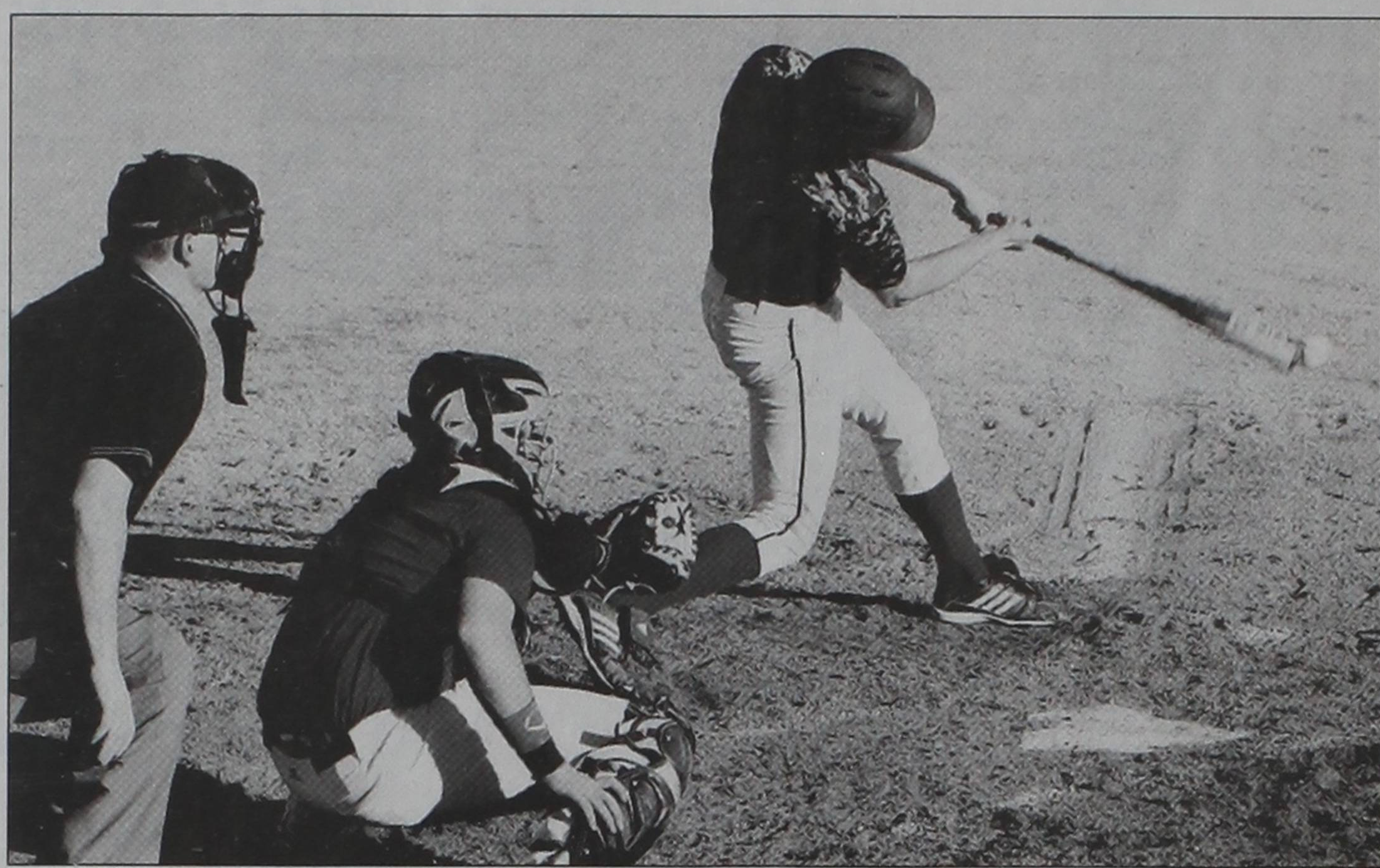
The Bronco baseball team participated in a scrimmage with Memphis last Friday, February 15, as they begin their 2014 season.

According to Clarendon coach Brad Elam, the scrimmage went well.

"We didn't really hit the ball all that great, but our pitching and defense was good for this early on. Zack LaRoe and Caleb Cobb pitched really well for eight innings. Ray Jaramillo, Brandon Miller, and Mykeal LaRoe made good plays on defense."

