

Babcock trial moved to Hall County

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

The trial for accused child killer Robert Babcock will be held in Hall County instead of Donley County following a pre-trial court hearing in Clarendon last Tuesday, December 20.

Babcock is accused of beating his son, who died on January 5. According to previous reports, preliminary results of an autopsy conducted the next day revealed that the boy died from blunt force trauma to the head and that he also suffered internal injuries from trauma to the torso.

District Judge Stuart Messer last week partially granted the defense's request for a change of venue. Defense attorney Dale Rabe argued for moving the trial to Vernon or Wichita Falls, but District Attorney Luke Inman said he did not agree with moving the trial out of the district.

Judge Messer said the court would first try to impanel an impartial jury in Hall County before it would consider moving the venue further.

Babcock's attorney also sought permission to prepare questionnaires for potential jurors, and Messer allowed that request but asked the defense to collaborate with the DA's office in the preparation of the questionnaire.

Messer also granted the defense's request to independently verify the results of tests the state had performed of damage to a wall at the crime scene.

The defense also sought to suppress three statements – interviews of the defendant conducted by the Donley County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers – totaling 6½ hours of recordings. During the hearing, Sheriff Butch Blackburn and Texas Ranger Jamie Downs testified about interviewing Babcock last January. Both men testified that Babcock had been properly read his rights, that he never asked for an attorney, and that he remained calm throughout the interviews.

Judge Messer himself will review all 6½ hours of recordings before making a ruling on whether to allow them to be admitted as evidence. Messer will also be reviewing autopsy photos that the state intends to use in its prosecution of Babcock.

Also on Tuesday, the court invoked a rule prohibiting potential witnesses in the case from being in the courtroom while other witnesses testify and from discussing the case with anyone except the attorneys in the case.

Babcock remains in the Donley County Jail with bond set at \$1 million. His trial is set to begin January 17.

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Pilgrim Bank marks first hundred years

Pilgrim Bank this month celebrated 100 years of service in their bank charter town of Pittsburg, in Northeast Texas. The Pittsburg office is situated as the gateway to downtown, and is only two blocks from the original downtown bank building that was occupied in 1911.

Many dignitaries were at the celebration, and proclamations from the Pittsburg mayor and Governor Perry were read and presented to the Pilgrim Bank Board of Directors Chairman Emeritus, "Bo" Pilgrim.

Flags that had been flown over our nation's capitol and our Texas capitol were presented to Pilgrim Bank for their time capsule, from Texas Senator Kevin Eltife and Congressman Ralph Hall.

After dedicating the items going into a 30 year Time Capsule, Pittsburg 4th graders sang "Happy Birthday" as a cake with sparklers was wheeled outside,



Bo Pilgrim (left) accepts recognition during the 100th anniversary of Pilgrim Bank.

then everyone released balloons into the air, followed by a Chamber ribbon cutting which concluded the ceremony.

Pilgrim Bank has 7 full service community bank locations across this great state of Texas. Northeast Texas locations are in Pittsburg, Mt Pleasant and Sulphur Springs, and Wellington and Clarendon are located in the Texas Panhandle, with combined total assets of over \$380 million.

State plans three shot clinics here

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold three immunization clinics in Clarendon during the month of January.

Clinics will be held January 5, 12, and 19 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to

3:00 p.m. The first ten clients at each time will be seen.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

Please bring immunization records for children to receive vaccines.

Stock show will be held on January 7

The Donley County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 7, at the Donley County Activity Center north of

Clarendon.

The show will start at 8 a.m. with the meal at 6 p.m., and the sale will start at 7 p.m.



Big Frosty

The kids spending Christmas morning at the home of Dan and Teresa Dronzek got serious when they decided to build their snow family Sunday morning, erecting a snowman that topped out at 12 feet tall. Shown here are (back) Elliot Frausto, Bradley Watson, Trevela Dronzek, Zach Watson, (front) Easton Frausto, Peyton Hicks, and Kaylin Hicks.

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Obituaries

Stephens

Wilson Lee Stephens, 92, died Sunday, December 25, 2011, in Wellington.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in Bowie Street Church of Christ in Wellington with Don Stone & Bright Newhouse, officiating. Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Stephens was born March 1, 1919, in Roby to John Henry and Minnie Mae Stephens. He married Zora Baker on July 4, 1946, in Memphis. He was a World War II Veteran serving in the US Army. He had been a resident of Hedley and loved to play dominoes at the Hedley Sr. Citizens every day. He also loved to fish. He was a farmer and also worked for Donley County for several years. He was a member of the Hedley Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, on October 15, 2008; a son, Roy Lee Stephens; a grandson, Neal Wade Duncan; five brothers; and one sister.

He is survived by two sons, Coy

Stephens and wife Ellen of Fritch, and Henry Stephens and wife Nancy of Hedley; two daughters, Barbara Duncan and husband Herbert, and Pattie Gilbert and husband Bill all of Wellington; a sister, Donnie Mae Selby of Hedley; 10 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

The family request memorials be sent to the Hedley Sr. Citizens.

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Smith

Billy Joe Smith, 70, died Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in Memphis.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in the First Baptist Church in Memphis with Rev. Judge E. Smith, Jr. and Brother Woodrow Richardson, Sr., officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, 1644 North 18th Street in



Memphis.

Billy was born June 23, 1941, in Clarendon to B.W. & Beatrice Smith. He had been a resident of Memphis for over 23 years.

He enjoyed fishing, cooking, and was a master at barbecue. He loved spending time with his family, loved children, and met no stranger.

He also loved doing charity work and was a part of the outreach prison ministry. He was a member of the Morningside Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Patricia Smith; a grandson, Acon Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his companion for 24 years, Mae Newsome Smith of Memphis; five daughters, Lettie Griffin of San Diego, CA, Betty Watson of Cuba, Cleatrice Jones of New York, Josette Agnew of Missouri, and Kimberlyn Smith of Wichita Falls; four brothers, Bobby Smith of Amarillo, Curtis Smith of Croley, B.W. Smith of Amarillo, and Archie Smith of Mesquite; three sisters, Essie McCampbell, JoAnn Brown, and Doris Gardner all of Clarendon; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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2011: Local man facing charges for murdering son

January 5, 2011

Local man accused of murdering son

A Donley County man is facing a capital murder charge tonight in the death of his 4 1/2-year-old son.

Robert Monroe Babcock, age 38, will be arraigned tomorrow for the crime, which occurred yesterday morning.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a 911 call from Babcock Tuesday at 9:40 a.m. reporting that his son was unresponsive.

When emergency personnel and law enforcement arrived at the residence southeast of Clarendon, they found Chance Mark Jones on the floor in a bedroom, Blackburn said.

"It was obvious that he was unresponsive and evident that he had been assaulted," the sheriff said. "He had trauma to his head and torso."

The child was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital via Life-Star, and Babcock was taken in for an interview and held on a family violence charge.

Jones died at 6:42 a.m. this morning, and a capital murder warrant was obtained for Babcock. He was formally charged this evening.

January 5, 2011

Shirley takes over as new CC president

Clarendon College is under a new administration this week after Dr. Phil Shirley took office as president Monday.

Shirley becomes the 18th sitting president of the Panhandle's oldest college and is no stranger to Clarendon, having served as CC's Dean of Instruction from 1986 to 1990. He said Monday is very happy to be back.

January 6, 2011

Babcock arraigned on murder charge

Thirty-eight-year-old Robert Babcock was arraigned Thursday morning at the Donley County Sheriff's Office by Justice of the Peace Connie Havens in connection with the death of his four-year-old son.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said bond was set at \$1 million on the charge of Capital Murder, a capital felony; and Havens also set a bond of \$100,000 on the charge of Domestic Violence/Injury to a Child, a first degree felony.

Authorities say Babcock beat his son, Chance Mark Jones, Tuesday morning, and the boy died as a result of his injuries Wednesday morning in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Blackburn said investigators believe the abuse began December 24 and "continued on and off until Tuesday morning."

January 12, 2011

Farris, Hommel top beef divisions

Caden Farris and Tres 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.

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

Other top winners were Brenden

Hough and his Grand Champion Lamb; Kylie Phillips' Grand Champion Goat, Katie Adams' Grand Champion Swine, and Hannah Hommel with her Grand Champion Gilt.

January 17, 2011

City Administrator's plane crashes near airport

An airplane piloted by Clarendon City Administrator Lambert Little crash landed about one mile east of the Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport Sunday night, January 16.

