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NEWS at a glance

Valor customers lose phone service

An estimated 8,000 Valor Telecom customers in the local region lost their long distance and 911 services Friday.

Customers in the Clarendon, Hedley, Lakeview, Memphis, Estelline, Wellington, Claude, Groom, and Panhandle exchanges were affected.

A Valor press release blamed the outage on fiber optic line being cut by a resident about 12:30 p.m. on the Groom highway 19 miles from Panhandle.

Repairing the line took approximately six hours, the release said.

Candidates line up for Turkey King

It's Turkey Strut Festival time again, and candidates have come out of the underbrush to be Donley County's third Turkey King.

Jars are in place at Duckwall's, and all local citizens, neighbors, travelers, and illegal aliens can vote for their favorite candidate with a donation of cash or change.

Twenty candidates are all vying for attention as the race enters the ten-day primary period. On March 31, the field will be narrowed to the top five candidates with the winner announced on April 19.

This year's candidates are: Mark C. White (the banker), Mark White (the monument guy), Nancy Davis, Bobbie Thornberry, Annette Osburn, Joe Stewart, Guy Ellis, Benny Osburn, Billy Woods, Doc Holladay, Richard Gribble, Eddy Eads, Earl Hartman, Mike Word, Joel Zehr, Mark Suna, Linda Thornton, Tommy Hill, and Coach Kenneth Housden.

Baseball league to hold sign-up

The Clarendon Baseball League will have sign-up for summer T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minor and Major Leagues, Senior Leagues, and Girls Softball on Friday, March 21, 2003, and Saturday, March 22, 2003, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Broncho Gym.

For more information, call Stan Shelton at 874-3741, Paulette Kidd at 874-3731, or Renee Betts at 874-3913.

Friendship Club will meet Friday

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet Friday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck supper at Howardwick City Hall.

Sue Blevins from Crown of Texas Hospice, Ltd. will present the program.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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- 8 And DPS Troopers confiscate \$86,000 worth of marijuana.

All this and much more in this week's high-action edition!

Sheriff near identifying 'maggot'

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Monday his department is close to identifying a suspect in a case which saw the cars of several local citizens mired with racial slurs.

Seven cars in various parts of town were vandalized last Wednesday between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. The miscreant used yellow window chalk to scrawl hateful messages on vehicles belonging to both black and white citizens.

The villain struck again Friday evening with black shoe polish and a blue marker on five vehicles parked near the school, one vehicle downtown, and one residence, Blackburn

said. "I think whoever did this is a maggot," Blackburn said. "They're just trying to tear up our community. The damage done in two nights can cause problems for years."

The sheriff said the work on both nights appears to be that of the same suspect. Photographs of the graffiti were being processed at press time.

"We have a handwriting expert coming to look at the evidence, and we feel confident that we will have a suspect after he looks at the photos."

Black residents expressed concern over the vandalism and said nothing like this had happened here

before. There was one incident of hateful acts in 2000, but suspects in that case were quickly identified and punished.

"I guarantee if we make the case, I will ask for the maximum prosecution from the County Attorney's office," Blackburn said.

County Attorney Pro-tem Kaye Messer expressed her confidence in the sheriff's department and said she stands ready to prosecute the offender.

"We will definitely prosecute this case," she said. "I personally find the use of racial slurs in any way to be offensive."



Yellow dust remains where a Clarendon resident tried to clean racial graffiti from his car last week. Local law enforcement officials believe they are close to identifying a suspect in the case. Enterprise Digital Photo



Ready for liftoff

Efren Martinez of Dallas prepares a piece of stone to be lifted to the top of the 1890 Donley County Court House on Monday. Masons were working early this week to place the new stonework at the top of the main tower as part of the ongoing restoration of the building. Enterprise Digital Photo

City authorizes work on \$12k street plan

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen authorized OJD Engineering to proceed with a master plan for a proposed street paving project when they met last Tuesday.

Engineer Che Shadle presented the proposal, which calls for OJD to perform a field survey to locate intersections, right-of-way information, and drainage patterns.

This work is considered a necessary first step to insure the proper sequence of design and construction in any large-scale paving program.

"If we're going to do this, we want to do it the right way," Shadle said.

According to the agreement, the cost of the master plan will not exceed \$12,000.

In other business during the city's regular meeting, bids for a new skid loader were opened and discussed. The board voted to accept a bid from Yellowhouse Machinery for a John Deere 250 for \$21,665. The machine will be paid for with a

grant obtained through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The city's recycling Dumpsters across from the post office were discussed, and aldermen voted to move the Dumpsters to First Street just east of Kearney Street. The change will take effect April 1, 2003.

Compensation for drainage and easement work to be done on Thurman Avenue was discussed. In exchange for the easements, the city agreed to pay for approximately 130 feet of fencing on Jimmy Thompson's property and pay for some manure to be spread on property belonging to Mike Johnson.

A proposed Jake Brake Ordinance was discussed. The board approved a motion to draft an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine brakes within the city.

Board consultant Colby Waters spoke concerning the position of city administrator. The board will meet in a called session March 20 to look over the applications.

Local man gets 10 years for drug-related charges

Clarendon resident Darrell Thomas was sentenced to ten years in the state penitentiary by District Judge David McCoy last week after pleading guilty to a felony charge.

Thomas was indicted January 24, 2003, by the Donley County Grand Jury on the allegation that he and others had agreed to deliver methamphetamine to an inmate in the county jail. He was charged with the first degree felony of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.

"Swift justice is hard to come by with the number of cases on the docket," said Sheriff Butch Blackburn. "The public was well served getting a criminal off the streets this quickly without the cost of a trial."

District Attorney Stuart Messer said the case shows the system works.

"When we can indict someone in January and have that person sent to prison within six weeks, the justice system is working," Messer said. "The Sheriff's Office is to be complimented. The sheriff recognized an opportunity to go after criminal

activity, and he took it. As a result of the sheriff being willing to be a little unorthodox in his approach, several criminals, including Darrell Thomas, will be brought to justice.

"I would also like the community to know this prosecution could not have taken place without the assistance of inmate Randy Tolbert, whose cooperation was essential."