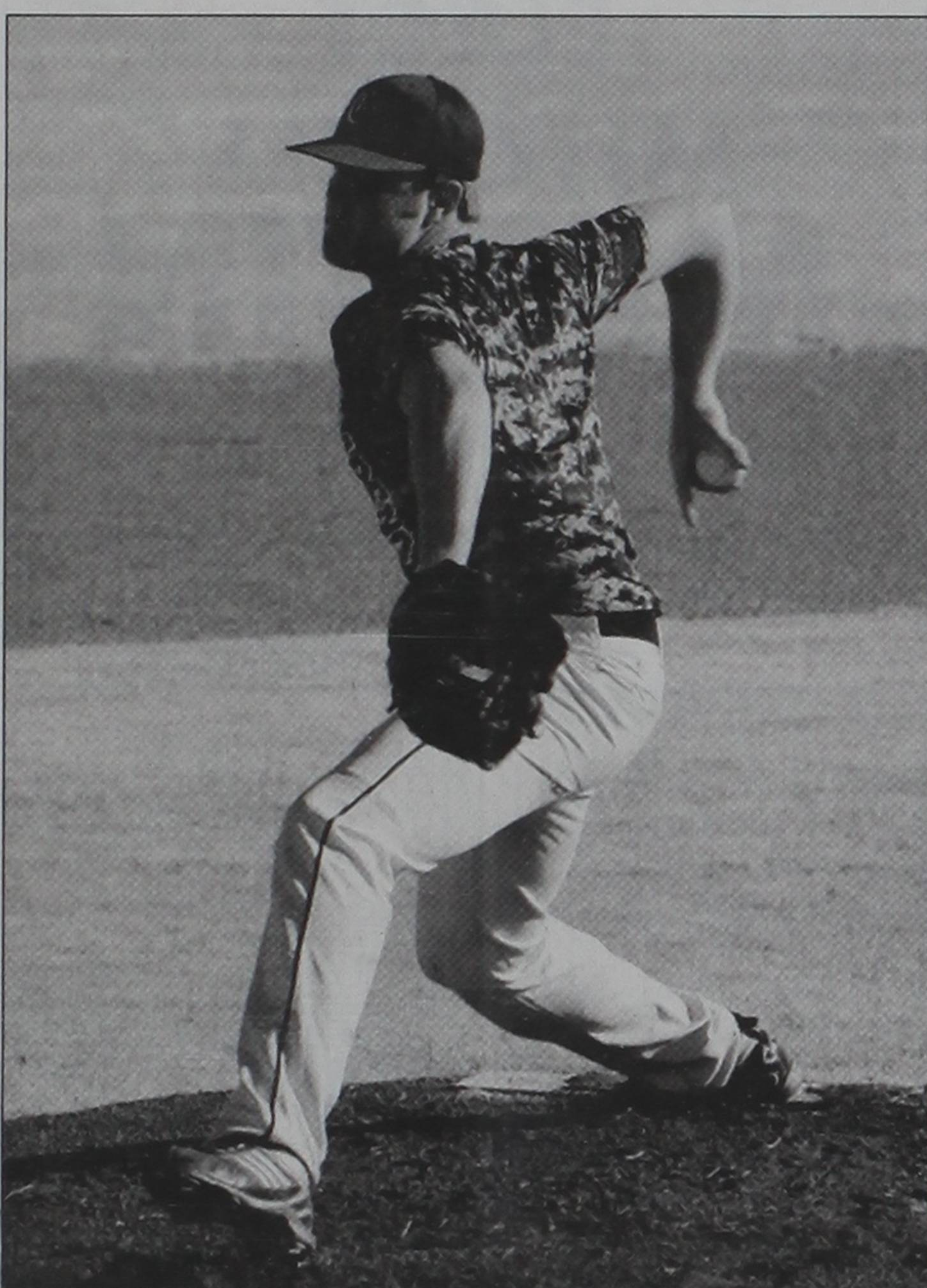
The Broncos will play a regular season game at home against Hale Center on Saturday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m.

They will travel to Memphis on Monday, February 24, and play at 4:00 p.m.



