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City leaders discuss alcohol sales

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A group of city leaders met to discuss the possibility of allowing alcohol sales in the city. The meeting was held at the city council chamber and was attended by Mayor Webb, City Manager, and several council members. The discussion centered on the potential benefits and challenges of allowing alcohol sales, particularly in the downtown area. The city has been successful in other areas, such as allowing food trucks and farmers markets, and the city leaders are exploring similar options for alcohol sales. The meeting will continue in the coming weeks as the city considers the various options and potential impacts on the community.

State may cut some CC funds

THIS WEEK
The state may be cutting some of the funding for the County Clerk's Office. This is due to budget cuts across the state. The County Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining the public records and providing various services to the community. The office is currently facing a significant budget deficit, and the state is considering various options to reduce spending. This could include cutting back on certain services or reducing the number of staff members. The County Clerk's Office is working to find ways to maintain its services while also addressing the budget concerns.

Towering to new heights

THIS WEEK
A new building is under construction in the city, and it is expected to be one of the tallest buildings in the area. The building is being constructed by a local contractor and is expected to be completed in the next few months. The building will be used for office space and will provide a significant amount of new jobs for the community. The construction of the building is a testament to the city's growth and development. The new building will also provide a modern and professional environment for the businesses that will be housed there.

Home loans for rural families

THIS WEEK
A new program is being implemented to provide home loans for rural families. The program is designed to help families in rural areas purchase homes and improve their living conditions. The program is being funded by the state and is being administered by a local organization. The program will provide low-interest loans to eligible families and will also provide technical assistance to help them with the home buying process. This is a significant step towards improving the quality of life in rural areas and promoting economic development.

SWEPCC customers not use record

THIS WEEK
A report has been released regarding the use of records by SWEPCC customers. The report found that many customers are not using their records, which is a concern for the organization. SWEPCC is a community organization that provides various services to its members, and the use of records is an important part of its operations. The report suggests that SWEPCC should take steps to encourage its members to use their records more effectively. This could include providing more information about the benefits of using records and offering training or support to help members get started.

United Christians to meet this Thursday

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A group of United Christians is meeting this Thursday. The meeting is being held at the church and is open to all members of the community. The meeting will focus on the current events in the world and how the church can best serve its members and the community. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for members to share their thoughts and experiences and to support one another. This is a great opportunity for members to come together and strengthen their faith and community ties.

BBB offers

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is offering various services to its members. The BBB is a non-profit organization that helps consumers make informed decisions and resolve disputes. The BBB offers a variety of services, including dispute resolution, education, and advocacy. The BBB is committed to protecting the interests of consumers and promoting fair business practices. The BBB offers a variety of services to its members, including dispute resolution, education, and advocacy. The BBB is committed to protecting the interests of consumers and promoting fair business practices.

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Citizens line up to serve on boards

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A large number of citizens have lined up to serve on various boards. This is a testament to the community's interest in public affairs and to the importance of having a diverse group of people on the boards. The community is committed to providing high-quality services and to promoting economic development. The community is looking forward to continuing to support the boards in the future.

Early voting starts Monday in run-off

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Early voting for the run-off election starts on Monday. This is a great opportunity for voters to cast their ballots and to make their voices heard. The community is committed to providing a fair and transparent election process. The community is looking forward to continuing to support the candidates in the future.

CC pre-registration to begin April 13

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Pre-registration for the County Clerk's Office (CC) will begin on April 13. This is a great opportunity for residents to register their vehicles and to receive a sticker. The CC is committed to providing high-quality services to its residents. The CC is looking forward to continuing to support its residents in the future.

CHS now accepting applications for OT

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The County Health Services (CHS) is now accepting applications for an Occupational Therapist (OT). This is a great opportunity for individuals who are interested in working in the health care field. The CHS is committed to providing high-quality care to its residents. The CHS is looking forward to continuing to support its residents in the future.

Jobs figures rise locally in January

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Livestock show to be held Jan. 8

The 2011 Donley County Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 8, 2011, at the Donley County Activity Center one mile north on Highway 70.

The schedule of events will include weigh- and check-in starting at 3 p.m. on January 7, and the show will start at 8:30 a.m. on January 8 followed with a buyers' appreciation meal at 6 p.m. The livestock project auction will follow the meal.

For more information, contact Larry Gray, Livestock Chairman, at 874-2095 or 806-930-1842 or Leonard Haynes, CEA, at 806-282-7680.

State to hold shot clinic here Jan. 6

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic in Clarendon January 6 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive.

The clinic will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m., and the first ten clients will be seen each time. All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts. Please bring copy of children's shot records to receive immunizations.



Zipper work

The City of Clarendon made short work of a bunch of potholes when it began working with its new Asphalt Zipper last Wednesday. The device attaches to a front-end loader and makes a clean cut as it grinds up pavement and potholes. Dry cement is then mixed into the millings, which is later wetted and bladed to create a smooth new base. The city hopes to use the Zipper repair badly deteriorated streets as well as make good clean cuts when utility repairs have to be made under existing pavement.

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Community Calendar

January 1
New Year's Day

Hedley v. Wellington • in Hedley • 2:30 p.m.

January 3
Hedley Junior High v. Shamrock • in Shamrock

January 4
Clarendon v. Holy Cross • at Holy Cross • VG at 6 p.m. • VB at 7:30 p.m.

Hedley v. Chillicothe • in Hedley • 6 p.m.

January 7
Clarendon v. Memphis • in Clarendon • JVG at 6 p.m. • VG at 7:30 p.m.

Clarendon v. Groom • in Groom • JVB at 6 p.m. • VB at 7:30 p.m.

Hedley Lady Owls v. Samnorood • in Hedley • 6 p.m.

Hedley Owls v. Happy • in Hedley • 7:30 p.m.

January 8
Donley County Junior Livestock Show • at the Donley County Activity Center

January 17
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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Menus

January 3 - 7, 2011

Donley County Senior Citizens

Monday: Steak fingers & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, butterscotch pudding, wheat rolls.

Tuesday: Beef stew w/ veggies, pears & cottage cheese, pecan bars, cornbread / crackers.

Wednesday: Red beans w/ ham, cole slaw, sliced apricots, brownies, cornbread.

Thursday: Beef fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit salad, Mexican wedding cake.

Friday: Roast w/ brown gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, hot rolls.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Monday: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, fried squash, California blend vegetables, green salad, butterscotch pudding, garlic toast.

Tuesday: Pork roast & gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, apple sauce, bread pudding, roll.

Wednesday: Butter beans & ham, potato wedged, buttered carrots, beat-onion salad, sliced peaches, corn bread.

Thursday: Steak & gravy, baked potato, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, Chocolate pudding, roll.

Friday: Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, apple pie, bun.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: No School.
Tue: No School.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: No School.
Wednesday: Salisbury steak w/ gravy, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thursday: Chicken pot pie, carrot sticks w/ ranch, fruit, milk.
Friday: Philly beef steak, chips, pickle, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Menu unavailable.

Happy New Year from the Enterprise!

2010: Clarendon merchant foils con artist

January 7
Rescue team saves horse stuck in well

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department successfully rescued an unlikely accident victim Sunday afternoon after a horse fell into an old well at Ashtola.

First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell said the 17-year-old gray horse probably fell into the well on Saturday when the animal's owners, Gerald and Linda Findley, noticed it was missing.

January 17
Merchant foils con man

Quick action by a Clarendon merchant put three traveling criminals in jail last week.

Radio Shack owner Bill Stavenhagen said he had a bad feeling when a man later identified as Willy James Carroll of Richardson came into his store last Tuesday, January 5.

"He tried to buy about \$400 worth of merchandise and used several different credit cards and gift cards and never took his gloves off," Stavenhagen said.

When Carroll then tried to use an American Express card, Stavenhagen said he would have to see some identification. The suspect then told him he had left his ID in his motel room and that he would just go back to his room and get some cash.