Cases are still pending against four other men and one female. David Ray Tolbert, Timothy Don Lockeby, and Joshua Lamar Allred were arrested at the same time as Thomas and faced similar charges. A 17-year-old female was also arrested but was charged as a juvenile since she was 16 at the time of the offense.

Thomas and the other suspects allegedly engaged in organized criminal activity between October 1, 2002, and January 9, 2003, during which time seven deliveries of methamphetamine were made to an inmate in the Donley County Jail.

"This is just another step in our fight against drugs," Blackburn said, "and we're not through yet."

Howardwick still looking for candidates

The City of Howardwick was the only local government to have no one signed up to run for local offices as the ENTERPRISE went to press this week.

Howardwick had positions open for the mayor and two aldermen.

As of Tuesday morning, all other entities had candidates for all positions, and at least three were looking at the prospect of having a competitive election on May 3. The deadline to file was Wednesday, March 19.

Four people had signed up for two positions on the Hedley ISD

Board of Trustees. Incumbents Cary Don Neeley and Troy Monroe will face LeAnn Marcum and Dan Bolin.

There were two competitive races on the Donley County Hospital Board where Alan Fletcher had challenged Nelson Christie for his Place Two seat, and Bill Holden had filed against Andy Wheatley for Place 3. Incumbent Don Thornberry was unopposed in Place One.

Clarendon Mayor Tex Selvidge had drawn no opponents in his bid for re-election. Allen Estlack, Ricky Rattan, and incumbent Bob Watson

had filed as candidates to run for two open positions on the Board of Aldermen.

All incumbents at the City of Hedley had signed up to serve again. Bruce Howard, Jim Lollar, and Abbey O'Neal are all seeking to be returned to the Board of Aldermen.

At Clarendon ISD, incumbents Wayne Hardin and Joe Lemley were signed up to run again.

A final list of candidate filings will be available later this week at www.ClarendonOnline.com and will be printed in next week's edition.

Thornberry says house budget will control federal spending

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House Budget Committee last week approved a budget resolution for the coming fiscal year, a plan a local Congressman says is intended to help fight the war on terrorism both here and abroad, give our economy a boost, and bring us back to a balanced budget in seven years.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 24-19. U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), who serves on the Budget Committee, called it a plan that reflects America's

new priorities. "One of the main goals of this budget is to help us wage and win the war on terrorism," he said.

"This budget will help support the troops who are fighting this war abroad and help support our first responders and other personnel who are working to keep us safe here at home. But it is also a budget that will help us meet other priorities.

"It will give our economy a boost by lowering taxes on working Americans and small businesses,"

he said. "Among other things, it will permanently eliminate the death tax and increase the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000 per child this year. The budget also tries to keep a lid on federal spending by cutting everything except for Social Security, defense, homeland security, and unemployment insurance by one percent. Under this plan, the budget will be balanced in seven years.

According to Thornberry, some of the key elements of the 2004 budget include:

- National Defense and Homeland Security - The budget includes \$380 billion for the Department of Defense - a \$15 billion increase. It also calls for \$41 billion in total homeland security spending, including \$3.5 billion for first responder training and equipment.

- Boosting Economy - The 2004 budget lets people keep more of the money they earn by, among other things, accelerating the reduction in tax rate and making the elimination of the death tax permanent. The

budget also provides \$3.6 billion over two years for Re-employment Accounts to assist unemployed workers in finding jobs.

- Control Federal Spending - The fiscal blueprint would balance the budget by 2010 by making an across-the-board, one percent cut in spending (excluding Social Security, defense, homeland security, and unemployment insurance).

The 2004 budget resolution is scheduled to be voted on this week in the House of Representatives.

Obituaries

Wright

Graveside services for Charles Alexander "Bud" Wright, age 90, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2003, in Citizens Cemetery with Reverend Bill Hodges, pastor of the Clarendon Church of The Nazarene, officiating. Burial was held in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Wright was born March 6, 1913, in Clarendon where he lived his entire life. He married Carman Camilla Jones on June 5, 1954 at Clarendon. Mr. Wright was a farmer and windmill repairman most of his life before his retirement, and he was a Presbyterian.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Guy Wright, Thompson Wright, and Norwood Wright; and 5 sisters, Gladys Servis, Dorothy Leggett, Isabell Thornberry, Lucille Hodel, and Fannie Daugherty.

Survivors include his wife, Carman of Clarendon; one daughter; Susan Ann Wright of Abilene; one son, John Charles Sommers of Dallas; one sister, Laverne Greene of Palestine, TX; two grandsons, Scott Sommers and Nicholas Sommers, both of Dallas; and two great grandsons, Cole Sommers and Luke Sommers, both of Dallas.

Howardwick Aldermen hold regular meeting

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met in regular session Tuesday, March 11, in the Howardwick City Hall.

The board approved an order for an election to be held May 3, 2003, for the purpose of electing the mayor and two aldermen. Dorothy Arnold will serve as election judge. Jo Webb will be alternate judge, and Winnie Permenter was named as clerk.

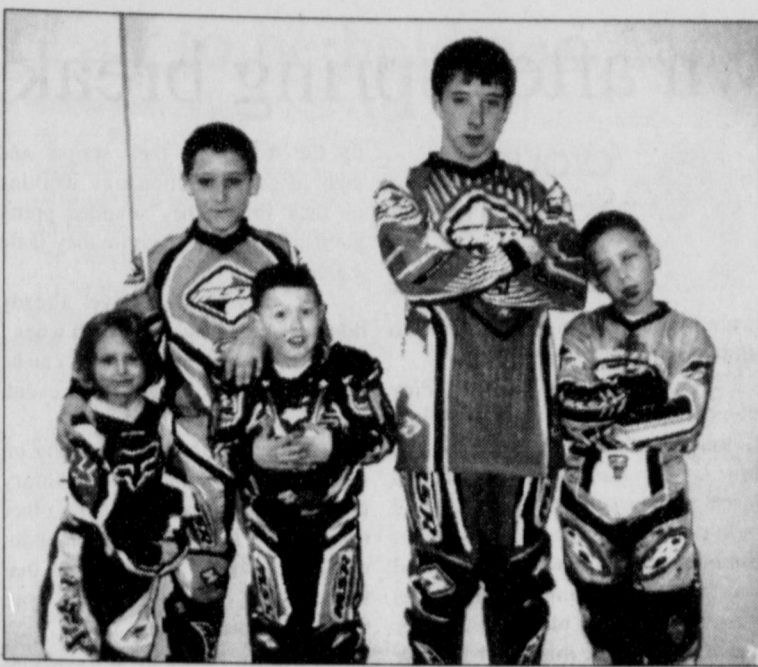
The board discussed and voted in favor of purchasing a posthole digger to be attached to the city tractor.