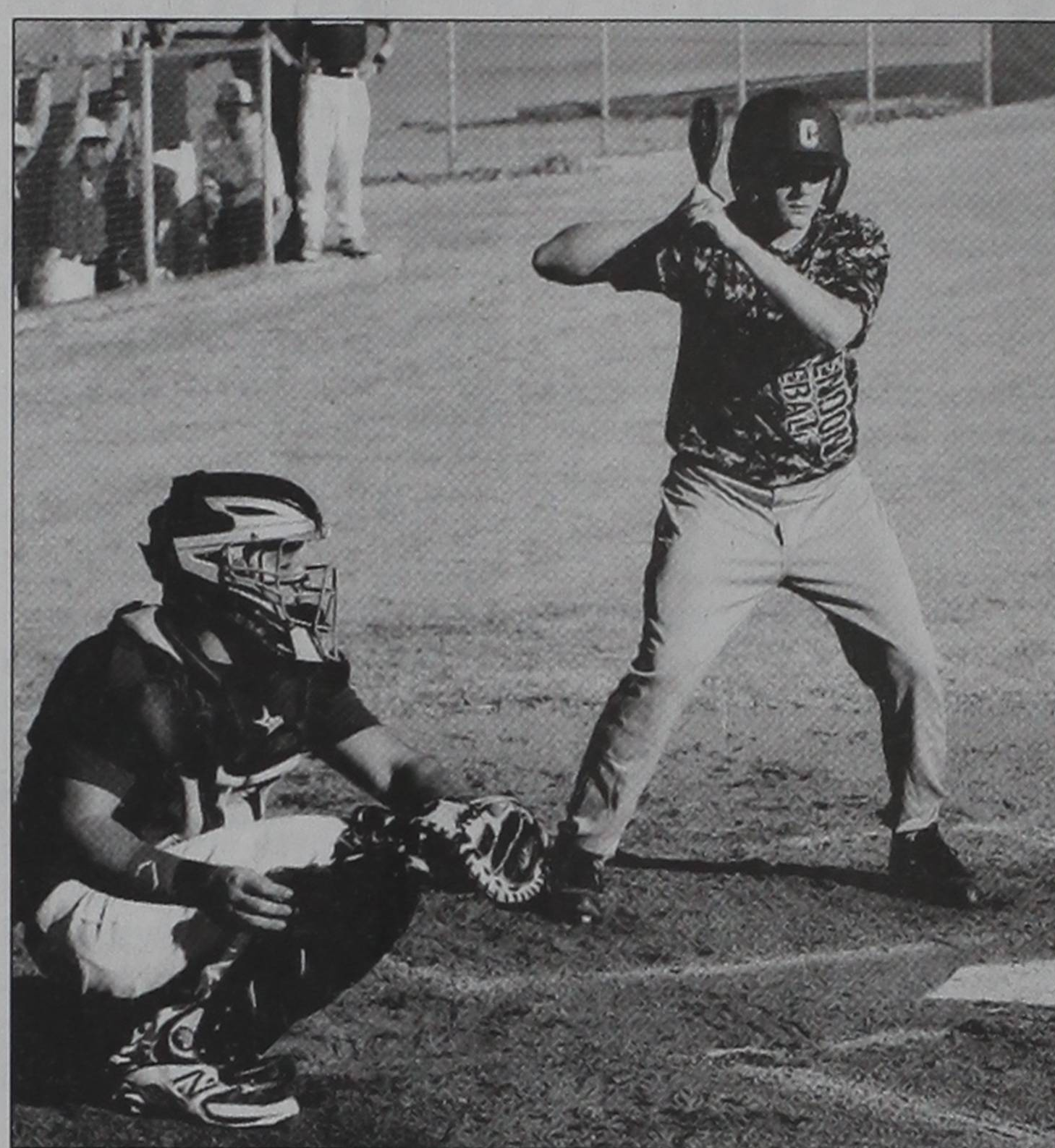
Caleb Cobb bats for the Broncos.

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Zack LaRoe pitches for the Broncos during their scrimmage against River Road last Thursday.

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Nicholas Shadle up to bat during the first scrimmage of the season held Feb. Thursday the 13th against River Road.