"He left, and his car was parked out of my view, but Doug Kidd was coming into the store at that time," Stavenhagen said. "Doug got the tag number and told me the car was an Audi, and I called the sheriff's office."

Stavenhagen's son, Todd, was on his way out of town and noticed the car was at the Best Western and that information was called in also.

Pigg, Hommel top beef division at stock show

Jacob Pigg and Hannah Hommel exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the new Donley County Activity Center.

Pigg exhibited the Grand Champion Steer; and Hommel had the Grand Champion Heifer.

January 21
State may cut CC funds

Clarendon College would not be seriously impacted if state officials carry through with a possible five percent budget cut.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and House Speaker Joe Straus sent letters to state agencies and institutions of higher learning directing each state agency to submit a plan to identify savings for the 2010-2011 biennium.

But CC President Bill Auvenshine doesn't think the college has much to worry about.

"This is a pre-panic," Auvenshine said. "The comptroller has said Texas was the last going into the recession, and she believes it will be the first to come out of it."

City leaders discuss alcohol sales

Package sales of beer and wine in the city limits was one topic of discussion when the Clarendon Board of Aldermen met last Tuesday.

Alderman Ann Huey said she asked for the topic to be put the board's agenda after some citizens asked her about it.

"I think it would be a way to bring in extra money," she said. "We could have the income here, and it's not like people aren't drinking."

Alderman Larry Hicks said he approached several citizens about the topic after learning it was going to be on the agenda.

"I believe you might could get it in a package store, but I don't think on-premises consumption (in restaurants and bars) would ever pass," Hicks said.

Alderman Will Thompson said

he would never support any effort to make alcohol sales legal in the city.

January 28
CC okays bids for Pampa workforce center

The Clarendon College Board of Regents approved a bid package totaling more than \$2.99 million for a new workforce education building at the CC Pampa Center during their regular meeting last Thursday.

Work will begin within 30 days on the 23,000 square-foot project, which will be completed in 2011. The workforce center is being paid for by bonds paid for by Gray County residents and a donation of \$250,000 from the David & Nora Payne Foundation.

In other college business, the board approved the purchase a new digital marquee for the Clarendon campus with help from the City of Clarendon and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation as presented by Marketing Coordinator Ashlee Estlack;

February 4
Ice, wind knock out power

Old Man Winter sank his claws into residents of Donley County and the Rolling Plains last week, resulting in school, college, and business closures and recurring power failures.

AEP-Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) customers first started experiencing losses Thursday with peak outages numbering 1,480 in Clarendon and 345 in Hedley and more than 3,000 others in other communities.

SWEPCO's spokesman Scott McCloud reported that the company sent additional personal from East Texas and Arkansas.

SWEPCO customers experienced a prolonged outage on Friday from 3:50 a.m. to late in the afternoon. More than 1,850 customers were affected locally, and the peak number of outages for SWEPCO's service area was 5,139. The company services some 7,000 customers in the eastern Panhandle.

Tommy Hudson with SWEPCO in Wellington said the company's main transmission line was down Friday and that servicemen were also dealing with the lines "galloping" – a phenomenon where the wind shapes ice on the lines into an airfoil and the line begins basically flying in the air and comes off the insulators.

Some SWEPCO customers were reportedly without power for prolonged periods. One residence hall at Clarendon College was without power for 47 hours.

CC reports increased enrollment

Clarendon College is continuing to grow with spring enrollment figures showing a 19.7 percent increase in headcount over last year.

Total enrollment settled at 1,358 following the 12th class day last week. That's up from the spring 2009 enrollment of 1,150 and 1,043 in the spring of 2008.

"Our current spring in enrollment is greater than our fall enrollment was three years ago," said CC President Bill Auvenshine. "For the spring we're up 28.5 percent compared to two years ago."

February 10
Wreck injures couple

A Clarendon couple remained hospitalized Tuesday following a one-vehicle accident on US 287 last Friday.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said Bob Kidd, age 80, and Joan Kidd, age 74, were traveling eastbound in a 2005 white Chevrolet minivan when their vehicle went into the center median and struck a drainage cover at a crossover about 3:15 p.m.

February 17
County receives \$82K for non-profit groups

Donley County Commissioners will soon decide what to do with almost \$82,000 that until recently was just chilling in a bank account somewhere.

Becky Fuller, who is the director of the 100th Judicial District Adult Probation Department, presented a check to the county in the amount of \$81,958.72 last Monday.

Money collected since March 2008 has been donated quarterly to qualifying food programs in the 100th Judicial District, but the commissioners' court will decide what to do with the more than \$81,000 they received last week.

February 24
Pampa man rolls concrete truck

A Pampa man escaped life-threatening injuries just after noon last Wednesday when the concrete truck he was driving overturned.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said Benito Chavez, age 50, was traveling at an unsafe speed for the curve he was entering while southeast bound on FM 2162, also known as the JA Ranch Road. Simpson said the man then overcorrected while steering and the loaded Pampa Concrete truck rolled over onto its left side and top and slid into the south ditch.

During the accident the mixer drum severely damaged highway surface, creating a crater several inches deep, and came loose from the truck itself.

EMS service getting two new ambulances

Two new Crestline Commander ambulances are expected to arrive at the Associated Ambulance Authority on March 18.

The ambulances cost a total of \$252,000, which will be partially paid for with the help of a \$35,000 grant from the Texas Department of State Health and \$24,000 that the ambulance service has saved for the purchases. The sale and trade-in of two older ambulances will provide about \$10,000, and the balance will be covered by a five-year note.

March 3
Sawyer, J. Hall to be in GOP runoff

Dan Sawyer was the top vote-getter in the three-man race for the Republican nomination for Donley County Commissioner Precinct 4 Tuesday, but he did not garner the more than 50 percent necessary to avoid a run-off election.

Sawyer received 71 votes or 40.8 percent compared to 54 votes (31 percent) for Joe Hall and 49 votes (28.2 percent) for Bill Spier. Hall and Sawyer will square off in an April 13 run-off election to determine who will face Democratic nominee Brad Dalton this fall.

Also in Tuesday's Republican Primary, incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Hall fended off a challenge from Mitchell Martin, 124-83.

Broncs win Quarter-Finals title

Great things come around every once in a while and in the case of the Bronco basketball team that 'every once in a while' has been 16 years.

The last time Clarendon participated in a Regional Basketball Tournament was in 1994 and Monday night at Randall High School, the Broncos fought off Stratford and bought their ticket to the Regional game, which will be held this Friday in Levelland.

The win was great for the players and the many fans in attendance. And what was even better, several of the players from that 1994 Regional Finalist Team were on hand to cheer on this young group of players and watch them do exactly what they did.

That's what Clarendon basketball is all about.

The Broncos (22-5) did not

disappoint in their determination to defeat a very physical Elk team and began the game with intensity. Thirty-two minutes after the tip, the Broncos proved they could battle and earned the 69-62 win.

March 10
Citizens line up to serve on boards

Clarendon voters will have a choice of seven candidates to fill three positions on the Board of Aldermen, and five other boards will also have competitive races when local elections are held this May.

Incumbent City Aldermen Kyle Davis and Will Thompson will be joined on the ballot by challengers Jeff King, Jeremy Powell, John Lockhart, Danny Bennett, and former alderman Terry Noble. Alderman Tommy Hill is not seeking re-election.

Voters in Hedley will have two choices for mayor – incumbent Bruce Howard and Dusty D. Wilkinson – and five choices for four positions on the Board of Aldermen – David Wells and incumbents Leon Ward, Tonya Metcalf, Travis Thomas, and Lonnie Roby.

The City of Howardwick has four people running for three positions on the Board of Aldermen. Incumbents Rod Donaldson and Tanis McMorries are being challenged by Johnny Hubbard and Tim Gallagher.