Little, age 54, survived the crash and was extricated from his 1959 Cessna fixed wing single engine plane by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department. He was transported by Associated Ambulance Authority to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he was in stable condition. The Texas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol reported that Little was being treated for an apparent broken leg.

January 19, 2011

Thornberry scores high on AFP card

AUSTIN – Texas enjoys a strong position within Congress today, and there's no better way to gauge their potential leadership in 2011 than to look back over their legislative decisions in 2009-2010.

Who made the grade with America's taxpayers? Who didn't make the cut?

Americans for Prosperity released its scorecard for the 111th Congress today, and Texas' delegation continues to hold true to the state's reputation of fiscal responsibility.

Texas Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn both earned "A" grades for their votes on 25 bills dealing with economic freedom issues that were key-voted by AFPE.

On the House side, 18 Texas congressmen earned either an "A+" or "A" grade on 19 key-voted bills. Among those earning an "A" was Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), who scored 90 percent. Eight other members earned passing grades, and seven members earned a failing grade.

"Texans should know how their Congressional members voted on key policy issues," said AFP State Director Peggy Venable. "Three of the lower-scoring Texas members did not return for the 112th Congressional session and were replaced by fiscal conservatives."

January 19, 2011

Unexpected company

Three strangers who literally dropped out of the air at one Donley County couple's home recently ended up staying two days and becoming good friends.

Bill and Betty Ann Sansing had been to a funeral Sunday afternoon, January 9, when they returned to their ranch home north of Clarendon. As they drove up to the house, they came upon a site they never would have expected – a helicopter had landed by their barn.

"We didn't know what to think," Betty Ann Sansing recalled. "We just wondered, 'Is this for real?'"

Just minutes earlier, Robert Myers, along with his father, Jack, and his son, Haden, had been flying in the four-seat Robertson R44 helicopter,

going home to Skiatook, northwest of Tulsa, Okla., after visiting relatives in Clovis, New Mexico.

"We thought we could make it to Watonga (Okla.), but we ran into fog," Robert said.

January 26, 2011

State budget proposal targets colleges

Clarendon College and other Texas community colleges were shocked last Wednesday when a budget proposal from the Texas House of Representatives cut \$767 million from their funding and eliminated state support entirely for four colleges, including Frank Phillips at Borger.

But new CC President Phil Shirley urged people not to panic in the light of the news and said a lot will change before the final budget is approved.

"There is a lot of saber rattling going on right now [in Austin]," Shirley told the CC Board of Regents at its regular meeting Thursday. "There will be terrible recommendations, but I don't think the state will close anyone."

January 26, 2011

Thornberry votes to repeal new health care law

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. House of Representatives last week voted to repeal the new health care law, taking the initial step toward rolling back the massive overhaul.

Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), who sponsored the repeal bill, voted in favor of the measure, which is a straight repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and all health care and tax provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

"This law is bad for our businesses, for our patients and doctors, and for the country. It's already negatively affected care and costs. People continue to want it repealed, and tonight, the House took the first major step toward meeting that expectation," said Thornberry.

February 2, 2011

DWI, assault cases lead pleas

The 100th District Court heard six pleas resulting in convictions in cases ranging from Driving While Intoxicated to Assault on a Public Servant and Burglary when it met in Clarendon last Monday, January 24.

A total of \$12,500 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on January 24. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$3,012 in court costs and \$22,000 restitution.

February 10, 2011

Broncos roll on in District

The Broncos continued their dominance of District 3-1A last week as they rolled to a 6-0 record in District play.

Last Wednesday the Broncos took down Wheeler 60-39 on the road. Seniors Johnny Gaines and Brayden Phillips teamed up and accounted for 44 of the Broncos' total points.

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Community Calendar

December 28-30
Broncos & Lady Broncos at Canadian Tournament • TBA • in Canadian

December 29
Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v. Sanford Fritch • 1 p.m. • at Sanford Fritch

January 1
New Year's Day

January 6
Lady Broncos v. Memphis • JV at 6 p.m. • Varsity at 7:30 p.m. • in Memphis

Broncos v. White Deer • JV at 6 p.m. • Varsity at 7:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v. Lefors • 6 p.m. • Hedley Gym

January 7
Donley County Junior Livestock Show




January 12
Clarendon Family Medical Center Weight Loss Challenge Weigh-In

Menus

January 2 - 6

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY - CLOSED.
Tue: Hot dog on bun, baked potatoes, sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple bowl, low fat milk/tea.
Wed: Crispy chicken/bun, tomato, lettuce, pickle, carrot & raisin salad, potato wedges, fruit cocktail, low fat milk/tea.
Thur: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, Mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk/tea.
Fri: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, orange & pineapple cup, pumpkin squares, low fat milk/tea.

weather report				
Day	Date	High	Low	Pres.
Mon.	19	62°	35°	34"
Tues	20	49°	28°	15"
Wed	21	33°	24°	60"
Thur	22	57°	28°	-
Fri	23	33°	19°	-
Sat	24	44°	20°	-
Sun	25	45°	27°	21"
4" snow on Sunday = 21" moisture				
Total precipitation this month: 1.25"				
Total precipitation for the year: 11.64"				

weekend forecast	
	Friday, Jan. 6 Sunny 58°/32°
	Saturday, Jan. 7 Sunny 57°/32°
	Sunday, Jan. 8 Sunny 52°/28°

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2011: Broncos make state tournament

February 10, 2011
Firemen have close call at accident

Four Clarendon firemen narrowly escaped injury or death while directing traffic at an accident west of town Saturday morning.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said volunteer firemen Michael Newhouse, Jackie Bell, Chris Wilson, and Chuck Robertson were lucky to be alive after 82-year-old J.W. Noble of Claude sped past over half a mile of vehicles parked in the inside southbound lane of US 287 and narrowly missed the men.

Simpson said Newhouse had to run out of the outside lane to avoid being struck by Noble, who then ran through traffic cones set up to block the lane, and continued on a collision course with Bell, Wilson, and Robertson, who were standing behind a Clarendon fire truck. The three men also ran out of the way as Noble struck the fire truck, which was then knocked into a Nissan SUV driving by Michael Trevino of Weatherford, Texas.

"I'm so thankful that we didn't lose four of our firemen Saturday morning," Simpson said.

February 10, 2011
Mulkey receives state recognition

The Mulkey Theatre was named to the list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places during an announcement at the State Capitol by Preservation Texas Wednesday morning.

The high profile designation had been sought by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation and the Mulkey Advisory Committee as a way to raise awareness about the need to save the historic theatre.

Mulkey Advisory Committee Chair MaryRuth Bishop said the announcement draws attention to the importance of old theatres and to the work of saving the Mulkey.

"It shows the value put on the Mulkey not just by us in Clarendon but by others in Texas," Bishop said. "It really is priceless in a way, and it will help others see the importance of giving to save the Mulkey and make it a vital part of our community."

February 10, 2011
Clifford wins Chamber's top award

Fred Clifford was honored with the 2010 Saints' Roost Award for his lifetime of service to the community during the annual Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night. Woman of the Year recognition went to Ashlee Estlack, and Bill Auvenshine was named the Man of the Year for 2010.

The Chamber also recognized Denise Bertrand and MaryRuth Bishop as the Workhorses of the Year. Chuck Deyle was named the Pioneer Man for 2010. The Pioneer Woman for 2010 was Ismanell Gray.

Annie Patten was named the Young Woman of the Year from Clarendon. The Young Man of the Year from Clarendon was Richard Nino. The Hedley Young Woman of the Year was Kayley Shields, and the Hedley Young Man of the Year was Reid Copelin for excelling in all fields. Also recognized during the banquet were incoming chamber directors Britton Hall, Chrissy Woodrum, and Tex Buckhaults. Outgoing board members were Ashlee Estlack, Jerome Martinez, Henry Hermesmyer, Susan Word, and Regina Wooten.

February 16, 2011
City threatens to cut off Chamber funds

The City of Clarendon last week threatened to pull \$20,000 in funding from the Chamber of Commerce unless the organization changes the way it does business within 90 days.

The Board of Aldermen had expressed concerns to Chamber Executive Director Judy Burlin in the past about how the Chamber accounts for money it receives from the city's Motel Bed Tax, and those issues came to a head last Tuesday at the board's regular meeting.

