

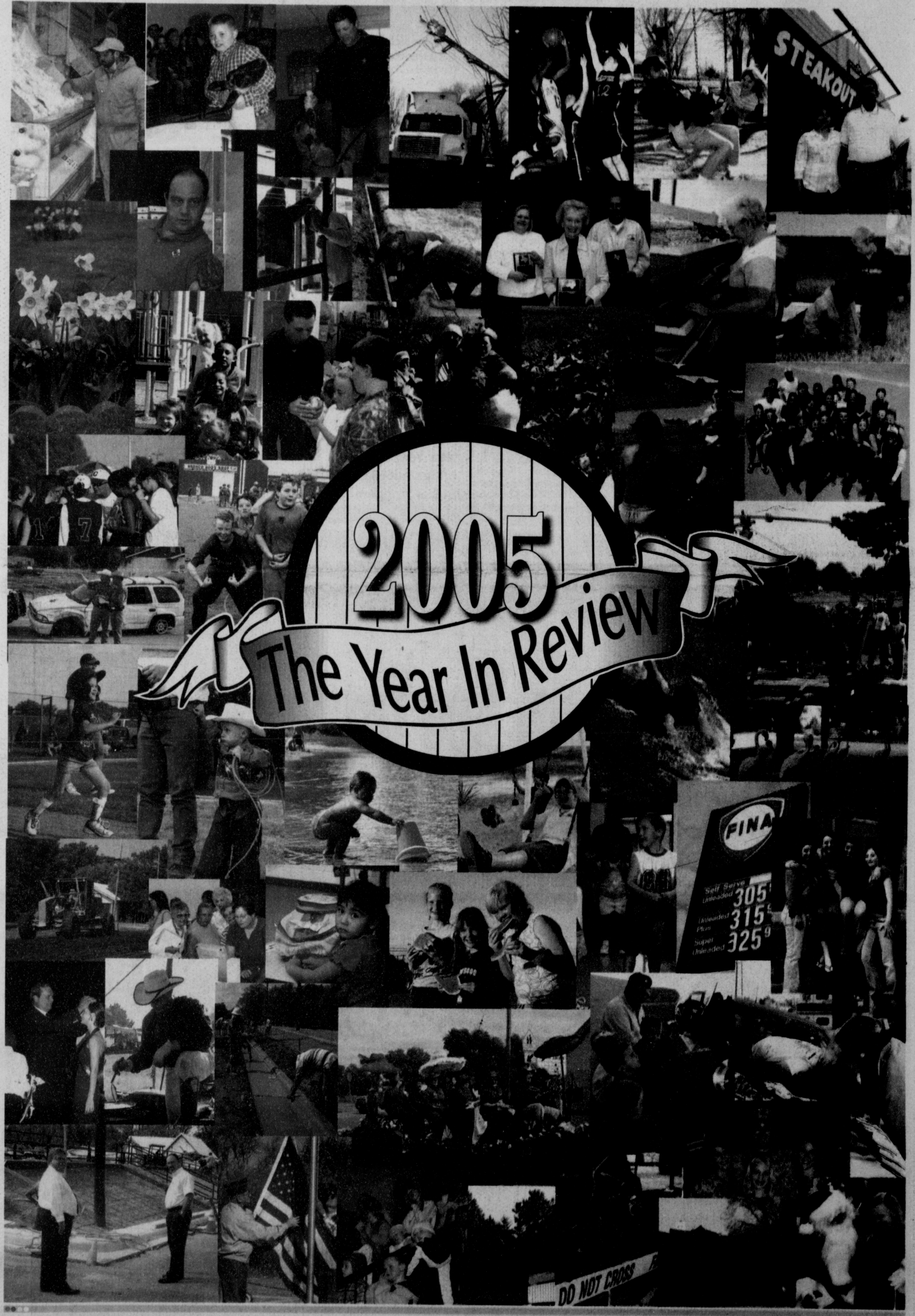
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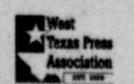
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Christie Cruse

Cruse receives diploma

On December 16, 2005, Christie Cruse graduated cum laude from WTAMU Nursing Program with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Cruse is a member of Alpha Chi, the WTAMU Honor Society and Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. She will be working in the BSA Pediatrics Unit.

Proud family members include her husband Chancy Cruse and her parents, Larry and Lura Helms, as well as all her other family members and a host of friends.

Little Dribblers to hold sign-up

Little Dribblers will hold sign-ups for this season on Thursday, January 5, and Friday, January 6.

On both days, they will be signing up in the Bronco Gym during the junior high games and the Bronco games. They will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Little Dribblers is open to all boys and girls in third through sixth grades.

If you have any questions, please contact Dee Perryman at 874-2465 or Che Shadle at 874-5375.

Chamber announces lighting contest winners

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners for the final week of the lighting contest.

The winners in the home category in Clarendon are Larry and Paulette Kidd, first place, 507 E. Browning; Willie Weatheron, second place; Roy and Barbara Williams, 505 S. Bugbee, honorable mention.

The winner of the business category in Clarendon was Stavenhagen Video.

In Hedley, the winner of the residential category was Kari and Bobby Lindsey, 3rd and Johnson. In the business category, McPherson Motel was declared the winner.

The winner of the Howardwick category was Sam and Nelda Grider's home located at 356 Angel.

Softball coaching clinic set

A Fastpitch Softball Coaching Clinic will be held January 14, 2006, from 9:30 to 2:00 at the West Texas A&M Activity Center Ballroom in Canyon.

Coach Kevin Blaskowski of WTAMU and Coach Brady Tigert of Midwestern State University will teach the clinic. Cost is \$30 with lunch provided. Registration recommended by Jan. 10.

For information or to register, call 806-651-4425 or 806-290-8230 or e-mail kblaskowski@mail.wtam.u.edu.

Gribble wins big on Chamber wheel

Medina Gribble of Clarendon won the \$400 Christmas Cash jackpot off the wheel Thursday night during the final night of late night shopping in Clarendon.

Other winners of the wheel were Marvin Davis, Becky Lane, Debra Hill, and Becky Rattan.

Hill to celebrate 80th birthday

Junior Hill of Hedley will celebrate his 80th birthday with a gathering of family and friends on Saturday, December 31, 2005.

The celebration will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Hedley.

Immunization Clinic to be held in Clarendon

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having an Immunization Clinic January 10, 2006, at their office located at 5 Medical Drive in Clarendon.

The clinic will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Clinics could be rescheduled due to inclement weather or scheduling conflicts.

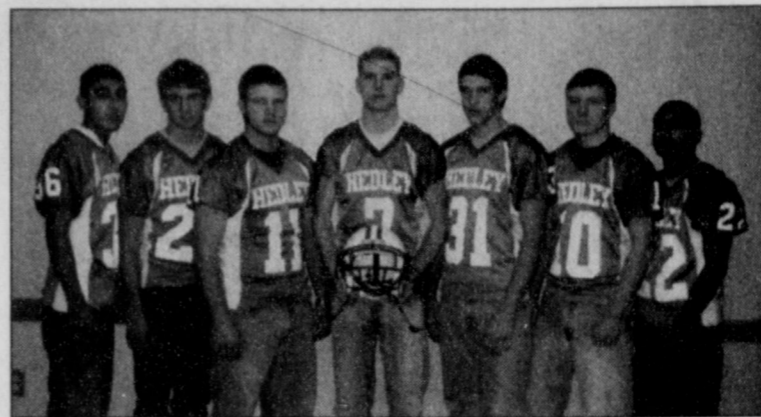
Adams inducted into honor society

Jeri Lea Adams was inducted into the Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Clarendon College on September 11, 2005.

Adams, from Clarendon, majoring in Agricultural Sciences, is the daughter of Jerry and Neva Hinton of Kirkland, Texas.

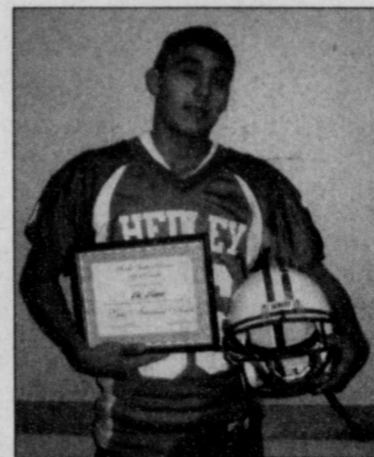
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Students must rank in the top 20 percent of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college.



All-District Owls

The six man 1A-District football All-District honors were announced recently with several Hedley Owls named on the roster. Players recognized were Eli Luna - second team, line backer; Seth Koetting - second team, corner back; Wes Shields - second team, running back; Dustin Thomas - honorable mention, offensive line; Brayden Bennett - second team, center; Derek Evans - honorable mention, offensive line; Jose Eguia - second team, punter; and (not pictured) Jonathan Giffin - honorable mention, offensive line. Enterprise Photo/Kari Lindsey



Hedley Owls football player Eli Luna was recognized by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee as the sixman player of the month in the Texas panhandle for the month of August. Enterprise Photo/Kari Lindsey

New Year's Eve brings out Highway Patrol Troopers

During the New Year's weekend, DPS will have all available troopers

on Texas roadways. Troopers will be looking for speeders, seat belt violators, reckless drivers, and drunk drivers from New Year's Eve through midnight on January 1.

Last New Year's, DPS troopers arrested 423 people for driving while intoxicated; they also arrested 50 minors for driving under the influence.

"DPS troopers will be looking for people who are driving while intoxicated," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "so it's a good idea to designate a driver at the beginning of the evening."

"We want everyone's new year to start out on a positive note, so drive safe and get a designated driver if you plan on drinking," said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, Information officer of the DPS in Childress.

"Some other tips for avoiding a DWI on New Years are: call a taxi, plan to stay overnight where your party is, give up your keys before you drink; and if all else fails, it may not be as safe but walking would be better than driving," said Trooper Hawthorne.

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Greetings At The New Year

2006

New Year!

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2006 WITH BEST WISHES!

2005: Clarendon College dedicates newly built library

January 6, 2005

Greenbelt Classic attracts 32 area teams

Thirty-two boys' and girls' teams competed in the second annual Greenbelt Classic Basketball Tournament held at the Bronco Gym and the Clarendon College Bulldog Gym December 28-30. The Panhandle Panthers took the boys' championship, and the ladies from Vega walked away with the girls' top spot. Three teams from Clarendon participated in the tournament with the Broncos finishing the best, taking second place, and the Lady Broncos completing the tournament in fourth place.