Six candidates are running for three positions on the Clarendon College Board of Regents. Challengers Cindy Myers, Glenda Hawkins, and Jerry Gage will face incumbents Susie Shields, Charles Deyhle, and Ruth Robinson.

One challenger signed up to run with the incumbents seeking re-election to the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees. Current members Robin Ellis, Jim Shelton, and Marvin Thompson will be joined on the ballot by Linda Rowland.

The Hedley ISD Board of Trustees has three candidates for two full terms. Incumbents James Edward Potts and Troy Monroe will face Bonnie Walsh Brown during the election. Karen Watt is serving an unexpired term on the board and was the only one to file to run for that position.

The Donley County Hospital District is the only local government that did not draw enough candidates for a competitive election. Incumbents Jeannie Owens, Mark C. White, and Lori Howard filed for re-election to Places 5, 6, and 7 respectively. Jan Farris filed to run for Place 4, which is currently held by Greg Collins, who is not seeking re-election.

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

Early voting will begin April 26, and Election Day will be Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Moreman earns Chamber's top award

Fredie Jo Moreman was honored as the 2009 Saints' Roost Award winner for her lifetime of service to the community as an educator and volunteer during the annual Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night.

Woman of the Year recognition went to Jan Farris, and Chuck Robertson was named the Man of the Year for 2009.

March 17
City turns down police resolution

A resolution that would have resurrected the city police department was shot down by the Clarendon Board of Aldermen during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

Clarendon shut down its police department in 1984 and began contracting with the Donley County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement service, but issues have

come up about enforcement of city ordinances. Code enforcement was taken out of the current contract last fall.

Mayor Chris Ford told the board Tuesday that he had consulted with the Texas Municipal League and the city attorney with about the issue.

"If you want a city code enforcement officer to issue citations, you have to have a police department," Ford said. "If you don't want to do that, you can just have a code enforcement 'official' who files complaints with municipal court."

City Administrator John Webb spoke in favor of reviving the police department's state certification. He said the city could not afford a police department but having a certified peace officer would be helpful in issuing citations and serving warrants from municipal court.

"You have the luxury of having a certified Texas peace officer already in City Hall," Webb said, referring to himself.

But Alderman Larry Hicks objected to that notion.

"I don't want (a certified peace officer). I want a city manager," Hicks said. "I've been very pleased with him as a city manager, and I wish he would quit trying to be a cop."

Jury finds Baum guilty of indecency

A Donley County Jury convicted a Lelia Lake man last Friday of indecency with a child by contact.

Marriages

Stacey Alexander and Jonna Coward
March 13, 2010

Brittany Hicks and James Blackburn
March 27, 2010

Christopher Walter and Shawna Jack
June 18, 2010

Andrea Findley and Christopher DeLeon
March 6, 2010

Brittney Bennet and Justin Conway
June 26, 2010

Wally Moore and Lynn Weatherton
June 26, 2010

George Zimmer and Madison Shields
August 14, 2010

Asher Day and Ruth Howard
August 7, 2010

Tyler Drackley and Terra Kidd
December 4, 2010

Stephanie Fowler and Gregory Leeper
November 13, 2010

Kelly Bunyan and William Autry
September 25, 2010

New Arrivals

Alexis Avery Jantz
January 2, 2010

Cash Hansen Naylor
April 6, 2010

Elizabeth Mackenzi Smith
May 17, 2010

Mason Jay Jackson
April 21, 2010

Alana Rochelle Gatlin
July 4, 2010

Austin John
November 8, 2010

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2010: Rescuers save two painters from toxic fumes

William Lee Baum was found guilty of the second degree felony offense after a two day trial here last week. He was sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and fined \$10,000.00 by the Donley County jury.

"The nightmare is over for the family affected by this defendant's actions," said District Attorney Luke Inman. "The child's willingness to come forward stopped the defendant from committing anymore horrible acts."

March 24 Mayor confirms Webb's termination

The employment of City Administrator John Webb was terminated Tuesday night by the Clarendon Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Chris Ford told the Enterprise the board's decision was "based on a lack of confidence in (Webb's) ability to perform the duties of city administrator."

The decision came during a called meeting of the board the Enterprise learned about late Tuesday night, and Alderman Will Thompson confirmed that evening that the board voted 3-2 to remove Webb. Thompson said he and Alderman Ann Huey voted against the measure and that Aldermen Larry Hicks, Tommy Hill, and Kyle Davis voted for the removal.

County youth place well in stock shows

Several Donley County FFA and 4-H members did well while competing at state and national 2010 livestock shows against thousands of youth and their animal projects.

Tres and Hannah Hommel were the only two representing Donley County at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, where they showed their swine.

4-H members attended the Fort Worth Livestock Show to exhibit Market Steer, Swine, and Breeding Beef Projects. Jacob and Kae Hewett exhibited their Breeding Beef projects and received 9th and 10th in the heifer division and 2nd with their Braunvieh Bull; Jacob Pigg placed 9th in the Market Steer division and qualified for the Premium Sale; other youth exhibiting steers include Tres and Hannah Hommel, Brittney and Kelsey McAnear, Kaden Bennett, Rowdy Speed, Annie Patten, John and Jayson Pigg, Trevor Cobb, Joseph Russell, Seth Ruthardt, Caden Farris and Chris Blackburn.

At the San Antonio Livestock Show five youth exhibited their Market Swine. Kati Adams of Hedley had a 12th place Landrace; Misti Scott placed 10th with a Chester; others competing include Austin Adams and Lee and Shiann Cook.

Nine youth competed at the San Angelo Livestock Show. Caylor Monroe placed 1st with a light weight Cross; Austin Adams got 4th showing a Spot; Reid Copelin placed 6th in the York division; Misti Scott exhibited a 3rd place Chester and 6th place Duroc; Dalton Benson received 10th place with a Duroc; Madison and Lilly Carr exhibited their Breeding Guilt projects and Madison placed 11th with her Chester; Lilly placed 6th in the Pollands; also competing was Tres and Hannah Hommel with their Market Steers.

Wrapping up the show season, a total of 26 youth traveled to Houston to exhibit Market Steer, Swine, Sheep and Commercial Steer projects.

In the Market Steer Division, Kelsey McAnear placed 7th in the Short Horns; Annie Patten placed 9th with an Angus; Trevor Cobb placed 4th in the Maines; Kaden Bennett placed 10th in the Limousine Division; Caden Farris received 6th place with a AOB steer; Chris Blackburn

placed 5th with a Polled Hereford; Rowdy Speed and Brittney McAnear got pulled for consideration but did not get high enough to place.

Also exhibiting were Jayson and John Pigg, Joey Russell, and Seth Ruthardt.

In the Market Swine Division, Austin Adams received Reserve Breed Champion with a Polland; Kati Adams placed 6th with a Spot; Colton Kingston placed 12th with a Hamp; others exhibiting were Wyatt Wheatly, Kyle Lindsey, Kolby Foard, Grayson Morris, Reid Copelin, Misti Scott, Dalton Benson, and Lee and Shiann Cook.

Krista Reynolds also exhibited her Market Lamb at the Houston show, and Cedar Stevenson competed in the Commercial Steer project competition.

Enterprise launches new site

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE proudly unveiled its new website this week and encouraged readers to go online and get involved.

ClarendonLive.com will replace ClarendonOnline.com, which has served the newspaper

since 2000.

"The old site served its purpose, but it was time for a change," said publisher Roger Estlack. "The new site is more interactive, it is more convenient for our readers, and it will be updated more frequently."

ClarendonLive will allow readers to post comments on stories, submit story ideas and photos, and place classifieds and announcements online. In addition, visitors to the site can still search more than nine years worth of archives that were transferred from the old website.

