

C-C names winners

The Chamber of Commerce has announced the names of the Christmas lighting contest for the final week before Christmas.

Ronny and Jany Longden won the residential category in Howardwick, and Lonita Howard won the same category in Hedley.

Ron and Debra Chitwood had the best residential display in Clarendon, and Saye's won the business category.

Last week's winners in Hedley were Mike and Pam Prescott.



Final winners

The winners during the final night of Late Night Shopping this year were Wanda Youngblood, Dale Askew, Tammy Owen, Jewell Judd, and Emily McCrary.

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Thornberry 4, Jenci White 2, Janae White 2, and Abby Patten 1.

The Lady Broncos will play in the Greenbelt Tournament December 27-29 and will play Bible Heritage in the first round at 8:30 am in the Bronco Gym. Games will also be played at Clarendon College. They will play Quanah at home December 31 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Lady Bronco JV win

It didn't take long to see that the Lady Broncos would dominate the Lady Lions in a contest held at home Monday night against Arbor Academy from Amarillo. Clarendon took the game at 46-32.

After a slow beginning, the Lady Broncos took control of the game and increased their lead to seven at the break. The Lady Lions staged a small comeback in the third quarter, but could not make up the difference before the Lady Broncos cruised to a 14-point win.

Scoring: Deidre Lewis 9, Danielle Ford 8, Jill Luna 7, Haleigh Lewis 6, Dominique Mason 6, Brandi Mays 4, Lauren Shelton 2, Ashlyn Tubbs 2, and Caitlin Christopher 2.

The ladies will take on Quanah at home December 31 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Bronco JV beats Lions

They had to work to get it, but the Broncos played hard enough to get a win over Arbor Academy at home Monday night. A great scoring second half gave them the edge they needed to get the 41-22 win.

Several Broncos added to the score, but all contributed to the win at home. According to Coach Brandon Word, the win was a team effort.

Lady Colts victorious

The Lady Colts totally dominated the Wheeler Lady Colts on the road Monday night. They completely shut down any offense that Wheeler tried and defeated them 32-11.

Clarendon held Wheeler to only two points the entire first half of play by playing great defense.

Scoring: Maci White 13, Kenzie Perryman 6, Bryce McCary 4, Audrey Shelton 4, McKayla Cartwright 4, and Elizabeth O'Rear 2.

The eighth grade played hard and never quit, but lost 26-31 to the Wheeler Lady Colts. They only trailed by one point at the break and came back to lead their opponent by three at the end of the third period. But Wheeler came on strong in the final period and took advantage of several Lady Colt turnovers to win the game.

Scoring: Cheyenne Kosechata 10, Marqueda Gaines 10, Trevela Dronzek 4 and Ashlyn Smith 2.

The ladies will play at home January 7 against Wellington beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Colts face Wheeler

The eighth grade Colts did just enough to defeat the Wheeler Mustangs at home Monday night. The final was 25-23.

Wheeler jumped out to an early lead and the Colts realized they had to play hard to get the win. They came out in the second half to take control to get the win.

Scoring: Brady Clark 11, Jayson Pigg 5, Jacob Pigg 4, Devonte Hardaway 3, and Wes Williams 2.

The seventh grade won big over Wheeler at 42-30. Two players finished in double figures as the team worked hard to take control of the game in the second quarter. Their dominance was apparent as they cruised to the 12-point win.

Scoring: Ward 17, Yelverton 13, Diego Santos 8, Cody Wood 2, and Trevor Cobb 2.

The seventh grade B team played Wellington and despite playing hard were defeated 31-37. The Colts got off to a slow start, but fought their way back to make it a good contest. Adam Topper finished the night in double figures for the Colts.

Scoring: Topper 10, Tyler Burch 7, Trajen Johnston 4, Jonah Sell 4, John Pigg 4, and Rowdy Speed 2.

Both Colt teams will resume play January 7 on the road against Wellington beginning at 5:00 pm.

Survivors include four sons, Bryan Hill and wife Debbie, Ronnie Hill and wife Janie, all of Hedley, Bill Hill and wife Becky of Amarillo, and Tommy Hill and wife Terry of El Paso; a sister, Winnie Jo Henry of Chattanooga, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to the Chuck Hill Scholarship Fund at Hedley Schools, c/o Pat White, PO Box 69, Hedley, Texas 79237.

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Smith

Beatrice Jones Smith, 89, died Sunday, December 16, 2007, in Clarendon.



Services were held at 2:00 p.m. in Saturday, December 22, 2007, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Melvin Brooks, officiating. Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Smith was born July 2, 1918, in Gilmer to Felix and Mary Jones, and attended Gilmer schools. She came to Clarendon at an early age, and had been a Clarendon resident most of her adult life. She married Bowden W. Smith on March 7, 1934, at Gilmer. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Stephens Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband on September 6, 2003; an infant daughter, Patricia; a grandson; two sisters; three brothers; and six great great grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Jean McCampbell, Doris Gardner, and Joann Brown all of Clarendon; five sons, Bobby Smith and wife Cora Bell of Amarillo, Billy Smith and wife Mae of Memphis, Curtis Smith and wife Annie of Forney, B.W. Smith Jr. of Amarillo, Archie Smith and wife Vanessa of Mesquite; 27 grandchildren; 82 great grandchildren; 33 great great grandchildren; and two great great great grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Hill

Murdice Lorene Tipton Hill, 81, died Monday, December 17, 2007, Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2007, in the First Baptist Church of Hedley, with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, officiating. Burial was held at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Murdice was born on April 28, 1926, in Altus, Okla., to William Dewey and Nanetta Bollier Tipton. She married Homer Wright Hill on January 3, 1947 in Hollis, Okla. She had been a resident of Hedley most of her life. She had been an operator for GTE for many years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hedley.

Murdice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, on March 16, 1990; a son, Chuck Hill on June 3, 1993; one brother and seven sisters.



Hill

Lady Broncos win

They wanted to win big and they did. The Lady Broncos took control early and posted a 65-23 win over Arbor Academy at home Monday night. The win was a team effort, and three players finished in double figures. Macy Shadle led all scorers with 14, Abbie Massingill put in 12, and Erin Holland ended with 10.

Clarendon led by two at the end of the first period but rallied in the second to take a clear lead before the break. The ladies proved they could be consistent in their scoring as they put up 19, 19, and 18 points in the last three quarters of play.

Scoring: Shadle 14, Massingill 12, Holland 10, Sade Cobb 7, Bailey Starnes 7, Jill Cornell 6, Cortnee

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2007: Cobb, Patten win at livestock show

Dateline: January 4, 2007

Clarendon girls take second in tournament

The Hedley Lady Owls came out on top after the Clarendon Lady Broncos took it down to the wire in their own tournament over the holidays.

The Hedley girls won the championship match of the Greenbelt Classic 43-47 in Saturday night's game.

Dateline: January 11, 2007

County seeking constable applicants

Donley County Commissioners began advertising for the position of Constable in Precincts 3&4 following their regular meeting Monday.

Former constable Mike Wallendorf resigned his position last month, telling the court that he wanted a change in occupation. He had held the job since his election in 2000.

Dateline: January 11, 2007

Ceremony to recognize Catholic education

In 1899, the first Catholic school in the Panhandle was established in Clarendon by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. St. Mary's Academy was closed in 1911 due to an outbreak of typhoid fever. The Academy was moved to Amarillo where it continues today.

This Friday, January 12, Bishop John W. Yanta will lead a delegation from Amarillo and Pampa to recognize 108 years of Catholic education in the Panhandle. This event will be held at the refurbished St. Mary's church with the historic Altar refinished by Chriss Clifford and Theresa Shelton of Clarendon.

Dateline: January 18, 2007

Cobb, Patten top beef exhibitors

Sade Rae Cobb and Annie Patten exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the Clarendon Community Center.

Cobb's Grand Champion Steer was purchased by Bill Bennett; and Patten's Grand Champion Heifer was purchased by Community Bank, Clarendon Outpost, Shelton Law Office and Floyd's Automotive.

Other top winners were Kenzie Perryman and her Grand Champion Lamb, purchased by Clarendon College; Brooke Martin's Grand Champion Goat was purchased by Evans Fertilizer and Crowfoot Cattle; the Grand Champion Swine shown by Seth Koetting was purchased by Hobb Earth Moving.

Dateline: January 25, 2007

CC seeks increased state funds

Clarendon College Regents threw their support behind efforts to increase state funding for community colleges when they met in regular session last Thursday.

Regents considered and adopted a resolution backing the plan of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to seek an additional \$640 million in statewide funding, which would mean an increase of more than \$750,000 for Clarendon College.

CC President Myles Shelton said this week that the future of Texas is the real issue behind the need for higher funding.