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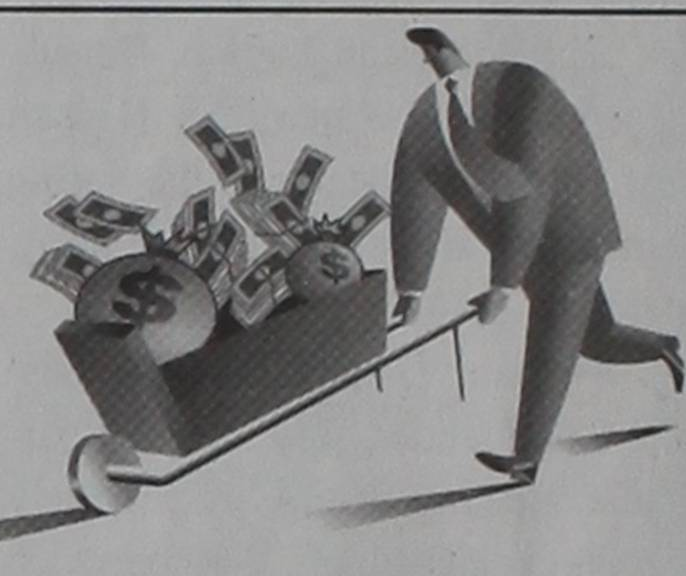
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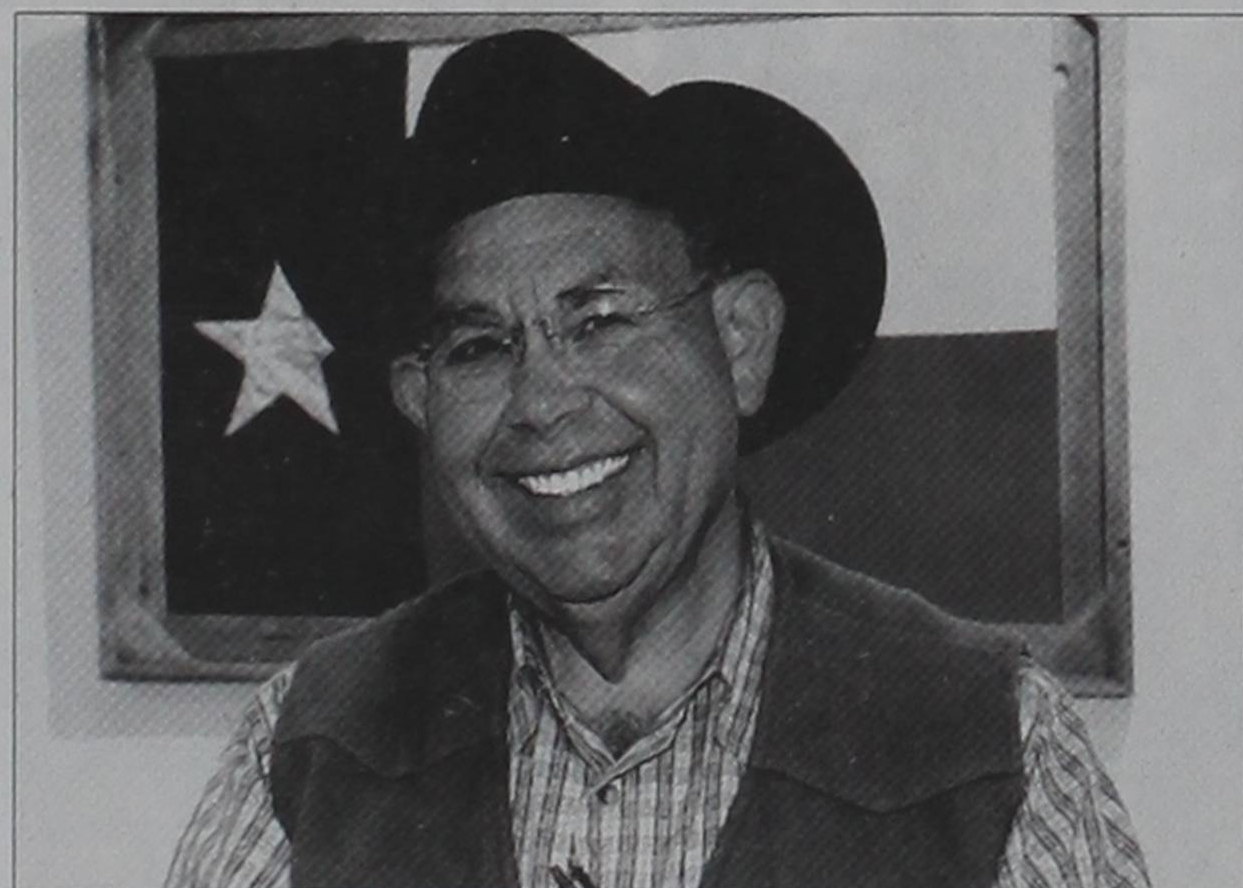
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Every tax base is important to our county, regardless of how big or how small. We have experienced economic growth since the establishment of our county. We need to not forget the men and women who built this county and our great courthouse and what they had to go through to achieve it.

Clarendon was originally known as "Saints' Roost" because of the faith-based principles on which the town was built. This was back in the day when a man's handshake and his word were valued more than any paper contract. People like Col. Charles Goodnight, Cornelia Adair, and Lewis Henry Carhart are just a few of the fine people who made this county great. The point I am trying to make is that since the 1800s, we have been involved with economic growth and development. The definition of which can loosely be described as "the adoption of new technologies and general improvement in living standards."