January 13, 2005

Drug bust lands three behind bars for meth

Two Hedley men are facing drug related charges after Sheriff Butch Blackburn caught them in what appeared to be a drug lab in a small travel trailer near Clarendon last month.

Arlington Barnes, age 49, and Billy Mullins, age 38, were arrested December 15 and charged with manufacturing methamphetamines with intent to distribute.

A third arrest in the same case was made this week when Elk City, Okla., police picked up Shirley Jones of Memphis on Sunday.

Blackburn, who began his second term in office as sheriff on January 1, said his department had been observing the trailer about 20 yards off County Road 13 eight miles south of Clarendon for about two weeks after a citizen tipped them off about the possible presence of a meth lab.

When the sheriff finally found someone at the trailer, he moved in, arresting Barnes and Mullins, but he just missed Jones, who the other suspects told him had left a few

moments earlier with some of their manufactured meth reportedly in her possession.

January 20, 2005

Students raise \$2,100 for tsunami victims

Third grade students at Clarendon Elementary raised more than \$2,000 last week during a fundraiser for children who were victims of the South Asia Tsunami.

The fundraiser began Friday, January 7, and ended Friday, January 14, with the students beating their original goal of \$600 by Tuesday and raising a total of \$2,107.06.

The funds raised will be donated to the U.S. Funds for UNICEF and will be designated for "School-in-a-Box" kits.

The majority of the money collected was in change, and students in elementary, junior high, and high school as well as people in the community donated.

The tsunami, which struck on December 26, 2004, has been called one of the worst natural disasters in modern history with a death toll of more than 160,000 and hundreds of thousands more left homeless.

February 3, 2005

Aldermen seek common ground on paving

Clarendon city leaders tried to find common ground as they again took up the topic of street improvements during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

Mayor Tex Selvidge urged the Board of Aldermen to unify on a paving plan so that another year does not pass with nothing accomplished.

Alderman Michael Tibbets said he thought the city should set the goal of paving every other street and borrow just the money that it can pay back in a short time.

City engineer Che Shadle said he thought the board should go even further than that.

Tibbets reiterated his point that a smaller project would meet with more approval from the citizens.

Aldermen Bobbie Kidd and Mark White said the city should continue its idea from last year of focusing on controlling water flow in the city and connecting paved streets.

Without taking formal action, aldermen directed Shadle to come back to the next meeting with a plan to pave as many streets as possible for \$1.25 million, concentrating on areas of water flow and chronic maintenance problems. The project would be paid for through revenues from fee increases that were imposed in 2003 after voters rejected a proposed \$2.5 million paving project.

February 10, 2005

CC dedicates Dickey Library

The transfer from the old facility is complete, and all the books are on the shelves of Clarendon College's new Vera Dial Dickey Library.

CC held a formal opening and dedication of the building February 3, and Library Director Jewel Houston called it a dream come true.

The \$1.3 million library is named for the late Vera Dial Dickey, a resident of Memphis, who had a

passion for education and who left a generous gift to CC after her death. Executors of her estate and several citizens of Memphis attended the dedication.

At 10,500 square feet, the new library is more than twice the size of its predecessor. It features amenities such as a computer lab with 45 computers, three study/reading areas, improved office and workspaces, and special display cases for items such as the Texas Collection.

February 24, 2005

Board action prompts Graham's resignation

The Donley County Hospital Board delivered an ultimatum to district administrator Alan Graham during a special meeting Monday night, calling for him to step down immediately or face termination.

The unanimous decision came after the board met with its attorney,

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	19	29°	23°	0.04"
Tues	20	31°	23°	0.02"
Wed	21	49°	18°	-
Thur	22	68°	26°	-
Fri	23	73°	30°	-
Sat	24	70°	39°	-
Sun	25	60°	33°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.08" Total precipitation to date: 12.32" Total precipitation in December last year: 0.32" Total YTD last year: 24.63"

weekend forecast

Friday, Dec. 30
Partly Cloudy
48°/31°

Saturday, Dec. 31
Mostly Sunny
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Sunday, Jan. 1
Mostly Sunny
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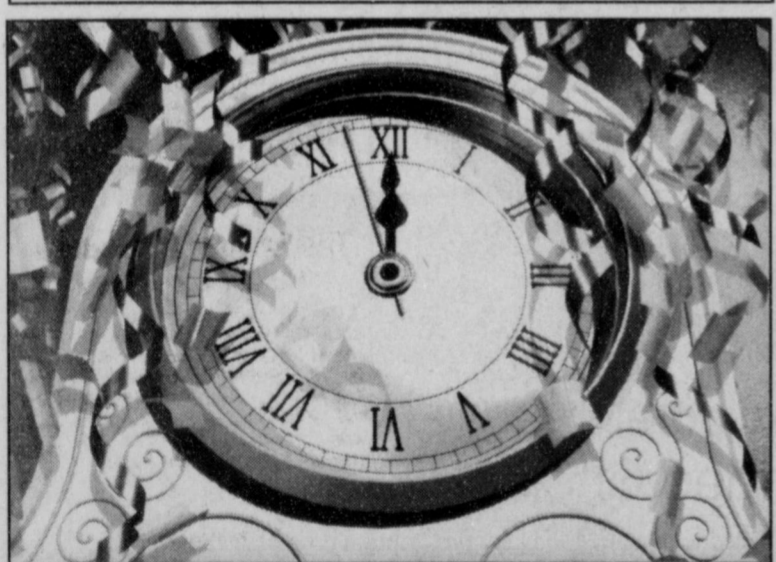
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December 29 - 31
Greenbelt Holiday Tournament • Bronco and Bulldog Gyms • Schedule TBA

January 1
New Years Day

January 4
CC Administrative Offices re-open

January 5
Little Dribblers Sign-Up • Bronco Gym • 5 p.m.

January 6
Little Dribblers Sign-Up • Bronco Gym • 5 p.m.

January 9
Donley County Child Welfare Board Meeting • First United Methodist Church, Clarendon • Noon • Public Invited

January 10
Immunization Clinic • TDSHS Office • 9:30 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00

January 14
Donley County Jr. Livestock Show & Auction • Clarendon Community Center

January 17
CC Spring Semester begins

Community Menus

January 2-6

Clarendon Schools

Breakfast
Mon: No School
Tues: No School
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: No School
Tues: No School
Wed: Burritos, corn, salad, fruit mix, milk
Thur: Popcorn chicken, fries, salad, peaches, milk
Fri: Chiliburgers, beans, salad, apricots, milk

Hedley Schools

Lunch
Mon: No School
Tues: Tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, applesauce, Spanish rice, chips and salsa, milk
Wed: Hot dogs with chili, French fries, sliced apples, salad, milk
Thur: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk
Fri: Submarine sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baby carrots, brownies, milk

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Closed
Tues: Hamburgers with cheese and all the trimmings, French fries, pears, pastries, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Barbecue chicken, baked beans, onion rings, potato salad, peach cobbler, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Chicken fried steak, mini baked potatoes, green beans, pickled beets, chocolate chip bread pudding, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: Smothered pork chops, broccoli au gratin, mixed vegetables, pea salad, lemon pie, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Barbecue beef on a bun, chips, black-eyed peas, cucumber and onion salad, cobbler, coffee, tea, milk
Tues: Chicken strips, potato soup, buttered carrots, Jell-O salad, pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk
Wed: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, fried squash, pear and cottage cheese, orange, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Thur: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, carrot and raisin salad, cake, roll, coffee, tea, milk
Fri: Mexican pile on, Spanish rice, beans and lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cheese, pudding, chips and crackers, coffee, tea, milk

2005: City borrows funds to pave streets, Lowe's adds jobs

James Shelton, in closed session for half an hour.

Graham formally resigned Tuesday morning, board president Don Thornberry said.

"The board decided we needed a change," Thornberry said. "Alan Graham has done a good job, and he is part of a team that has brought a lot of respect to the hospital district and Medical Center Nursing Home."

Thornberry refused to state publicly any reason for the board's decision.

Graham said he was surprised by the board's decision and does not know what prompted it, but he said he is staying upbeat.

March 3, 2005

City to borrow \$800k to pave streets

The City of Clarendon will issue \$800,000 in tax notes to help finance a \$1.1 million paving project following last Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Vince Vialle of First Southwest Company presented a debt service schedule to the board and said all three local banks had agreed to each take a third of the notes at interest rate of 4.15 percent for seven years - slightly higher than the 3.75 percent the city had hoped to get.

Vialle discussed options for bidding out the debt service, which would take at least two weeks and could generate a lower - or possibly higher - interest rate. But the board remained focused on getting financed for a project that could be completed this year.

Alderman Michael Tibbets said he thought the city should go with the local banks, and Alderman Tommy Hill made the motion to accept the 2005 bond series and authorize the mayor to sign the placement agreement with First Southwest. The motion carried unanimously.

Vialle said the city could have the money in hand by the end of

March if all goes smoothly. The first annual payment would be due next February.

City engineer Che Shadle said his firm expected to finish shooting elevations last week and would immediately get to work on plans for the estimated 50-block project. Those plans should be finished by the first of April, and the city would put the project out for bids at that time.

March 10, 2005

Local boards all report lack of candidates

Based on the number of candidates for this year's local elections, citizens are either very happy with the way things are, or they just don't care.

With the passing of Monday's deadline to file for office, none of the six local governments with open seats on their boards were reporting the possibility of contested races.

March 17, 2005

Lowe's new Ace store adds jobs to economy

Local consumers are still taking in all the new offerings after last Wednesday's grand opening of an Ace Hardware franchise inside Clarendon's Lowe's supermarket.

The store becomes the fifth full-line home center owned by the Littlefield-based Lowe's Pay & Save, Inc., and it now carries everything from birdbaths to lawnmowers to plumbing supplies in addition to a fully stocked grocery store.

Work on the business has been on-going for several weeks as contractors remodeled what one year ago was B&R Thriftway, took down the wall that separated the supermarket from the space formerly occupied by Duckwall's variety store, built a new garden center, and gave the entire facility on West US 287 a facelift.