Dateline: January 25, 2007

Caldwell to receive Pioneer Spirit Award

CANYON - Genevieve Caldwell, formerly of Clarendon, has been selected to receive the 2006 Pioneer Spirit Award from the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.

Mrs. Caldwell, who now lives in Amarillo, continues the strong traditions of those who came before her and epitomizes all that is valued in the true pioneer spirit.

Dateline: February 1, 2007

Firemen log thousands of volunteer hours in 2006

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department had a very busy year in 2006, according to statistics announced during its annual steak dinner and officer election Sunday.

Fireman Jerry Morris reported the Clarendon VFD received 180 alarm responses during the last calendar year, which resulted in 62,892 man-hours of service.

Local firefighters spent an additional 1,038 hours in drills and training.

Each call had an average of close to 12 firemen and lasted 8.87 hours, resulting in an average of more than 98 man-hours per call.

Tax deductible donations to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department can be mailed to PO Box 364, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Dateline: February 2, 2007

Ambulance director resigns position

A debate over the number of full time EMS employees and how to compensate volunteers led to the resignation of Associated Ambulance Authority Director Anita Aaron this week.

"I just felt it was the best thing for the service and that a change in leadership might help move things forward," Aaron told the Enterprise Friday afternoon.

The sudden resignation came Tuesday night, January 30, during an emergency meeting of the Donley County Hospital Board, which oversees the ambulance service. The board had met in called session the day before to discuss staffing of the ambulance service.

Dateline: February 8, 2007

EMS volunteers address hospital board

The Donley County Hospital Board met in called session Monday night to listen to the concerns of volunteer EMTs regarding the operation of the Associated Ambulance Authority.

The meeting followed the sudden resignation of ambulance director Anita Aaron last week amidst a debate over staffing for the service.

Miscommunication was repeatedly blamed Monday night for differences between the hospital board and the volunteer EMS staff. EMT Heather King said it was an issue for both sides.

Dateline: February 15, 2007

Wind farm project moving forward

Donley County Commissioners approved the creation of a reinvestment zone Monday that opens the door for abating taxes on a proposed wind farm.

The zone covers more than 4,659 acres on the Trew Ranch along the northern county line where the Maryland-based Competitive Power Ventures, Inc.,

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December 27 - 29
Greenbelt Holiday Classic • Local Gyms

December 31
Broncos v. Quanaah • In Clarendon • girls 12:30 p.m., boys 2 p.m.

January 1
New Year's Day

January 2
Deadline to file for County offices

January 3, 5
White Deer JV Tournament • TBA

January 3 - 5
Claude Varisty Tournament • TBA

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Menus

Dec. 31 - Jan. 4
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Smothered pork chops, corn, mini baked potato, fruit salad, ice cream, biscuits.
Tue: Holiday
Wed: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, salad, banana pudding, garlic toast.
Thu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green pea salad, fruit cobbler.
Fri: Beef fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit salad, pastries.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Hamburger steak, grilled onions, mushrooms, French fries, brussel sprouts, coleslaw, pineapple whip, biscuits.
Tue: Chicken and dumplings, black eye peas, tossed salad, muffins, corn bread.
Wed: Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, Waldorf salad, cobbler, rolls.
Thu: Chili, pinto beans, French fries, cucumber, onion salad, apricot halves, corn bread.
Fri: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrot, raisin salad, chocolate pie, roll.

Clarendon CISD
School starts back January 7, 2008

Hedley ISD
School starts back January 3, 2008.

Marriages in 2007

- Heather Braughton and Michael Bruce
April 14, 2007
- Chantelle Kelly and Jared Naylor
June 2, 2007
- Vanna Holton and Tyler "TC" Stipe
June 8, 2007
- Amanda Mendez and Francisco Rodriguez
June 9, 2007
- Esmeralda Luna and David Sanchez
June 30, 2007
- Lacey Wallendorff and Michael Tribble
July 4, 2007
- Kelsey McQueen and Austin Douglas
July 14, 2007
- Kelsey LaMunyon and Derek Gourley
July 14, 2007
- Brandie Lockhart and Dee Thompson
August 11, 2007
- Lora Llewellyn and Zane Richardson
September 1, 2007
- LaShonda Smith and Nathan Lowrie
September 8, 2007
- Karen Alderson and Michael Spees
October 6, 2007
- Ashley Beal and Carey Thornberry
October 6, 2007
- Kensy Morrow and Brandon Phillips
October 20, 2007
- Becky Rattan-Thomas and Raymon Sanchez
October 27, 2007
- Casie Urbanczyk and Jerry Green, Jr.
November 10, 2007
- Shaunda Rae and Dustin Curtis
December 8, 2007
- Julie Funderburg and Derek Shields
December 15, 2007

2007: Hospital board agrees to put pay EMS workers

(CPV) intends to erect 39 wind turbines capable of generating 1.5 megawatts each.

County Judge Jack Hall said the commissioners' court was excited about the opportunity CPV was bringing to Donley County.

"We want something good for the company, the county, and all the citizens of Donley County," he said.

Dateline: February 15, 2007
St. Mary's to hold open house Sunday
St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon will hold an open house and celebration of renewal this Sunday, February 18, to mark the restoration of its historic altar and other accomplishments.

Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon, and then tours of this historic sanctuary will be held until 3:00 p.m.

A centerpiece of St. Mary's, the 1892 altar was layered with generations of paint that were painstakingly removed by Chris Clifford and Theresa Shelton of Sorella's Studio, a division of A Fine Feathered Nest, Inc. At least four coats of paint were removed from the altar, and the communion rail in front of the altar with its hand-turned spindles was covered in eight or nine layers of paint.

Dateline: February 22, 2007
New City Hall facility being considered

Clarendon officials discussed building a new City Hall on Kearney Street during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

The new building would provide for expanded office space, additional storage, a larger chamber for board meetings, better handicap accessibility, a community storm shelter, and an emergency command center with radio equipment and a backup generator that would double as an office for the City Superintendent.

"I think it would be great," said Mayor Mark White. "It would tie in downtown, and it would be more accessible for everyone."

White said the city is looking at funding the project through a US Department of Agriculture program that lends cities money at low interest for up to 40 years. USDA representative Clyde Jenkins told the Board of Aldermen that the agency's current interest rate is just over four percent.

Dateline: February 22, 2007
Lady Broncos win area

The Lady Broncos are pressing on in the playoffs as they strive to get closer to the state tournament with each win. Their latest title of Area Champions came against a good Vega team in Amarillo on Friday night with a 57-55 victory.

At press time, the Lady Broncos are at 19-12 for the season.

Dateline: February 22, 2007
State okays appraisals for school

Clarendon ISD and the Donley County Appraisal District were successful in having local property values assigned by the Texas Comptroller's office, according to a report presented during the CISD Trustees meeting February 12.

"This is good news because it means we don't have to appeal for local values," Superintendent Monty Hysinger said this week.

The comptroller's office reviews local appraised values and determines if the local appraisal district is accurately assigning values and uses that information to determine the level of state funding the school receives.

Dateline: February 22, 2007
Broncos win Area Title

The Broncos have played some of their best basketball in each of the two playoff games they competed in last week. They seemed to have the games scripted as they turned both of them into nail-biters for the coaches and fans while keeping it completely in their control.

Junior T.J. Brown iced four free throws over the two games that was a definite turning point in each of the games. Against Shamrock the free throws came very late in the game and stole the momentum away from the Irish as the Broncos went on to take that game 59-54 to claim the Bi-District title.

Dateline: February 22, 2007
Hospital board agrees to pay EMTs

The Associated Ambulance Authority has changed its status from a volunteer service to a paid service following a decision by the Donley County Hospital Board last Tuesday.

Licensed EMTs for the ambulance service will now have the option of being considered as PRN employees of the hospital district - subject to all the policies and procedures of the district and the authority but with the freedom to determine when they want to work.

Ambulance Director Anna Howard said she likes the new arrangement. "I'm thrilled," she said. "Everyone seems happy. I haven't had any complaints, and we've got the shifts covered."

The ambulance service will now pay all PRN EMTs \$2 per hour to be on call. EMT-Basics will be paid \$10 per hour per transport, and EMT-Intermediates will receive \$12 per hour per transport.

Dateline: March 8, 2007
Chamber of Commerce recognizes top citizens

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Frankie Henson with the 2006 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service to the community during the chamber's annual banquet Saturday night.

Marvin Elam was named Man of the Year, and Woman of the Year honors were split between Rhonda Howell and Chandra Holman.

Henson was honored for her many decades of service to the community through the Saints' Roost Museum and several other local organizations. She is a charter member of the Clarendon Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, a Life Member of Beta Sigma Phi International, and a charter member of the Saints' Roost Museum Board.

Henson has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon since 1937 and became a member of the Mildred Ritter Group a few years after that. She has served as Worthy Matron for the Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 6 three different times, has served as Deputy Worthy Matron twice, and as District Deputy Worthy Matron for District 2.