"We have been trying to tell [Judy] for months that she has to improve the record keeping," Mayor Larry Hicks told the Enterprise. "Tax money has to be tracked penny for penny, and she has not kept track of it."

The city gives the Chamber \$5,000 per quarter from the Motel Bed Tax fund, and state laws dictate what types of expenditures the money can be used for.

February 16, 2011
Broncos blow Cyclones away

The Clarendon Broncos are District Champions once again. They sealed the championship at home Friday night against Memphis with one game to play as of press time.

The 68-47 win was a just one

more example of how strong the Broncos are this year and their unchallenged dominance on the court. According to head coach Brandt Lockhart, the game was topped off by great offensive play.

"We had a season high of 19 rebounds," Lockhart said. "And we did a good job of forcing turnovers."

February 23, 2011
Mulkey fundraising efforts get the spotlight

Fundraising to "Bring Back the Mulkey" is continuing and publicity for that effort got a boost over the weekend when Amarillo's ProNews 7 visited the historic theatre.

Reporter Matt Hamilton interviewed Clarendon Economic Development Board member Bill Stavenhagen, former Mulkey employee Renee Betts, and Donley County Historical Commission Chairman Jean Stavenhagen for the piece which aired Sunday evening and again Monday morning.

The report focused on local efforts to light up the marquee. The Bring Back the Mulkey Advisory Committee and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation hope to have that done this summer, and have set a goal of raising \$20,000 toward that end.

As of this week, more than \$5,300 has been raised and another \$500 has been pledged for the marquee restoration.

February 23, 2011
Five step forward to run for elections

Only three candidates have stepped forward to run for office one week into the sign-up period for local elections.

Former Clarendon alderman Tommy Hill has filed paperwork to run for that position again. The city will elect two aldermen and the mayor this year. Those positions are currently held by Mayor Larry Hicks and Aldermen Janice Knorrp and Ann Huey.

Donley County Hospital Board Director Melinda McAnear (Place 3) is seeking re-election. The hospital district has three positions coming up on its board this year.

The other positions are currently held by Bubba Newhouse (Place 2) and Wayne Tubbs (Place 1).

At Hedley ISD, Ted Wright has made it official that he will run for the remainder of the unexpired term he was appointed to last year. HISD also has three full positions up this year on the school board, and those seats are held now by James Lee Potts, Tonja Ruthardt, and Karen Watt.

Three other local governments have not had any candidates sign up as of Tuesday morning.

March 2, 2011
College, school funding at risk

Clarendon College and local public schools are bracing themselves for what could be severe budget cuts as state legislators deal with a huge revenue shortfall this year.

Local officials are not yet sure how badly their budgets will be impacted as lawmakers in Austin search for ways to bridge the gap of an estimated deficit of between \$15 billion and \$27 billion, but they say people need to act now and makes their voices heard in support of education.

CC President Phil Shirley testified before the State House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee in Austin two weeks ago, and he reports that the college is facing the possible loss of between \$800,000 and \$1.3 million over the next two years. In the worst case, Shirley said CC would have to shed between 10 and 15 employees and look at every aspect of college spending.

"Nothing will be sacrosanct," he said. "We'll look at programs, the course offerings, everything. We're just going to try to protect our students as much as we can."

March 2, 2011
Broncos advance

The Clarendon Broncos are moving on in post-season play after being named Area Champions by defeating Canadian 51-42 in Amarillo on Friday night.

The win put them in the Regional Quarter Final game against Gruver, which will be played on Wednesday night, March 2, at Tascosa High at 7:00 p.m.

The Broncos were in a dogfight Friday night as they tried to put space between them and the Wildcats. It was not easy, but senior standout Johnny Gaines took control of the game and the scoreboard as he finished with 34 points in the game.

March 2, 2011
Weekend fires burn 590 acres

High winds and dry conditions were primary factors when about 590 acres of Donley County land burned on

Sunday, February 27.

According to First Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Powell of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, two different fires blazed that day.

"That was one of the worst days I've seen," Powell said. "The winds on both fires were 30 to 40 sustained with gusts of 60 miles per hour. The relative humidity was around nine percent. The atmosphere was really dry."

March 9, 2011
Next stop: Austin

The Clarendon Broncos battled and muscled their way through two good opponents to capture the Regional Championship in Leveland at the Texan Dome on the campus of South Plains College.

Now, it all comes down to two games. The two most important games of the season await the Bronco team in Austin beginning Thursday.

The Clarendon Broncos suffered through a 41-year dry spell from the state basketball tournament, but broke new ground with a dominating team and a great coaching staff.

The last appearance at state by Clarendon's basketball team happened in 1970 when the Broncos played for the state title but were defeated by Kennard. Several present Clarendon residents were part of that team. The Broncos also made the state tournament the previous year but were defeated in the semi-final game. The 1968 team qualified for the Regional tournament but was unable to move on.

March 16, 2011
Three boards to have competitive elections this year

Three local governments will hold competitive elections this spring, while three other governments might cancel their elections due to a lack of candidates.

The City of Clarendon, the Clarendon ISD, and the City of Hedley have contested races and will hold elections.

Clarendon Mayor Larry Hicks has filed to run for his office again, and three candidates are running for the two open aldermen's positions - incumbent Janice Knorrp former aldermen Tommy Hill and Terry Noble.

Clarendon ISD has three candidates for two trustees' positions up this year. Incumbent Weldon Sears is seeking re-election, and Ke Shadle and former board member Renee Betts have also filed as a candidate.

The City of Hedley has four candidates for its three alderman positions - incumbents Tonya Metcalf, Travis Ruthardt, and David Wells and challenger Michelle Copelin.

March 16, 2011
Team makes history with great season

After recording a stellar season, the Clarendon Bronco basketball team was denied a shot at the State title after a disappointing loss to Tenaha in the semi-final game in Austin last Thursday.

The Broncos were ranked number one going into the semi-final game against Tenaha as they had been all year. But too many missed shots plagued the Broncos, and they fell 59-72. Tenaha would eventually finish second to Eula in the finals.

The Broncos were on fire in the opening period and led by seven in the middle of the second quarter. But the Tigers took control of the momentum and got hot from the field as they went on a 14-1 run to gain the lead.

March 23, 2011
Mulkey fundraising climbs past \$11k

The Mulkey Theatre was in the news again this week, this time on the front page of Tuesday's Amarillo Globe-News, and fundraising has now passed the halfway point for restoring the marquee.

Globe-News reporter Cheryl Berzanskis and photographer Stephen Spillman spent Friday morning exploring the theatre and visiting with Clarendon Economic Development Corp. board members Roger Estlack and Bill Stavenhagen.

As of this week, more than \$11,000 has been raised or pledged, which is more than halfway to the \$20,000 goal set by the CEDC and the Mulkey Advisory Committee.

March 23, 2011
Clarendon's Gaines makes All-State team

Senior Clarendon stand out Johnny Gaines was recently named to the All-State 1A Basketball Team, according to coach Brandt Lockhart.

Gaines has been a four-year starter at CHS for the Broncos and led his team to achieve many accomplishments. The greatest of which was the fact that it was Clarendon's first trip

to the State Basketball Tournament in Austin since 1970.

Gaines was also named to the All-Region team as was fellow senior Brayden Phillips, who also was instrumental in the Broncos' success this year. Gaines was named as the Most Valuable Player in the District 3-1A All-District Team. He was joined by Phillips and strong inside post player Mike Crump. Chris Crump and Justin Shillings received Honorable Mentions

March 23, 2011
Clarendon Aldermen select design for new city logo

The Texas Panhandle's oldest thriving town has a new logo and word mark that city leaders hope will bring a professional, unified look to marketing and promotion efforts.

In a called meeting last Tuesday, the Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted 3-0 to approve the new design after considering four options. The logo features a halo over the capital C and utilizes a Black Chancery font that reflects on Clarendon's 19th century origins. The word mark incorporates the logo to spell out "Clarendon" in red with "Texas" written in black smaller and to one side.

"The script looks like something from an old church hymnal and ties back to old Saints' Roost," said City Administrator Lambert Little.

Clarendon College Marketing Coordinator Ashlee Estlack designed the logo and the associated word mark.

March 30, 2011
Cornell hangs up the gas nozzle after sixty years

For Clarence Woodrow "Dude" Cornell, March 18, 2011, is a rather significant date. It was when the 83-year-old hung up his gas nozzle and watched his customer drive away for the last time in 60 years as he sold his final tank of gas.