Lynn Dishong gave a report on emergency management and told the board the city is in compliance.

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Junior cyclists

Several local youth participated in the Amarillo Arena Cross Races on March 1, 2003. Those racing were Briley Chadwick, J.T. Christopher, Rowdy Speed, Wes Christopher, and Channing Maul.

Looking Back

15 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, Mar. 17, 1988
• US Senator Phil Gramm was in Clarendon last week as part of a four-day economic development tour of the Panhandle. Gramm visited Texas Saddlery and was honored with a reception by the Chamber of Commerce.
• The Clarendon Tiger Cubs Den received one-year service pins during Pack 437's annual Blue & Gold Banquet last week. Members of the den are Kenneth Booth, Blake Osburn, Nathan Sears, Derek Shields, Kyle Crabtree, D.J. Edwards, and Jesse Christopher.

50 Years Ago

The Donley Co. Leader, Mar. 19, 1953
• Funeral services were held here Monday at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church for William Henry Patrick, age 87. Patrick was a pioneer banker, starting at the Bank of Clarendon when it opened in 1899 and then going to work at its successor, the First National Bank. He became bank president in 1917 and held that position until June 1952 when he sold the bank. He was one of the oldest bankers in the state of Texas.

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Hedley FFA participates in top shows

By Tangeia Copelin

Mr. Lon Adams and his Hedley FFA participants recently hit the road going to various major shows.

After much hard work by Mr. Adams and his kids, they saw results come to light.

Placing at the Houston Livestock Show were Will Monroe, seventh place Hamp; B.J. Like, ninth place Hamp; Roper Copelin, thirteenth

place Duroc; and Wes Shields, fourteenth place Cross. Cole Farris placed twelfth at the Fort Worth Stock Show with a York.

Many times all the time, effort, money, and hard work are overlooked by those not directly involved in the stock shows. Let's take time to shake Mr. Adams' and his participants' hands and tell them what a great job they have done.

Boll weevil assessment dates, rates set

ABILENE - The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2003 assessment rate, due date, and discount date for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2003 in the NRP is \$10 per dry row acre and \$15 per irrigated row acre.

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

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

Assessment notices will be mailed by September 4, and payment is due October 8. Growers who pay by September 23 are eligible to receive a two percent discount.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Pr
Mon	10	57°	19°	
Tue	11	60°	27°	
Wed	12	78°	37°	
Thur	13	85°	35°	
Fri	14	78°	35°	
Sat	15	84°	40°	
Sun	16	78°	43°	

Total precipitation this month: 0.5
Total precipitation to date: 0.2
Total precipitation in March last year: 0.2
Total YTD total last year: 1.2

weekend forecast

Friday, March
Scattered T-stor
57°/31°

Saturday, March
Few showers
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Sunday, March
Partly Cloudy
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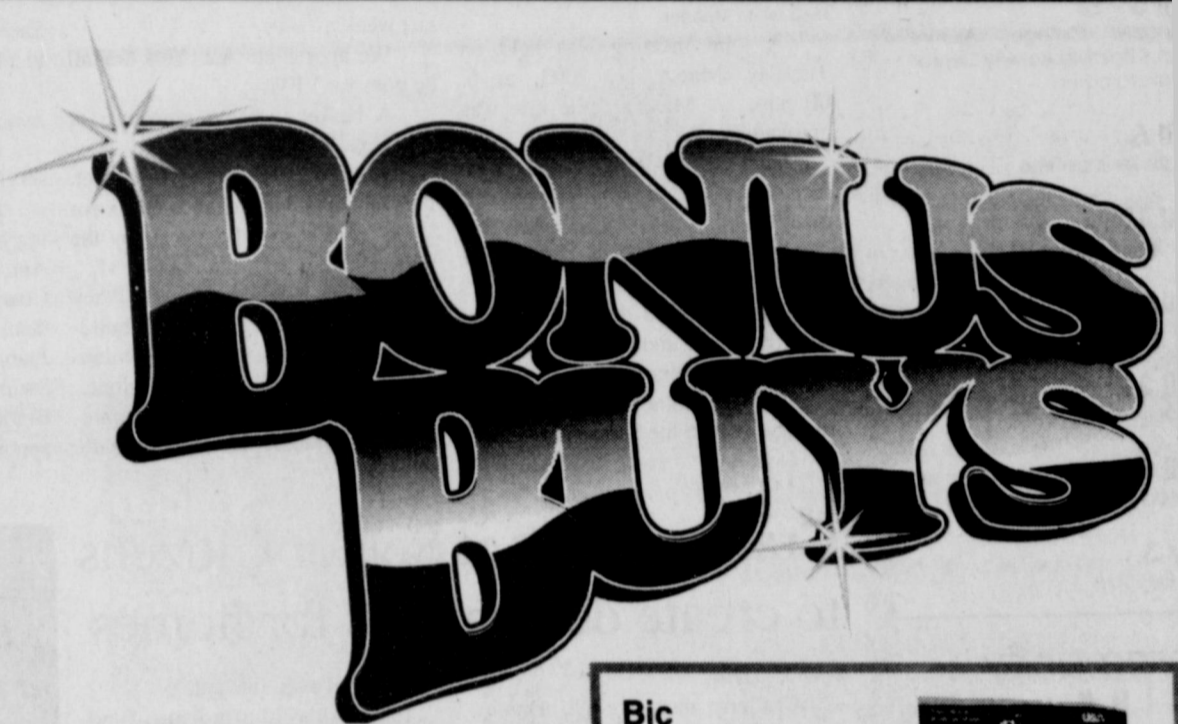
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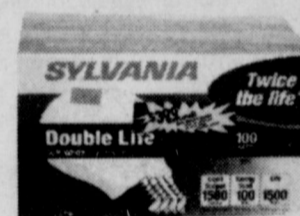
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Youth Safety Fair to be held next week

The Clarendon PTA and Cub Scout Pack 437 will sponsor a Youth Safety Fair on Tuesday, March 25, at the Clarendon Elementary School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to educate and inform parents and children about crime prevention, child abuse, and community services available to local families. A parent must accompany their child to the fair.