For 61 years, she and her husband have been partners in a local business. She relishes the fact that her daughter, son, and daughter-in-law are also involved in the business and her life everyday. For many, many years, the Fourth of July celebrations have always found this busy lady either participating in the barbecue serving line or helping with the popular turtle race. And she's always there helping with the museum fund raisers.

As a gracious ambassador for Clarendon, Henson never misses an opportunity to boast about Clarendon, its heritage, its fine churches and schools, the college, and all that the community has to offer.

Two women shared the 2006 Woman of the Year title for extraordinary service during the infamous wildfires last spring. Chandra Holman and Rhonda Howell are both members of the Clarendon Firebelles, but on March 12, 2006, they both became heroes after a Howardwick fire truck rolled into a canyon. Without regard to their own safety, they made their way through perilous conditions to provide medical attention to the injured firemen. They were surrounded by fire, and the truck was still precariously balanced above them. The bravery and skill demonstrated by Holman and Howell allowed one fireman - James McMorris - to spend a few more precious months with his family and saved another fireman - Jeff Cooke - from possible paralysis. Countless hours of volunteer service to others show that these ladies have hearts of gold.

The 2006 Man of the Year, Marvin Elam, has been a volunteer fireman in Howardwick and was instrumental in procuring a new fire engine for his city. For a year and a half, he has also held the office of mayor in Howardwick. Elam also serves on committees in his church and has been an active member of the Clarendon Lions Club, where he has served as the Boss Lion. For nine years, Elam has been the principal of Clarendon Junior High where he has promoted high expectations for his faculty and students and always offers a kind word and helping hand.

Dateline: March 8, 2007
Two men confess to burglary crime

Two men are in the Donley County Jail this week after pleading guilty to burglarizing a habitation last Monday.

Jason Winegart of Lefors and Travis Ray Smith of Enid, Okla., are awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Safe P Program, a nine-month drug rehabilitation program.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a report February 9 of a break-in at a house and barn owned by John Lee Bell in northern Donley County. Several guns, hunting supplies, and tools had been taken, and the only clues left were tire and foot prints.

Three days later, a tip was received that named Winegart as a possible suspect in the break-in. Blackburn contacted the Pampa Police Department and the Gray County Sheriff's Department, and Winegart was stopped February 16 by a Gray County deputy and held for questioning.

Dateline: March 8, 2007
Candidates still scarce for upcoming election

With only days left in the sign-up period, candidates are still in scarce supply for this year's local elections.

As of Tuesday afternoon, only four incumbents had signed up to run for reelection and five new candidates had emerged.

Gene Rogers leads the list as the only candidate to file for office in Howardwick so far. Rogers filed papers to run for city alderman. The terms of Howardwick Mayor Marvin Elam and Aldermen Pat Butler (serving for Bill Barton) and Bobby Murdock are also up for election this year.

Two new people have signed up to run for the Hedley school board with James Lollar and Kelly Patton throwing their hats into the ring. The positions of Jason Sargent, Marlee Sharp, and Abby O'Neal are expiring; and two years remain on the term of Troy Monroe for which Rex Morris was appointed. Of the incumbents, only Sharp has signed up.

Incumbents Marvin Thompson and James Shelton are running again for the Clarendon school board. Robin Ellis has also signed up, and incumbent René Betts has not yet turned in an application.

Gaye Lollar is the only one who has filed to run for a position on the Hedley Board of Aldermen. The seats of Aldermen Bruce Howard, Tangela Copelin, and Jim Lollar (serving for Pam Casteel) are up this year.

Incumbent Don Thornberry has filed to run again for the Place 1 seat on the Donley County Hospital Board. The terms of Alan Fletcher (Place 2) and Melinda McNear (Place 3) are also expiring.

The City of Clarendon is still without any candidates at this point. The positions of Mayor Mark White and Aldermen Michael Tibbets and Bobbie Kidd are expiring.

All local offices are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must sign up for a specific place.

Dateline: March 15, 2007
Howardwick remembers its heroes

Pager tones sounded, and fire engine sirens blared in Howardwick Monday evening to mark the first anniversary of an accident that injured two of that city's firemen and ultimately resulted in the death of a third.

On March 12, 2006, the three firemen were battling the I-40 wildfire that burned 350,000 acres in an area 20 miles wide and 55 miles long in Donley, Gray, Wheeler, and Collingsworth counties over a period of several days. But at 6:59 p.m., their fire truck overturned while moving along a ravine ledge on a fresh cut firebreak.

"Twenty brave volunteers and five units from the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call of duty when the largest wildfire in Texas history swept across Donley County," fireman Walt Rice recalled during Monday's memorial service. "Only 17 of those brave volunteers and four units returned to the station."

Dateline: March 15, 2007
Committee to consider selling MCNH

An exploratory committee will investigate the possibility of selling the Medical Center Nursing Home following a called meeting of the Donley County Hospital Board last Tuesday.

District officials say there is no urgency in the move and that they only want to look at options for the future of the facility.

"We are not in financial trouble," Administrator Vicky Robertson said Monday. "We are solvent. Both Medical Center Nursing Home and the Associated Ambulance Authority are making money and will be for a few years."

But beyond that time things begin to look less certain as expenses continue to rise and income remains stable. District officials think the time to sell may be while the home is in a good position.

"We'd like to see someone who could buy (the nursing home), expand it, and keep the staff at current or higher levels," said board president Alan Fletcher. "And we want someone who will keep it at the standards we've come to expect."

Dateline: March 15, 2007
Candidates line up for city, HISD boards

Two local boards will have competitive elections this year as candidates lined up during the last week of filing.

With Monday's deadline for a place on the ballot passed, the City of Clarendon and the Hedley Independent School District will definitely hold elections this May.

Clarendon Mayor Mark White will face a challenge from Lauraine Paul, and four people have signed up to run for the two open positions on the Board of Aldermen. They are Bobby Woodard, Ann Huey, Claude DeBord, and Terry Noble.

Incumbent Aldermen Bobbie Kidd and Michael Tibbets did not file for reelection. Two incumbents on the Hedley School Board - Marlee Sharp and Abby O'Neal - are seeking reelection. They will be joined on the ballot by James Lollar, Kelly Patton, James Edward Potts, and Mary Jon Hicks. Four positions are available on the board.

Dateline: March 22, 2007
Hydrants draw attention of city aldermen

The City of Clarendon is busy working on fire hydrants around town after fire department officials alerted the Board of Aldermen to problems with the plugs.

Fire Chief Delbert Robertson addressed the board last Tuesday and reminded the aldermen that not properly maintaining the hydrants could cause insurance rates to go up in the city.

"They have to do something so we can get to them," Robertson told the Enterprise this week, "and they should be flow tested every year."

Robertson said it appears the city took his department's recommendations to heart, noting that City Hall is bringing in an expert next Tuesday to make suggestions on what needs to be done.

City Secretary Linda Smith said many of the fire hydrants are just plain old.

"Some of them are so old we can't get parts," Smith said. "Some were put in back in the 1920s."

Dateline: March 29, 2007
Donley County Hospital board calls off election

The Donley County Hospital District canceled its May election when the hospital board met in regular session last Tuesday.

Assistant Administrator Holly Eads certified that incumbent candidates Don Thornberry, Alan Fletcher, and Melinda

McNear were unopposed for the May 12 election.

The board accepted that certification and declared the candidates duly elected.

Dateline: March 29, 2007
Marines visit local third grade

Clarendon third graders saw hard work pay off when three hometown heroes visited their classroom last week.

The students have sent letters, care packages, and e-mails to Marines Greg Wooten, J.C. Blackburn, and Nathan Floyd as part of their Social Studies class with Mrs. Robinson, and they received several e-mails and pictures back from them.

Last week, the Marines came to school and shared postcards, pictures, and stories of what they experienced in Africa.

Dateline: April 19, 2007
Celebration plans for July shaping up

The tradition will continue at Clarendon's 129th anniversary Saints' Roost Celebration.

The celebration will once again be held at the courthouse square with activities planned for the entire family July 4, 5, 6, and 7.

The arts and crafts fair will kick things off Wednesday, July 4, at 10 a.m. with the Shriner's barbecue starting at 11 a.m. Proceeds from the meal go to

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- Dateline: October 25, 2007
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- Dateline: November 1, 2007
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Gordon William Schaffer
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Mary Lee Noble
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Murdice Loreene Tipton Hill
Beatrice Jones Smith

2007: State installing new ramps

fund area children's transportation to Shriner's Hospitals.

The kid's parade will be at 1:30 p.m. starting at the Post Office with the parade starting at 2 p.m. at City Park.

COEA will hold an Open Ranch Bronc Ride on Wednesday night, July 4, with a Jr. Ranch Rodeo for cowboys and cowgirls ages 16 and under on Thursday night, July 5. No dance is planned for those two nights.

