

2013: Howardwick citizens step up to lead

January 2, 2013

Fires strike two H’wick homes

Two Howardwick homes were struck by separate fires over the Christmas holiday, resulting in minor damage to one residence and major damage to another home.

The first fire occurred in the 300 block of Angel Street on December 19 about 3:30 in the afternoon, and volunteer firemen from the Howardwick and Clarendon fire departments responded.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the blaze appeared to have started in some grass west of the structure, and then wind blew the flames to the skirting of the trailer house and underneath the house.

January 9, 2013

73 youth to exhibit animals Saturday

Seventy-three local kids will be competing for bragging rights and cash sales during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Auction this Saturday, January 13, at the Donley County Activity Center north of Clarendon on Hwy. 70.

4H and FFA members have been working with their animal projects since last summer, leading up to this contest, which is a precursor to bigger shows such as those in Fort Worth and Houston.

Animals will begin arriving at the activity center on Thursday, and all exhibits must be in place by 5 p.m. Friday with weigh-in starting immediately.

January 17, 2013

Livestock auction raises

\$61,000 for local youth

Koyt Tucek and Jodee Pigg exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday, January 12, at the Donley County Activity Center.

Tucek showed the Grand Champion Steer, and Pigg had the Grand Champion Heifer.

A total of 73 kids from the Donley County 4-H Club and local FFA chapters exhibited 102 animals during the show. Last year 62 young people showed 98 animals.

January 17, 2013

City approves \$25k severance for Little

Former city administrator Lambert Little will receive a severance package worth more than \$25,000 following action taken by the Clarendon Board of Aldermen last Tuesday, January 8.

The board met in closed session with City Attorney James Shelton for about 30 minutes before reconvening in open session to approve paying Little six months of salary in the amount of \$25,000 plus continuing his life and health insurance benefits for six months for an additional \$2,192.76.

January 17, 2013

Hedley man gets life for child sex assault

WELLINGTON – On Thursday, Janu-

ary 17, a Collingsworth County jury found 42-year-old Bryan Keith Price guilty of the first degree felony offense of aggravated sexual assault of a child, under the age of fourteen.

At the conclusion of the three-day jury trial, the jury sentenced Price to life in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

January 24, 2013

Family Dollar eyes April opening

Construction is underway on a new Family Dollar store that is set to open in Clarendon in mid-April.

Property owner and developer Jim Gunn of Montgomery says the foundation of the 8,000-square-foot store will be completed this week with the parking lot to be done Saturday. Metal for the building in the 400 block of West Second Street (US 287) will be here next Thursday and be assembled in about five days.

Gunn built a similar Family Dollar store in Shamrock last year that is essentially the same as the store here, and he looked at Clarendon while working on that project.

Gunn develops properties and then leases them to Family Dollar, and he said several factors attracted him to Clarendon.

“You’ve got a junior college there which makes the economy more stable, and you’ve got a base population that we thought we could serve,” he said. “You’re just more stable than most communities.”

January 24, 2013

H’wick looks for leaders

The end may be near for the city government of Howardwick if people don’t get involved with their community.

This is the word from Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Hubbard who says the city needs people to step up and run for office this year to keep the city going.

Currently, Howardwick is operating with just four aldermen after Tanis McMories left the board last year and Del Essary resigned as mayor over a year ago.

January 24, 2013

Hedley man gets life for assault on child

A Hedley man received a life sentence from a Collingsworth County jury last Thursday, January 17, for sexually assaulting a child.

Bryan Keith Price, age 42, was found guilty of the first degree felony offense of aggravated sexual assault of a child, under the age of fourteen. At the conclusion of the three-day jury trial, the jury sentenced Price to life in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Price, a Hedley resident, was arrested by the Donley County Sheriff’s Department on April 25, 2012. Price was later indicted by a Collingsworth County Grand Jury on June 27, 2012 for the first degree offense.

January 31, 2013

CC receives \$300k grant

Clarendon College was awarded \$300,000 in grant funding recently from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to assist the college in expanding the scope and reach of its Developmental Education program.

The new grant funding will assist the college in improving the success of its developmental students by redesigning the developmental program and associated courses at the College. This includes restructuring assessment and placement, improving content and delivery using new technology and software, and transforming academic and career advising.