Since the Great Depression, one of the main goals for society has been to make life better for future generations and to provide for more success. I promise to you that on a daily basis I will work proactively on economic issues with a foundation based on trust, pride, integrity, and honesty. I will continue to build on the foundation laid by our forefathers.

I feel this is the time for all the communities of Donley County to come together and form one unity, regardless of what area in which you live, and work to achieve our common goals. Simply put, I am Randy Bond. I am a plain, common, humble man. I am proud of the history of Donley County. I am for each of us. I believe in God, Country, and Family. United we stand.

Remember: Absentee voting starts February 18.

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FOR DONLEY COUNTY JUDGE

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Lady Broncos win area championship

By Sandy Anderberg

In a total show of dominance over Wheeler, the Lady Broncos routed the Lady Mustangs Friday night, 63-22, at Amarillo High School in the Area game of the playoffs. The win earned the Lady Broncos the right to continue in post-season play on Tuesday night, February 18, against a tough Sunray team.

The Regional I-1A quarterfinal game was being held at Caprock High School as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday evening, and game results will be posted on ClarendonLive.com.

On their game from the tip-off last week, the Lady Broncos were determined to get the win. The ladies put up several unanswered points in the opening minutes of the game and set the tempo for the remaining play as they led 34-11 at the break. Great offensive execution coupled with aggressive defense, the Lady Broncos denied everything Wheeler tried,

which left the Lady Mustangs totally frustrated.

Offensively, the Lady Broncos pumped in seven three-pointers with Camra Smith hitting three of those. Smith, Ryann Starnes, and Taylor Gaines all finished with 11 points each to lead the Lady Broncos on the scoreboard.

Because of the Lady Broncos' huge lead, the junior varsity starters were able to come into the game and the five held their own with Briley Chadwick and Jensen Hatley putting up five points for the Lady Broncos.

"Getting this win against Wheeler was great," head coach Molly Weatherred said. "The girls played aggressively from the beginning and played hard throughout. Several players stepped up and had a big part in our win."

Also scoring: Phara Berry 8, Taylor DeGrate 7, Chadwick 4, Haley Ferguson 4, Deborah Howard 2, Brittney Braim 2, Skyler White 2, and Hatley 1.



Taylor Gaines scores under the basket during the Lady Broncos playoff game against Wheeler last Friday night.

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Phara Berry shoots a 3-pointer for the Lady Broncos during their playoff game against Wheeler. The ladies won 63-22 over the Lady Mustangs.

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3	CHARLES MASON	JR.
4	BRYCE HATLEY	SO.
5	JUNIOR CENICEROS	SO.
10	CHANCE MCANEAR	SR.
24	JONATHON CARTWRIGHT	SR.
32	ASHTON SMITH	SR.
33	ZACK CORNELL	SR.

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ASST COACH: ALTON GAINES

MANAGERS: SAVANNAH TOPPER, MCKAYLA KING, BRITTNEY MCANEAR, EMILY MARTINEZ & KATIE GOOCH

LADY BRONCOS ROSTER

3	HALEY FERGUSON	SR.
11	PHARA BERRY	SR.
12	TAYLOR GAINES	JR.
15	DEBORAH HOWARD	SR.
21	CAMRA SMITH	SR.
22	BRITTNEY BRAIM	JR.
23	RYANN STARNES	SR.
24	TAYLOR DEGRATE	JR.
33	SKYLER WHITE	JR.