Dateline: April 26, 2007

Sale of nursing home falls through

A deal to sell the Medical Center Nursing Home fell through Monday after the prospective buyers, Ron and Sharon Wetzel, withdrew their offer for the facility.

Donley County Hospital Board Vice Chairman Don Thornberry said the Wetzels sent a letter to the board on Monday of this week and cited concerns about replacing the building's roof and the costs associated with that work.

"I think maybe the more they thought about it, the more they didn't want to take the chance," Thornberry said.

The Wetzels, who own Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude and are part owners of two assisted living centers, had offered \$742,000 for MCNH, and local officials were in the process of accepting that offer.

Dateline: April 26, 2007

Hawkins, Estlack named distinguished alumni

The Clarendon College Ex-Students Association bestowed its Distinguished Alumni Award on two former students during the 69th annual Alumni Reunion last Saturday in the Bairfield Activity Center.

New Mexico State University Professor Dean Hawkins and the late Allen H. Estlack, Jr., of Clarendon were each recognized for professional and personal achievements, civic responsibility, and continuing support of Clarendon College.

Hawkins, a 1982 graduate of Clarendon College, is the son of Glenda and the late Jerry Hawkins and was raised on the CC campus and attended Clarendon schools. He went on to get his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Vocational Agriculture Teaching Certificate from Texas Tech University in 1984. He also received a Master's of Science in Animal Breeding from Texas Tech in 1986 before getting his doctorate from Texas A&M University.

Allen Estlack was raised in Clarendon and graduated from Clarendon High School in 1956. He spent a year attending Clarendon College before transferring to Texas Technological College where he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics in 1961. He worked for West Texas Utilities Co. for 20 years before starting his own business, Estlack Electric, in 1981, and spent many years raising his sons in his trade. He also worked for The Clarendon Enterprise, where he performed several jobs.

Estlack spent his adult life as a champion of Clarendon College. He was a faithful attendee at the annual alumni reunions. He served on the Ex-Students Board and also served as the Ex-Student's president. He frequently attended Bulldog basketball games and was a supporter of both athletic and academic programs. When budgets ran tight at the college, Estlack and his wife made donations to support the Biology Department, and Estlack also volunteered his time and talent to the poultry portion of the annual CC Invitational Judging Contest.

Dateline: May 3, 2007

Regents okay increasing room, board fees

The Clarendon College Board of Regents approved higher room and board rates during their regular meeting last Thursday, April 26.

Room and board rates for students living in CC residence hall have not increased since 2003; but since that time, the college's electric bills have gone up 23.7 percent, and natural gas has increased 67.8 percent, President Myles Shelton said.

The board approved raising all room rates by \$75 per semester. Food charges will increase \$50 per semester due to higher costs in the college's contract with Great Western Dining.

In other college business, regents approved hiring Debra Kuhl as the new dean of instruction to start in July.

Wendy Pachas-Bauza was hired as the new enrollment services counselor at Pampa, and Rusty Kennedy will return as the women's basketball coach.

Dateline: May 10, 2007

Johnson resigns as JP, keeps city post

Longtime Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson retired effective last Friday but will continue as City of Clarendon Municipal Judge.

Johnson held the office of Justice of the Peace for Precincts 1 & 2 for fourteen years before stepping down last week citing health concerns and stress as the cause for the decision.

"There are several reasons," he said. "I'm 66, I've had some heart prob-

lems, and then there's the stress factor."

Johnson will continue his part time job as municipal judge from his new office at 116 S. Kearney.

"This is part time, and it gives me more free time with my family."

As municipal judge Johnson handles Class C misdemeanors that occur within the city limits of Clarendon.

Dateline: May 10, 2007

Jury convicts sex offender

A Lelia Lake man was found guilty of Indecency with a Child last Wednesday and is facing an additional charge after he did not show up for the sentencing portion of his trial on Thursday.

A Donley County Jury convicted Gabriel M. Callis on a charge that he had inappropriate sexual contact with a child under the age of 17 with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of himself. The incident happened on New Year's Day during a sleepover.

The jury also found Callis not guilty of a second count of the same charge.

Dateline: May 10, 2007

Clarendon, Canadian tie for top press honor

The Clarendon Enterprise received six first place plaques in the Panhandle Press Association's 2006 Better Newspaper Contest during the PPA's 97th annual convention Saturday in Amarillo and tied with The Canadian Record for General Excellence honors.

The local paper also received the Ken Towery Community Service Award in the Division I category for weekly newspapers for coverage of last year's wildfires and a campaign that raised money for the three local fire departments. The Enterprise has previously received the Towery Award in 2006, 2004, 2002, 2001, and 1999.

Dateline: May 17, 2007

Rainfall brings welcome delays to planting

Recent rainfall has brought some "welcomed delays" as this year's planting season gets underway for local farmers.

Fifty-year Cooperative Observer for the National Weather Service, Tommie Saye, has reported 10.98" of rain so far for this year compared to 5.41" to date one year ago.

Donley County farmer Bob White said the rainfall has been a benefit on this year's crops.

"Mother Nature does a much better job watering than irrigation does, and farmers have not had to pull as much water from the underground aquifers as they did last year," White said.

Although the rainfall has put a pause in some farmers' planting season, White said. "It has been a welcomed delay."

Dateline: May 17, 2007

White defeats Paul in Mayoral election

Clarendon Mayor Mark White was elected by a wide margin to his own full term to lead the city Saturday, and two new faces will join the Board of Aldermen.

White defeated challenger Lauraine Paul by a margin of 169 to 35 in an election that was marked by a very low turnout.

Terry Noble and Ann Huey topped the field of four candidates running for aldermen. Noble received 124 votes, and Huey garnered 87. They were followed by Claude Debord with 83 and Bobby Woodard with 68.

Noble and Huey will replace Aldermen Michael Tibbets and Bobbie Kidd, neither of whom ran for reelection.

Also on Saturday, residents of the Hedley Independent School District cast ballots in a hotly contested race among nine candidates for four positions on the Board of Trustees.

James Edward Potts received the most support with 93 votes, and Abby O'Neal, the sole incumbent to be reelected, received 72 votes. Troy Monroe and Jim Lollar will also join the board with 71 and 66 votes respectively.

Dateline: May 17, 2007

Lemley, Miser top honor students at Clarendon

Clarendon High School has announced the top two students in the graduating class of 2007 - Regan Lemley and Jake Miser.

With a grade point average of 98.68, Regan Lemley has been named the valedictorian at CHS. She is the daughter of Joe and Rose Lemley. During her high school career, Regan has been active in basketball, band, track, and UIL Academics.

Jake Miser has been named salutatorian at CHS with a grade point average of 98.03. He is the son of Phillip and Laura Miser.

The Class of 2007 will graduate during commencement exercises on Friday, May 25, 2007, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Dateline: May 24, 2007

Hospital board look to expand MCNH

The Donley County Hospital Board is taking bids to replace the roof of the Medical Center Nursing Home following their regular meeting last Tuesday.

The project is expected to cost more than \$90,000, and Administrator Vicky Robertson said Monday that the district can pay for the project with money on hand, but they hope insurance will cover some of the cost.

"We've contacted the insurance company, and they've sent an adjuster," Robertson said. "We had a hail stone actually go through the roof last spring, but the adjuster then didn't find anything to pay a claim on."

The now leaking roof became an obstacle to the board's effort to sell the home when it was cited as one of the reasons Ron and Sharon Wetzel backed out of purchasing the facility last month.

The board also voted last week to hire an architect to put together a plan for adding four new semi-private rooms on the west side of the nursing home in an effort to improve the facility's profitability and make it more attractive to potential buyers.

The eight new beds could generate an estimated \$280,000 in new revenue annually.

Dateline: May 24, 2007

TxDOT installing new ramps in Clarendon

Clarendon residents are having mixed reactions to new handicap ramps being installed along Koogle Street as part of an ADA project by the Texas Department of Transportation.

"So far this week the contractors have completed 9th, 8th and 7th streets on Koogle," said Fu Benavidez, TxDOT Donley County Maintenance Supervisor.

Jayne Starnes, who lives at Eighth and Koogle, says her family is satisfied with the work being done on the sidewalk in front of her home.

"It's gone fine," Starnes said. "We had one little problem (a leaking sprinkler line), but they corrected it immediately."

But up the block at Seventh and Koogle, Frankie Henson is not happy at all about the work.

"I have never been so mad in all my life," Henson said. "They've torn up my yard and everything."

Henson says she has lived in her home for 39 years and the state has never taken care of the sidewalks or the grass, and she also sees the project as a waste.

"There's no way any one who is handicapped could get across the alley (on Seventh) to even get down that sidewalk," she said. "We don't have any rights any more," she said. "They just do what they want and tell you it's the law."