The addition of Ace has created ten new jobs for the local economy, six of which are full time posi-

tions. Two of those positions belong to Burton and his wife, the former Tanya Holland of Hedley. Former Thriftway manager Buddy James will still manage the supermarket portion of the store.

March 24, 2005

Former sheriff laid to rest
Former Donley County Sheriff Jimmy Thompson died Monday, March 21, in Amarillo. He was 70 years old. Services were held here Wednesday at 2 p.m.

William James "Jimmy" Thompson was born October 15, 1934, in Clarendon, where he lived most of his life. He attended Clarendon Schools and married Aleta Ellen Coleman on December 21, 1959, at Dozier.

Thompson served as a Donley County Deputy for four years under Sheriff Truett Berhens and was elected sheriff in 1980. He held that position for 20 years. Upon his retirement in 2001, Thompson talked openly with the ENTERPRISE about his accomplishments in office.

The late sheriff also listed Donley County's modern jail as one of his proudest accomplishments. He was also proud of holding the line on expenses, catching a lot of "dopers" and a lot of burglars, and overseeing approximately 7,500 arrests over 20 years.

Thompson's time in office drew him both praise and criticism, and one disgruntled resident even plot-

ted to have him assassinated. He later said he never got too "stirred up about it" and considered it "just part of the job."

March 31, 2005

CC Regents increase tuition,

fees for '05
Clarendon College Regents voted to increase tuition and fees for the coming academic year when they met in regular session March 24.

The board raised tuition by \$3 per semester hour, the building-use fee by \$4 per hour, and the out of

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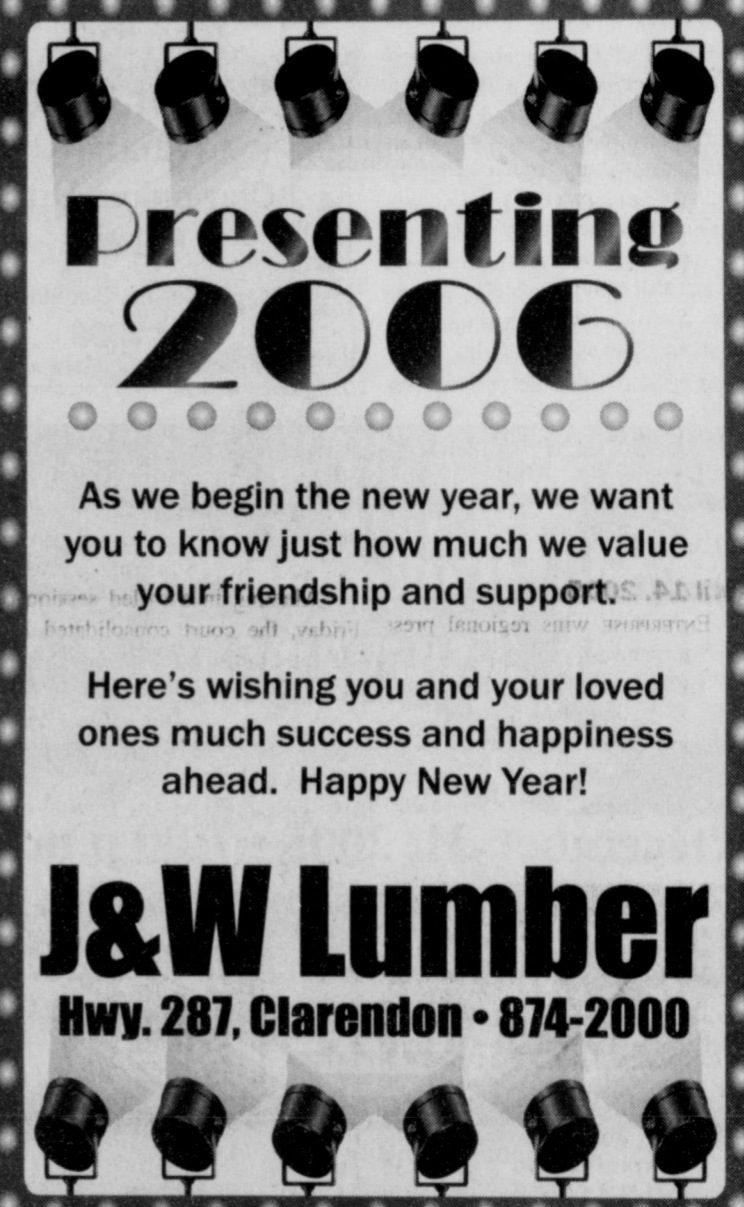


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district rate by \$2 per hour. CC President Myles Shelton said the action was necessary based on the level of funding the college is receiving from the state.

Legislation now before the House of Representatives maintains CC's current appropriation of \$2.086 million per year. That's better than an earlier proposal which would have dropped CC's funding to \$1.643 million per year, but it does nothing to correct the cuts the state made two years ago.

The president also said CC's new rates put it at exactly the same level as Frank Phillips College in Borger and at a rate comparable to South Plains College in Levelland.

April 7, 2005

Toddler drives van into elementary school

A toddler crashed his mother's van into the side of the Clarendon Elementary School building Monday morning.

One witness reported seeing the youngster behind the wheel as he veered across Fifth Street from Linda Judd's daycare, jumped the curb, missed a house, and ran into the wall of a second grade classroom.

The witness said she thought she was seeing an elderly citizen who was drifting off the road but was surprised to realize it was just a little kid. She stopped her own vehicle and rushed to the scene to find the boy very pale and gripping the steering wheel.

Donley County Chief Deputy Randy Bond said the mother, Andrea Shelly, was taking her kids into the daycare when apparently the youngster knocked the car into gear and it rolled off. Bond said the woman had left the scene by the time he got there. She was later cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

Shelly couldn't be reached by phone Tuesday afternoon, but co-workers of hers said the boy was unharmed, and they think the boy is about two or three. Bond said the boy was at most four years old.

April 14, 2005

ENTERPRISE wins regional press association awards

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received six first place plaques in the Panhandle Press Association's 2004 Better Newspaper Contest during the PPA's 95th annual convention Saturday in Amarillo.

The local paper garnered more first place honors than any other newspaper in the Division I category for weekly newspapers but narrowly lost the General Excellence award to The Canadian Record.

THE ENTERPRISE received first place honors for Feature Photos by Ashlee Kidd-Estlack and Cheryl Johnson, Front Page Layout, News Writing by Ashlee Kidd-Estlack and Roger Estlack, Sports Photos by Roger Estlack, Humorous Column by Roger Estlack, and Editorials.

April 21, 2005

CC names three distinguished alumni

The Clarendon College Ex-Students Association bestowed its new Distinguished Alumnus Award on three former students during the 67th annual Alumni Reunion last Saturday in the Bairfield Activity Center. J. Royce Lummus, Roger Estlack, and the late R.E. Drennan were each recognized for professional and personal achievements, civic responsibility, and continuing interest in Clarendon College. An estimated 200 alumni, students, parents, and faculty attended this year's alumni banquet.

April 28, 2005

Chadwick claims 2005 Turkey King title

Billy Chadwick is the new ruler of the roost following his coronation as the 2005 Donley County Turkey King last Saturday.

Chadwick easily defeated Janie Hill and Gay Tibbets to claim the crown and succeed former king Tommy Hill as part of the annual Donley County Turkey Strut Festival.

May 5, 2005

Commissioners vote to consolidate voting boxes

The Donley County Commissioners' Court last week voted in favor of consolidating selected voting boxes in response to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).

Meeting in a called session on Friday, the court consolidated Box 103 at Martin Baptist Church with Box 101 at the Bairfield Activity Center, merged Box 302 at Lelia Lake with Box 301 at the Clarendon Community Center, and combined Box 402 at the McClellan House in the northern part of the county with

Box 401 in Clarendon.

Commissioners decided to keep Boxes 102 and 303 in Howardwick and Hedley respectively. County Judge Jack Hall said the court's action was based partly on voter turnout.

The consolidations, which still have to be approved by the United States Department of Justice, bring the total number of polling places in Donley County to six. This represents a reduction from nine polling places and should mean a significant savings to the county, which is under a HAVA mandate to provide a Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) machine in each polling place.

DREs are expected to cost about \$5,500 each in addition to the cost of maintenance, software, and training. One company had proposed setting up DREs for the county for \$96,000 plus a \$6,000 per year maintenance contract.

May 12, 2005

Clarendon, Hedley name top students for '05

The Clarendon and Hedley school districts have named Shanna Shelton, Stephen Howard, Robert Shelton, and Allison Hill as the top students in Donley County for 2005.

With a grade average of 97.45, Shanna Shelton has been named the valedictorian at Clarendon High School. She is the daughter of Stan and Melanie Shelton of Clarendon.

Stephen Howard was named valedictorian this year with a cumulative GPA of 3.847. He is the son of Bruce and Gwynne Howard of Hedley.

Robert Shelton has been named salutatorian at CHS with a grade point average of 96.19. He is the son of Myles and Gail Shelton of Clarendon.

Hedley's salutatorian is Allison Hill, the daughter of Bryan and Debbie Hill of Hedley. Allison was named salutatorian this year with a cumulative GPA of 3.791.

May 19, 2005

Clarendon girls stun Marfa in playoff blowout

It only took five innings for the Lady Broncos to flex their muscles and leave Marfa wondering what went wrong at the 1A Regional Quarterfinals in Big Spring last Friday.

The Lady Broncos not only defeated the young team 12-2, they

did so by taking advantage of the 10-run rule to end the game early and earn the right to play in the next round of post-season play.

Senior Destiny Weatherston slammed two over-the-fence homers to help the Lady Broncos to their win. The slugger also went 4-of-4 at the plate that included a single, a double, and five RBI's.

According to head coach Gary Jack, several Lady Broncos had good hits and each player contributed to the win.

Several other players followed suit in the next inning as Amina Abdullah hit and scored, and Sarah Depew's triple to right field earned runs as well, putting the Lady Broncos up by three in the second. The third inning proved big for the maroon and black as they put more numbers on the board.

The Lady Broncos ended the game in the fifth inning when Laura Dziedzic hit the ball through the infield to score a runner and stop the game.

If the Lady Broncos played great offense, their defense was awesome as well.

