

The Big Red Gazette

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Blue ribbons can be seen all around the community as everyone is focused on child Abuse Prevention Month. A number of activities and events are being planned. Keep a watch for dates and places in the *Lufkin Daily News*.

It is estimated that one million children are abused each year costing taxpayers \$220 million per day. Angelina County is not immune to child abuse with hundreds entering the foster care system each year.

What can you do to help? Become a Foster Parent. There is a great need for Foster homes in our county. Children removed from homes in our county are being sent to places such as El Paso and Beaumont because there are not enough homes available here. Contact the local Child Protection Office for information on becoming a Foster Parent.

CASA volunteers are needed to work with children from the time they are removed from the home until a resolution occurs. Contact Chris Barley at 634-6725 for information on how you can be a part of this important organization.

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

April is a time to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month! If you have volunteered for Diboll Schools anywhere from 10 minutes to 999 hours, you are appreciated. If you aren't a volunteer, join us today. Your help is always needed.

Volunteers at Diboll are rewarded for their services at the end of each school year. Volunteers with 10-29 hours receive a certificate. Those with over 30 hours receive both a certificate and a pin.

Be sure to send your volunteer hours to janwpta@consolidated.net no later than May 16. And be sure to tell a volunteer "thank you" for all they do.

PTSA Sponsoring Fun Run May 26

Mark your calendars for May 26 for the first Diboll PTSA "Fun Run" to be held at the Lumberjack Stadium. There will be runs for all age groups, with the final lap being run by the DHS Senior Class.

Be watching for registration information to be sent home by students, to be in the *Diboll Free Press*, listed on the PTSA Facebook page, and emailed out.

Money raised from this project will benefit the many events of the PTSA as well as help fund PTSA senior scholarships.

PTSA Business Members: East Texas Tupperware—829-4817; *Diboll Free Press*---829-3313; His and Hers Trade Days—707-9120; Book Mouse Publishing---956-220-5162; Tropical Toucan—Old Orchard Park; McWilliams and Sons Heating and AC---639-1688; Sandra Pouland Real Estate---829-4040; Morris AC and Heat---829-2630

Junior High Students Attend Convention

Recently the top 20 readers at Junior High had the privilege of attending the Texas Book Convention in Houston.

Students enjoyed the outing and brought home new ideas about reading.

Scholarship Bingo Set for April 30

The Diboll Business Association will host the third annual Red and White Scholarship Bingo on Saturday, April 30.

Money raised by the bingo will go toward scholarships for all DHS seniors. Every senior who applies for one of the scholarships will be awarded one. Students must complete the application process in order to be eligible.

All the money in this fund is awarded each year. The amount is divided among the number of students applying. Scholarships are awarded during Senior Awards Night in May.

Concessions will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first game starting at 6:30 p.m.

Cards are \$1 each for the first ten games. The blackout game will be \$2 per card. Prizes for regular games are valued at \$100 and the blackout will be valued at \$200.

Come out for a fun night that supports a great cause.

April Dateline

4-8 PK Early registration	13-14 UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest
School Librarian Day	14 2 nd -4 th grade GT to Houston
Junior High Track meet here	15 4 th grade Hoedown
5 Civic Club Meets 6 p.m.	20 Angelina College Show Choir in Diboll
Intermediate Spring photos	21 5 th grade to Sam Houston
7 PTSA 6:15 p.m.	22 Primary 1-Act plays
8 PK 3/PPCD Field Trip to Brookshire Brothers	25-29 Primary Book Fair
9 Operation Clean-Sweep	25 School Board Meets 7 p.m.
Great Texas Trash-Off	29 County Science Fair—Expo Center
11-15 PK Early registration	30 Red and White Bingo—6 p.m.
11 Science/Technology Fair Junior High 5-6 p.m.	8 th grade dance
ADAC Puppet Show—Primary	
Early College Parent Meeting Junior High 6 p.m.	