"I finally ran out of insurance for my tanks, and it was time to renew, so I just ran out of gas," Dude said. "I couldn't afford it anymore."

Cornell Service, which first opened in 1951, was the last full service station in Clarendon.

April 6, 2011
Estlack to be honored by PPA Hall of Fame

A former local newspaper woman will be honored in this week when the Panhandle Press Association inducts two new members into its Hall of Fame. Ruby Dell Estlack, former co-owner of The Donley County Enterprise, will be honored alongside Doug McDonough of the Plainview Daily Herald.

Estlack worked for 38 years at The Donley County Leader in Clarendon, beginning shortly after she married George Wayne Estlack in 1936. They became the sole owners of the paper in 1958. During her career, she was very active with the PPA and attended many conventions. She and her late husband sold the paper in November 1974 to The Clarendon Press, but the Estlacks remained in the office supply and printing business into the mid-1990s.

April 6, 2011
Multiple charges filed following Sunday rollover

A 56-year-old woman from Dallas remains in critical condition after a single vehicle rollover on April 3 four miles west of Clarendon.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said that at around 6:30 p.m., 25-year-old Vanity Anderson of Arlington was driving a grey 1995 Mercury passenger car east bound on US Highway 287 carrying Amyah Cooks, age 3 of Arlington; Alypina Brooks, age 23, Tyrick Brooks, age 2, Terrance Brooks, age 1 all of North Richland Hills; Alma Anderson, age 48 of Ft. Worth and Wanda Williams, age 56 of Dallas.

April 13, 2011
Enterprise, Canadian share top PPA honor

The Clarendon Enterprise tied with The Canadian Record for General Excellence Award when the Panhandle Press Association announced the winners of its annual Better Newspaper Contest in Amarillo last Saturday.

Winners were announced at the close of the association's 101st annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel. The Enterprise won five first place plaques, five second place plaques, and two for third place.

April 13, 2011
County renews burn ban

Donley County Commissioners renewed a "Red Flag" Burn Ban during a called meeting last Wednesday.

The resolution bans outdoor burning on days labeled as a "Red Flag Warning" by the National Weather Service and the Texas Forest Service. No burning may occur within 24 hours of a

forecasted Red Flag event. All existing fires should be extinguished 24 hours prior to a Red Flag event.

County Judge Jack Hall on April 1 had issued an emergency executive order banning all outdoor burning, including barbecue grills, in the unincorporated areas of the county. That order is no longer in effect, and the commissioners' resolution does not include barbecue grills, the judge said.

April 20, 2011
Athletes qualify for regional meet

Several Broncos and Lady Broncos stayed strong in the Area Meet at Abernathy last Wednesday and earned the right to advance to the Regional Meet that will be held in Levelland May 2-3.

The top four in each event will compete at the next level. Several relays will get to run at the next level from both Broncos and Lady Broncos.

The Lady Bronco sprint relay finished in first place with a time of 51.27 and was run by Glory Bryley, Amber Keelin, Sarah Luttrell, and Marquada Gaines. The same four athletes ran the 800-meter relay and also took the top spot with a time of 1:48.73.

The Bronco 400-meter relay ran third with a time of 45.20 and was run by Chris Crump, Mike Crump, Charleston Harris, and Johnny Gaines.

April 20, 2011
Brady, Hysinger top students for CHS Class of 2011

Clarendon High School officials have announced the names of the top students for the Class of 2011 - Dominique Brady and Maegen Hysinger.

This year's Valedictorian is Dominique Brady with a GPA of 97.42. Dominique is the daughter of Kenneth and Christina Brady. This year's Salutatorian is Maegen Hysinger, daughter of Monty and Melody Hysinger. Maegen has a GPA of 93.33.

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April 20, 2011

Elementary students receive free lifejackets

Lifejackets are now in the hands of 287 Donley County students from HeadStart through 5th grade thanks to the combined efforts of the Associated Ambulance Authority and Greenbelt Water Authority.

Hedley elementary students received their jackets last Thursday, and Clarendon students got theirs on Monday. Both sets of students learned about water safety from EMS, volunteer firemen, and representatives from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Ambulance director Anna Howard said the project began last year when the ambulance service received a \$1,190.90 grant from the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council for injury prevention.

"We originally were just planning to have some lifejackets on hand and pass them out when we felt it was appropriate, but I mentioned it to Greenbelt and they matched the grant – and probably went over – and got jackets for all the elementary kids in the county."

April 27, 2011

Greenbelt nears Stage 3 drought level

Conserve where you can and pray for rain. That's the message this week from Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority, which is giving notice that it is in Stage 2 of its drought contingency plan and is nearing Stage 3.

The plan in both stages seeks to reduce consumption of water, but Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd says the real concern is weather.

"The problem is not usage. It's pure lack of rainfall and this hot, dry wind," Kidd said.

Greenbelt says the reservoir looses a huge amount of water – almost equal to what is consumed – to simple evaporation, which is worse in hot, windy weather.

May 4, 2011

Shirley optimistic about future of Clarendon College

Clarendon College President Phil Shirley is upbeat after travelling to Austin last week as the State Legislature continues to wrangle with budget woes and the fate of funding for community colleges.

CC has balanced its budget for 2011-2012 under the assumption that its state funding would be cut by 13 percent, but Shirley said he was given words of encouragement by Rep. Warren Chisum.

"Everything is still in a holding pattern waiting for Susan Combs' final projection," Shirley said. "In two weeks we should know a great deal more."

May 4, 2011

Green to lead CC athletics

Clarendon College has a new face overseeing Bulldog and Lady Bulldog sports this week as John Green takes the reins as the college's athletic director.

Green comes to Clarendon from Frank Phillips College in Borer where he spent 25 years as the AD and golf coach, and he was named the NJCAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2009, but he says sports will not be his sole focus.

"I'm a strong advocate of academics," Green said. "We want to set kids

up for success in life. Our games will be good entertainment, and I expect our kids to be role models."

May 4, 2011

CEDC to open bids on Mulkey marquee work

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation will meet next Thursday to open bids for the restoration of the Mulkey Theatre's marquee.

The CEDC Board of Directors met Monday and authorized advertising for bids for the marquee work as well as for new electrical circuits for the sign and for repairs to wood framing and plasterwork on part of the theatre's overhang.

As of this week, fundraising for the theatre has reached nearly \$16,000 either donated or pledged for the marquee restoration.

May 12, 2011

Plainview man runs, can't hide

A Plainview man was in the Donley County Jail Monday after he fled from state and local law enforcement last weekend.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said State Trooper Kellan Roberts had clocked a blue four-door Dodge pickup going at a high rate of speed on US 287 west of Clarendon shortly after midnight Saturday.

The vehicle fled north on SH 70 before turning onto County Road P and then turning back toward Clarendon on County Road 12. The vehicle end up in the bar ditch, and the driver, Raymond Morales, took off on foot. The sheriff's office and the Department of Public Safety searched for the suspect, and a DPS helicopter was called in from Amarillo to assist with the search.

After 2 a.m., the sheriff's office received a 911 call that a Hispanic man had run up to apartments on North Sully Street and was seen hiding under carpet there. Morales was arrested and booked into the jail, the sheriff said.

May 14, 2011

Sales tax increase passes in Howardwick

Howardwick voters today approved a measure to increase that city's sales tax by one quarter of one percent by 55 to 1.

Unopposed Mayor Del Essary received 55 votes, and unopposed write-in Alderman Gene Rogers received 50 votes.

May 19, 2011

Broncos defeat Nazareth for Area Championship

The Clarendon Bronco baseball team stifled Nazareth 8-2 in the Area round of the playoffs and earned the right to advance in post-season play. They were solid in their win and are looking to a trip to the state baseball game in June.

The Broncos began the game on a good note and scored all their runs in the first four innings. Nazareth's pitcher came alive in the last half of the game to shut down the Broncos' offense.

May 19, 2011

Gaines brings home silver medals

Johnny Gaines is no ordinary person and certainly no ordinary athlete.

Gaines qualified for the State Track Meet in Austin last weekend in three events, and even though Gaines missed out on the gold, by a combined

two and three-fourths inches in the two events, his performance in the meet was stellar.

Gaines jumped to two silver medals and ran for a seventh-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles. Gaines jumped a distance of 22'2 3/4" in the long jump for second place, which was only three-fourths of an inch behind the gold medalist.