HEAD COACH: MOLLY WEATHERRED
ASST COACH: KASEY BELL

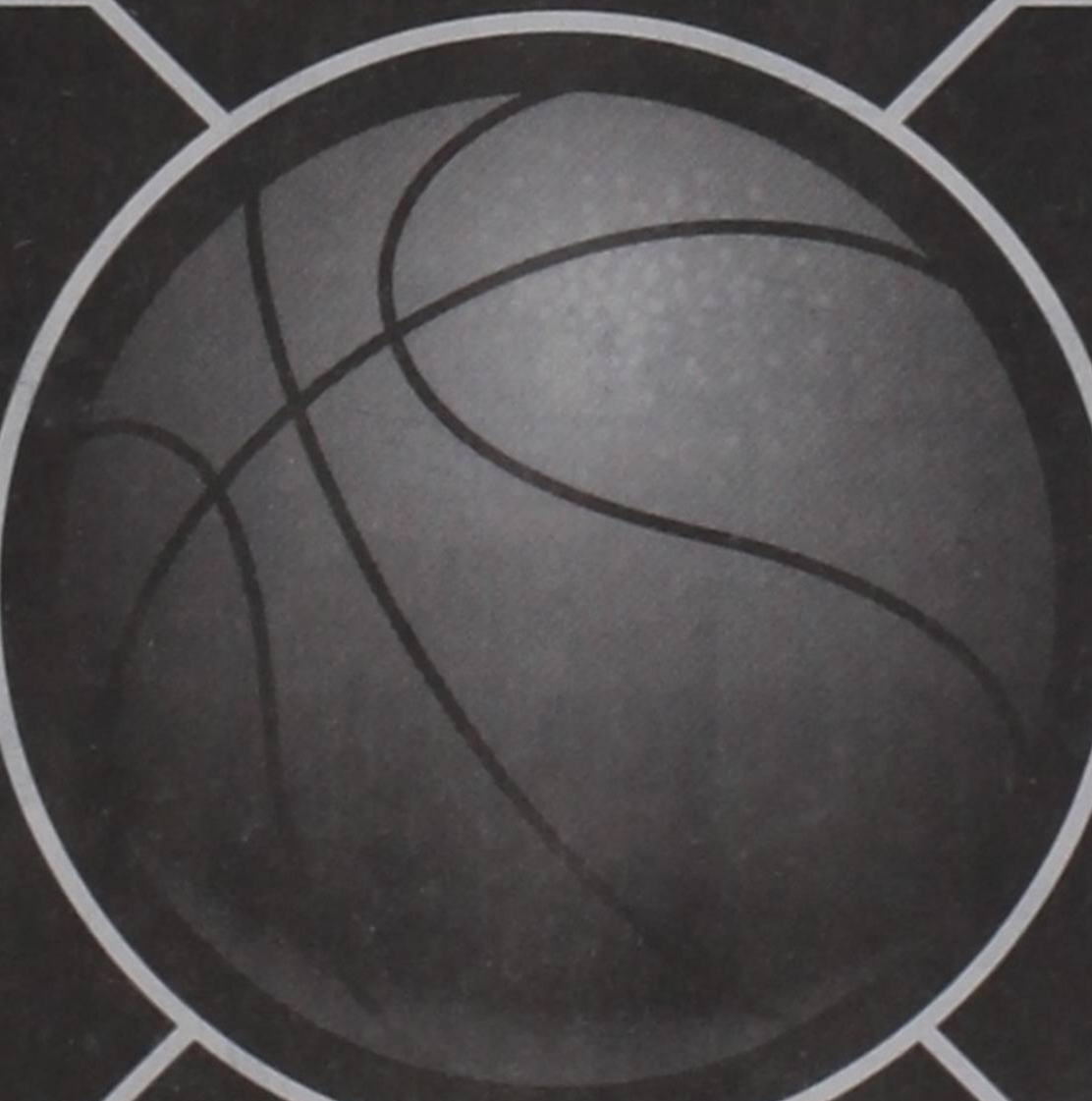
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Varsity Boys

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JAN. 10TH	VEGA	CLARENDON	8 PM
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Varsity Girls

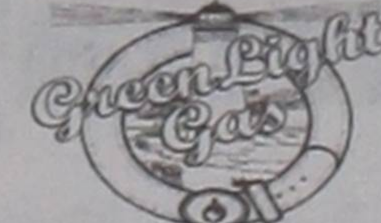
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Ag apps workshops set in March, April

AMARILLO - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct two workshops to train farmers and ranchers to use their iPhones and iPads or other tablets and smart phones to make decisions to increase their bottom lines.

Agricultural Applications of Tablets and Smartphones classes will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 4 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo, and on April 3 at the Roberts County Annex, 122 Waters St. in Miami.

The registration fee is \$20 for

each workshop, to be paid at the door by check, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo. Workshop materials, refreshments at breaks and the noon meal are included in the registration fee.

Seating is limited to 30 participants at each location, so advanced registration is requested, she said. To register, contact Jones by calling 806-677-5667 or djones@ag.tamu.edu.

The workshop is designed to teach participants how to use mobile technology to make quick decisions

in the field, in the pasture, on the tractor, in the auction barn or in the pickup, Jones said. Each participant will have access to iPads with apps already installed. They will learn how to obtain data and do calculations that will improve their price and production risk management skills.

She said the workshops' goal is to teach participants the basics, as well as demonstrate and discuss both Android and Microsoft tablets. Participants are welcome to bring their own tablet or smartphone.

FSA accepting emergency loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought beginning December 17, 2013, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Perryton, Texas.

Donley, Lipscomb and Roberts Counties recently received a disaster designation as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses under the "fast track" authority. As contiguous counties also named under this disaster were Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Wheeler Counties.