"We want ClarendonLive.com to become the spot everyone goes to for information about Clarendon and Donley County," Estlack said. "We also want to see people get involved on the site and hope that it generates civil discussion on local topics."

March 31 Woman hospitalized after blaze

A Clarendon woman was hospitalized for smoke inhalation after an early morning fire broke out in her home Monday, March 29.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 6:05

a.m. to the home of Judy and Orsbain Perkins, located at 706 E. Second; and Donley County Deputy Sonny Morasco was first on the scene and helped get the residents to safety.

Judy Perkins and her sister, Ruby Hearn, were transported by Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Associated Ambulance Authority, where Hearn was treated and released. Mrs. Perkins was later flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock, and the family was hopeful she would be released Tuesday. Mr. Perkins was not injured.

April 7 Run-off vote is next week

Donley County's Precinct 4 voters will return to the polls next Tuesday, April 13, to determine who will be the Republican nominee for county commissioner.

Dan Sawyer received the most votes in the three-man primary race on March 2 over Joe Hall and Bill Spier, but he did not receive more than 50 percent of the vote, prompting a run-off between Sawyer and Hall. The winner will face Democrat Brad Dalton this fall.

Local teens discuss the dangers of texting while driving

A surprising sharp noise suddenly cut through the vehicle interrupting the conversation between Clarendon High School junior Savannah Thackeray and her mother.

It was neither the sound of screeching tires nor the crunch of metal colliding. Rather it was the noise of her mother's slapping hand, scolding another hand in the process of reaching for a cell phone.

As Thackeray's mother Jennifer Haney drew her hand back, she looked at her husband in a scornful manner.

"You really shouldn't text and drive," Haney said.

Rescuers save two Amarillo painters

Two Amarillo contractors are lucky to be alive after succumbing to toxic fumes in a rural Donley County location last week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Ricky Lovato and his son, Jerry Wayne Lavato, were working at Melvin Edes place east of Clarendon last Tuesday, March 30, and did

not return home when they were expected. Worried relatives called the sheriff's office, and Deputy Vincent Morasco was dispatched to the worksite.

Upon arrival, Morasco found the two men unconscious in the basement where they had been spraying lacquer - a highly flammable substance that emits toxic fumes. The deputy immediately called for EMS and for the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department's Rescue Squad and also instructed the dispatcher to launch two helicopters.

April 14 Duct tape tax turns heads at CHS prom

It all started with a duct tape wallet.

From there, Clarendon High School senior Jadon Thornton decided to create himself an entire tuxedo out of duct tape, qualifying him for a chance to win a \$3,000 scholarship through the "Stuck at Prom" contest sponsored by Duck brand duct tape.

"I've been planning to do it since I was a freshman when I found

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3	Jentry Shadle	Soph.
10	Jency Burton	Soph.
11	Danielle Ford	Sr.
12	Trevela Dronzek	Jr.
15	Deborah Howard	Fr.
20	Marqueda Gaines	Sr.
21	Cheyenne Kosechat	Jr.
22	Anna Cenicerros	Soph.
23	Emily Clark	Sr.
24	McKayla Cartwright	Soph.
25	Lydia Howard	Soph.
44	Amber Keelin	Jr.

Head Coach: Molly Weatherred

Broncos

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3	Clayton Shields	Sr.
10	Justin Shillings	Sr.
12	Johnny Gaines	Sr.
15	Brayden Phillips	Sr.
24	Daniel West	Sr.
25	Chris Crump	Sr.
32	Mike Crump	Sr.
33	Cole Ward	Soph.
41	Wes Williams	Jr.
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the scholarship by typing 'weird scholarships' in on Google," Thornton said. "Honestly, I didn't think I would do it, but making duct tape wallets motivated me."

April 21 Aldermen updated on grants

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen received updates on several grants that the city has been looking into during their regular meeting April 13.

Interim City Administrator Phyllis Jeffers primarily raised concerns about a downtown revitalization grant for \$440,000 that would bring sidewalk and lighting improvements to Kearney Street.

Jeffers said part of the documentation for the grant application is not in the files and also said the grant is a reimbursement grant — meaning the city spends the money and is then paid back by the state — with a 20 percent local match.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation has previously agreed to provide \$50,000 for the match, but city officials must consider how to fund the remainder of the match as well as how to pay bills as they come in prior to the state's providing reimbursement.

"I am making this my number one priority," Jeffers said. "I've seen what this type of grant has done for other cities, and it's very important that we get this grant."

Enterprise picks up awards from regional press contest

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received three first place plaques when the Panhandle Press Association announced the winners of its annual Better Newspaper Contest in Canadian last Saturday.

Winners were announced at the close of the association's 100th annual convention at the Citadelle Art Museum.

ENTERPRISE publisher Roger Estlack won first place in the Editorials on the topic's of "Mom's Love," the closure of the local General Motors dealership, and the tension between City Hall and the sheriff's department.

The paper also received first place honors for Feature Photos by Ashlyn Tubbs and Roger Estlack and for Sports Photos for work by Kari Lindsey and Estlack.

The Enterprise received second place honors in the categories of Best News Writing, Sports Writing, Society/Lifestyles, Best Special Edition/Section, and Front Page Layout.

Julie Shields won a third place plaque for Best Humorous Columns, and the paper also received third place honors for Advertising Initiative, Headline Writing, and, with its old website, the Online Newspaper Contest.

April 28 CC, WTAMU launch transfer partnership

The presidents of Clarendon College and West Texas A&M University signed a new partnership last Wednesday that streamlines the path to a four-year degree and creates many benefits for students at CC.

The "Destination WT" agreement provides greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between Clarendon and other area colleges and WTAMU.

"Our flagship university in the Panhandle is and always was West Texas," CC President Bill Auvenshine said during a ceremony at the Bairfield Activity Center. "Most of our transfers go to WT, and our do very well there. It is our pleasure to pledge our support to WT."

District champs

The Lady Broncos did it again with an unblemished District record at a perfect 10-0 and won the District Championship.

Last week the ladies knocked off Follett, Booker, and McLean plus defeating the Alumni to go 23-4 overall and 10-0 in District play.

Candidates respond to questions

Profiles of candidates running for positions on six local boards are being printed in this week's edition of The Clarendon Enterprise.

All of the candidates were contacted about the questionnaire for the newspaper, and all but five

responded to the request for information.

Among the questions posed by the Enterprise was about whether the candidates' property taxes were paid up with the Donley County Appraisal District, and the answers to that question were verified Tuesday afternoon.

Four candidates, none of who responded to the survey, were found to owe taxes. That information is printed with the survey results inside this week's issue.

May 5 Broncos clinch district championship

Once again, the Clarendon Broncos claimed a District Championship and clobbered Paducah 12-0 in five innings in their final district match up.

The Broncos finished their 2010 season at 14-3 overall and 11-1 in District play.

The win will put them in a good spot for the playoffs and give them an edge going in.

"This was a big game for us," coach Brad Elam said. "We were able to clinch first place out right with the win. We have shared first place the last two years and the kids were determined to not share it this year."

Johnson takes plea agreement

A local woman was one of three people who pled guilty in separate cases when the District Court met in Childress on May 3.

Kristina Lynn Johnson, a 30-year-old Clarendon resident, pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for a period of two years to a lesser included offense of assault.

Johnson was arrested by Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn on November 15, 2009, for the state jail felony offense of injury to a child. Johnson pleaded guilty to lesser included offense of the assault, after being indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on January 13, 2010.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Johnson is required to pay a \$1,000 fine to Donley County, court costs of \$333, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service.

If Johnson violates probation, she could face up to one year in the Donley County jail.

Officers were dispatched to a residence on McClelland Street on November 9, 2009, to investigate a possible crime.

"Our investigation determined that a three-year-old white female had been burned on her private area," Sheriff Butch Blackburn told the Enterprise last November.

May 8 The votes are in...