Part of the program includes viewing the movie, "It Happened To Me," which talks about sexual abuse in children.

This award winning video was produced by the Boy Scouts of America to educate children about sexual abuse and the steps they should take to protect themselves from being sexually abused.

The video presents common situations in which sexual abuse might occur. Professionals who are knowledgeable about child abuse and child development have reviewed the content of the video and found it suitable for viewing by children as young as six years old.

Amber Ford of Child Protective Services will be available for questions after the program. The video will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Burton Memorial Library will have a booth showing books that are available at the library on children's issues.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department will take pictures and fingerprints of the children. These cards assist law enforcement officials when a child has been reported missing.

The Associated Ambulance Authority in Clarendon will demonstrate bicycle safety and drug prevention. During the fair, the Texas Department of Public Safety and Andy the Ambulance will show proper seat belt and car safety seat procedures.

Immunization information will also be available from the Texas Department of Health, which holds a clinic monthly for children to update their shots.

Other agencies including the Donley County Extension Service, Panhandle Community Services, and WIC will be on hand to discuss poison control and services available to assist families in the community.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Girl Scouts will also have booths at the fair.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.

The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 18 with Boss Lion Myles Shelton in charge.

We had 15 members and no guests present.

Lion Hysinger reported that Clarendon third graders had taken the state's new reading test, and ninety-one percent passed. Lion Henry reported that Coach Tony Starnes had been named the WJAC Coach of the Year for taking the CC Bulldogs to the conference tournament for the first time in nearly twenty years. Lion Bertrand reported that Girl Scout cookies are still on sale and that Melissa McAnear and Chelsea McQuien had earned their Gold Awards.

We had the first reading of the nominating committee's report for a new slate of officers. It will be read twice more before the club votes.

With no further business, we were adjourned.

Homeowners urged to schedule water well checkups

Groundwater supplies about 41 percent of Texas' municipal water systems and about 75 percent of the water used in irrigation. Ground Water Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Ground Water Association, is scheduled for March 16-22, 2003. Ground Water Awareness Week encourages homeowners to schedule their annual water well "checkups."

Groundwater is the water that soaks into the soil from rain or other precipitation and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings in beds of rocks and sand. It is, therefore, a renewable resource, although renewal rates vary greatly according to environmental conditions.

It also is an abundant natural resource. Of all the fresh water in the world (excluding polar ice caps), 90 percent is groundwater.

Groundwater is naturally filtered by the earth that holds it. It can, however, be contaminated by pollutants that come into contact with the earth's surface. Therefore, it is extremely important for Texans to pay close attention to what they release into the earth, whether it be directly into lakes and streams, or even more importantly, into storm drains and wells.

More than 15 million households in the US have their own water well. The owners of these wells have control of and responsibility for their

water supply. Scheduling an annual well checkup conducted by a licensed and/or certified ground water contractor is one important step they can take to ensure the proper operation of the well and to prolong its years of service, as well as monitor the water quality. Ground Water Awareness Week reminds Texans of the importance of groundwater in our everyday lives, as well as the importance of scheduling well checks for any wells on your property.

For questions regarding well checkups, call your local SWCD, local Groundwater Conservation District, or the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board headquarters at 254-773-2250.

Austin symposium to celebrate anniversary of open records law

AUSTIN - One of the nation's leading experts on media law will discuss contemporary threats to open government at a symposium celebrating the 30th anniversary of the state's Open Records Act in the Bass Lecture Hall at the University of Texas on Wednesday, March 26.

The keynote address by University of Minnesota professor Jane Kirtley, former executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, will focus on the tensions between access to information and government control that have emerged since September 11, 2001.

The program also will include a discussion about the scandals and politics that gave rise to the Open Records Act by Don Adams, who was a member of the Texas Senate when the law was passed. That

will be followed by a panel discussion about the current challenges faced by reporters and activists who most often use open records laws. The Open Records Act, which was amended and renamed the Texas Public Information Act in 1995, was passed in 1973 to ensure people's right of access to most state and local government information.

The symposium, from 9 a.m. to noon, is free and open to the public. The Bass Lecture Hall is in the Sid Richardson Hall at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, at the corner of Dean Keeton and Red River Streets. Free parking is available in lots of Red River.

For more information, contact Katherine Garner at 214-977-6658, kgarner@airmail.net or Bob Jensen at 512-471-1990, rjensen@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

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CC Bulldogs sweep New Mexico Military, 4-0

By Sandy Anderberg

Sitting 16-12 overall and 6-2 in conference play, the Bulldogs are in great shape for post-season play. They upped their conference record by sweeping New Mexico Military Institute 4-0 over the weekend, putting them in contention for a conference title.

The Bulldogs took the first game 14-0 with Nick Pauza getting the win. Angel Rohena and Kenny Stormer were the big hitters for the Bulldogs with a home run and 3 RBI's each. Adrian Abraham went 1/3 with a triple and RBI, and Adam Pelley hit 50% including a double and 3 RBI's. Ryan Rohlinger was 1/3 with a double and 2 RBIs, and Mike Patterson was 1/2 hitting a home run and 1 RBI.

In the 2nd game, the Bulldogs took care of NMMI 11-3, and Nate Melek was credited with the win. Rohlinger was the big hitter as he hit 2 home runs, a triple, and 3 RBI's.

Dustin Brooks hit a home run; slugging in 3 RBIs and Stormer also knocked in a home run and chocked up 2 RBI's in the process. Zac Stokes added 2 doubles and one RBI, and Abraham was 1/3 with a triple and one RBI.

The Bulldogs continued their winning streak in the 3rd game against NMMI, defeating them 6-1. Jeremiah Stewart was the winning pitcher in the win. Stokes was 2/3-home run, double, and 2 RBIs; Brooks 1/3-home run and 3 RBIs; Rohlinger 1/3-triple; and Patterson was 2/3 with one RBI.