Farmers may be eligible for

loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 2.875 percent.

As a general rule a farmer or rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of crop production or suffered any physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan under this disaster designation of drought conditions beginning December 17, 2013.

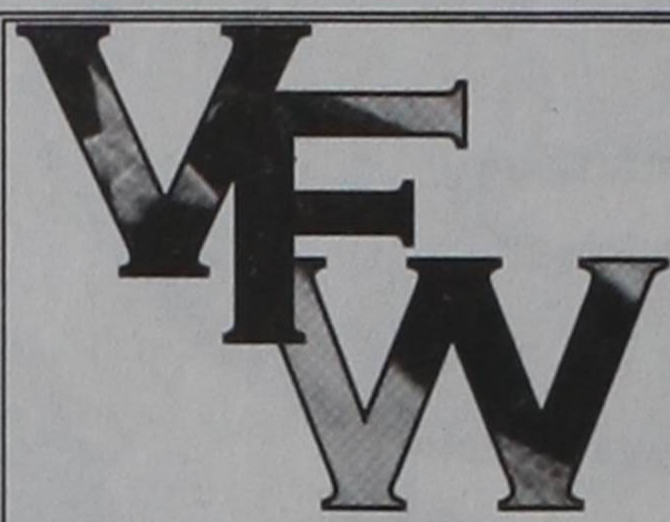
Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their

production loss. Additionally, any insurance proceeds received by producers as a result of the physical loss will have to be considered in determining their total loss.

Application for loans under this emergency designation for physical or production losses will be accepted until October 14, 2014.

For further information, you may contact James M. Heck at (806) 435-6597, ext. 4 or contact your local FSA office and they will direct you to the Farm Loan Program office that handles your county. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for approval of a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF). SWEPCO made the filing on December 19, 2013. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Substantive Rule 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs for transmission capital and wholesale transmission charges approved by a federal regulatory authority incurred since the end of the test year in the utility's last base rate case. In this application, the time period for SWEPCO's transmission capital investments, to be recovered through the TCRF, is December 31, 2011 through September 30, 2013. SWEPCO also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates.

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve a TCRF that would result in an increase in revenues of \$9,843,696 per annum, an increase of 3.50 percent in overall annualized revenue. All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons who have questions or who want more information about SWEPCO's application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 42089 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of March 7, 2014 has been imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, and should refer to Docket No. 42089. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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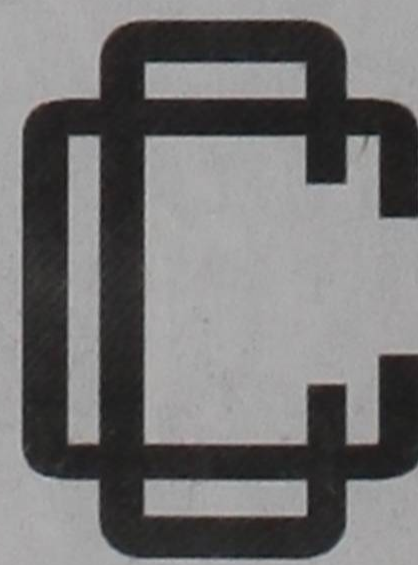


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Aldermen discuss improvements

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 11 with busy agenda, which began with discussion about a street paving project.

The board discussed the project for more than an hour and a half with engineer Clayton Scales and Mayor Larry Hicks as all parties tried to determine issues of curbing and street widths for a project that was approved by city voters in May 2012.

Scales will take information from the meeting and work with Hicks to prepare a set of plans to present to the board at its next regular meeting on February 25.

Scales also presented an opportunity for the city participate in a loan from the State Revolving Fund, which would provide \$215,000 for the plan and design of a water tower or standpipe to replace the one on the east side of town that has been offline for some time.

Scales said the project could help with water quality and pressure on the east side, but aldermen

expressed concern that the city had too much going on at this time to add another project and took no action on the subject.

Ashlee Estlack on behalf of the Clarendon Lions Club presented a plan for playground equipment for City Park and said the club would like to work on future park improvements going forward. The equipment is being purchased with funds raised by the Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K. Aldermen enthusiastically voiced their support for the project and officially approved placement of the equipment in the park.

Gary Campbell gave a brief presentation on a proposal for an official city website. No action was taken.

The board reviewed the city's statement of revenue and expenses to learn more about cost of equipment repairs in the sanitation department as the city considers purchasing a new trash truck.