The people spoke today and with their votes they returned the incumbents to power at Clarendon College and Clarendon ISD, ousted the Mayor of Hedley, defeated one incumbent on both the Hedley School Board and Howardwick Board of Aldermen, and put one new face on the Clarendon Board of Aldermen.

A detailed report will appear in next week's Enterprise, but the official results are as follows:

Clarendon College (top three elected): Susie Shields (I) 316, Ruth Robinson (I) 294, Chuck Deyhle (I) 251, Glenda Hawkins 198, Jerry Gage 186, and Cindy Myers 95.

City of Clarendon (top three elected): Will Thompson (I) 154, Kyle Ellis (I) 134, Jeremy Powell 159, Jeff King 113, John Lockhart 111, Terry Noble 96, and Danny Bennett 28.

City of Hedley: Mayor — Dusty D. Wilkinson 62 and Bruce Howard (I) 32. Aldermen (top two) Leon Ward (I) 60, Tonya Metcalf (I) 54, David Wells 52, and Travis Thomas 39. Alderman (Unexpired Term) Lonnie Roby 40.

City of Howardwick: Aldermen — (Top three elected) Tanis McMories (I) 61, Johnny Hubbard 51, Tim Gallagher 51, Rod Donaldson (I) 39.

Clarendon ISD (Top three elected): Robin Ellis (I) 294, Jim Shelton (I) 336, and Marvin Thompson (I) 280, and Linda Rowland 116.

The Hedley ISD (Top two elected) James Edward Potts (I) 84, Bonnie Walsh Brown 66, and Troy Monroe (I) 54. Unexpired term —

Karen Watt 65. (I) denotes the incumbent.

May 12 CHS names top students of 2010

Officials at Clarendon High School have announced the top students for the Class of 2010.

This year's Valedictorian is Phonpaseuth Tony Sisomsouk with a GPA of 96.65. Tony is the son of Malaithong Sisomsouk and the late Sisai Sisomsouk.

Sanchez charged with sex assaults

A Lelia Lake man remained in custody Monday facing charges that he sexually assaulted a resident at the local nursing home where he worked.

Richard Sanchez, age 47, was being held on \$120,000 total bond on three separate charges, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

"It is a very heinous crime, and I hope a Donley County jury will deal with him harshly," Blackburn said.

May 19 Bridge reaches out to stop abuse

The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center is best known for helping the victims of abuse, but one of the group's facilitators says the Bridge is also reaching out with programs aimed at preventing abuse and recognizing the signs of abuse.

Jennie Waggoner, who works out of the Bridge's main office in Amarillo, conducts interviews with victims and is now coordinating meetings in rural areas to raise awareness about abuse.

The Bridge provides services to more than 1,500 children annually in the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Eighty percent of the children are victims of sexual abuse. Sixty-seven percent of abuse victims are female, 96 percent of offenders are male, and 99 percent of offenders are known to the child.

"It's more common than people think," Waggoner said.

City looks to repair pot holes

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen discussed street maintenance issues during the regular city meeting on May 11.

Interim City Administrator Phyllis Jeffers said that Fu Benavidez with the Texas Department of Transportation had worked on pot hole patching with city employees on May 10. The city is doing the best it can with what they have to work with, Jeffers told the board.

Jeffers named Nathan Jaramillo to be the city's street project coordinator and said she had instructed him to section off the city and repair streets one section at a time instead of taking a scattered approach.

May 26 HHS names top grads

Hedley High School officials have announced the honor graduates for the Class of 2010.

This year's valedictorian is Dylan Pettit with a GPA of 95.4, and Kailee Burton is the salutatorian with a GPA of 94.2.

CAN program offers opportunity for an education

One in four adults over the age of 25 in the Texas Panhandle has no high school diploma.

Addressing that alarming statistic from the US Census Bureau has become a priority at Clarendon College, which has launched the Cooperative Access Network (CAN) to coordinate resources and help people to help themselves.

"Our goal is for an individual seeking a GED to use the network to help them from start to finish," Tex Buchhaults, Dean of Students, said.

"We will work to provide them with materials to prepare for the exam, find transportation to and from the exam, find a mentor for support, find child care during the exam, and then help them after with the next step," Buchhaults said.

Without a GED or high school diploma, residents have no access to the higher education and skills training necessary to maintain a quality workforce.

June 2 CC president will step down this year

Clarendon College President Bill Auvenshine confirmed Tuesday that he will step down at the end of this year.

While no formal action has taken place, Auvenshine said he informed the Board of Regents at its May 20 meeting that he intends to resign at the end of 2010.

"My only regret is that I came to Clarendon at the end of my career," Auvenshine told the Enterprise. "Had this been my first job, I would have wanted to stay for 30 years."

June 11 Memphis man facing charges in sex assaults

A Memphis man is facing two local charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to the Donley County Sheriff's Office.

Autray Dickson, age 18, was first arrested on May 11, 2010, and arraigned by Justice of the Peace Connie Havens, who set bond at \$30,000, Sheriff Butch Blackburn said. Dickson posted bond and was released.

The investigation later turned up another possible victim, and Dickson was arrested again on May 27. Havens that time set bond at \$50,000, and Dickson again posted bond and was released.

Blackburn said both of the victims in these cases are 13 years of age.

June 9 CISD begins renovations of facilities

In order to maintain Clarendon ISD's facilities, several buildings within the district are receiving renovations over the summer break.

"Each summer we try to improve our facilities, and that's what we decided to work on this year," Clarendon School Superintendent Monty Hysinger said. "We need to keep our older buildings functional and extend the life of them for at least another 15 years."

Hysinger said that their "big-

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gest goal" is to replace the main water lines that feed all the areas in the Junior High and Elementary.

A Cowboy Remembers

When Multiple Sclerosis disabled Jim Robinson from climbing into a saddle, he knew his "cowboying" days were over. But his memories live on.

As he put down the reins for good, Robinson picked up a pen and within a year compiled his short stories into a book called *Memoirs of a Texas Cowboy*.

"Since I can't do anything anymore, I wanted to pass my story on," Robinson said.

June 16 Missing boy shows up at sheriff's office

A three-year-old boy who was the subject of a nationwide Amber Alert showed up at the Donley County Sheriff's Office Sunday evening.

According to a deputy's report, the boy's father, Rommel Rodriguez, and several family members were on their way to see family in Denton, Texas, when they learned the boy was being reported missing on an Amber Alert. Rodriguez contacted the Fullerton, Calif., Police Department and was instructed to check in at the nearest police station.

Donley County Deputy James O'Malley contacted the Fullerton authorities and was instructed to take the boy into custody until his mother could make arrangements to pick him up. Fullerton police also directed that no charges be filed on Mr. Rodriguez since he was cooperating with authorities.

Child Protective Services later took custody of the boy.

The Associated Press reported this week that Rodriguez's mother told Fullerton police that the father had arrived at a church carnival Saturday and fled with the boy after the parents argued.

June 23 Enterprise wins state contest

The Clarendon Enterprise won first place for its new website during the 2009 Texas Better Newspaper Contest this past weekend.

Winners were announced Saturday during the 131st annual summer convention of the Texas Press Association in San Antonio. The Enterprise competed against 23 other weekly newspapers in Division 9.

The new website, ClarendonLive.com, was rated "excellent" by contest judges for content, ease of use, and design. Judges also liked online poll, local links, and the archives available on the site.

CC starts presidential search process

Clarendon College began the long process of selecting a new president last week after the Board of Regents reviewed criteria set by a search committee.

The board studied the suggested qualifications and characteristics the committee wants in a new president at their regular meeting June 17 and made a few recommendations, CC President Bill Auvenshine said.

The 11-member committee then met Tuesday night to finalize that list and approve ad listings and content for a brochure for prospective applicants.