In the final game of the four-game series, the Bulldogs ended the game at 13-5 with Marcus White claiming the win. Stormer hit a home run and 3 RBIs and Abraham slammed a double and also added 3 RBIs. Pelley was 2/4-2 doubles, 2 RBIs; Rohlinger 3/5-triple; Patterson 1/4-double; Brooks 3/4-double and one RBI. Coach Trent Petrie was

very pleased with his players' performance in the four-game sweep.

"The guys played well," Petrie said. "We swung the bats well, and we played great team defense. We only allowed two errors in four games. We pitched really well as a club."

Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs went against Garden City Community College at home. The Bulldogs dropped both games at 15-17 and 4-8. Ezequiel Garcia was the losing pitcher in the first game. Rohlinger was the big hitter slugging in a home run, a double, and 6 RBIs. Pelley added a double and 4 RBI's, Abraham was 3/4 with a double and one RBI, and Stokes was 2/4 with a double and 3 RBI's.

In the 2nd game of the double header, the Bulldogs just couldn't get things going. They racked up several hits but Garden City prevailed and handed CC a loss.

"We scored 15 runs in the first

game and still didn't win," Petrie said. "We didn't swing our bats well in the 2nd game."

March 12 the Bulldogs took on Lubbock Christian JV in Lubbock. The Bulldogs split games with them as they won the first, but lost the second.

Colby Tackett was the winning pitcher, and Abraham got the save in the 6-5 Bulldog win. Rohena hit a home run and RBI, and Patterson added a home run and 2 RBI's. Rohlinger helped with a double and RBI, and Carlos Cardenas was 2/3 with a triple and 2 RBI's.

The Bulldogs lost the second game 5-6 with Kenny Stormer getting the loss. Pelley hit 3/4 with one RBI, and Cardenas added 2 double and 1 RBI.

The Bulldogs will take on Frank Phillips College March 21-22 in Borger. The games will begin at noon each day.

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Lady Broncs runners-up in Hereford

By Sandy Anderberg

Sweeping the 400 and 800-meter relays, the Lady Broncs finished only fourteen points out of first place behind the Canyon Lady Eagles in the Deaf Smith County Relays at Hereford on Saturday. The Lady Broncs competed in the Division II division.

The four-member team ran a 52.19 and a 1:50.95 in the 400-meter and 800-meter relay respectively. The 400-meter team consists of Haley Shelton, Brandi Lockart, Destiny Weatherton, and Equilla Weatherton. Running on the 800-meter relay were E. Weatherton, D. Weatherton, Lockart, and Angel Williams.

Defending state champion Angel Williams also added to the point total for the Lady Broncs by claiming first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.41 and the 100-meter hurdles with a 15.28. Destiny Weatherton helped the team with a first place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.30 and a 2nd place finish in the triple jump with a lead of 32' 6 1/2", and Haley Shelton took 3rd with a jump of 32'6". Weatherton finished 4th in the long jump with 15'2" jump. Equilla Weatherton stormed through the field in the 100-meter dash with a first-place finish of 12.22 seconds. Freshman Kimberly Tolbert claimed a 5th place in the shot put with a throw of 31'0".

Senior track standout James Williams bested his opponents once again in the shot and discus with winning throws of 58'7" and 153'7" respectively. Bryan McFarland finished 4th in the pole vault with a height of 10'6".

The Broncos and Lady Broncs will travel to Claude March 22 to take part in the Mustang relays. March 28 the Broncos and Lady Broncs will compete in Silvertown and March 29 in Shamrock.

Broncos stop Lefors, 22-7

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos put it all together and handily defeated district foe Lefors in the 5-inning game.

Senior Todd Hoeltzel was the winning pitcher for the Broncos as he had 10 strikeouts and only one base on balls. His season record stands at 5-1.

The Broncos had their bats going as JC Blackburn and Kevin Green each added a double with Adam Leeper slugging in a home run.

"We played great except for the 4th inning," coach Brad Elam said. "Our hitting is getting better, but we still need to improve on fielding and base running. Todd (Hoeltzel) pitched well again as did Jeremy (Howard). Adam (Leeper) is starting to hit well. We're really right where we want to be at this time in district."

The Broncos will continue district play March 21 at Memphis beginning at 4:30 p.m. They will host Claude March 24 also beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Abdullahs finish second in Floydada tennis meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Amina and Uthala Abdullah took it down to the wire Tuesday in the championship game of the tennis meet they attended.

In the first round, the pair went up against Floydada and defeated them 8-1. They then shut out Whiteface and Slaton 8-0 in the second and third rounds. Those wins propelled them into the championship round where they

faced the duo from Vega for the 3rd time this year and were narrowly defeated 6-2, 3-6, and 5-7.