Dateline: May 24, 2007

Howard, Copelin top students at HHS

Hedley High School is proud to announce Ruth Howard and Jaci Copelin as the top two graduating students of the 2007 Senior Class.

The Valedictorian is Ruth Howard with a 3.83 grade point average. She is the daughter of Bruce and Gwynne Howard.

Jaci Copelin is the Hedley Class of 2007 Salutatorian. She is the daughter of Ernie and Tangelia Copelin.

Dateline: May 31, 2007

Discolored water still plagues some residents

Clarendon city officials are looking for ways to address discolored water that is continuing to be a problem for some residents in the south and east parts of the city.

Rhonda Howell addressed the Board of Aldermen during last Tuesday's regular meeting and said she has had rusty colored water for two years. Flushing the lines helps for about a day, and then the water is discolored again, she said.

Howell complained that her white clothes have turned brown and that the problem is affecting her appliances and requested the city find the source of the problem.

City Secretary Linda Smith said this week that City Hall is trying to figure out how to determine which citizens are affected since reports of the discolored water have been scattered and not in a single location.

Smith also said state tests show the city's water to be safe.

Dateline: May 31, 2007

State budgets no new money for CC

Clarendon College came out even when the Texas Legislature approved the state budget early this week.

CC President Myles Shelton said the budget contains \$1.7 billion for community colleges with no new money for the local college.

"We got the same money as we did the last two years," he said.

Early in the legislative session, community colleges across the state were hoping to see increases in funding; but as the session wore on, the colleges ended up working to not lose any money.

Dateline: June 7, 2007

Officials say kids abusing 911 system

Old cellular phones can pose a problem for emergency personnel when

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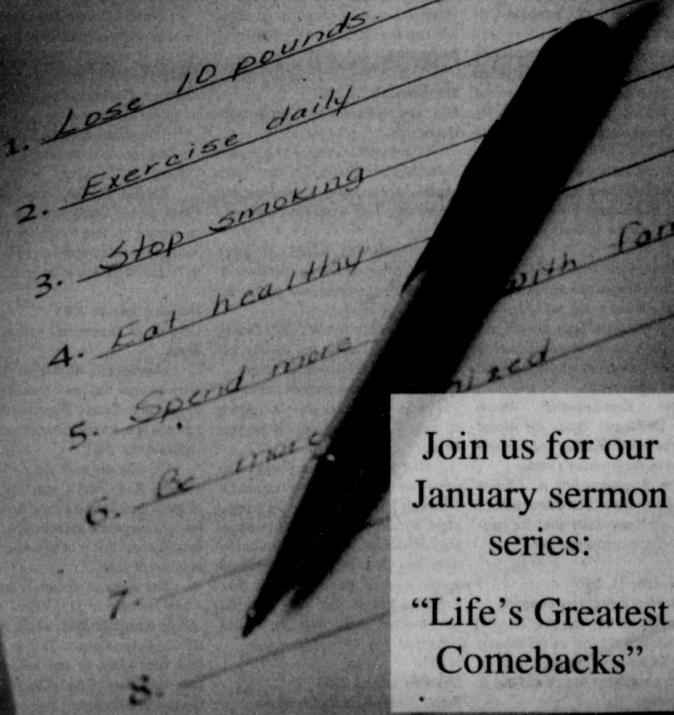
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2007: Gov. Perry vetoes \$460,000 in Clarendon College funding

children get their hands on them. That's the message from local and area officials this week following numerous phony 911 calls that have been received by the Donley County Sheriff's Office.

Dateline: June 7, 2007
Sheriff's office seeking clues to weekend crime
The Donley County Sheriff's Department is searching for possible clues to identify those responsible for the weekend burglary of J&W Lumber.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said someone broke the glass on the lumberyard's east door and apparently hauled merchandise to the back of the business in a wheelbarrow.

Lumberyard owner Earl Hartman said a passerby noticed the broken glass about 7 a.m. on Saturday.

"They took about \$1,300 worth of power tools, a string trimmer, and an air conditioner," Hartman said.

Dateline: June 14, 2007
Drowning leads to six-day search for boy
A six-day search for an Amarillo boy who drowned at Greenbelt Lake ended Monday night after his body was discovered by Game Wardens.

Four-year-old Ethan Veale had been missing since he fell off an inflatable water mattress last Wednesday night. Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said preliminary results of an autopsy performed Tuesday in Lubbock confirmed drowning as the cause of Veale's death.

The accident has local officials reminding everyone of the importance of having lifejackets for children when going to the lake.

"No one has ever drowned in Greenbelt Lake who was wearing a true life preserver," Blackburn said.

Dateline: June 14, 2007
Shelton resigns from CC
Dr. W. Myles Shelton is stepping down as president of Clarendon College to take a position in Galveston.

The CC Board of Regents accepted Shelton's resignation during a called meeting last Thursday. His last day on the job will be June 28.

"It's a lot of mixed emotions," Shelton said of his resignation Monday. "Clarendon College has been very good for me personally."

The board last week praised Shelton for the accomplishments CC has achieved under his leadership, most significantly the successful completion of the school's accreditation process last year.

Dateline: June 21, 2007
Perry vetoes \$461k of Clarendon College funds
Clarendon College and community colleges across Texas were surprised Friday when Gov. Rick Perry vetoed \$153.9 million in appropriations for employee and retiree health insurance in fiscal year 2008-2009.

The cut means the loss of more than \$461,000 for Clarendon College and will likely mean higher costs and fewer services for students of the local college.

CC President Myles Shelton said community colleges had no forewarning about the cut and could not understand why the governor had taken this action.

"I don't know why he's mad at community colleges or why he's singled them out," Shelton said.

State Representative Warren Chisum (R-Pampa) chairs the House Appropriations Committee and was also surprised by the governor's veto.

"I'm disappointed by it," Chisum told the Enterprise. "That cost us a lot of money, and it was devastating for community colleges across the state."

Dateline: June 21, 2007
City considers fate of free dumping
The fate of free dumping for citizens of Clarendon hangs in the balance as city leaders consider how best to deal with a sanitation department that is losing money.

Joe Shadle, who heads the department, told the Board of Aldermen during their regular meeting last Tuesday that he favors ending the practice of allowing citizens to dump trash for free at the city's recycling center once a month with their paid water bill.

"We don't give anything else away," Shadle said. "Why do we do this?"

Shadle said the price of fuel is making it more costly to haul trash to the Memphis landfill. He also said that the citywide clean up generates about three extra rolloff boxes of trash that must be

hauled to the landfill.

Dateline: June 28, 2007
CC appoints former Hill president as interim
Dr. William R. Auvenshine was named as Interim President of Clarendon College when the CC Board of Regents met in regular session last Thursday, June 21.

"I'm very excited about coming here," Auvenshine said. "I've known about Clarendon College for a long time."

Auvenshine is no stranger to the Texas Panhandle. He received his Master of Education Degree from West Texas State University in 1967 and was the manager and part owner of Megent Music Company in Amarillo from 1964 to 1970.

Dateline: June 28, 2007
CC raises fees following Perry's budget cuts
The cost of an education is going up at Clarendon College thanks to Gov. Rick Perry's June 15 veto of more than \$460,000 appropriated for the college.

CC Regents in their regular meeting last Thursday voted unanimously to raise tuition for the coming academic year. In-district students will be paying an additional \$7 per semester hour, out-of-district students will pay another \$9 per hour, and out-of-state students will be tapped for an extra \$13 per hour.

The tuition increases were already planned, but college officials had intended to use the money for other purposes prior to Perry's veto blow. Four dollars of the increased rates is dedicated to helping pay for the college's new buses. The rest is now going to offset the loss of state funds.

Dateline: July 5, 2007
Fireworks mark start of annual celebration
Clarendon will be where all the action is as the 130th Annual Saints' Roost Celebration gets underway this week.

This year's activities will start off with a bang this year as the first ever "Light up the Lake" community fireworks display explodes Tuesday, July 3, at 9:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Lake.

Dateline: July 5, 2007
Fundraiser underway for PEAK scholarship plan
More than 40 incoming freshmen at Clarendon High School may be the first beneficiaries of a new program that would guarantee paid access to a college education.

Efforts to fund the PEAK (Promoting Education, Achievement, and Knowledge) Scholarship plan are picking up as the Clarendon Independent School District continues to work with Clarendon College to raise money to fund the program.

"We need to raise \$1.5 to \$2 million over the next five years to make it happen," said Clarendon Superintendent Monty Hysinger.

Clarendon schools have already made a big contribution to the fund by raising about \$25,000 during the last school year. That's \$11,000 more than their goal for the year, and enough for organizers to think they can go ahead and start the PEAK plan with incoming freshmen, the class of 2011.

Dateline: July 12, 2007
Old, new traditions have good attendance
Comfortable weather and a good crowd were hallmarks of the 130th annual Saints' Roost Celebration last Wednesday, July 4, on the Courthouse Square.