May 19, 2011

CEDC awards bids for restoration of Mulkey marquee

Signs of progress are beginning to be seen at the Mulkey Theatre after the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation accepted two bids to begin working on the theatre's marquee.

In called meeting last Thursday, the CEDC Board accepted a bid from Wellborn Sign Company in Amarillo to repair the porcelain enamel on the marquee and restore the neon lights on the front and letters of the marquee for a total of \$12,940.

The board also accepted a bid from J.B. Covey of Hedley to repair the framing and decking of the marquee overhang over the old barbershop for \$445.

The marquee work approved by the CEDC board will be paid for by money donated to the Mulkey Advisory Committee's "Bring Back the Mulkey Campaign."

May 26, 2011

Hedley names top graduates

Hedley High School has announced Reid Copelin and Kaylee Shields as the top students for the Class of 2011.

Copelin is the son of Ernie and Tangela Copelin and has a grade point average of 96.596. Shields is daughter of Keenan and Sandra Shields and has a grade point average of 92.319.

May 26, 2011

Wildfire burns 300+ acres

A wildfire north of Hedley consumed more than 300 acres last Thursday and Saturday, highlighting the need for caution as drought conditions continue.

Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell said people need to be extremely careful and also said last week's blaze threatened three structures – two barns and one house.

June 2, 2011

CC announces the addition of NJCAA men's golf

Under the direction of newly appointed Athletic Director John Green, Clarendon College announces that the college will participate in NJCAA Men's Golf starting the Fall 2011.

The Clarendon College Board of Regents has approved the new sports addition and the NJCAA has accepted the college's request and approved Clarendon College for intercollegiate play starting immediately.

June 8, 2011

Greenbelt hits Stage 3 on drought plan

A lack of rain and persistent hot, windy weather has pushed Greenbelt Lake into Stage 3 of its drought contingency plan.

With the reservoir falling below a depth of 51 feet, officials with the Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority have begun lowering

the levels in municipal storage tanks as a method of conserving water.

Dropping the water tower levels reduces pressure on municipal water systems thereby cutting back on the amount of water going through the system and even reducing leaks in the system.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd says the biggest conservation is coming from the City of Childress, which uses more than 50 percent of the water consumed from the lake.

"We dropped the level in their storage tank by three feet, and that is producing a significant savings," Kidd said.

June 9, 2011

Local man arrested for elder abuse

A Howardwick man remains in the Donley County Jail this week facing charges of assaulting and abusing an elderly woman in his care.

Richard Dennis Polmon, age 46, was being held on two bonds of \$50,000 each, following his arrest on May 10 and later arraignment by Justice of the Peace Connie Havens.

June 9, 2011

Houston man dies following car accident at Lelia Lake

A single vehicle accident claimed the life of a Houston man on May 25 east of Lelia Lake.

At 8:00 a.m., 62-year-old Ramon Holloway was on his cell phone while driving his 2005 Chevy pickup on Hwy 287 by mile marker 184. He drove into the center median and hit the culvert, which caused his truck to flip end over end before landing on its top.

June 9, 2011

County bans fireworks

Donley County Judge Jack Hall this morning signed an order banning the sale and use of fireworks, and Gov. Rick Perry this afternoon extended that ban through the July Fourth holiday.

Perry's decision comes at the rec-

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2011: Cities hit Stage 4 drought

ommendation of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and his extension will expire at 7 a.m. on July 5, 2011.

The local fireworks ban, which was good for only 60 hours prior to the governor's extension, was included in a county disaster declaration signed by Hall today.

The disaster declaration cites the lack of rainfall and continuing hot, dry conditions as posing the threat of large wildfire which could endanger "lives and property on a large scale." It also states that current conditions make the threat of disaster "imminent."

June 16, 2011 Local farmer has big goal for tomatoes

Many people grow tomatoes in their gardens, but George Howard's tomato crop sets the bar a little higher.

The Donley County farmer has 2,300 tomato plants set out on his land northeast of Clarendon where, despite the drought and high winds, the plants are coming along quite nicely.

Howard's tomatoes are irrigated beneath black plastic, and the plants themselves are in wire cages wrapped in clear plastic, which helps them produce more tomatoes.

"The wind causes vibration on the plastic, and that makes them pollinate and set tomatoes better," Howard said. "It also protects them from the wind and the sand."

June 23, 2011 Fire breaks out near local daycare center

No one was injured when a fire broke out near a local daycare this week, but officials say the incident highlights the need for extreme caution with dangerously dry conditions persisting.

The fire was first spotted shortly after noon on Monday burning a fence separating the residence of Michael Shadle and Paula's Daycare in the 300 block of South Carhart Street.

Daycare owner Paula Blackburn said Paige Drackley noticed the fire while she was driving by and came knocking on her door.

"I had brought the kids inside about 10:30, we ate lunch at 11, and were getting ready for nap time," Blackburn said. "We never smelled anything. We evacuated in less than a minute, and I grabbed my emergency binder."

The children were taken to the Church of Christ across the street and parents were then notified, Blackburn said.

June 30, 2011 Family loses everything in fire

A local family is in need after a fire claimed their home and possessions.

The two-story residence of Nathan and Shonda Lowrie, located on 198 Becky Drive in Howardwick, burned on June 23. First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department said the fire started at 2:26 a.m. from a BBQ pit.

The family, consisting of Nathan and Shonda and their 17-year-old son, 12-year-old daughter, 16-year-old niece, and family friend, were asleep when the fire started, a family member said.

June 30, 2011 Grand jury indicts Babcock

A Donley County Grand Jury indicted Robert Monroe Babcock yesterday on the Capital Murder charge in the death of his four-year-old son, Chance Mark Jones.

District Attorney Luke Inman tells the Enterprise that the court will now proceed with scheduling the first court appearance and setting a pre-trial date, which he says could be in the next two to four weeks.

Babcock is accused of beating his son, who died on January 5. According to previous reports, preliminary results of an autopsy conducted the next day revealed that the boy died from blunt force trauma to the head and that he also suffered internal injuries from trauma to the torso.

The defendant remains in the Donley County Jail with bond set at \$1.1 million.

July 7, 2011 Aldermen tap Huey for vacancy

A former Clarendon alderman will return to office following a vote at last Tuesday's regular city meeting.

The Board of Aldermen appointed Ann Huey, whose term of office expired in May, to return to the board to finish out the vacant term of Jeremy Powell, who resigned earlier this year after moving outside of the city limits.

The board also elected Alderman Will Thompson as the city's mayor pro tempore.

July 7, 2011 Wilson Cattle wins annual ranch rodeo

Wilson Cattle took top honors during the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday.

This year's total attendance for the two-day ranch rodeo and Monday's junior rodeo was 2,135 people, which is up from last year's attendance of 1,700.

Wilson Cattle's scores beat out 20 other local and regional teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 134th annual Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of Rodney Wilson, Tyler Rice, Ky Sinck, Jason Thomas, and Jesse Valdez.

July 7, 2011 Clarendon enjoys big July Fourth

A large crowd gathered at the Courthouse Square to continue the tradition and celebrate this year's 134th annual Saints' Roost Celebration on Monday, July 4.

The Kids' Parade started the day, and the winners were: Landon Stavenhagen and Mario Flores in the bicycle division, Tandie and Kennadie Cummings in the tricycle division, and Maloree Wann and Kai Floyd in the motorized division. Honorable mention went to Jayde and Braxton Gribble.

The annual Craft Fair drew a big crowd to the courthouse square, where the Al Morrah Shrine Club served 800 plates of barbecue this year. That is up from 597 last year.

Henson's annual Turtle Race was held on Saturday afternoon. There were altogether 73 participants; and the winners were two-year-old Pierce Wilhelm of Nazareth in the 0-4 division, eight-year-old Roxie Adams of Clarendon for the 5-8 division, and 12-year-old Kenzy Middleton of Memphis for the 9-14 division

July 14, 2011 Hedley Post Office may face closure

The future of the Hedley Post Office will be the topic of a public meeting next Wednesday, July 20, and many folks are already planning to voice their concerns to postal officials.

Letters dated July 6, 2011, were sent to Hedley postal customers informing them of possible changes in the way they receive mail services and requesting their opinions of those changes. The letter said the US Postal Service would like to provide service in Hedley through rural route services coming from the Memphis Post Office.

Hedley residents are overwhelmingly opposed to any effort to shutter their post office, and many people, like Mary Ruth White, say they believe the USPS is misinformed about how much business goes through the local office.