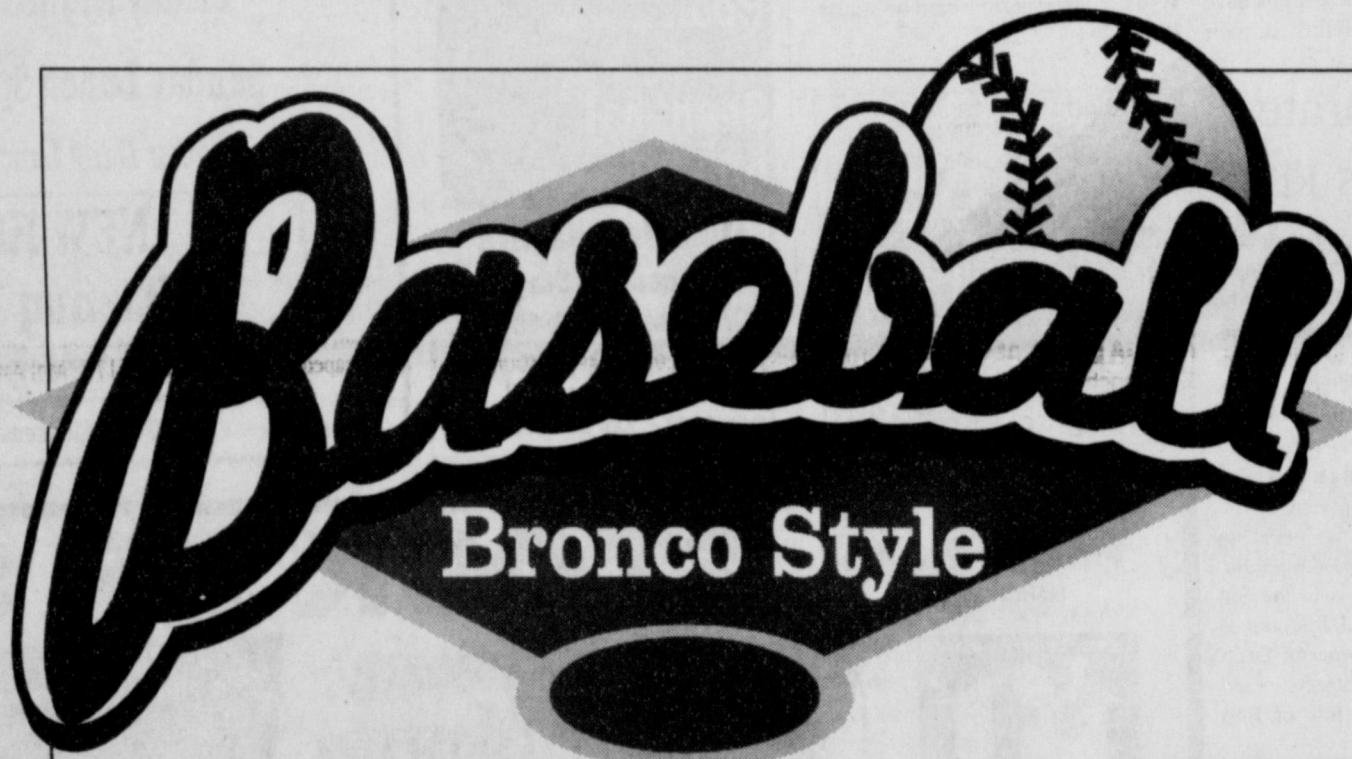
"The Vega team is really good," coach Wade Callaway said. "Amina and Uthala played hard, and I know they'll be able to beat them the next time they meet."

On the men's side Taylor Shelton and Chase Thornberry teamed up and defeated Anton 8-0 in the first round. Things didn't go their

way in the 2nd round however, as they lost 4-8 to Post.

"Despite the loss, the guys played hard," Callaway said. "The Post team was a 2002 Regional Qualifier, so we were pleased with how we did."

The Clarendon High School tennis teams will take part in the Wellington Tournament on March 19-21 at the Wellington High School.



Broncos Baseball

March 21

Memphis in Memphis, 4:30 p.m.

March 24

Claude in Clarendon, 4:30 p.m.

Lady Broncos Softball

March 24

Knox City in Knox City, 4:30 p.m.



Broncos		
1	JC Blackburn	Jr
2	Richard Anderson	Sr
3	Jeremy Howard	Jr
4	Ty Lewis	So
5	Grady Swearingen	So
6	Adam Leeper	Jr
7	Michael Bruce	Fr
9	Jordan Zehr	Sr
11	Blake Frye	Jr
12	Todd Hoeltzel	Sr
13	Will Drackley	Fr
14	Will Betts	Fr
15	Kevin Green	Sr
16	Ty White	Fr
18	Trey Shay	So
19	Dusty Martindale	Jr
20	Bryan McFarland	Sr
21	Lee Stegall	Jr
22	Morgan Robinson	Fr
23	Tim Sanchez	Fr
24	Steven Ford	Fr
Coach: Brad Elam		
Asst. Coach: Wade Callaway		
Managers: Serenity Shay, Lydia Hartman		

Lady Broncos		
2	Destiny Weatherton	So
3	Christine Holden	Sr
4	Laura Dziejdzic	So
7	Brittney Hall	Jr
8	Sarah Depew	So
10	Lacey Eads	Jr
11	Haley Shelton	Fr
12	Kayla Martindale	So
14	Kristin White	Fr
15	Kaitlyn Howard	Fr
16	Brandi Betts	Sr
17	Shanna Shelton	So
18	Jamie Simmons	So
Coach: Kathy Barton		
Managers: Caitlan Hall, Anndria Kidd		

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Sheriff's Report:

Officers respond to calls of vandalized vehicles

March 10
 12:06 a.m. - Assisting DPS in 1500 block of W. 5th.
 12:10 a.m. - To jail with one male in custody for DWI - resisting arrest.
 11:47 a.m. - Check debris on shoulder of roadway on US 287, approximately 16 m. west.
 2:20 p.m. - Out in 100 block of Goodnight St.
 4:35 p.m. - EMS assist in 400 block of N. Hartzell.
 6:01 p.m. - Responding to reported stranded boater on Greenbelt Lake.
 11:01 p.m. - Dispute in 300 block of N. Rosenfield.

March 11
 6:45 p.m. - Disturbance in 600 block of Gorst - loud music.
 10:31 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle on CR 2 south of US 287.
 11:23 p.m. - Family dispute in 300 block of Carrol Creek.

March 12
 3:45 a.m. - Deputy, Fire Department,

EMS dispatched. Irrigation pump burning, hooked to natural gas line on N. SH 70 just S. of I-40.
 10:37 a.m. - Check unfamiliar vehicle at unoccupied residence on N. SH 70.
 12:45 p.m. - Gas drive off. East bound on US 287.
 2:10 p.m. - Out in alley way in 600 block of E. 2nd.
 7:26 p.m. - Out at residence N. of marina on Greenbelt Lake.
 9:24 p.m. - Secure gates at business on W. 2nd. Manager also notified.
 10:47 p.m. - Out in 300 block of Rosenfield taking reports of criminal mischief - vandalism to vehicles.
 11:00 p.m. - Have located five more vehicles with same form of vandalism.
 11:48 p.m. - Check vandalism done to vehicle at Clarendon College.

March 13
 7:47 a.m. - Check reported vandalism.
 7:58 a.m. - More vandalism reported.

11:12 a.m. - Welfare check on US 287, E. of Hedley.
 1:32 p.m. - Out of vehicle for follow up on local vandalism.