The morning started off foggy and muggy but cleared up quickly with everyone talking about how perfect the day was for a celebration.

Tours of the restored 1890 Donley County Courthouse started the day followed by the Craft Fair on the square.

The Al Morrah Shrine Club served 934 plates of barbecue this year, which up from 882 last year and 794 the year before.

This year's celebration began with a first-ever community fireworks event at Greenbelt Lake on Tuesday night organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Lake officials estimated was attended by more than 1,000 people, and additional people enjoyed the event from afar. Everyone brought their own fireworks and launched them from the marina parking lot.

Dateline: July 12, 2007
Rafter S wins local Ranch Rodeo
The Rafter S Ranch took top honors during the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday.

The Rafter S team's scores beat out 19 other local and regional teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 130th annual Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of Brad Shadle, Randy Crump, Elwin McClesky, and Bob Spillers.

Dateline: July 19, 2007
Perry stands by veto of college fund-

ing Texas Gov. Rick Perry is standing by his veto of \$153.9 million in appropriations for community college employee and retiree health insurance in fiscal year 2008-2009.

Returning from a meeting of all 50 state community colleges in The Woodlands last week, Clarendon College Interim President W.R. Auvenshine said the conference started with a ray of hope but ended with a stiff rebuke from the governor.

"The first two days we were very optimistic, and Perry had even suggested that he had received some bad advice," Auvenshine said. "We were beginning to think that the support for community colleges across the state and even from our representatives in Washington would do some good, and we'd see funds restored through the Legislative Budget Board (LBB)."

But on the last day of the conference - Friday, July 13 - the governor issued a press release defending his veto and saying that community colleges were not following state law in their appropriations requests.

"We're at a loss to figure out where we have not followed the law," Auvenshine said. "(Perry) claims we're paying (state funded) insurance to employees who do not receive state funds. Clarendon College did not do that."

Dateline: July 19, 2007
City takes action against property
The Clarendon Board of Aldermen took action last week to clean up a piece of property that has long been an eyesore and a detriment for the properties around it.

City leaders heard from neighbors in a public hearing who complained that the property at 107 E. Front was infested by ticks, fleas, mice, and rats. Citizens also complained that the residents at that address were frequently seen defecating and urinating outside.

Michael Rhinehart spoke on behalf of the neighbors and said the entire neighborhood was deteriorating because of the condition of the property. He also said that people tend to dump garbage at that location when the citizen's convenience center is closed.

City officials said Adult Protective Services have been called in on the case to move the residents.

Following the public hearing, the board voted unanimously to declare 107 E. Front as a health hazard, a public nuisance, and a dangerous structure. Clean up on the property is to begin immediately.

In other city business, Lauraine Paul addressed the board concerning a Quiet Zone for the railroad through town. She said train whistles are a nuisance and said the railroad doesn't provide any service to the community as it did years ago. The city would have to request the Quiet Zone for a half-mile inside the city limits and would be responsible for certain signage related to the zone.

Dateline: July 19, 2007
Wheat harvest looking great in Donley County
Wheat harvest is turning out to be a success for local and area farmers as this season is nearing completion.

Donley County Extension Agent Leonard Haynes predicts that 85 to 90 percent of farmers in the Panhandle are finished with this year's harvest and are turning in a substantial amount of wheat compared to years past.

"We didn't have high yields like this last year, and the price of wheat is also up," said Haynes.

Calvin Burrow with Attebury Grain, Inc., in Claude reported yields at an average of 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Attebury has also reported yields as high as 79 and 80 bushels to the acre.

Dateline: July 26, 2007
Growth in appraisal values slows down
Clarendon College Regents received more bad news Thursday when the Donley County Appraisal District reported little growth in taxable property valuations for 2007.

CC officials were already stressed by Gov. Rick Perry's veto last month for the college and are now faced with a local tax base that is not growing as fast as in recent years.

The appraisal district is reporting a total tax base of \$171,772,641 in the college district in 2007, which includes all of Donley County. That is up less than three-tenths of one percent over last year's base of \$171,291,227 or an increase of \$481,414.

By comparison appraisals increased \$5.39 million or 3.2 percent from 2005 to 2006 and were up \$5.9 million or 3.7 percent from 2004 to 2005.

Dateline: July 26, 2007
Enterprise wins first place plaques at WTPA
The Clarendon Enterprise won two first place plaques and finished third in the hunt for the title of the best small weekly newspaper in West Texas during the West Texas Press Association's 2006 Better Newspaper Contest.

The awards were presented to the Enterprise during the WTPA's 77th annual convention in Ruidoso, New Mexico, last Saturday.

Dateline: August 2, 2007
Wreck sends local couple to hospital
A simple act of mercy had tragic consequences Monday afternoon when the resulting three-vehicle accident sent a Clarendon couple to the emergency room.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said Pat Knowles, 67, of Clarendon was driving eastbound on US 287 near Martin when she stopped her 2003 Chevy TrailBlazer in the inside lane to rescue a stray dog in the roadway. Her husband, 74-year-old Brian Knowles, remained in the passenger seat.

Lowell Friedman, age 52, of Plano, driving a 2000 Winnebago RV and towing an SUV, approached Knowles and her vehicle in the outside lane. He applied his brakes and steered to the right to avoid Knowles and the TrailBlazer.

At the same time, a 2006 Freightliner semi-truck was approaching the RV in the outside lane; and the driver, 53-year-old Cheryl Richman of Mesilla Park, New Mexico, changed lanes to the inside lane to avoid the braking RV.

Richman then saw the TrailBlazer, applied her brakes, and steered to the left but could not avoid colliding with the Knowles' vehicle. The TrailBlazer slid around and struck the SUV being towed by Friedman and came to rest in the inside lane.

Dateline: August 2, 2007
Nursing home roof to cost more than \$90k
The Medical Center Nursing Home will get a completely new roof following action taken by the Donley County Hospital Board at its regular meeting on July 17.

Board members had been in the process of reviewing bids opened at last month's meeting, and board chairman Alan Fletcher said the hospital district's architect had been contacted for an opinion on the bids.

Board member Melinda McAnear read the comparisons aloud, and the board voted in favor of accepting the low bid of \$90,765 from Parsley Roofing.

Administrator Vicky Robertson said Tuesday that work is scheduled to begin on the roof September 4 and should be completed in two to four weeks if weather permits.

degree from the University of St. Francis in Santa Fe and became certified in April.

Dateline: August 9, 2007
Clarendon ISD scores improve, rating drops
The Clarendon Independent School District dropped a level in the state's accountability system this year even as test scores for the district as a whole remained the same or improved over last year's results.

Ratings released August 1 by the Texas Education Agency show that CISD has earned an Acceptable school district rating after being rated as Recognized for the last two years. The difference this year is that certain sub-population demographics kept the school from reaching the state's second highest rating.

"Overall we made strides, and the junior high campus showed marked

improvement. The new Physician's Assistant in town is no stranger. She's been here before.

Devah Pittman, P.A.C., began her duties at Clarendon Family Medical Center in May, but before that she was a student at Clarendon College and spent a summer as a medical assistant under Dr. John Howard in 2003.

"I was interested in rural health care," Pittman said. "Dr. Howard always encouraged me, so we stayed in touch through school."

Pittman earned her Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas A&M University and then earned her Master's

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improvement," Superintendent Monty Hysinger said. "After school tutorials and other efforts have really paid off."

Dateline: August 9, 2007
State leaders lining up behind 2-year colleges

Powerful allies are lining up behind Texas community colleges to find a way to restore funding Gov. Rick Perry vetoed for the schools, and Clarendon College officials are hoping that help comes sooner rather than later.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst late last month was the first high-ranking official to call for efforts to restore the \$154 million that Perry cut from the state budget. That money was apportioned to cover health insurance costs for most community college employees, and, on the local level, has left Clarendon College facing a shortfall of more than \$460,000.

Last Thursday, House Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) joined the list of state leaders who have broken with the governor on this issue. Craddick sent a letter to a group of House Democrats, who were upset by the cut, and said, "I can assure you that we will be ready to announce a solution to this issue in the very near future."

On the Democratic side, it was announced this week that State Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo), who chairs the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee and is vice chair of the Senate Finance Committee, plans to hold a public hearing on the funding question next Tuesday.

"It seems we have reason to be optimistic," CC Interim President W.R. Auvershine said. "It appears to me that the Republican Party has begun to sense the popularity of community colleges in Texas. Editorials from every part of the state have supported community colleges."

Dateline: August 16, 2007
County okays abatement on \$90 million wind farm

Donley County Commissioners approved a ten-year tax abatement agreement for a \$90 million wind farm project on the Trew Ranch during their regular meeting Monday.

Dale Cummings, a tax attorney who represents wind farm developer Iberdrola, said the agreement means good things for both parties.