June 30 City welcomes visitors to celebration

The people of Clarendon once again are set to welcome visitors to their annual Saints' Roost Celebration, and a full list of activities are set for this weekend.

Celebrating America's independence is a tradition here that dates back to July 4, 1878, when Christian Colonists who settled Old Clarendon gathered for the occasion. The festivities have changed some over the years, but people still return to Saints' Roost every year for a good time and to get reacquainted with old friends.

The 133rd annual celebration will be held July 1-3 with the Fourth falling on Sunday this year.

All Stars headed to state

The nine- to ten-year-old All Star baseball team will advance to the state tournament in Denver City,

Texas, during July 10-15 after competing well in the District tournament last weekend.

The team consists of 14 players and is coached under manager Jeremy Hicks, Brad Elam, Cameron Word and Casey Cobb. They played on June 26 and 27 and lost to North Randall and Hereford but won to Canyon.

The team consists of 14 boys all but one of whom is from Clarendon. They are Garrett Barnett of Panhandle along with Clarendon's Joshua Cobb, Damarjae Cortez, Andy Davis, Noab Elam, Preston Elam, Ben Haney, Payton Hicks, Payton Havens, Kade Hunsaker, Nathan Shadle, Raylyn Shelton, and Colt Wood. Also on the team is Gavin Word, who did not play this past weekend but will be playing in Denver City.

Suspect steals car, leaves his photo behind

A Hedley woman had her car stolen last Tuesday during a quick stop at a local convenience store.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Timber Lee Potts had filled her 1995 Cadillac with gas at Uncle Bob's and then went in the store.

"A kid came in there and asked if they had a Western Union," Potts said. "Tonja (Ruthardt) told him he would have to go to Lowe's in Clarendon for that. He left, and when I went out about 20 minutes later, my car was gone."

Potts said she didn't immediately react because she thought Travis Ruthardt was playing a prank on her and had just hidden her car.

"By the time we called the sheriff, he probably had an hour head start," Potts said of the subject.

Blackburn said the subject turned out to be Clint Stevens of Wichita Falls, who left his girlfriend's 2005 Kia at Uncle Bob's and inside was information that identified the subject as well as a picture of him.

July 7 Hedley city employees all resign

Hedley citizens crowded into City Hall there Monday night for a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen after all three city employees turned in their resignations last week.

Alderman Tonya Metcalf told the Enterprise Tuesday that City Secretary Randy Shaw announced his resignation during the regular board meeting July 1 and that Shaw's wife, City Clerk Rhonda; and city maintenance worker Roger Hagar also resigned.

The resignations take effect at the end of this month, Metcalf said. She hoped Shaw would reconsider his decision.

"City Secretary sounds like

someone who sits in a chair all day," Metcalf said. "Randy does not sit in a chair."

Wreck sends two to hospital

Two people remain hospitalized as the Enterprise went to press this week following a two-vehicle collision near Howardwick Monday.

Ricardo Grajedo of Pampa was traveling north on SH 70 in a 2001 Chevy Tahoe at 5:41 p.m. when he veered to the left and struck a 2008 Dodge pickup driven by Rubin Cantu, Jr., of Hobbs, NM, who was in the turning lane preparing to turn left onto Rick Husband Blvd. Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said.

The Dodge was struck in the right rear corner and came to rest in the west ditch of SH 70 pointing southeast. The Tahoe came to rest in the middle of SH 70 pointing southwest.

Amarillo teen becomes 23rd person to drown at Greenbelt

A young man from Amarillo lost his life while swimming at Lake Greenbelt Sunday afternoon.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 17-year-old Justin Angel Salazar had been at the lake with his girlfriend, her brother, and another friend since last Friday and was north of Sandy Beach when the accident occurred.

"He was swimming in that area and couldn't make it back (to shore)," the sheriff said. "One of his friends tried to help him, but he was fighting too hard, which drowning people often do."

July 14 City, county okay sheriff's contract

Donley County Commissioners' Court approved a new contract between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Clarendon last Tuesday, and city officials followed suit this week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the new five-year agreement for law enforcement services in the city will provide his office with annual two percent increases.

The current contract amount is for \$130,000.

July 21 Hedley hires new staff

The Hedley Board of Aldermen hired new staff members during a called meeting Tuesday night, July 20.

Mayor Dusty Wilkinson tells the Enterprise that Bill Parris will succeed Randy Shaw as City Secretary, and Leah McCleskey, and Jason Conatser will be the city's new clerk and maintenance worker.

Farris began work Wednesday, Wilkinson said. McCleskey and Conatser will begin next Monday.

Jury finds Randall guilty of assault

A Donley County jury convicted Michael Randall of the second degree felony offense of sexual assault of a child last Thursday, July 15, and sentenced him to 13 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Randall, a 22-year-old Clarendon resident, was arrested for the offense of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a sexual assault on May 29, 2009. The Donley County Sheriff's Office earlier that day had received a report that a man had forced his way into an apartment on Rosenfield Street and assaulted a 15-year-old girl.

Enterprise wins WTPA awards

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received three first place honors in the West Texas Press Association's 2009 Better Newspaper Contest last Saturday, July 17.

Results of the contest were announced during the WTPA's 79th annual convention at the MCM Grande Dome in Odessa.

The ENTERPRISE won first place in Advertising with two ads. One was a Cornell's Country Store ad designed by Julie Shields, which judges praised for its ability to attract the right target audience through the good use of photography and copy. The other ad was an Enterprise-D "Postal Hike" ad designed by Ashlee Estlack that pokes fun at the Post Office. Judges said the headline and illustration worked hand in hand to get the selling point over immediately which is the key to a strong ad.

July 28 New city secretary at Hedley resigns

The City of Hedley hired and lost a new city secretary in less than a week as officials there continue the search for Randy Shaw's successor.

The Board of Aldermen met in a called session Tuesday, July 20, and hired Bill Farris to replace Shaw, who is leaving the city July 31 after 19 years. Farris began work the next day, but City Hall reports that he quit two days later on Friday.

"I guess it was more than he could handle or expected," Mayor Dusty Wilkinson told the Enterprise.

Local man dies after truck rolls

A single-vehicle accident in Collingsworth County claimed the life of a local man Friday afternoon.

Sean P. Campbell, a 22-year-old ranch hand from Clarendon, died at the scene of the accident, according Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne.

August 4 Hedley taps Conatser for secretary

Jason Conatser was tapped as the next city secretary in Hedley

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Statins May Help People with Asthma Breathe Easier

Surprising research out of New York's Beth Israel Medical Center shows that people with asthma who take a cholesterol lowering "statin type" medication may see their lung function improve. Scientists compared the capacity of the lungs to breathe in and out as well as "rescue" inhaler use just before and two months after starting statin therapy. In this short time period, individuals evaluated were able to breathe more air than they could before starting a statin medicine. Also, study participants did not have to use their rescue inhalers as much, indicating they had fewer "asthma attacks". The statins used in this study were simvastatin (Zocor) and atorvastatin (Lipitor).

According to the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, over 22 million Americans are living with asthma. Asthma causes inflammation in the lining of the lungs that narrows the airways making it harder to breathe. When asthma symptoms flare up, people experience chest tightness, breathlessness, wheezing, and coughing, especially during the night.



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2010: High-speed chase goes from Memphis thru Hedley

during a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Thursday.

Conatser succeeds Randy Shaw, who has held the position for almost 19 years. Shaw's last day of full time employment was Friday. He announced his resignation July 1, and City Clerk Rhonda Shaw and maintenance worker Roger Hager resigned also.

August 11 Donley County courthouse in state magazine

Clarendon is getting some good press as part of a "True, Texas" series in the September issue of Texas Highways.

The magazine calls True "a collective community of imagination" that features landmarks and icons from across the state that symbolize one idea of the authentic Texas.

August 18 Clarendon Aldermen won't raise taxes, fees

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen will hold the line on property taxes and are not planning to increase utility fees according to the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011.