The Lady Broncos will take on defending state champions Windthorst Thursday, May 19, at Vernon College in Vernon at 5:30 p.m. A win there would send the Lady Broncos to the next level, which is the final step before a trip to the state tournament. They will take on the winner of the Haskell and Clyde-Eula game at a time to be announced.

May 26, 2005

Greenbelt will repave entrance to H-wick

The main road into Howardwick will get a lot smoother this summer when at least half a mile of Rick Husband Boulevard is repaved.

Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority will pay for and oversee the improvements.

"The road is on property owned by Greenbelt," said water authority manager Bobbie Kidd. "It's a city street, but Greenbelt owns a 100-foot right of way from the highway to Clarendon Point."

Kidd said the water authority will tear out the old pavement and reshape the road using its own labor and equipment. A contractor will then lay down two courses of seal coat to make a new 30-foot roadway into the lakeside city.

The work will begin sometime in June and should be finished before July Fourth.

June 2, 2005

ENTERPRISE launches digital newspaper

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE has launched a new digital version of the newspaper in celebration of its 127th anniversary this week.

ENTERPRISE-D has every feature of the print edition and also introduces new benefits to readers, according to publisher Roger Estlack.

But the biggest benefit of ENTERPRISE-D will likely be to out of county subscribers who will be able to get their hometown paper much sooner than before.

A 12-month subscription to ENTERPRISE-D costs just \$9.95, and readers can place their order online or over the telephone. To try out the paper, readers can purchase a single copy from the Enterprise's Web site for just \$1.

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established as THE CLARENDON NEWS on June 1, 1878 and was the Texas Panhandle's first newspaper. ENTERPRISE-D is the first weekly newspaper in a digital format in the Panhandle.

June 9, 2005

Aldermen accept low bid from Jordan Paving

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen accepted the low bid on the 2005 street paving project Tuesday night, but directed city engineers to negotiate with the contractor to scale back the job to meet the funds available.

In a called meeting, aldermen voted 3-2 to accept the low bid of Jordan Paving for \$1.38 million. Aldermen Mark White, Bobbie Kidd, and Janice Knorpp voted in favor, and Aldermen Michael Tibbets and Tommy Hill opposed the measure.

The only other contractor to turn in a bid by last Thursday's deadline was J. Lee Milligan, who put in a figure of \$1.73 million.

Mayor Tex Selvidge informed the board that slightly more than \$1

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2005: Pate leaves city job, Sandell celebrates golden anniversary

million is available to the city for the project, but he reminded aldermen that more than \$133,000 would be needed for the first tax note payment in February and \$45,800 is still owed to the engineers. He said he figured the city has \$833,759 available to actually pave streets.

City engineer Michael Adams said Jordan Paving is willing to work with the city and also said the reason the bids were so far off from the money available was that the engineers had not understood that only about \$800,000 would be available for the job.

Alderman Tibbets asked if the city needed to have gone out earlier for bids, but Adams said he didn't think it would have mattered.

The board discussed how to scale back what had been touted as a 60-block project. Adams said, in order for the curb system to work, the city needs to start at the top of the hill and work its way down. He suggested cutting proposed blocks east of Koogle Street and then cutting a few additional blocks west of Koogle. He pointed to Third Street between Collinson and McLean and McLean Street between Clarendon Avenue and Fifth Street as being the least critical on that side of town.

The board voted 3-2 (Tibbets and Hill opposed) to give Adams the authority to negotiate with Jordan and cut the streets as discussed. Adams said he would try to have an answer for the board at their next meeting on June 14.

June 16, 2005

Suspect leads deputy on chase through city

A man described by witnesses as "a lunatic" led Donley County's Chief Deputy on a wild car chase last Friday before he was subdued, escaped, and was subdued again.

Sergio Adrian Silva, age 19, was in Donley County Jail at press time facing charges of Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, Aggravated Assault, Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle, Kidnapping, and Escape.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Silva took his girlfriend, 23-year-old Celestina Arreola, against her will from Pampa and headed for Houston. In Clarendon, Arreola convinced Silva that she needed to use the restroom, and he let her out at West Texas Gas at US 287 and Orpe St., where she told employees there to call the police.

Blackburn said Silva apparently figured out what was going on, and he fled the scene in his Dodge Durango, jumping a curb and blowing out his left rear tire in the process. He drove back downtown and pulled into the alley behind the Clarendon Fire Department to change his flat.

Watchful citizens alerted law enforcement to Silva's location, and Chief Deputy Randy Bond pulled into the alley from US 287 where he saw Silva attempting to jack up his vehicle. Bond said Silva jumped into the Durango, sped backward down the alley to First Street, and then took off east, running a stop sign before heading back south on Kearney Street. He ran the red light at US 287, barely missed a vehicle, and headed back east toward West Texas Gas, where Arreola still was.

Bond said the suspect sped through the West Texas Gas parking lot, crossed Orpe Street, went through the parking lot of Cornell's Country Store, and back out on the highway. Bond then tried to stop oncoming traffic at this point to keep him from returning downtown.

Silva, meanwhile, reportedly turned around in the parking lot at the Clarendon Veterinary Hospital, almost hit a Trailways bus, got back on 287, and headed west. He hit the pickup of Bobby Tolbert in front of White's Feed & Seed, losing his front left wheel and hub in the process.

As Silva passed by Cornell's again, he was rammed by Deputy Bond's patrol truck.

Silva's vehicle finally spun almost 180 degrees and came to rest near the curb in front of West Texas Gas. He continued to gun the vehicle, trying to get it to move, and Bond pinned his patrol truck against the Durango.

Silva then reportedly ran north across the parking lot. Bond told him to stop twice and then fired a warning shot into the air. The suspect lay down, and Bond cuffed him and led him back to the patrol truck.

As other law enforcement personnel began to arrive, the cuffed Silva took off on foot again, and Sheriff Blackburn, Deputy Mike Spier, corrections officer Joe Hall, and Game Warden Adrian Smith of Dennison, who was just passing through town, brought the man down.

Silva was booked into the Donley County Jail, where he has "pulled several incidents," Blackburn said. Bond was initially set at \$80,000, but that figure was expected to rise as additional charges are filed.

June 23, 2005

City aldermen vote 2-1 to okay paving proposal

The 2005 paving project is moving forward after Clarendon Aldermen voted 2-1 to accept a \$974,485 proposal from B&B Solvent last Tuesday.

City Administrator Sean Pate this week said a contract for the job will be presented to the aldermen for their final approval June 28. B&B, which is a division of Jordan Paving, has expressed to city officials that it will be ready to mobilize early next month.

Aldermen Janice Knorpp and Bobbie Kidd voted for the proposal last week. Alderman Michael Tibbets was absent, and Alderman Mark White was presiding as mayor pro-tem. Alderman Tommy Hill voted against the measure.

Mayor Pro-tem White said he appreciated the contractor working with the city.

B&B presented two proposals based on its \$1.3 million low bid previously accepted by the city. Proposal #1 was priced at \$974,485.15 and eliminated planned paving on Fourth and Seventh Streets east of Koogle Street; and Proposal #2 was priced at \$905,870.15 and eliminated the work east of Koogle as well as eliminating parts of McLean and Third streets north of Fifth Street.

Aldermen said they preferred the first proposal because it tied the project together and was part of the overall plan to control waterflow. Kidd also pointed out that the city was already paying for the engineering work on McLean and Third streets whether it was part of the project or not.

The project as it stands now includes the following streets: Third Street from Collinson to McLean, Fourth Street from Collinson to McLean, Sixth Street from Cottage to Koogle, Seventh Street from the western city limit to Koogle, Eighth Street from Leroy to Bugbee Avenue, Leroy Street from Fifth to Eighth, Johns Street from Sixth to approximately one-half block past Eighth, Collinson Street from Clarendon Avenue to Eighth Street, McLean Street from Clarendon Avenue to Eighth, and Bond Street from Sixth to Eighth.

The city had \$833,759 available from tax revenue notes and economic development money to pay for the project. The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation will contribute \$100,000 to the project, and the balance will be paid for from the city's improvement fund.

June 30, 2005

Pate leaving city job
Clarendon City Administrator Sean Pate will resign next month to take a position as manager of the City of Poteet.

Pate confirmed his decision to the ENTERPRISE Monday morning and formally announced his resignation during Tuesday night's meeting of the board of aldermen. He will stay on until July 28. The move means a significant salary increase for Pate.

Poteet has agreed to pay him \$55,000 per year plus benefits for him and his family. Clarendon currently pays him \$35,900. The administrator said he had not sought the Poteet position but learned of it through a fellow city administrator.

The Poteet council interviewed him by phone and hired him over the phone. He visited the city, located 20 miles south of San Antonio, over the weekend.

Pate, who has held his current position since June 2003, said he intends to wrap up his business in Clarendon before leaving - getting the street paving underway and beginning the 2005-2006 budget process - and said he will be available if

the city needs him.

Mayor Tex Selvidge said he hates to see Pate leave but understands that a man has to take care of his family. Pate said he's been impressed by the people of Clarendon and is grateful for the chance the city gave him. Selvidge said any decision about replacing Pate would have to be decided by the board of aldermen.

July 7, 2005

Notice error delays hospital district budget

The Donley County Hospital District board approved a temporary spending motion last Friday after a public notice error prevented the adoption of the 2005-06 budget.

The district thought its notice in the Thursday, June 23, edition of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE gave it the required ten-days notice to hold a hearing on July 1 since the paper came out on Wednesday, June 22. But the Enterprise is legally a Thursday paper under its periodicals postage permit, and all public notices must be published according to that date.

The district rescheduled its budget hearing for its next regular board meeting on July 19.

July 14, 2005

High winds batter residents of Lelia Lake

Clean up workers with the Texas Department of Transportation continued clearing debris Tuesday after strong, straight-line winds broke several tree limbs near Lelia Lake on Monday night.

The Donley County Sheriff's Department said it had reports of several trees blown down and some minor damage done by a storm that hit the Lelia Lake area about eight o'clock.

The northbound lanes of US 287 were closed for 30 to 45 minutes due to tree limbs on the road, and TxDOT spokeswoman Barbara Seal said the department's Donley County Maintenance crew was on the scene from about 8:30 p.m. Monday to midnight. Seal said straight-line winds hit 80 to 90 miles per hour and some broken trees were three feet in diameter.