"I think it's a good deal for us and for the county," Cummings said. "Hopefully, it opens the door to a lot of wind power developments in Donley County."

The Trew Ranch project, which includes 57 turbines generating 85.5 megawatts in Donley and Gray counties, was originally developed by Maryland-based Competitive Power Ventures. Earlier this year, CPV sold its wind portfolio to Iberdrola, a European firm that says it is the largest wind development company in the world. The entire project is expected to cost \$125 million, but the portion in Donley County is estimated at \$90 million.

Dateline: August 16, 2007
Tires shot out to end chase thru two counties

An investigation is underway this week after a Brownsville man received a gunshot wound while trying to evade arrest by Donley and Collingsworth county lawmen.

DPS Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said 22-year-old Jose Colon was pulled over in Hedley at 10:24 p.m. Friday for a minor traffic violation by Donley County Constable Tony Sellers, but when Sellers stepped out of his patrol truck, Colon took off north on State Highway 203 toward Quail.

Sellers began pursuit and notified authorities in Clarendon and Wellington. Collingsworth County officers joined Sellers, and the suspect fled on US 83 toward Shamrock. At one point Hawthorn said Colon's vehicle made contact with a patrol car driven by Collingsworth Sheriff Joe Stewart.

Later, shots were fired to take out Colon's tires. Upon being taken into custody, it was discovered that Colon had suffered a gunshot wound to his

right arm, Hawthorn said. The suspect was taken to Shamrock General Hospital where he was treated and released back into the custody of the Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office.

Dateline: August 23, 2007
Commissioners propose \$1.95 million budget

Donley County Commissioners have proposed a \$1.95 million budget for fiscal year 2007-2008, reflecting an increase in overall expenditures of \$136,853.49, according to documents filed in the County Clerk's office.

The single biggest increase in the budget is the addition by state mandate of a new jail administrator position with a salary of \$19,920.

"The sheriff's office has been required by the Jail Standards Committee to hire a fulltime person to oversee the jail in order to continue to house up to 20 people," County Judge Jack Hall said. "We had no choice in that."

Dateline: August 23, 2007
Trains will keep blowing whistles thru Clarendon

Clarendon residents have "heard that train a comin'" for 120 years; and following action by city aldermen last Tuesday, the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train whistles will keep on blowing.

The issue of the train whistles came up after Lauraine Paul addressed the

board in July and said that the whistle is a nuisance since the railroad doesn't provide any service to the community.

Paul asked the city to enact a Quiet Zone - a half-mile inside the city limits where trains would not blow their whistles.

Following that meeting, City Hall conducted an informal survey of citizens and announced the results last week. Two people were in favor of the Quiet Zone, and 98 were against the zone.

Dateline: August 30, 2007
Local bank to have new owners

NETEX Bancorporation, parent company for Pilgrim Bank, announced Monday afternoon that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire City Bancorp, Inc., the parent company for Community Bank, a Texas banking association with offices in Sulphur Springs, Wellington, and Clarendon.

City Bancorp President and CEO Don Donaldson said he thinks the move will be good for everyone.

"We are pleased to join with Pilgrim Bank," Donaldson said. "Our customers can look forward to an expanded presence in East Texas and the additional products and services that Pilgrim Bank offers."

Dateline: August 30, 2007
Grant to fund park upgrade
Months of hard work paid off last

Thursday when state officials approved a grant that will help fund more than \$37,000 worth of improvements in Clarendon's City Park.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission grant will pay \$18,982 for new equipment at the park, and the remainder of the project will be covered by donations and city labor.

City Clerk Jeannie Molder wrote the grant and said many people contributed to the application.

"It was really a citywide effort," Molder said. "[City Superintendent] Jim Roberts did a lot. He wanted a park for the little kids, and the city council told us to see if we could get a grant. We also got all kinds of letters of support from local businesses and groups."

Dateline: August 30, 2007
CC regents approve \$7.3 million budget for FY 2008

Clarendon College Regents approved a \$7.3 million budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 when they met in regular session last Thursday.

College officials said no citizens showed up for the public hearing prior to Thursday's meeting.

CC Interim President Bill Auvershine said the college budget is made up of two parts - the instructional budget of \$5,397,352 and the auxiliary budget of \$1,917,888. The instructional budget is where the impact is felt of the governor's

Drugs in the News

Dispose of Unused Prescription Drugs

New attempts to protect the environment and prevent the abuse of prescription drugs is resulting in suggestions as to how Americans should dispose of outdated or no-longer-used drugs. Earlier this year, the federal government launched new guidelines for the proper disposal of drugs, which included the mixing of drugs with coffee grounds or kitty litter. A recent report indicates that over 6,000 pharmacies around the country have signed up to participate in a project with the *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*. Enrolled pharmacists provide a list of abuse-prone drugs to the public.

The EPA (*Environmental Protection Agency*) indicates that most city sewage handling systems are not designed to handle pharmaceuticals and personal care products. They claim that mixing drugs with kitty litter or coffee grounds is usually a better alternative to flushing drugs down the toilet. Place the mixture into empty cans or bags that can be sealed and put in the trash. This helps protect small pets and children from being harmed accidentally.



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veto of some college funding earlier this year.

"We have \$338,000 in there for our employees' health insurance," Auvenshine said. "If you take that figure out, the actual increase in the instructional budget for this year is \$79,030, which only amounts to a 0.01 percent increase from last year."

Auvenshine said if efforts are successful to restore funding vetoed by the governor, the college can amend its budget and take care of things such as maintenance that has been deferred and purchases that have been delayed.

Dateline: September 6, 2007
CISD kills personal property tax

Christmas came early for taxpayers in the Clarendon school district when school trustees eliminated the personal property tax last Thursday.

Clarendon ISD officials said new funding and new rules from the State of Texas gave the school an opportunity it had not had before.

"The only reason we can afford to do this is because it's not tied to Tier II funds now," Superintendent Monty Hysinger said. "If we had done this last year, it would have cost us \$450,000 (in local and state funds)."

Under the new funding rules, eliminating the personal property tax will cost the district \$147,498 in local money, but the state will make up \$95,794 of that, leaving the district with a net loss of \$51,704.

"That is less than one percent of our budget," Hysinger said.

Dateline: September 6, 2007
New water system work gets started

Work is scheduled to begin this week on a \$300,000 water system upgrade that will install new lines and a new pressure system on the west side of Clarendon.

City Superintendent Jim Roberts expected a contractor to begin boring under city streets Wednesday but did not know when the project will be completed.

"It will be a lengthy project," Roberts said.

A grant is paying for the materials, engineering, and boring on the job. The city will provide the labor to install the system, which is aimed at correcting pressure problems in that part of the city.

Roberts said the job includes connections to 172 meters and 17 bores under the streets. A new booster pump station with two pumps will be installed at the west water tower to maintain the pressure on the system. The grant calls for 12,250 feet of six-inch pipe.

Dateline: September 20, 2007
Amarillo man drowns at Greenbelt Lake

The body of an Amarillo man was recovered from Greenbelt Lake Tuesday afternoon after he had been missing since Sunday evening.

Samuel Jones and his friend Roger Saldivar, both of Amarillo, were at Kincaid Park when they picked up the lid of a car caddy luggage carrier and used it for a boat, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn. The 18 year olds got about 700 feet from shore when the lid, which was reportedly cracked and patched with duct tape, began taking on water.

Dateline: September 20, 2007
Tip leads to arrest of ex-city worker

A former Clarendon city employee is out on \$20,000 bond this week, facing charges of abusing a municipal credit card.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Anthony Lynn Ballard, age 27, was arrested September 11 by Amarillo police and was arraigned by Donley County Justice of the Peace Connie Havens two days later.

Blackburn said city officials presented his office with gas card bills over several months which showed charges being made after city business hours and in locations outside the city where no employees were on business. Among those locations were charges made in Amarillo, Wellington, and Panhandle.

Dateline: September 27, 2007
Medical Center Nursing home put up for bids

The Medical Center Nursing Home is for sale following action taken by the Donley County Hospital Board at its September 18 meeting.

A legal notice in this week's Enterprise calls for bids on the property to be submitted by October 22 at 1 p.m.

Board President Alan Fletcher said Monday he thinks this is the best solution for the hospital district, which is facing rising expenses.

"I don't think we can raise taxes enough to keep it," Fletcher said. "My concern is that we keep our emergency services alive, and we're mandated to provide indigent care."

Dateline: October 4, 2007
'01 fire catches up with Wilson

District Judge David McCoy sentenced a former Clarendon man to 14 years in the state penitentiary Monday

for an arson committed more than six years ago.

Larry Wilson of Amarillo had been on probation for burning his own house here in 2001 when he failed a random drug test and was arrested last December, according to District Attorney Stuart Messer.