March 14
 12:11 a.m. - Out in 600 block of S. Carhart for telephone harassment.
 3:22 a.m. - Check suspicious vehicle on Martindale.
 3:30 a.m. - Out with subjects of suspicious vehicle.
 3:51 a.m. - Released female juveniles to parents along with vehicle.
 4:02 a.m. - Escorted and released three male juveniles at residence in 100 block of W. Rosenfield, 200 block of S. Carhart, and 600 block of E. 2nd.
 6:26 a.m. - Escort male subject to EMS station. EMS paged.
 7:35 a.m. - Loose livestock on FM 1260 N. of Clarendon.
 2:16 p.m. - To Sheriff's Office, judge here to arraign inmate.
 6:55 p.m. - Disturbance on 8th and Collinson and 8th and McLean.
 9:04 p.m. - EMS assist on Hollis and

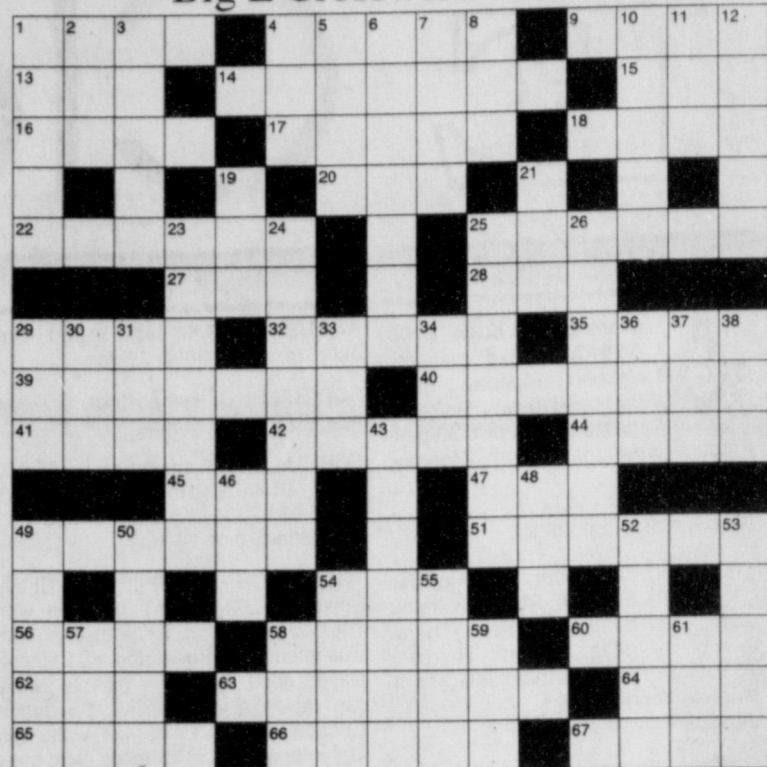
Borger in Howardwick.
 11:10 p.m. - Responding to reported vandalism to three vehicles.

March 15
 2:27 a.m. - Out at 6th and Goodnight.
 3:28 a.m. - Out in 800 block of S. Carhart.
 11:23 a.m. - Vandalism done to vehicle in 500 block of S. Ellerbee.
 12:23 p.m. - Single vehicle accident on US 287 at Giles Hill. All emergency units en route.
 4:23 p.m. - Attempt to locate vehicle involved in gas drive off.

March 16
 12:22 a.m. - Back up DPS for vehicle search.
 2:02 a.m. - Out in 300 block of E. Browning.

Summary
 Arrests - 4
 Fire - 2
 EMS - 6

Big E Crossword Puzzle



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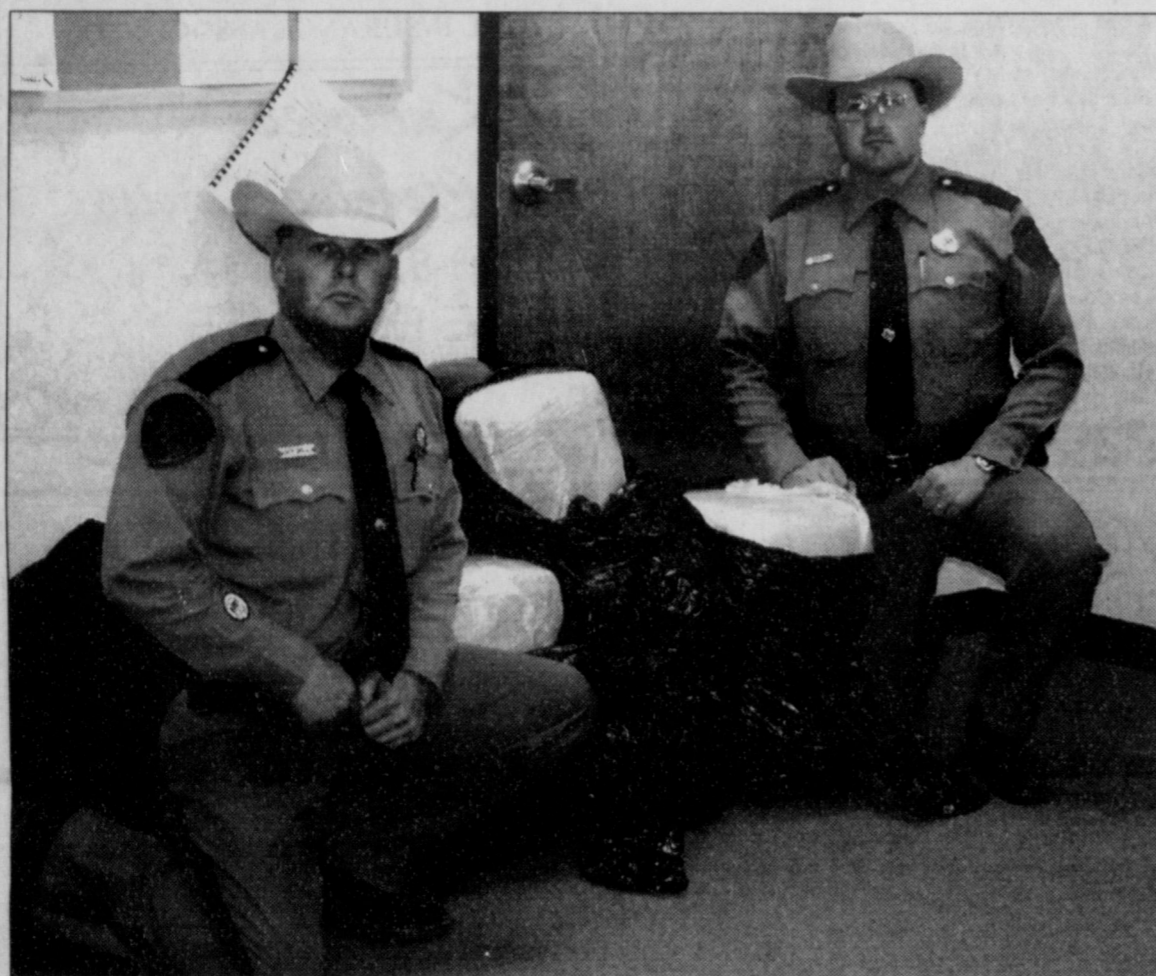
- 1. Formal close (music)
- 4. Urge forward
- 9. From a distance
- 13. American Library Association
- 14. Emotionally aroused
- 15. Pretend falsely
- 16. Examine hastily
- 17. Biscuitlike quick bread
- 18. Pop
- 20. '60s actress, _____ Arden
- 22. Capable of wounding
- 25. Free from confinement
- 27. Tennis winner
- 28. Apply mousse to
- 29. Strike breaker
- 32. Type of clique
- 35. Adjoin
- 39. Bulrush
- 40. Twin or cat
- 41. Cain and _____
- 42. Carry out systematically
- 44. Arabian Gulf
- 45. Lubricate
- 47. Monetary unit of Japan
- 49. Introduces as logical