The board approved a resolution calling for a general election on May

10 to elect three aldermen, and a motion was approved to amend the 2013-2014 city budget to reflect a two percent annual increase in the contract with the Donley County Sheriff's Department as well as amending the budget to allow for an increase in the contract with the Donley Appraisal District.

Purchasing and installing new phones for City Hall was discussed but no action was taken.

The board did approve amending the budget to provide for a \$15,000 plan by Public Works Director John Molder to install three blocks of six-inch waterline on Fifth Street from Bugbee Avenue to Collinson Street. The project would also install two fire hydrants and would result in the complete elimination of cast iron water lines west of Bugbee Avenue.

The board discussed the Code Compliance/Animal Control officer position and considered splitting the position. This item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

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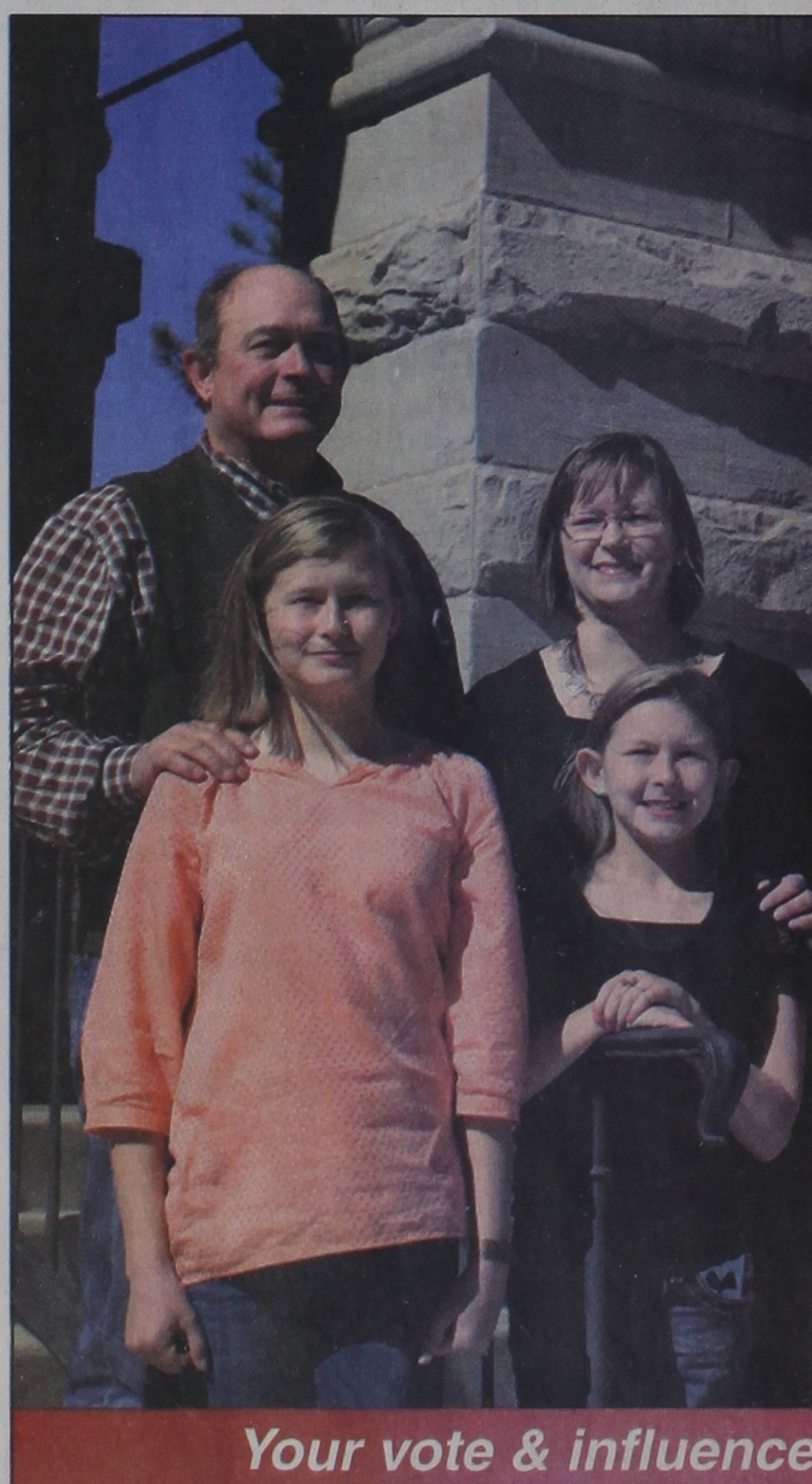
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