Limbs were removed from FM 1755, FM 1754, and FM 1260; and TxDOT also reported several broken telephone and electrical poles. TxDOT crews will likely have to spend more days this week cleaning up the debris.

One home reported a glass door being broken, and a downed power line caused a brief electrical fire due to the storm, the sheriff's department said. The Donley County Gin did not sustain any major damage although it seemed to be in the path of storm's force.

Perhaps the most damage was down about a mile south of Lelia Lake at a house owned and being remodeled by Mac Stavenhagen. The branches of several large elm trees there were snapped and tossed about the property. The roof of the house sustained minor damage, and the house's electrical service was knocked down.

One resident reported receiving damage to the roof of a barn which was in the area. TxDOT said only about one inch of rain was received with the storm. No injuries were reported.

July 21, 2005

City combines top jobs due to budget concerns

The City of Clarendon will combine the positions of the city administrator and city superintendent following a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday night.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark White told the ENTERPRISE Tuesday that finances drove the board's decision.

"The main reason for doing this is budgetary," White said. "We just don't have the money in the budget to keep two salaries of that capacity."

Under the current budget, the administrator and superintendent have salaries of \$35,000 and \$33,000 respectively, and each position has benefits.

The aldermen also directed City Administrator Sean Pate to begin advertising through the Texas Municipal League this week. The combined position will take effect October 1, 2005, which is the beginning of the city's fiscal year.

Monday's unanimous decision came after aldermen met in closed session for 40 minutes that night and

for nearly an hour and half during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

White said the new administrator, whoever that turns out to be, will have to take on more of the responsibilities of the city superintendent, who is the director of public works.

"[The new person] has definitely got to be out in the field," White said. "We can't pin him down and say this much time in the office and this much time in the field, but he will have to have all the criteria and certifications for public works."

Last Tuesday, the board formally voted, with regrets, to accept Pate's resignation as city administrator. He will be taking a similar position with the City of Poteet, south of San Antonio, with the promise of better benefits and an increase in salary of about \$20,000 per year.

July 28, 2005

Clarendon will host WTPA next summer

Clarendon will play host to the state's largest regional group of newspapermen next summer when the West Texas Press Association holds its 76th annual convention here.

Incoming WTPA convention chairman and ENTERPRISE publisher Roger Estlack made the announcement Saturday during last week's gathering of the group in San Angelo and said the 2006 event will give the association a taste of the Old West.

The three-day event will be held July 20, 21, and 22; and the program will feature entertainment and seminars suitable for the interests of the community journalists in the WTPA. Tentative plans call for a golf tournament, a Chuckwagon supper on the courthouse square, a WTPA night at the Sandell Drive-In, seminars and banquet on the campus of Clarendon College, and the annual better newspaper contest awards brunch.

August 4, 2005

Paving project begins
Work began on Clarendon's 2005 paving project this week after months of anticipation.

B&B Solvent, a division of Jordan Paving, moved equipment into town Monday and began the project, which will curb and pave an estimated 60 city blocks.

Sixth Street is first on the agenda, starting between Cottage and Collinson streets and progressing three blocks at a time, putting down base and pouring curb.

The finished streets will be 30 feet wide inside the curbs and the project will cover the following streets: Third Street from Collinson to McLean, Fourth Street from Collinson to McLean, Sixth Street from Cottage to Koogle, Seventh Street from the western city limit to Koogle, Eighth Street from Leroy to Bugbee Avenue, Leroy Street from Fifth to Eighth, Johns Street from Sixth to approximately one-half block past Eighth, Collinson Street from Clarendon Avenue to Eighth Street, McLean Street from Clarendon Avenue to Eighth, and Bond Street from Sixth to Eighth.

August 11, 2005

CASA expands to help local foster kids

Abused and neglected children in Donley County will soon have new advocates in the court system now that CASA of the High Plains has expanded its coverage to this county.

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, is a system by which a volunteer is appointed by a judge to provide factual information to the court on behalf of a child. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and only handle one case at a time.

Once in the foster system, children can be placed in several different homes and be served by several different caseworkers from Child Protective Services (CPS).

There are currently 122 kids in cases overseen by CASA of the High Plains, including 12 kids in six cases in Donley County. Most volunteers average 10 hours per month on a case, and most work full time at other jobs. Watts said volunteers can work on their own schedules but they do have to attend court hearings.

For more information or to volunteer, call the CASA office in Pampa at 669-7638 or call Ann Huey at 570-9268.

August 18, 2005

Clarendon aldermen move to hike trash fees

Clarendon Aldermen unanimously voted to increase sanitation rates during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

City officials say the trash service is losing money and is facing higher fuel costs. The city has also been out an estimated \$12,000 in maintenance costs for one of its trash trucks.

Sanitation rates would increase \$1 per month per each active account. If an account has more than one trash bin, the increase would be \$1 per trash bin per month. The rate for hauling trash for Greenbelt Water Authority would increase \$410 to a total fee of \$2,500 per month.

The board also voted 3-1 to increase deposits for water service. The city currently requires a \$50 deposit on a new account, and aldermen approved raising that to \$125, noting that most past due accounts that get closed are over \$100. Alderman Tommy Hill opposed the measure, saying he felt setting the deposit at \$100 would be sufficient.

The aldermen must still vote on the sanitation charges and water deposit fees again. If approved, the new rates would go into effect October 1, 2005.

Water service tap fees were also on the board's agenda, but aldermen decided to leave those rates unchanged.

August 25, 2005

Clarendon man jailed after delivering crack

A Clarendon man landed himself in jail after he reportedly sold narcotics in a sting operation set up by the Donley County Sheriff's Department last week.

Patrick Childs, age 20, was charged Friday with Delivery of Crack Cocaine, a second-degree felony.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the sting was set up after an investigation of another case. The suspect delivered the drugs to a residence at 309 W. Third, where the sheriff and Chief Deputy Randy Bond waited inside out of sight.

Childs was arrested after he sat down to cut off \$50 worth of crack from a larger rock worth an estimated \$300.

Donley County Judge Jack Hall arraigned Childs on Sunday and set bond at \$20,000. He remained in custody Monday morning.

Blackburn said, as a result of the arrest, some merchandise stolen in Donley County has been recovered.

September 1, 2005

Sandell Drive-In marks golden anniversary

Fifty years ago, the late Gary

Barnhill invited all of Donley County to enjoy "an evening of pleasure" for the formal opening of the Sandell Drive-In, and now John Morrow has reissued that same invitation as the theatre celebrates its golden anniversary this weekend.

It was Labor Day weekend in 1955 when Barnhill opened the Sandell, which he had named for his daughters, Sandra and Adele. The Donley County Leader reported that Barnhill had installed "the latest drive-in theatre equipment in order to offer the best in movie entertainment."

The drive-in actually opened a week earlier, but the Sandell's grand opening was held on September 11, 1955, with *Shane*, starring Alan Ladd and Jean Arthur, "in color," as its feature presentation.

The Sandell Drive-In Theatre was operated by Barnhill for 29 years, generating many fond memories before it was closed in 1984. It then sat unused for 18 years, until Morrow reopened it in 2002.

As Barnhill did in 1955, Morrow also invites visitors to the snack bar. Golden anniversary specials this weekend include 50-cent hot dogs, 50-cent soft drinks, and 50-cent popcorn.

Acclaimed as the most successful Western of the 1950s and nominated for six Academy Awards, *Shane* will return to the Sandell's big screen this Friday and Saturday in a double feature with Warner Brothers' modern motion picture, *The Dukes of Hazzard*, starring Johnny Knoxville and Jessica Simpson.

September 8, 2005

Gas consumers feel impact of hurricane

While Gulf Coast residents are dealing with the very personal effects of Hurricane Katrina, folks in Donley County are feeling the economic impact at the gas station.

The category-four hurricane hit Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi last Monday, taking a heavy toll on the United States' domestic petroleum production. Eight major refineries were taken out of commission by the storm, which reduced the nation's refining capacity by more than 10 percent.

By noon last Wednesday, most local stations had raised the self-serve price of regular unleaded by 20 cents to a total of \$2.95 per gallon, and that price jumped to \$3.05 by the week's end.

Paul Bivens, whose Bivens Oil Company supplies gasoline to pumps at the Clarendon Outpost and Kidd's Shell, said he placed an order for fuel last Tuesday but was told there was none that could be delivered.

With no delivery to replenish their tanks, Kidd's ran out of regular unleaded Thursday, and the Outpost began asking customers to limit their

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Fortunately, a shipment was delivered Saturday, and Bivens said supplies are currently fine at both stations. The Outpost was out of Unleaded Plus Tuesday morning, but he said that was due to an ordering error.

Things were not fine, however, at Clarendon's West Texas Gas, which ran out of both farm and road diesel last Friday and was still out Tuesday morning.

Moffett said West Texas Gas locations in Claude and Groom are also out of diesel, and he didn't know when his company might get a delivery.

While its diesel pumps were dry, West Texas Gas did have one thing going for it - regular unleaded at below the three-dollar mark.

One customer en route to rebuild his home in Biloxi, Miss., told the ENTERPRISE that \$2.99 at West Texas Gas was the cheapest gas he had found between here and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bivens said he thinks the price of gas has stabilized for now, and Moffett thinks things will get better as refining capacity gears back up.

September 15, 2005

Street paving project moving forward

The 2005 Clarendon street paving project is on track, and the contractor anticipates being able to finish before cold weather sets in.

That's the word from Mayor Pro-tem Mark White following a report given to the city last Friday.

White said B&B Solvent project superintendent Brent Hall told the city his workers would begin pouring curb and gutter this week.

According to White, Hall also expressed concerns that the city could not stay ahead of his crew in doing the rough cuts on the streets and said his crew could do the same work faster and with more expertise than the city could. City officials agreed and told Hall to continue doing the rough cuts for the city.

City crews will continue to haul dirt out of the way once the contractor has moved it.

White said the contractor anticipates stringing curbs this Wednesday and will likely start pouring concrete Thursday. The work would start on Sixth Street, laying 1,000 feet of curb and gutter per day. Seventh and Eighth streets would follow.

Work must be completed by some time in November; otherwise it will be too cold and will force the project to either use more expensive cold temperature material or wait for warmer weather next spring.

White said he hasn't heard much comment from the public on the project - pro or con. He has heard second hand of people wondering why the streets were cut so low, but he says the street level will raise back up after the base is brought in.