July 14, 2011 CEDC awards eleventh improvement grant

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board awarded its eleventh cash award under its Faade Grant Program this week.

The most recent award from the CEDC was for improvements to the building now occupied by Ronna's Creations at 315 S. Kearney, and the total awarded was \$685.65.

July 17, 2011 City asks citizens to save water

The City of Clarendon is asking citizens to help meet a 30 percent reduction in water usage as the Greenbelt Reservoir nears a Stage Four drought condition.

As the Enterprise went to press Tuesday night, the Board of Aldermen were preparing to meeting to discuss adoption of an ordinance to include provisions for mandatory water use restrictions as well as setting penalties for those who do not comply with the law. Any action on that item will be posted on ClarendonLive.com and reported in next week's print edition.

City Administrator Lambert Little told the Enterprise that preserving the city's drinking water had to be a priority for all citizens.

"This is a critical time for the City of Clarendon and all Greenbelt water users," Little said.

July 21, 2011 Local firemen battle several July wildfires

Five wildfires in and around Donley County have burned more than 800 acres since July 9, with the biggest fire consuming 475 acres south of Hedley.

Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell says eight city units responded to the big fire on the Finch Ranch and Quail Trail Ranch on July 13, and firemen were on the scene from 2:06 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Hedley responded with three units, and assistance also came from Wellington, Memphis, and Sam-

norwood.

July 21, 2011 Mandatory restrictions in Hedley

Mandatory water restrictions are in place for citizens of the City of Hedley following a July 7 meeting of the Board of Aldermen there.

Mayor Dusty Wilkinson said his board put rules in place after receiving word from Greenbelt Water Authority about the low level of the lake and learning that the Red River Water Authority, which buys water from Greenbelt, had placed mandatory restrictions on its customers.

Greenbelt is currently in Stage Three of its drought contingency plan, which calls for its member cities – Clarendon, Hedley, Childress, Quanah, and Crowell – to voluntarily reduce water usage by 30 percent.

"Water is the most precious resource we have," Wilkinson told the Enterprise. "If it's gone, we're gone."

July 28, 2011 Greenbelt nearing Stage 4

Greenbelt Water Authority General Manager Bobbie Kidd told citizens at Hedley that conservation measures are helping, but Greenbelt Lake is still nearing the next trigger in its drought contingency plan.

"These restrictions are starting to make a difference," Kidd said at a called meeting of the Hedley Board of Aldermen last Friday. "We're seeing reductions in the systems we serve. We'll be down to one raw water pump tonight. That's about three million gallons, and that's unheard of this time of year."

However, the lake is just within inches of reaching Stage 4 of the drought plan. On Monday morning the Greenbelt was at a depth of 48.39 feet. The trigger for Stage 4 is 48.0 feet, and Kidd said he believes that will be hit between the first and middle of August.

Cities served by Greenbelt have been asked to implement their drought plans and achieve a 30 percent reduction in consumption. Hedley and at least two other cities have implemented mandatory restrictions.

August 4, 2011 Enterprise wins awards from West Texas Press

The Clarendon Enterprise received third place honors in the West Texas Press Association's 2010 Better Newspaper Contest last Saturday, July 30.

Results of the contest were announced during the WTPA's 81st annual convention in Granbury.

August 4, 2011 Water restrictions having impact

Greenbelt Water Authority officially remains in Stage Three of its drought contingency plan as of Wednesday, August 3, and Clarendon and Hedley both have mandatory Stage Three restrictions in place.

The depth of Greenbelt Lake was recorded as 47.97 feet Tuesday morning, August 2, which is 0.03feet below the trigger for the next drought level. Stage Four will not begin until the water authority gives public notice in newspapers of its member cities, and Greenbelt General Manger Bobbie Kidd said that might happen in a week or two.

Restrictions implemented by Greenbelt member cities are having an effect, Kidd said.

August 11, 2011 Clarendon TAKS scores 'acceptable'

Clarendon Independent School District received a rating of Academically Acceptable from the state's accountability system this year due to increased standards.

The ratings are partly based on Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS) scores. This year, in order to meet a Recognized rating, 15 – 24 percent of students must have commended performance scores, and 25 percent and up to be Exemplary. The state also removed the use of the Texas Projection Measure (TPM) this

year, which did not count students who would fail but were projected to pass in the future.

Clarendon Elementary received a Recognized rating, down from an Exemplary rating the previous two years. Clarendon Junior High went up from Academically Acceptable last year to Recognized this year.

Clarendon High received a rating of Academically Acceptable, same as last year.

Hedley Independent School District received a rating of Recognized again this year.

August 18, 2011 Some citizens want alcohol sales in Hedley

A group of Hedley citizens want to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in that city as a way to bring more business to town.

Tonja Ruthardt, owner of Uncle Bob's convenience store, published notice of her application for a local option petition in this week's Enterprise and plans to circulate a petition this week calling for the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages and mixed drinks in Hedley.

The application has been signed by Ruthardt and nine other Hedley citizens.

"I know some people are against it, and I don't mean any disrespect or want to cause any hurt feelings," Ruthardt said, "but our town needs the money and I need the business."

If the petition and later election are successful, Ruthardt said she wants to sell beer and possibly wine in her store to keep more business in Hedley.

August 25, 2011 Clarendon declares Stage Four drought

The water level at Greenbelt Lake continues to decline this week, prompting the City of Clarendon to move into Stage Four of its drought contingency plan. The City of Hedley remains at Stage Three.

Greenbelt Water Authority reported a lake depth of 47.20 feet Tuesday, which is down from 47.48 feet last week.

Members of the Greenbelt Board of Directors discussed the falling lake level during their regular meeting last Thursday, August 18, but took no action pending the results of a long term engineering analysis of the reservoir. That report, which is expected in October, will look at the future of the lake and is also supposed to identify alternative sources of water to meet long-term needs.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd told the board that the authority's member cities – Clarendon, Childress, Crowell, Quanah, and Hedley – had all showing cutbacks in water usage, and he recommended not enacting further restrictions or implementing a system of water allotments at this time.

"I think we need to give our engineers a chance to report," Kidd told the board, "and I think people will do more to conserve if they can make their own choices how to do it."

August 25, 2011 Court does not reduce Babcock's bond

A \$1 million bond remains in place for accused child murderer Robert Babcock following a district court hearing in Clarendon last Thursday, August 18.

Babcock is charged with Capital Murder in the January 5 death of his son, four-year-old Chance Mark Jones. During last week's court appearance it was revealed that his attorneys plan to pursue an insanity defense, and they are seeking additional psychological and neurological evaluations of their client.

Babcock's mother, Gayle Edes, took the stand during the bond reduction hearing and testified that neither she nor her son have the resources to put up the \$100,000 cash necessary to secure his bond. District Attorney Luke Inman questioned Edes about her relationship with Jones.

Inman also presented to the court the details of the original complaint



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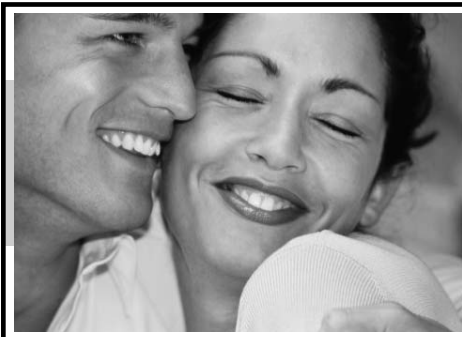
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2011: City cans trash rate increase

against Babcock and brought up other cases in Texas where bonds were not reduced.

The court also considered a separate \$100,000 bond for Babcock on an unindicted domestic violence charge, and Messer reduced that to a personal recognizance bond.

September 1, 2011 Firemen battle blazes for three days

Welcome thunderstorms last week brought unwelcome wildfires with them and caused 16 volunteer firemen to log a combined 576 hours over three days.

First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell with the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department said storms that moved into Donley County about 9:15 p.m. last Wednesday, August 24, contained heavy cloud-to-ground lightning, and firemen began receiving multiple calls at 10:30 that evening.

The first fire was on the Milton Mann property on south SH 70 and burned less than five acres before being brought under control.

Other fire calls that evening ended up being in Armstrong County, Powell said. The Clarendon Fire Department noticed several "glows" to the southwest of Clarendon and investigated only to find muddy roads with more than an inch of rain between them and the fires. The fires seemed to be put out later by rain.