Aldermen are planning to keep the city's ad valorem tax rate at the current \$0.65 per \$100 valuation to support this budget. Fees for city services are also unchanged. The city expects to generate \$296,617 in property taxes, but due to lower property valuations, that is about \$10,520 less in total expected tax revenue, Covey said.

Aldermen could have adopted an effective tax rate of \$0.673 to bring in the same revenue as last year, but they have chosen not to do that.

"I think the citizens would appreciate us not raising taxes," Alderman Larry Hicks said during last Tuesday's regular board meeting.

Accident hospitalizes mail carrier

A double car accident that occurred August 13 on County Road X at the JA Ranch caused local mail carrier Beverly Burrow to be airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Kellan Roberts said Nathan Gribble and passenger Ian Williams were traveling down the dirt road in a Ford pickup pulling a trailer, and Burrow was in a Chevy pickup. At approximately 8:05 a.m., both vehicles came around the curve at the same time, side-swapped, and hit the side of each other.

Elementary receives 'Exemplary' rating

Clarendon Elementary received high marks in the state's accountability system this year. Clarendon Elementary received an Exemplary rating for the second year in a row.

August 25 County budget \$39k lower than 2010

Donley County's budget will shrink slightly in fiscal year 2011, but a slightly higher tax rate will still be required to support it, according to documents on file in the County Clerk's office.

The \$1.9 million proposed budget is about \$39,000 less than the budget that was approved for 2010, but the ad valorem value of property in the county has also declined by more than \$2 million.

CC Regents give okay to \$9 million FY11 budget

The Clarendon College Board of Regents approved a \$9.097 million budget for fiscal year 2011 during their regular board meeting last Thursday, August 19.

The overall budget is about \$270,000 higher than the current budget, and it includes a one percent raise for college employees.

CC President Bill Auvenshine said the budget reflects higher maintenance tax collections in Gray and Childress counties as well as more revenue expected from tuition and fees.

September 1 Transmission line may bypass Donley County

A rare bird, fragile ecosystems, scenic landscapes, ancient fossil beds, and an outpouring of opposi-

tion may cause 15-miles of high-voltage electric transmission lines to be re-routed away from Donley County.

Cross Texas Transmission is seeking approval from state regulators to build the line from Childress County to Gray County. The company's preferred route was through the northeastern part of Donley County, but the proposed final order filed August 16 with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) seeks approval of Route 314, which bypasses Donley County in favor of a path through Collingsworth County.

September 8 CC athlete drowns at Greenbelt Lake

A Clarendon College student became the 24th person to drown at Greenbelt Lake Saturday evening, September 11.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 20-year-old Darlyn Gonzalez was reported as possibly drowned at 8:20 p.m., and his body was recovered at 11:02 p.m. by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Dive Team assisted by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's side sonar.

"He was apparently trying to swim to an island when he got out too far for his ability to swim," the sheriff said.

CC reports record enrollment

Clarendon College is reporting a record enrollment after the close of business on the 12th class day today.

CC officials say the college's fall headcount stands at 1,586, the highest in the school's 112-year history. The previous fall enrollment record was set last year with 1,422 students.

The enrollment breakdown is as follows: 486 in Clarendon, 416 in Pampa, 59 in Childress, and the balance in dual credit and online classes.

The college has grown steadily every year since 2006 when fall enrollment was 1,099.

Attendance down at third Blowout

The level of entertainment was high but the crowd was thinner at the third annual Saints' Roost Buck'N Blowout Rodeo last Saturday at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's Arena.

Estimates put this year's audience at about 748. That's down from over 1,500 last year, but organizers are optimistic they will break even.

September 15 Hicks is new Clarendon Mayor

Alderman Larry Hicks was named the 37th mayor of the City of Clarendon during the Board of Aldermen's regular meeting Tuesday night, September 14.

Hicks, who was already serving as mayor pro-tem, succeeds former mayor Chris Ford, who resigned last night citing personal reasons. His term will expire next May.

September 22 New leadership takes reins at City Hall

The City of Clarendon is under fresh leadership this week with a new mayor and a new interim administrator.

Larry Hicks was sworn in as the 37th mayor of Clarendon on Monday morning, and the same day Joe Pence of Wichita Falls came onboard to succeed Phyllis Jeffers as interim administrator.

Hicks had served about 1½ years as an alderman and was the city's mayor pro-tem. Following former mayor Chris Ford's resignation at last Tuesday's called meeting, the Board of Aldermen deliberated in closed session and then elected Hicks to serve the remainder of Ford's term, which expires next May.

September 29 Working hard to stay open

The Hedley Senior Citizens Center volunteers are constantly working, asking for donations and doing fundraisers in order to keep their facility going.

But that is still not enough. They are working in a 105-year-old building that is falling apart, and their only hope to continue their service is to build another building before it is too late.

"It's going to fall down," said

Kathy Spier, bookkeeper for the Senior Citizens Center. "There is absolutely no other place in town we could serve the elderly if something happens to this building."

To make donations to the Hedley Senior Citizens Center, either call Kathy or Patsy Spier at 806-856-0143 or e-mail hedleysr@valornet.com.

Pence out as interim

Clarendon's interim city administrator was let go after three days on the job last week as officials continue the process of finding a permanent administrator as well as filling a vacancy on the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Larry Hicks said he took action to end the employment of Joe Pence, who was contracted through the Texas First Group.

"My understanding is that we could end that relationship at any time," Hicks told the Enterprise on Friday.

Also at that meeting, the board appointed former alderman Janice Knopp to fill the vacancy that was created when Hicks was appointed as mayor two weeks ago in the wake of former mayor Chris Ford's resignation. Other names mentioned to fill that seat were Doug Kidd and John Lockhart. The term expires in May.

October 6 Battling cancer

Local residents Pat Archuleta and Jo Ann Schaefer both discovered a way to strengthen their faith, family bonds and their values of life.

Not without a cost, though. Both women are survivors of breast cancer, a life threatening disease that permanently transformed their outlooks on life.

"Surviving breast cancer makes you appreciate life a whole lot more," Archuleta said. "It makes you realize how mortal you really are, and you realize what's really important in your life."

Student jailed after text threat

A Memphis High School student is out on bond this week after he allegedly sent a threatening text message to a student at Hedley High School.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a call from the Hedley School about 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 4, that a student had received a threat.

Officers took statements from Hedley students and obtained enough information for a warrant then went to Memphis to arrest 17-year-old student there on the third degree felony charge of Terroristic Threat.

October 20 Aldermen tap Little as next administrator

Lambert Little was the unanimous choice as the next city administrator when the Clarendon Board of Aldermen met last Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Mayor Larry Hicks said he thinks Little will do a good job for the city and be able to save money due to his experience.

Aldermen praised Little's experience, knowledge of municipal laws, and good sense of humor during their discussion, and the board approved a salary of \$50,000 plus benefits.

In a telephone interview this week, Little told the Enterprise he is looking forward to coming to Clarendon.

"I'm excited, and I'm loading up the motor home right now so that I have a place to camp out for a while," Little said.

A century of living

What is the secret to living a century?

Just ask Custis Lee (C.L.) Benson, Jr. He knows the answer.

"Tend to your own business and stay focused," he said. "There's not too many of us out there."

Benson celebrated his 100th birthday on October 7. His family and friends gave him a party on October 9, where he became one of the few who get the chance to blow out the candles in celebration of a century of life.

October 27 Methodist Church to celebrate 100 years

The First United Methodist

Church of Clarendon is inviting the public to attend a 100th anniversary celebration next weekend, November 6-7.

Established in 1888, the church started out at the southeast corner of Fourth and Kearney Streets, but the congregation quickly outgrew that wood frame building. So in 1910, the present building was erected at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson.