September 22, 2005

CC fall enrollment records new high

Clarendon College enrollment hit a record high for the second year in a row this month, and CC President Myles Shelton thinks it's a trend that could continue.

Information reported to the Texas Association of Community Colleges show CC's total headcount for the current semester as 1,150, an increase of 11.3 percent over last fall.

But the big picture is what really makes the CC president's face light up. Thirty-one out of 50 Texas community colleges reported enrollments as of September 14, and Clarendon College had the biggest gain on a percentage basis.

The new enrollment number is thought to be the highest in the 107-year history of the institution and comes at a time when Frank Phillips College, South Plains College, and Amarillo College all reported decreased fall headcounts.

Despite the growth, CC remains the second smallest community college in the state; but if the trend continues, that could soon change. Shelton said Frank Phillips in Borger is the third smallest and reported a 7.4 percent drop in enrollment.

September 22, 2005

One arrest solves 23 burglaries in area

With one arrest last week the

Donley County Sheriff's Department solved three local burglaries and cleared 20 other crimes in eight Panhandle communities.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn and Chief Deputy Randy Bond traveled to Pampa and arrested 22-year-old Cody Williams on a warrant related to the August 24 burglary of Sam Hill's BBQ.

Williams had recently been arrested in Vega on a crime using the same modus operandi as in the Sam Hill's break-in and was also recently found with several two-dollar bills on his person - a peculiar denomination which was the only thing taken from the barbecue restaurant.

Blackburn and Bond acquired a confession on the Sam Hill's break-in as well as burglaries at Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts and the Asian Café.

Williams also gave confessions and signed statements on two burglaries in Panhandle, two in Groom, two in White Deer, two in Fritch, two in McLean, three in Wheeler, three in Borger, and four in Gruver.

Williams, who has a prior criminal history for theft, remained in the Gray County Jail on Monday morning on three Donley County warrants, and other counties a preparing to file charges on him.

September 29, 2005

Hedley Methodists celebrating 100 years

The Hedley First United Methodist Church is holding their 100th Anniversary on October 9, 2005, during the annual Hedley Cotton Festival.

The church will hold a Fellowship Singing on Saturday night, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. The regular church services will begin Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with a great dinner and fellowship afterwards.

In 1904, Rowe Mission, the forerunner of the Hedley Methodist Church, was started in Rowe, Texas, according to "A Century of Methodism in the Eastern Texas Panhandle" by Darlene Birks of the Pampa District. Prior to 1904, circuit riders held services there; and in 1903 Charles W. Foote, father of Dr. Gaston Foote, former pastor of the Pampa First Methodist and White Deer Methodist, was one of the visiting circuit riders.

This church was later moved to the new township of Hedley and records indicate that Rev. J.B. Wood, a circuit preacher serving on the extreme outposts, was the organizer of the church in 1907. According to the Hedley Informer of June 28, 1912, groundbreaking services were held to start the basement. The church was nearly finished in December 1912 and on May 2, 1913, the District conference and Sunday School Institute were held in the church. According to the Hedley Informer of May 9, 1913, the Hedley citizens "royally" entertained the Conference delegates. The delegates were met at the train by autos and carried to the homes assigned them, showing that not only were their homes open to them, but conveyances were also at their services.

Throughout the years, the Hedley Methodist Church has sponsored nearly everything from ice cream suppers to dinners for soldiers, to revivals and conferences. The church in the past up through the 1960s and 1970s had standing room only with about 250 members, and today they proudly support 20 wonderful members, some of whom grew up in the church.

The public is invited to help the members celebrate their 100 years of Christ.

October 6, 2005

City suspends search for new administrator

The City of Clarendon suspended its search for the next city administrator during the board of aldermen's meeting last Tuesday.

After deliberating in closed session for over an hour, the board voted not to hire anyone at this time but to send letters to all the applicants for the administrator's position thanking them for their applications.

Alderman Mark White said the city believes it may need the money earmarked for the administrator's salary to help finish the street project, but they intend to revisit the issue and possibly conduct another search for a new administrator at a later date.

October 6, 2005

Poker run draws 107 entrants first year

The turnout wasn't quite what was expected last Saturday, but organizers are still calling the Medical Center Nursing Home's first Heritage Poker Run a great success.

The event drew 107 entrants who drove or rode an estimated 70 motorcycles and 14 classic cars to raise money to benefit the residents of the home.

October 13, 2005

Red Hatters win top award at Festival

Organizers of the 54th annual Cotton Festival in Hedley saw lots of old and new faces last weekend as a good crowd turned out for the event.

The Lioness Club kicked the festival off with their Chili and Stew Supper on Friday night.

The Lions Club served about 200 plates of barbecue for lunch. The Hedley Senior Citizens also served hamburgers during lunch.

The ladies of the Twilight Red Hat organization took home the Best of Show in the parade this year. Other winners include: Floats - Hedley Lionesses, first; Hedley JH Cheerleaders, second; and Hedley HS Cheerleaders, third; Organizations - Greenbelt Water, first; Khiva Muleskinners, second; and Hedley Methodist Church, third.

The Hedley First United Methodist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday with a large crowd in attendance for the Sunday service. A bell was placed in the bell tower and dedicated on Sunday also.

October 20, 2005

Howardwick aldermen deny rezoning request

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen denied a request to re-zone a section of the city to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption last week.

Jerry Daniels had requested the change for his property in the Navajo Section, and citizens had previously spoken both for and against the proposal at a prior meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Marvin Elam told the board that the city had been advised it was entirely up to the aldermen to decide the matter.

Alderman Sam Grider moved, seconded by Alderman Bill Barton, not to change the zoning. The motion passed unanimously.

October 27, 2005

Jury sentences Harper to 20 years for assault

A Hall County jury last Wednesday convicted a former Clarendon man of sexually assaulting a child here last summer.

Darrell Harper, age 70, was found guilty of a second degree felony and was sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in prison and fined \$10,000.

A Donley County Grand Jury indicted Harper in May, but the case was moved to Memphis for trial. The defendant was represented by Jerry Courtney of Clarendon.

Harper, who is a resident of Amarillo, was accused of assaulting a mentally challenged girl on or about June 2, 2004. The girl was 16 at the time of the crime. Harper pled not guilty to the charge.

Messer said he appreciated the people who showed up for jury selection ready to serve despite any inconvenience.

As of Tuesday, Harper remained in the Donley County Jail awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

November 3, 2005

City officials want faster pace on street project

With some citizens' patience running short, Clarendon city officials met with engineers and contractors last Wednesday to express the growing frustration over the pace of the 2005 street paving project.

Aldermen who attended the meeting say they told representatives of contractor B&B Solvent they want to see more activity and more progress.

City officials said after the meeting they worried that the available warm-weather days were not being utilized. Alderman Mark White told the ENTERPRISE this week the contrac-

tor is being hampered by a construction job in Borger, at which concrete supplier Pampa Concrete is having to use all of its available trucks during 24-hour pours. That situation should end soon, White said.

Engineer Che Shadle confirmed that the availability of concrete has slowed progress.

Shadle wouldn't put a firm date on when actual paving would start, but he did say that the curbing will be inspected by his firm before paving begins.

Wednesday's meeting followed the receipt of the first letter to the newspaper critical of the project and followed the regular city meeting October 25 at which Mrs. David Burrow expressed concerns about cars being torn up while driving on streets under construction.

November 10, 2005

Clarendon man dies following accident

Residents of Donley County were shocked and saddened last week after a two-vehicle collision took the life of a Clarendon man.

According to the Department of Public Safety, William Chauncey Hommel, age 74, was traveling south on FM 1260 in his 1989 Ford Bronco and was crossing US 287 last Wednesday at about 3:05 p.m. when he pulled out in front of a Dodge pickup, which was driven by Jesus Leon of Mesquite. Hommel's vehicle struck the side of the pickup, slid into the south ditch and overturned, and Leon's vehicle came to a stop on US 287.

Investigators believe that Hommel simply did not see Leon as he crossed the highway.

DPS Trooper Daniel Hawthorn confirmed that there was a witness to the accident but would not release that individual's name. Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said an employee of Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad called 911 and immediately began directing traffic away from the accident.

Local law enforcement officers and emergency personnel with the Associated Ambulance Authority and the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call and quickly extracted Hommel, who was trapped in the wreckage of his vehicle. Witnesses at the scene said he was conscious and alert and was complaining of his back hurting.

Hommel was airlifted to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he was later pronounced dead by Potter County Justice of the Peace Jim Tipton at 6:10 p.m.

The passengers of the Dodge pickup, Magdaler Leon, 54, of Mesquite and Monica Sanchez, 22, of Mesquite, were taken to N.W.T.H. and were treated and released. Jesus Leon was uninjured.

All occupants of both vehicles were wearing their seatbelts, and Blackburn said Leon's airbags did deploy.

November 17, 2005

Services honor local veterans' sacrifices

The citizens of Donley County last week paid their respect to the veterans who have served America and secured freedom for all who live here.

The Adamson-Lane Post 287 of the American Legion held their annual service at the Veterans' Memorial in Rowe Cemetery on Friday morning.

The featured speaker of the event was Gary Weatherly of Memphis. He graduated from Hedley High School in 1965 and served with the US Army from 1965 to 1968, during which time he served in Vietnam with the First Cavalry Division from November 1966 to November 1967.

Clarendon VFW Post 7782 also held its annual Veterans Day Service on Friday at the Donley County War Memorial.

The guest speaker was Joe McQuay, a 37-year veteran of the Marine Corps. The Bronco Band played several patriotic selections during the ceremony. Darrell Burton, pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Post Commander Larry Pettit led the ceremony.

Local veterans also enjoyed a meal prepared by the Clarendon High School home economics class Friday at noon. The Clarendon Elementary children also presented a program to

the vets and their guests.

A veterans' program was also held at the Vera Dial Dickey Library at Clarendon College on Monday.

November 24, 2005

Clarendon Elementary wins UIL contests

Clarendon Elementary students were named District Champions for the fifth consecutive year in the Fall University Interscholastic League Literary Meet held at Clarendon CISD last week.

The meet is comprised of students from six different school districts, with seven campuses competing against each other. Students from each district spent many hours in preparation for the Fall Meet.