But by 1:10 a.m. on Thursday, the fire department began receiving calls about multiple fires on the JA Ranch that were beginning to grow.

The department responded with three units and a tanker to extreme southwest Donley County on CR CC to a grass fire reported to be 20 acres and growing.

September 8, 2011 Trustees approve \$5.4M budget

Clarendon ISD Trustees approve a \$5.4 million budget last Tuesday, August 30, reflecting a loss of more than \$400,000 in state funds.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger said the new budget is about eight percent less than the current budget, and he said falling enrollment is hurting the school district in addition to general education cuts by the state.

CISD also lost more than \$100,000 in federal stimulus money which expired.

September 15, 2011 Hedley alcohol election delayed

A petition to hold a local option election in Hedley is valid, but voting to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in that city won't happen until May.

Donley County Commissioners reviewed the petition containing 82 signatures during their regular session Monday afternoon and found it to be legal and in the proper format, but county officials say petition backers did not get it filed soon enough with the county clerk's office to be placed on the November ballot.

"A petition like this has to be in my office for 30 days, and then [the commissioners] have to vote on it prior to the 71st day before an elec-

tion," County Clerk Fay Vargas told the Enterprise.

But that doesn't mean there was anything wrong with the petition itself, Vargas said. And with a new law in place as of September 1, petition backers can now take their quest directly to the City of Hedley, where the Board of Aldermen will order the issue be placed on the May ballot.

September 16, 2011 CC reports its third best fall enrollment

Clarendon College today reported its third highest fall enrollment in school history.

Clarendon College's fall headcount is 1,347, a decrease of 236 from the fall 2010 record enrollment of 1,583. The second highest enrollment was 1,422 in fall 2009.

This fall's enrollment reflects the loss of the prison education system which cut almost 200 students from the college's enrollment this fall.

These students were taught through the prison education system at the Roach and Jordan units of TDCJ, and were not funded by the state for this biennium.

September 22, 2011 City cans trash rate increase

A proposal to raise sanitation rates in Clarendon has been shelved after receiving a cold reception from members of the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday.

City Administrator Lambert Little says the \$1.83 million budget he will

present for the board's approval next Tuesday night, September 27, will not include any increases in taxes, utility rates, or service charges.

Dropping the proposed sanitation rate increase means the city will likely not make about \$30,000 in planned equipment purchases next year, Little said.

The administrator had initially put forth a 30 percent increase in commercial and residential garbage rates.

"I know downtown merchants will holler because they are already paying about \$75 a month (on their city bill)," Little said at September 13 meeting, but he felt the city could defend itself because it wasn't going up on taxes.

Alderman Tommy Hill was the first to raise concerns about the rate increase, saying the city's rate was higher than some area towns, while Little said an increase would be in line with other towns.

"Our citizens are struggling just like the city is," Hill said.

September 29, 2011 C Bar C wins 17th annual cookoff

The 2011 Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Champions: The C Bar C Ranch wagon team - Jean Cates, Wade Cates, Peggy Pippin, and Sue Cunningham.

The C Bar C Ranch Chuckwagon Team of Hartley took home top honors Saturday at the 17th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff, which attracted international attention.



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Broncos v. White Deer
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Varsity 7:30 p.m.
Bronco Gym

Broncos Roster

2	CODY WOOD	JR.
3	MITCHELL PARRY	JR.
5	DIEGO SANTOS	JR.
12	JONAH SELL	JR.
15	TREVOR COBB	JR.
24	JASON PIGG	SR.
25	WES WILLIAMS	SR.
32	TRAJEN JOHNSON	JR.
33	COLE WARD	JR.
42	TYLER BURCH	JR.
44	JACOB PIGG	SR.
50	ADAM TOPPER	JR.

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ASST COACH: STEVE REYNOLDS

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Lady Broncos Roster

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12	TREVELA DRONZEK	SR.
15	DEBORAH HOWARD	SO.
20	MARQUEDA GAINES	SR.
22	ANNA CENICEROS	JR.
23	RYANN STARNES	SO.
24	MCKAYLA CARTWRIGHT	JR.
25	LYDIA HOWARD	JR.
33	AUDREY SHELTON	JR.

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2011: Lady Broncos 5th at state

Led by head cook Sue Cunningham, the team had the first place dessert as well as first place in Overall Cooking on the way to racking up enough points to win the Best Overall award.

A German television crew was on hand at this year's cookoff, filming and conducting interviews for a special on Route 66. Producer Peter Adler said country musician Ed Montana told them about Clarendon's cookoff, and the three-man crew visited Palo Duro Canyon and Amarillo's Big Texan before spending the night at the High Card Ranch southwest of Clarendon.

September 29, 2011

Hedley store shutting down temporarily

Hedley's only convenience store is closing at the end of this month, but the owner says she plans to be back in business soon.

Tonja Ruthardt told the Enterprise Tuesday that either Saturday or Sunday will be the last day for Uncle Bob's as she prepares to move into a café one door west.

"I'm just moving to a new location, we'll still have a store," Ruthardt said. "I'm taking most of my stuff with me."

When Uncle Bob's re-opens it will be a combination café and convenience store, although the menu and hours have not been set yet.

October 6, 2011

City approves new code officer position

The City of Clarendon will have a new code compliance officer under the budget approved by the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday.

City Administrator Lambert Little said Jason Christopher will fill the new position, which will also be responsible for animal control in the city.

"We're going to move slowly and methodically on ordinance violations," Little told the Enterprise this week. "We'll start with simple things – tall grass and weeds – and then move to derelict and abandoned vehicles."

October 6, 2011

Sheriff, DA switch parties

Two local elected officials said Monday they are switching their affiliations, leaving the Democratic Party in favor of the Republican Party.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn and District Attorney Luke Inman both intend to file as Republicans next month when they file for reelection.

Speaking at a gathering of about 35 Donley County Republicans, Blackburn said he had "caught heat" from local voters ever since he first ran for sheriff in 2000 as a Democrat, but he said he had practical reasons for running on that ticket.

"I don't think my mother would have voted for me otherwise," Blackburn said. "But this last time was the first time that I know of that she didn't vote a straight [Democratic] ticket."

October 6, 2011

CC golf team #2 in nation

The Clarendon College golf team is ranked #2 in the nation. Team members are Chris Fletcher, Jake Bond, Steven Evans, Alex Palomeque, and Louis Laviscoun.

The Clarendon College Golf team has been ranked #2 in the nation by Golfstat in head-to-head standings for NJCAA men's teams.

"I am extremely proud of the #2 ranking. I feel we have a strong team and have only competed in one tournament to date," John Green, CC Athletic Director and Golf coach said.

October 19, 2011

City considers downtown revitalization

Grant funds could pay for sidewalk and lighting improvements in downtown Clarendon, according to a presentation at last Monday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Representatives of KSA Engineers discussed the possibility of the city applying for the Texas Capital Fund grant and gave city officials an overview of their company's services.

In addition to sidewalk and lighting improvements, the project would involve replacing aging waterlines currently located under the bricks of Kearney Street with new lines placed beneath the sidewalks.

The total project could cost between \$450,000 and \$900,000, depending on if the waterlines and electrical work are included.

The deadline for the application, if the city decides to pursue the grant, is not until summer of 2012.

October 26, 2011

CC ranch horse team places high

The Clarendon College Ranch Horse Team competed at Gainesville

this past weekend and placed high in several events.

Luke Abraham placed first in Non-Pro Cow and Garrett Bukowski placed fourth. Abraham also placed seventh in Non-Pro Reining. Bukowski placed sixth in Non-Pro Pleasure and seventh in Non-Pro Trail. Chris Farris placed seventh in Limited Non-Pro Reining and ninth in Limited Non-Pro Pleasure. Robin Smith placed fifth in Novice Cow, ninth in Novice Pleasure, seventh in Novice Reining, and fifth in Novice Trail.

October 27, 2011

Snow hits the Panhandle

From one extreme to the other... after a blistering summer, we now have snow in October.

Road conditions were very slick east of Hedley Thursday morning as one New Mexico couple found out when they went off the road and flipped their SUV on US 287. Two more cars were also off the road near Hedley

November 2, 2011

CC Meats team wins national title

Clarendon College's meats judging team won the Junior College National Meats Judging Championship when they competed in Plainview October 29.

In the A-Division competition, Clarendon came in first with a total of 3,689 points. Garden City Community College took second with 3,656 points.