conclusion

- 51. Straw mat
 - 54. Tooth caregiver
 - 56. Bases
 - 58. An Asian Soviet
 - 60. Smudge
 - 62. Caustic solution
 - 63. Condiment
 - 64. Phone company
 - 65. Strays
 - 66. Cover with wood
 - 67. S American armadillo
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Bean tree
 - 2. Leaf used in India for writing paper
 - 3. National capital of Senegala
 - 4. Belonging to a thing
 - 5. Rodents
 - 6. Expression
 - 7. Sea eagle
 - 8. Shelter
 - 10. Plants
 - 11. Help
 - 12. Plunder
 - 19. Time unit
 - 21. Characterized by unity
 - 23. The chief city of ancient Mesopotamia
 - 24. Increase tenfold

25. Most sinister

- 26. Demanding immediate notice
- 29. A fashionable hotel
- 30. Small two-wheeled horse-drawn
- 31. Person who resembles a non-human primate
- 33. Volcanic residue
- 34. Donkey
- 36. A stratum of rock
- 37. An established custom or practice
- 38. Cardinal number
- 43. National capital of Ivory Coast
- 46. Water in the solid state
- 48. Auricle
- 49. Food or meals in general
- 50. Highly excited
- 52. Current unit
- 53. Turkish seaport
- 54. Blu-Mandara
- 55. 6 (spoken)
- 57. Scottish County, abbr.
- 58. Beg
- 59. Kilocalorie, abbr.
- 61. Fiddler crabs



Troopers seize marijuana

State Troopers Pecos Hagler and Chad Simpson pose with 146 lbs. of marijuana they seized during a routine traffic stop Monday afternoon on Interstate 40 in Donley County. The driver of a truck tractor, Tony Woods of West Hollywood, Calif., and his passenger, Dartanyon Perkins of Englewood, Calif., were booked into the Donley County Jail and were facing a minimum charge of felony possession of marijuana at press time. The dope had an estimated street value of \$86,000. The officers also seized \$2,000 in cash.

Spinal cord symposium to be held in Amarillo

Patients who are victims of spinal cord injuries and their families will be given the opportunity to attend the BSA Foundation and Second Chance Foundation's Spinal Cord Symposium on March 25. Dr. Wise Young and Dr. Patricia Morton will serve as moderators to facilitate dialogue among participants as they discuss advances in spinal cord injury rehabilitation and long term effects. This event will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. It is open to the public, and there is no admission fee. Because there will be limited seating, a reservation is required. Call 212-7645 for reservations.

All quadriplegic and paraplegic patients or any one who has suffered a spinal cord injury and their families are encouraged to attend.

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Owls compete in track meet

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls track teams participated in their first track meet of the season in Motley County on Friday, March 14.

Coach Bob Griffin said he was pleased with the efforts of his track team, especially since he had postponed track practices due to the Hedley Lady Owls' basketball success.

Giffin believed it was important for everyone to support the girls in their endeavors to succeed, but now he is excited to begin the 2003 track season.

Rebekah Howard placed first in the shot with a throw of 33' 4" and first in the discuss with a throw of 90' 4". Haley Bennett placed fourth in the triple jump with 28'. She also placed fourth in the high jump with 4' 6", fifth in the 100M dash with a time of 14.5 seconds, and third in the 200 with a time of 30.0 seconds.

Megan Hall placed first in the 3200M run with a time of 15:36 and first in the 1600M run with a time of 7:09. She also took fifth place in the 100M hurdles with a time of 21.8 seconds.

Eric Alston placed sixth in the long jump with 18'. He also placed sixth in the high jump with a 5' 6" jump. Kale Brandon placed fourth in the 800M run with a time of 2:18.7. He also placed second in the 400M dash with a time of 57.0 seconds. Elezar Centeno placed fourth in the discuss with a throw of 107' 7" and fourth in the shot with a throw of 39' 5". Chris Fobbs placed fifth in the discuss with a throw of 104' 6".

Hedley Jr. High begins 2003 track season

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Junior High track teams participated in their first meet of the 2003 season in Motley County on Thursday, March 13.

"I was impressed with my participants, especially since they were behind schedule with practicing due to the Lady Owls' successful basketball season," said Coach Bob Giffin.

Placing were Callie Wynn with a fourth place in the 100M dash with a time of 14.7 and first in the 200M dash with a time of 28.9. Lori Bugg placed fourth in the high jump with 4' 2". Jaci Copelin placed first in the

800 with a time of 2:38 and second in the 400 with a time of 1:06.7.

They boys had several boys participating who placed in various events. Jose Equia placed first in the 1600M run with a time of 5:33. Jonathon Giffin placed first in the 2400M run with a 10:09 and fourth in the 400M dash with a time of 65.9. Dustin Thomas placed fourth in the 300M hurdles with a time of 66.4. The relay consisting of Jose Equia, Dustin Thomas, Jonathon Giffin, and Andy Alston placed sixth.

Other participants were Frank Saunders and Patrick Lambert.

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