Clarendon Elementary Principal Mike Word commented on how well behaved and focused the students from Clarendon were throughout the two-day meet.

Clarendon students performed very well at this year's contest. For the fifth consecutive year, the students won the UIL Fall Literary Meet.

Scores from each of the district were: Quannah Elementary, sixth place with 81.3 points; Shamrock Elementary, fifth place with 85.3 points; Memphis, fourth place with 144 points; Claude Elementary, third place with 257.25 points; Wellington, second place with 263.3 points; and Clarendon Elementary, District Champions with 409.75 points.

December 1, 2005

Clarendon family counts blessings after fire

A fire on Friday, November 25, has one Clarendon family counting their blessings this week.

The Clarendon Volunteer Firefighters responded to a house fire in the 600 block of W. Sixth, the home of Will and Lynn Thompson, Friday, November 25.

The 911 call came in at 3:35 p.m.; and according to Assistant Fire Chief Pat Robertson, the blaze started after a fire got outside the firebox.

Lynn Thompson said her son Todd discovered fire coming out of the wall.

Once the firefighters arrived, they opened a hole in the roof to let the smoke out, Robertson said; and the fire was put out within 30-45 minutes.

Robertson said the portion of the house where the fire started is separated from the remainder of the house by the garage and this also helped to eliminate smoke damage.


Thompson said they have no dollar amount for the damage yet but will be completely replacing the fireplace and chimney along with one sheetrock and flooring.

Thompson said an inspector listed the cause of the fire as a failure of the fireplace.

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- Lilly B. Pafford Bagwell
- Rosa Mae McGowan Mears
- Edgar Mae Mongole
- Ora Pearl Farris
- Connee Marie McAnear
- Joe Reeves Naylor
- Bill R. Reid
- Pat Roberson
- Allan Winfred Angel
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New Arrivals 2005



- Aydan James Watson**
January 27, 2005
- Lila Katherine and Kylla Allison Monroe**
April 11, 2005
- Brayson Ryder Cruse**
April 16, 2005
- Hayden Todd Alston**
May 5, 2005
- Dally Kate McConnell**
June 6, 2005
- Hannah Whitley Polito**
June 15, 2005
- Cayden Luke Stanzone**
July 21, 2005
- Clayton James Aborn**
July 22, 2005
- Addison Brooke Koontz**
August 29, 2005
- Brylle Faith Gage**
September 8, 2005
- John Patrick "Jack" Lindley**
September 20, 2005

2005: House fires effect two families, Train derails

December 8, 2005

Fire destroys home of Clarendon family

A Clarendon family lost almost all of their possessions last Friday when a morning fire destroyed all but one bedroom of their home.

Faye Bryley said she was watching TV in her trailer house in the 200 block of W. Martindale Street when she first smelled smoke. She initially thought the smell was outside but soon discovered it coming from her daughters' bedroom at the end of the trailer.

Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Captain Patrick Robertson said a small electric space heater was the source of the blaze, but he did not know what might have caused it to catch fire, or what it might have ignited.

Bryley quickly called 911 and said the fire was already coming out of the house when she ran to her sister's nearby home. When the fire department arrived, the blaze was already "fully involved," Robertson said. They extinguished the fire in about 10 minutes.

The Bryley family did not have insurance and are now looking for a new place to live, but they are thankful for what they do have.

She and her husband, Kenneth, are living at her sister's. Their daughters, 14-year-old Lumpy, 13-year-old Kia, and 9-year-old twins Glory and Lynzee, are living with Faye's parents. Bryley works in the home health industry, and her husband works at Hedley Feedlot.

This is not the first Christmas tragedy Bryley's family has faced. Eight years ago on Christmas Eve, she was living with her grandmother when that home was destroyed by fire. They lost everything then, too, she said.

In addition to encouraging the use of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, Robertson says people need to use extra caution with space heaters.

December 15, 2005

BNSF coal train derails inside Clarendon

Clean up continues this week after a southbound Burlington Northern-Santa Fe coal train derailed in Clarendon last Thursday morning.

Twenty-seven loaded coal cars of the 121-car, three-engine train derailed north of the 200, 300, and 400 blocks of East First Street. Coal and mangled metal littered the scene around cars, which had been smashed together and some of which were jutting into the air.

BNSF Director of Public Affairs Joe Faust said the railroad is still looking into the cause of the derailment, but he did confirm that a bridge was demolished during the wreck.

Faust said no one was injured in the accident, which happened about 6 a.m.

The train crew notified the railroad dispatcher, who in turn notified local authorities. But despite some citizens having heard the wreck or seen its aftermath, the Donley County Sheriff's Department did not receive any local calls about the accident until 8 a.m. even though part of the end of the train was blocking the crossing at Kearney Street.

Crews from Hulcher Professional Services were dispatched to Clarendon, and the BNSF railway was reopened at 4 a.m. on Friday, Faust said.

The train originated in Caballo, Wyoming, and was bound for Iola, Texas. Each coal car carries an estimated 120 tons of coal, but coal recovered from the wreckage is not salvageable, Faust said. Some wrecked cars will remain in Clarendon until railroad officials can determine their usefulness.

December 22, 2005

New team brings old values to Suna AutoMall

Trust and friendship are two things that cannot be bought, and the new management team at Suna AutoMall says they intend to earn both from customers in Clarendon and the surrounding area.

The General Motors dealership has begun a management contract that will culminate with the sale of the business to Stanley Automotive Enterprises on or about February 1, 2006.

The priority of the business will

be serving local people with old-fashioned values, and that's something of a tradition for area manager Don Crow.

"I learned integrity from my father and grandfather," Crow said. "You look people in the eye, shake their hand, and tell them the truth."

Crow's grandfather started selling cars in Abernathy in 1927. Now, as the third generation in his family of car dealers, Crow says his West Texas roots guide his business philosophy.

"You do what you say and a little bit more," he said. "You just treat everybody they way you'd want your own mother treated."

The Stanley group has big plans for the dealership, which was founded in 1956 by Fred E. Chamberlain, Jr., and operated as Chamberlain Motor Company until August 2002, when it was purchased by New York native Mark Suna, who has since moved to Kentucky.

Customers can expect to see more cars on the lot in the next 60 to 90 days as the Stanley group builds up the dealership's inventory, Crow said.

"I'd like to see us have 75 to 100

new cars and 65 to 80 used cars."

In addition to a larger inventory, Crow says the Stanley group intends to completely renovate the dealership to make it a more functional facility that will be customer friendly. Plans for the showroom are still being finalized but will likely include new flooring, replacing the ceiling tiles, and going through the air-conditioning and electrical systems.

In the service department, air-conditioning will be installed and state of the art diagnostic equipment will be added.

"We're going to make sure that we have all the equipment we need to serve our customers the proper way," Crow said.

Under the new management for only a short time, new life has been breathed into the dealership with sales picking up and new employees being hired and old employees returning.

"We're leading our district in terms of performance, which indicates that [general manager] Ken [Sisk] is doing a great job," Crow said. "Terry Noble is back in the shop and doing great work, Master Tech Matt Chambers is all set up, and

we've hired a couple of salesmen."

The Suna AutoMall staff also consists of comptroller Connie Simpson, title clerk Nancy Kidd, sales manager Rod Darris, service manager Eddie Bartley, receptionist Tessie Robinson, and salesman Jerry Daniels.

Crow is splitting his time between Suna AutoMall and Childress Ford in Childress, which is also under a management contract with Stanley. He and his wife, Donna, will make their home in this area as soon as they sell their house in Driftwood, near Austin.

In addition to Suna AutoMall and Childress Ford, the Stanley group owns 15 dealerships in rural communities and is looking at adding others. Crow says there are benefits to being in such a large group.

"We're able to sell out of each other's inventories; so if we don't have the car you're looking for, we can find it immediately and have it here usually within 24 hours," Crow said.

"West Texans serving West Texans is what we're all about."

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 11 Jill Cornell So.
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 21 Holly Cornell Sr.
 22 Haley Shelton Sr.
 23 Regan Lemley Jr.
 24 Sade Cobb So.
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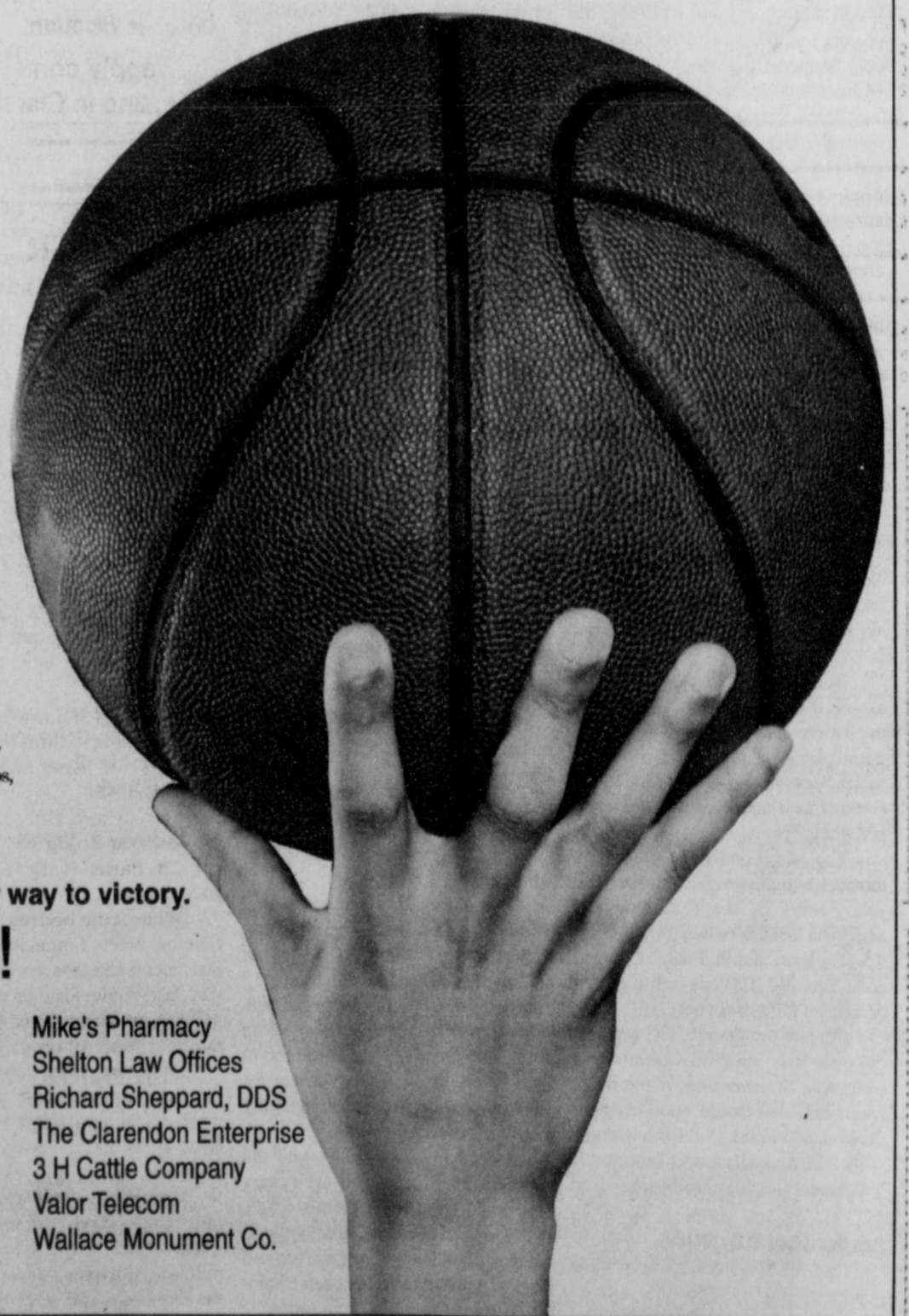
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Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 7:30 pm; Refreshments served at 6:30 pm Linda Crump - W.M. Naomi Green - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Mark C. White, Boss Lion. Russell Estlack, Secretary