A contested hearing was held August 30 at which time the defense produced an unsigned but notarized affidavit from a witness who claimed someone had put marijuana in Wilson's food without his knowledge.

Dateline: October 4, 2007
City okays increase in water, trash rates

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen gave final approval to an increase in city water and garbage rates during their regular meeting September 25.

Water rates were increased by 50 cents per month and garbage rates will go up \$1.50 per month. The rate increases went into effect October 1.

Dateline: October 11, 2007
Foundation grants \$100k for activity center

The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to help build a new activity center in Donley County, according to an announcement Monday.

The money has bolstered efforts by the Friends of Donley County to construct a 17,400 square foot center to not only house the annual junior livestock show but also provide a place for meetings, family reunions, and events of all kinds.

Dateline: October 18, 2007
Hedley celebrates first century

Hedley almost missed a milestone this year.

The community's 100th anniversary sneaked up on Cotton Festival organizers who all wished they had done more to promote the important date this past weekend.

City Clerk Rhonda Shaw said the Hedley Lions Club wanted to celebrate the centennial last year, but it was finally agreed that 2007 was the more appropriate date. But when it came time to distribute information about this year's Cotton Festival, the 100th anniversary was left out of the first draft of information for publicity.

Dateline: October 25, 2007
Board accepts bid for nursing home

The Donley County Hospital Board accepted a \$1.25 million bid for the Medical Center Nursing Home during a called meeting Tuesday night.

The lone bid came from Community Care Management Services based in Denton under the name of Clarendon Realty, LTD.

Dateline: October 25, 2007
CISD to begin offering pre-k in January

Clarendon school trustees green lighted a proposed Pre-Kindergarten program during their regular session October 15.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger said the program for four-year-olds will begin in January and will be reevaluated after a year and a half.

"We think it's a positive move, and there are a lot of positive reasons for starting education earlier," Hysinger said. "It develops social skills and early reading skills."

Dateline: October 25, 2007
2007 cotton crop looking good

Donley County's first bale of cotton for 2007 was raised by Steve and Trish Schwertner, and gin manager Earl Shields said this should be a good year for local producers.

"Everybody's cotton looks good," Shields said. "I think we'll see a lot of two to three bale-per-acre irrigated cotton this year, and dryland cotton will pull one and a half bales."

Dateline: October 25, 2007
Legionnaires to hold annual fall convention

Hedley's Adamson-Lane Post 287 of the American Legion will host the 18th District of the American Legion Department of Texas annual fall convention on the Clarendon College campus this Saturday, October 27.

The one-day convention will focus on training with several dignitaries in attendance. Welcome remarks will be made by CC Interim President Bill Auvenshine, and Randall County Judge Ernie Houdashell will offer the keynote remarks.

Dateline: November 1, 2007
State restores CC's vetoed funds

Clarendon College will receive more than \$460,000 in funding previously vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry, college officials confirmed last week.

"The governor made his point," CC Interim President Bill Auvenshine said Thursday. "There are many employees in community colleges paid with local funds, and the law says state funds can't pay for those employees' health insurance."

Clarendon College isn't one of those schools, he said. All of CC's employees, except for maintenance staff, are paid with state funds. But CC was caught up with all of the other Texas community colleges when back in June Perry vetoed \$153.9 million in appropriations for employee and retiree health insurance in fiscal year 2008-2009.

Dateline: November 1, 2007
Allsup's robber nabbed

A Clarendon man was still in custody Monday after he reportedly robbed the Allsup's convenience store here last week and fled in a stolen city vehicle.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 40-year-old Arthur Harris is facing a first-degree felony for aggravated robbery and a state jail felony for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Dateline: November 1, 2007
Clarendon College meats team makes history

The Clarendon College meats judging team made history this week-end when they won their sixth straight national contest this year.

The team won the Cargill Meats Solutions Contest on October 28 in Plainview, making them the first CC team to go undefeated and win all six national contests.

Dateline: November 1, 2007
Clarendon Aldermen turn down trash proposal

Clarendon Aldermen declined to privatize the city's sanitation services in a 4-1 vote last Tuesday.

The city had been considering a proposal from Allied Waste, formerly BFI, to contract out the service of hauling residential and commercial trash.

Mayor Mark White spoke against the proposal last week and noted the city currently budget's \$275,757 for the sanitation department, which includes salaries, operating the recycling center, and providing a fee-based service to Howardwick and Greenbelt Lake.

Dateline: November 8, 2007
Clarendon ISD making technological leap

Laptops for most students and a campus-wide wireless network will thrust the Clarendon school system fully into the 21st century next fall.

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously last Monday night to implement a One-To-One education initiative that school officials say will put technology in the hands of students 24/7.

"Every child from fifth to the 12th grade will have their own laptop computer and will basically have access to information anytime," Superintendent Monty Hysinger said.

Dateline: November 8, 2007
Legion honors two vets

Two Donley County men - Calvin S. Holland and M.O. Weatherly - were honored when American Legion members from across the Panhandle gathered at Clarendon College October 27 for their annual fall district convention.

District Commander Barry Schoenhals of Darrouzett was very pleased with the convention, which was hosted by Hedley's Adamson-Lane Post 287.

"I've been to dozens of conventions at various levels, and this was clearly one of the best," Schoenhals said. "I can't compliment Post 287 and Clarendon College enough as they were simply outstanding in their efforts to make us feel welcome. The facilities and the food were perfect."

Dateline: November 22, 2007
CC drops 'interim' from Auvenshine's title

The search for the next president of Clarendon College ended before it started last week when the CC Board of Regents decided the best person for the job was already on the job.

Dr. William R. Auvenshine, who had been serving in an interim capacity since July, became the 17th sitting president of the Panhandle's oldest college following Thursday's regular board meeting.

"I'm extremely pleased to be in Clarendon," Auvenshine told the Enterprise. "We have an outstanding board of regents and an outstanding faculty and staff. I've also been very impressed with the high caliber of the student body."

Dateline: December 6, 2007
Jury indicts district judge on two counts

District Judge David McCoy was suspended by state officials Friday after he was indicted on two charges by a Childress County Grand Jury last week.

According to documents from the Childress County Clerk's office, McCoy is facing a second degree felony of Theft by a Public Servant and a third degree felony of Abuse of Official Capacity.

Dateline: December 13, 2007
Fire destroys Sam Hill's

The response was swift, but nothing could save Sam Hill's BBQ from destruction early Saturday morning as a raging fire swept through the popular

local restaurant. "I'd say it's a total loss," Clarendon Fire Marshal Kelly Hill said.

Dateline: December 13, 2007
Nursing Home sale contract is approved

The contract has been signed, but it will still be several months before the Medical Center Nursing Home becomes privately owned.

The Donley County Hospital Board met in a called session last Thursday night to ink the deal with Community Care Management.

The Denton-based company will pay \$1.25 million for the facility, and \$10,000 was put up as escrow money.

Dateline: December 20, 2007
Safety device caused Sam Hill's fire

A faulty surge protector is being blamed for the December 8 blaze that destroyed Sam Hill's BBQ.

Clarendon Fire Marshal Kelly Hill said an investigation last week by his office and the state fire marshal's office concluded that the fire started with a common safety device - a surge protector located under the counter where the cash register was.

Dateline: December 20, 2007
Several county officials file for 2008 elections

Filing continues for seven county offices that will be up for election next November.

At press time, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Precinct 3&4 Constable Anthony Sellars, and Pct. 1 Commissioner Ernest Johnston were all running for reelection on the Democratic ticket.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Andy Wheatley has filed to run again on the Republican ticket, and Linda Crump is the sole newcomer to the search for public office, filing on the Republican ticket to run for Tax Assessor/Collector.

The current Tax Assessor, Wilma Lindley, has announced her intentions to retire at the end of her term in January 2009 after 22 years of service.

Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Connie Havens has announced her intentions to file for next year's election but had not done so at press time, according to party officials.

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WHAT KIND OF PREACHING ARE WE HEARING?

(2 Timothy 4:2-4) Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Vouchsafe, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Paul is telling a young preacher to preach the word, not man's doctrine. He told him to preach it when they liked it or didn't like it. He was to encourage the brethren or rebuke them in his teaching, while at the same time with patience. Why? He tells us in the next verse. He said there will come a time when some won't want to hear sound Bible doctrine and will desire something else. Because they will want less forceful preaching, they will hire themselves someone who won't tell the truth but just make them feel good. Does this sound familiar in religion today? You bet it does! We see all types of religious groups who stress unity by appealing to people with a doctrine that basically says, "It doesn't matter what you believe, just come and let's have a big 'church' and teach 'feel good lessons' designed for 'itching' ears and not meant to change people spiritually. Jesus said in John 14:15, 'If you love Me, keep My commandments.' These 'new' groups say to keep the commandments we like or ignore the ones that might prick someone's conscience. The theory is: It is better to be united in error than divided over truth.

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