Individuals contributing to the win include Nick Hardcastle, fifth high individual; William Sellers, eighth high; Clayton Krause, ninth high; and Carson Mitchell, eleventh high.

November 2, 2011

Study looks at Greenbelt's reliability

Greenbelt Lake is not likely to run dry, but steps need to be taken now to insure the lake's customers have an adequate water supply in the future.

That's the result of a study presented to the Greenbelt Water Authority Board last week by engineers from the Ft. Worth firm of Freese & Nichols, who spent much of the summer investigating the reliability of the Greenbelt reservoir.

"They started in June, and they assessed the reservoir and looked at other water sources," Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd told the Enterprise.

A Draft Assessment of Potential Water Supplies presented to the Greenbelt board found that "the reservoir will not go dry at current demand levels if the historic hydrology (inflow) is representative of future hydrology."

Kidd said springs which feed Greenbelt Lake were found to be producing about 3,850 acre-feet of water per year, but he also says evaporation has to be taken into account. And it is uncertain what effect the current drought will have on the local streams.

The engineers found that depletion of the reservoir has slowed in the last several weeks, which may indicate that the spring flow is returning. However, if the springs were to stop running and the drought was to continue, the report says Greenbelt Lake "has one to two years' supply remaining."

"The long term solution is groundwater," Kidd said.

November 2, 2011

CC runners qualify for nationals

After a strong finish at the Region V Cross Country meet this weekend, the Clarendon College Men's Cross Country Team has qualified for the National Cross Country Meet and the Half Marathon Classic.

Coach Casey Kreger and the squad are passing on the Cross Country Nationals to shoot for a strong finish at the NJCAA Men's Half Marathon Classic November 19, at Chattahoochee Technical College in Marietta, Georgia.

November 16, 2011

Lady Broncos capture 5th at state

By Sandy Anderberg/The Lady Bronco cross-country team has run a whole lot of miles this season in cross-country, which climaxed last week in Round Rock for the State Cross-Country meet. They ran in horrible weather conditions and finished fifth in the meet.

Repeat state-qualifier Audrey Shelton led the Lady Bronco pack in a time of 13:12, which was good enough for 21st place. Abby Johnson finished 50th at 13:52 and Sarah Luttrell was 52nd with a time of 13:54. Haley Ferguson was 53rd at 13:55. Phara Berry came in at 14:06 that was good enough for 62nd, and Deborah Howard ran the two-mile course in a time of 14:35 and finished 79th.

Coach Molly Weathered was pleased with the ladies' effort all season long. "We had a great season," she said. "The girls worked extremely hard, and

I am very proud of them. They competed well, and we all look forward to next season."

November 16, 2011

City aldermen divide over engineer choice

A divided Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted 3-2 to select OJD Engineering to provide services associated with a \$275,000 project to replace aging sewer lines in the north part of the city.

The project, funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), will require a \$41,000 match from the city and will replace lines that are more than 70 years old.

City Administrator Lambert Little and Mayor Larry Hicks scored proposals submitted by four engineering firms, and recommended the board select KSA Engineers, but OJD representative Che Shadle, whose firm provided the engineering services for the grant application at no charge, wanted to know why his firm was not recommended.

Alderman Ann Huey moved to support the mayor and administrator in selecting KSA Engineers. Alderman Will Thompson seconded, but the motion failed. Alderman Tommy Hill then moved to select OJD Engineering, seconded by Jesus Hernandez, and Alderman Noble joined them in voting for the measure with Huey and Thompson opposing.

November 23, 2011

CC athletes replenish food bank

The holidays came early last week at the local Panhandle Community Services office when the Clarendon College Bulldog baseball and men's basketball teams delivered a surprise.

Fifty-one student athletes conducted a canned food drive on November 12, and the people of Clarendon responded in a big way. The result was a van and a pickup both full of sacks and boxes of food to replenish the PCS food pantry, shocking PCS director Marchia Campbell.

"It was like Christmas for me," Campbell said. "I didn't even know they were doing it, and when the coaches showed up I was just totally surprised. This is awesome!"

November 23, 2011

HJH One Act Play does well

The Hedley Junior High One Act Play traveled to Aspermont for competition on Thursday, November 17.

The play placed second in the competition with five of the six cast members receiving awards. Sixth grader Kallie Lindsey, 7th grader Franky Ramirez, and 8th grader Klaiton Moore all received honorable mention all star cast.

Seventh graders, Kyla O'Dell and Casey McCleskey received all star cast honors. Cast member Cheyenne Smith did not receive a medal but was instrumental in the plays success.

The play could not have succeeded without the crew of stage manager Kelsey Wells, lights Kylie Wood, music Alexis Koschata.

November 30, 2011

Local merchants report good Black Friday sales

Clarendon Merchants are calling last week's Black Friday promotion a success with several local businesses reporting heavy traffic in their stores.

The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally a busy day for national retailers, but this year local businesses worked hard to attract attention to their services. They also sought to capitalize on Small Business Saturday, a national effort led by American Express to get people to support small businesses across the country.

Terri Floyd at Every Nook & Cranny told the Enterprise that she had her best day Friday since she has been in business.

"Friday was awesome for us," Floyd said. "It was a record day, and we had quite a few people here from out of town."

November 30, 2011

Sandell Drive-In presentation to benefit Mulkey Theatre

A motion picture with a message will raise money to help save Clarendon's Mulkey Theatre this weekend with a special presentation of "Courageous" at the Sandell Drive-In.

Drive-in owner John Morrow plans to show the movie Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 2-4, and says he will donate the proceeds to the "Bring Back the Mulkey" campaign. "I want people to see this film," Morrow said. "This is God's message that people need to hear."

December 9, 2011

CC signs partnership with Amarillo, Frank Phillips

Clarendon College has joined Amarillo College and Frank Phillips College in forming a partnership that is unique in the state of Texas and is aimed at making students' lives easier.

The presidents from each college – Dr. Phil Shirley of CC, Dr. Paul Matney of AC, and Dr. Jud Hicks of FPC – signed a Memorandum of Understanding last Wednesday in Amarillo launching the partnership.

The three colleges will begin instituting policies that ease and improve transferability between the institutions; align programs and program offerings; and provide greater overall options for students.

"I think this is a huge leap forward," Clarendon College President Phil Shirley said. "Anytime that you can come together and agree that the student is number one, you have put yourself in a position to help the student the most."

December 9, 2011

Fire claims Howardwick home

Clarendon and Howardwick volunteer firemen work in sub-freezing temperatures to battle a fire at the residence of Patrick Green in the 300 block of Angel Street in Howardwick Monday afternoon. Clarendon Fire Marshall Jeremy Powell said the cause of the blaze was electrical, and sources tell the Enterprise that the house was not occupied at the time the fire broke out

December 15, 2011

Local shoppers can help senior citizens center

Shopping at home this Friday, December 16, will benefit the community even more when several Clarendon merchants donate part of their sales to the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

So far six local businesses have signed up for a special promotion to help raise funds for the senior citizens.

"We always give money to projects at the school and the college, but this is a chance to help those who have served our community for years," said Terri Floyd at Every Nook & Cranny. "They've done their part for Clarendon, and now we can give back to them."

December 22, 2011

Merchants raise \$2,500 for seniors

Clarendon merchants and their customers raised \$2,500 for the Donley County Senior Citizens last Friday.

Local shoppers were encouraged to visit ten local businesses that day, and the merchants in turn made donations to the senior citizens center based on that day's sale. The combined money was presented to the center Tuesday.

"The result was phenomenal," said Terri Floyd of Every Nook & Cranny. "We had several people come in the store who were specifically there to support the senior citizens. My first customer of the day, it was the reason he came in."

DCSC Director Mary Shields was taken aback when she heard the total that merchants were giving to the center. She said the money will come at an important time for the senior citizens center and said she appreciated the support of all the businesses and their customers.

"Our little community has such loving people," she said. "The center will use this wisely. It will help us so much."

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Drugs in the News

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According to study results published in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Neurology, a specific combination of medicines appears to be the best for resistant or hard-to-control epilepsy. According to the study, over 30 different prescription drug combinations were evaluated. Only one of the combinations produced a significant reduction in the number of seizures for those with this difficult-to-control type. That combination consisted of lamotrigine (Lamictal) and valproate (Depacon). Researches associated with the study indicate that this combination reduced seizure frequency by about half when compared with the other combinations used in the study.

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