Donley County Memorial Post #7782 of the VFW & Auxiliary Stated covered dish meeting: Third Tuesday at 6 p.m. Dale Powers - Post Commander; Carol Holden - President. Post Home Phone No: 874-VETS

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 David, Irene, and Taylor Shaller
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Associated Ambulance Authority of Clarendon wishes to thank all of our local and area businesses for their generous donations that made this year's EMS Christmas Party and Awards Presentations such a success! We truly appreciate your support for our organization. Thank you to our local businesses Lowe's Family Center, Ace Hardware, West Texas Gas, Saints' Roost Grill, White's Feed and Seed, J.D. SteakOut, J&W Lumber, Henson's, Stavenhagen Video, Saye's, Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, "Sam Hill" Pit BBQ, Sandel, Floyd's Automotive, Every Nook & Cranny, Clarendon Outpost, Herring Bank, and Community Bank. We would also like to thank the area businesses that supported us during our Christmas Party including Burbon Street Restaurant, Johnny Carino's, Walmart (Georgia Street), Best Western in Pampa, and American Quarter Horse Outfitters Museum. Thank you again,
 Volunteers and Staff of Associated Ambulance Authority

HELP WANTED

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES ATTENTION NURSES LVNS
 Outreach Health Services is seeking a full-time LVN to work with the PHC Program. Must have valid TX license in good standing. We offer holiday/vacation pay, great benefits, and 401K.
 Please call Debbie McCarty at 806-373-0986 or 800-800-0697 EOE.

SERVICES

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Hunting Property - 320 acres Approx. 3 miles northeast of Hedley, Texas. Excellent quail and deer country. Several nice home building sites, electric submergible pump with underground line connecting water tubs throughout the ranch, wildlife waters. One mile, Texas Hwy. 273 frontage. \$1,060 per acre.
Howardwick, Texas - 328 Angel Street. Two bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bath, basement, can be another bedroom. Shipping container storage building with concrete floor, all metal car port attached. Nice yard with chain link fence. Several fruit trees. Need to see to appreciate. \$43,000.00.
Howardwick, Texas - Nocona Hills. Three bedroom, 2 bath double wide, metal roof, fireplace, central heat, sitting on approx. one acre, fenced back yard, covered deck, metal storage building. Also 12x40 single wide storage building. Very neat, well kept place. \$48,000.00.

HELP WANTED

NEED COOK: Full time. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, Claude, 226-5121. 2-2tc
NEED PART-TIME LAUNDRY help. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, Claude, 226-5121. 2-2tc
NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for fast food manager. Send resume to: PO Box 2390, Blanchard, Oklahoma 73010, Attention: Jim. 1-ctc
MEMPHIS CONVALESCENT CENTER has immediate openings for Certified Nurse Aides and Licensed Vocational Nurses. Apply at 1415 N. 18th St. in Memphis or call 806-259-3566 for more information. 43-ctc

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 • 206 Kearney St. Large commercial building with loft mezzanine and basement. Going consignment antique business. Owner will consider lease back with management and consigers in place. \$65,000.
 • 413 S. Carhart. Brick, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, CH/A, cellar, storage bldg. \$55,000.
 • 402 S. Parks St. Brick, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, formal living and dining rooms, den with fireplace, large hobby room, large two car garage. One bedroom, 3/4 bath guest quarters. New floors in home and new fence. Excellent shape. Appointment only please. \$140,000. \$128,000
 • 602 S. Koogle. Stucco, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large basement, ch/a, new carpet, shake roof, nice and clean. One car garage, large car port attached. All on three lots. \$69,500.
COUNTRY PROPERTIES
 • 160 acs. - CRP, windmill, excellent quail and deer.
 • 160 acs. - windmill and domestic well, very scenic, excellent hunting.
 • 49+ acs. - good hunting and riding barn. Hwy. frontage.
 • 80+ acs. in Hall Co. - deer, hogs, dove, quail, turkeys, large trees.
 • 3.5 acs. north of Clarendon. Large hay type barn, well with electric pump, all fenced.

HELP WANTED

HEDLEY FEEDLOT now hiring Feedmill operator - experienced only apply. Now hiring Cowboy - experienced only apply. Call 856-5441, ask for Justin. 1-ctc
AMARILLO ROAD COMPANY, heavy highway contractor, has employment opportunities in the Clarendon area. Openings for motorgrader operator, CDL driver, and laborers. Please call Archie Maxfield at 806-681-0528 for application and interview. Amarillo Road Company is an EEO employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, or disability. 52-ctc
NEED CNAs - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift. \$8.50 per hour. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home, Claude, 226-5121. 2-2tc
BEST WESTERN AMERICAN INN is taking applications for an evening front desk position (3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday). Please apply in person. 1-ctc

McLEAN CARE CENTER has immediate openings for LVN - 10 to 6 shift, 10 to 6; CNAs - all shifts; and weekend RN. Interested parties should call Billy Ray Johnston, Administrator, at 806-779-2469 or fax resume to 806-779-2515. 48-ctc

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College invites applications for following positions:
STUDENT SERVICES ASSISTANT
 Computer proficiency and office skills are essential. A Certificate or Associate degree is preferred. The desire and aptitude to help students achieve their educational goals and objectives are a must.
 Screening of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.
 Send letter of application, resume, transcripts, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references to: Darlene Spier, Assistant to the President, Clarendon College, Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226.
 Clarendon College is an equal opportunity employer.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CLARENDON CISD
 Clarendon CISD will hold a public hearing for discussion of the school districts 2004-2005 Academic Excellence Indicator System Report on Monday, January 16, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Functional Living Center Building located at the corner of 4th and Patrick Street, Clarendon, Texas. This hearing will be combined with the regularly scheduled meeting of the local Board of Trustees. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. 2-1tc

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VERY ATTRACTIVE - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen/dining with built in oven & range, dishwasher, disposer, microwave, fans, carpet, central heat, 1 car port, fenced back yard, insulated shop building, storage building plus fruit and nut trees at 609 W. 8th St. for \$29,500.
A LITTLE TENDER LOVE & CARE - could make this 1,372 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 1 bath house a very good investment. Additional garage apartment and two-car port on 3 lots well located at 619 S. Koogle for \$26,000.
CLARENDON COMMERCIAL:
IT'L DO MOTEL - A nice "Mom and Pop" business with 8 rental units plus 2 rental apartments in addition to living quarters for owner/operator and a choice location at intersection of US Hwy. 287 and Parks St. for \$425,000. **REDUCED TO \$110,000**
ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH BUILDING - suitable for use as/is for groups or organizations. Excellent location for DAY CARE FACILITY and building could be easily converted for that use. Also easily converted to residential property. Central heat & ref. air already in parts of the building. Lots of square footage, located at 511 E. 5th St for \$39,900.
CHOICE COMMERCIAL CORNER LOT - and 1,536 sq. ft. building with frontage on Hwy. 287 at intersection with Gorst St. includes 4,329 sq. ft. concrete paving for \$45,000.

HEDLEY - 3 BEDROOM BRICK, 1 1/2 BATHS - nice kitchen with good cabinets and counter tops, breakfast nook, large den/dining with built in book case, utility room, central air conditioning, large storage area, 2 car garage, 616 sq. ft. attached double garage with openers at 407 W. Railroad St. for \$60,000. **REDUCED TO \$55,000.**
HEDLEY - COMMERCIAL BUILDING - 4,560 sq. ft., brick, Main Street on corner lot, central heat and ref. air, 2 bathrooms, 2 vaults, kitchen, interior easily converted for many uses for \$49,000.
GREENBELT - BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT HOME - 4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS - (bedroom(s) and bath on each of three levels) modern kitchen includes range, refrigerator, dishwasher, and abundant cabinet and storage space - control the inside temperature with central heat & refrigerated air plus two wood burning fireplaces in the winter, or step outside on either of two large covered decks to enjoy the beautiful view and fresh air while lounging or cooking out or just watching the deer, turkey, quail, and numerous varieties of other birds that frequent the premises in search of food as they graze along the adjoining Carroll Creek or sometimes on the landscaped yard complete with sprinklers. Also included is an attached 1-car garage plus a built-on 3-car port and a new yard building. Super buy at \$138,000.
GREENBELT - SMALL TRAILER ON 2 LOTS - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, kitchen with refrigerator and range, propane heat, 2 window air units, nice barbecue grill, furniture presently in house included at 36 Swanson St. in Howardwick for \$11,000.
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Happy New Year

2006

As we usher in 2006, we would like to extend our best wishes to everyone who helped make us so successful.

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