That same year, the building, which still serves the church today, was the birthplace of the present Northwest Texas and Central Texas annual Methodist Conferences.

To commemorate the opening of this beautiful structure and the organization of the two conferences, the First United Methodist Church will hold a celebration Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7.

CC candidates interviewing

Clarendon College is winding up the search for its next president this week as finalists make visits to the campus and meet the public.

Dr. Steven Hilterbran of Baton Rouge Community College in Louisiana and Dr. Gary Stretcher of Lamar State College in Port Arthur were here earlier this week. Two candidates will be on campus October 28 for interviews and receptions. Dr. David Smith, President of Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia, will be in an open forum at 11 a.m. in the Hamed Sisters Fine Arts Center; and Dr. Phil E. Shirley, President of Southeast Arkansas College in Pine Bluff, Ark., and former CC dean of instruction, will meet the public at the Bairfield Activity Center at 9 a.m.

Dr. Roger Stacy, Immediate Past President of Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Okla., will close the week on Friday with a reception at the BAC at 11 a.m.

November 4 Shirley to be new CC President

Dr. Phil Shirley was selected as the next president of Clarendon College during a called meeting of the Board of Regents yesterday.

The board unanimously selected Shirley from five finalists who all interviewed here last week. Board Vice Chairman Dr. John Howard called Shirley, and he accepted the position and signed a contract that was electronically transmitted to him.

Shirley will begin his duties at CC on January 1, 2011. He is currently serving as president of Southeastern Arkansas College in Pine Bluff, Ark., and previously served as Dean of Instruction at Clarendon College from 1986 to 1990.

Guilty plea gets woman three years on probation

A Clarendon woman was placed on deferred adjudication Monday after pleading guilty to aggregated theft when the district court met in Wellington.

Amanda Renee Roys was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of aggregation of amounts involved in theft. Roys pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Roys, a 26-year-old resident of Clarendon, was arrested in Collingsworth County for the offense that took place on July 9, 2009. Roys was the secretary of Collingsworth County Attorney

Keith Davis where the aggregated thefts took place.

"Texas Ranger Jay Foster did an excellent job in investigating this case which resulted in the plea today," said Inman. "His expertise in aggregated theft investigations is exceptional and is very appreciated by my office."

Owls make playoffs for first time

Amidst much excitement Friday night, the 2010 Hedley Owls made school play-off history by beating the Happy Cowboys 52 to 30.

The Owls still have one district game left to play on Friday at 7:30 in Groom against the Tigers, but regardless of the outcome the Owls are still headed to the play-offs for the first time since Hedley began playing six-man football.

November 11 District Champions

The last time the words Broncos

and District Champions were associated was almost thirty years ago in 1981. This year's team proved to everyone it could happen again.

The 2010 regular season has ended, and Bronco fever is everywhere as the school and community are anticipating a stellar play-off run that will begin sometime the week before Thanksgiving.

It has been a season for the record books as the Bronco team demolished team after team to go 9-1 on the year. The Broncos' only loss came in their season opener to New Deal, and the spread was a mere two points. The Panhandle Panthers were the most recent team to bow to the Broncos, which resulted in a huge 48-7 win.

November 18 Sanchez pleads guilty to assault

A man accused of committing sexual assault in the Clarendon nursing home was convicted of the crime last week.

Richard Sanchez entered a guilty plea in district court and was sentenced to eight years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sanchez was sentenced for the second degree felony offense of sexual assault, enhanced to a first degree due to his previous criminal history.

Sanchez, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on March 12, 2010, and April 26, 2010. He was accused of sexually assaulting a resident of Community Care Center of Clarendon, where the Donley County Sheriff's Office said Sanchez had worked for five years.

Local girl rolls truck

A Clarendon girl remained hospitalized this week after she rolled her vehicle Sunday afternoon while using her cell phone.

Krista Reynolds, age 16, was in Lubbock's University Medical Center in the pediatric ICU, her father, Steve Reynolds reported. She was texting and driving and not wearing her seat belt, he said.

DPS Trooper Chad Simpson said Reynolds was driving a 1998 Ford F-150 pickup and negotiating a curve on FM 2362 west of Clarendon when the right tires traveled off the roadway and into the south ditch. Reynolds overcorrected while steering to the left, went back onto the highway, and then overcorrected to the right.

Simpson said the truck then slid sideways into the south ditch, rolled 2¼ times, and went through a fence before coming to rest on its right side in a pasture.

Reynolds was ejected from the vehicle as it rolled, Simpson said.

Shelton runs well at state

She set her sights on something big early on, and for one Lady Bronco athlete those goals became reality.

Audrey Shelton has worked hard for the reward and the paycheck came this past weekend in Round Rock. Shelton went through every obstacle she could get there and not surprisingly ran in the State Cross-Country Meet Saturday, November 13 against 103 other runners.

Her time of 12:46 for the two-mile course was good enough for 25th place. Not bad for the sophomore's first trip to state.

November 25 Calls for ambulance service rising

A recent increase in ambulance calls has the Associated Ambulance Authority baffled as to the cause.

In 2004, the highest number of monthly calls was 49. This year, the highest number is 96 calls in September, and there are two other months that have received 95 calls.

"We've never seen this much activity," Ambulance Administrator Anna Howard said. "We've steadily crept up on our number of calls, but nothing like this year. For unknown reasons, this year has had an amazing jump."

According to Howard, there are a few more medical calls than trauma, but on average they are the same.

"We don't have a good explanation because it's not all one thing," Howard said. "Our car accident calls have actually decreased since I came

here in 2002. We see all sorts of different medical issues, like strokes and heart attacks as well as trauma, so it's hard to pinpoint what the problem is."

December 2 High-speed chase goes through Hedley

A Memphis man remains in custody in the Hall County Jail this week after he led officers on a high speed chase in two counties before being shot and eventually captured in Donley County last Wednesday, November 24.

The subject, Terry James Mackie of Memphis, had fled from officers at the Hall County Courthouse as he was being arrested on a warrant to revoke his probation for burglary, Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said. Mackie reportedly assaulted a Hall County Deputy before fleeing in the car. He led officers on a chase around Memphis before leaving town on SH 256 and then eventually into Donley County.

December 9 Wise Co. man kills self here

A Wise County man who shot himself in Clarendon Sunday morning, December 5, may have planned his death for several weeks officials believe.

The body of 74-year-old Jackie Vaughn Rhodes was discovered on the ground at about 8 a.m. in the 200 block of West First Street, Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said.

Rhodes had one gunshot wound to the left side of his chest, the sheriff said, and a .380 semi-automatic pistol was found at the scene.

Wise County Sheriff David Walker told the Enterprise that Rhodes was arrested on October 21 and charged with indecency with a child. He was out on \$25,000 bond.

As to why Rhodes chose Clarendon as the place to end his life, Blackburn said the man's father and son are buried in Citizens Cemetery, and the Enterprise has learned that Rhodes grew up in northern Donley County near Alanreed.

December 16 Sex offender in custody after assault

The Donley County Sheriff's Department arrested Gabriel Callis of Lelia Lake after he assaulted a relative and threatened suicide last week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a call at 7:28 p.m. last Thursday, December 9, from a residence in the 300 block of South Woodrow Street in Lelia Lake, reporting that Gabriel Callis was in the house with a gun and had been threatening suicide for two hours.

December 23 City takes steps to improve streets, water

The City of Clarendon last week took its first steps to addressing what have been two major complaints among its citizens for several years - streets and water quality.

During their regular meeting last Tuesday, city aldermen approved purchasing an Asphalt Zipper for \$73,000 that will grind up pothole filled streets to form a smooth, solid base that can later be seal coated.

City Administrator Lambert Little had been directed to find the used device after he discussed the idea with the board during a planning session last month.

"I'm 100 percent sold that this is the only way we're going to be able to do anything, and we might as well get with it," Little told the board.

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