January 31, 2013

Well project continues as Greenbelt dwindles

Pumping groundwater from Clarendon to the Greenbelt Water Authority system is inching closer to reality as dry weather continues to take its toll on the local reservoir.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said this week that all five wells in north Clarendon have been drilled, and electricians are working this week to wire the controls and pumps for the project.

January 31, 2013

Fire destroys Hedley home

An early morning fire totally consumed the home of the Vernon Patton family in Hedley this weekend, and officials are not sure what caused the blaze.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the 911 call came in at 4:29 a.m. on Sunday, January 27, and he believes the call was made by a traveler on US 287 who saw the home, which is located on the south side of the highway as it enters Hedley from the west.

February 7, 2013

H’wick citizens step up to lead city

Like the Mayan calendar and other dire forecasts, the predicted doomsday in May for the City of Howardwick won’t be coming true after nine people signed up to run for elected office there.

With the mayor’s position vacant for more than a year and four terms either expiring or vacant, Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Hubbard and legal advisors had warned that the city government would be dissolved if citizens did not step up and run for office.

But after a town meeting last Tuesday, January 29, that was attended by more than 50 people, interest in public service has picked up to the degree that a competitive election will be held for every position on the ballot this spring.

For the vacant mayor’s seat, David P. Cafferata has signed up to run and so has former alderman Mike Rowland.

Three people have signed up to run for the two vacant full terms on the board of aldermen – William R. Jordan, Gail Leathers,

and Jim Cockerham; and four people have signed up to run for the two unexpired terms on the board – Alderman Gene Rogers, Cory Longan, former mayor H.L. “Buster” Baird, and Sandy Sanders.

February 14, 2013

CEDC presents 14th storefront cash grant

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board this week awarded its 14th cash award under its Façade Grant Program this week to Landon Lambert.

The award was presented to Lambert for more than \$3,900 worth of improvements he made to the north side of his property at 300 S. Kearney in making renovations for the offices of Texas Panhandle CyberMedics.

February 14, 2013

CC listed in top US colleges

Clarendon College has been recognized by CNN Money as one of the top 30 colleges in the nation in a ranking of success rates of U.S. community college.

Clarendon College sits at #28 of the list with a 64 percent success rate, a number that is based on the percentage of students that graduated within three years or transferred to four-year colleges.

CC is the ranked #1 for Texas community colleges on the list, and ranks #14 in the nation among small, rural colleges.

February 21, 2013

CHS ladies win Area

The Lady Broncos claimed the Area Championship in Childress Friday night when they defeated the Quanah Lady Indians 51-38.

“It was a good win for us considering we had 10 days off,” head coach Molly Weathered said. “We could tell that it had been awhile since we had played, so we will need to clean some things up.”

Scoring: Shadle 17, Starnes 11, Deborah Howard 7, Cenicerros 5, Cartwright 4, Lydia Howard 4, and Audrey Shelton 3.

February 21, 2013

CISD freezes salaries, considers tax hike

An election to raise property taxes may be on the horizon following last Thursday’s regular meeting of the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees.

Facing a projected budget deficit of \$358,000, trustees acted on Superintendent Monty Hysinger’s recommendation and froze salaries for district employees and unofficially gave the administration the okay to pursue a timeframe for a June tax ratification election.

The election is just a proposal at this time; but if pursued and approved, Clarendon’s school taxes would increase 13 cents from the current state cap of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation to \$1.17.

Hysinger said the problem is twofold – state funding cuts and declining enrollment.

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2013: Inmate escapes, gets caught

February 28, 2013
Determination lifts Broncos to Area win

The Clarendon Broncos are moving on and their latest win over Memphis last Friday was proof that they want to go the distance.

The Broncos stayed solid throughout and held off Memphis' last-ditch effort to make good on a shot at the buzzer. The Broncos won the game 43-42.

In the intense Region 1 1-A thriller, the Broncos trailed by two points after the first eight minutes, but only one at the break. The game went back and forth until the end with neither team getting comfortable on the scoreboard.

Defense was the key in the low-scoring game, but the Broncos know they need to shoot better. Seniors Cole Ward and Adam Topper led the Broncos on the scoreboard finishing in double figures.

February 28, 2013
CC plans for growth at home, regionally

Clarendon College officials outlined ambitious plans for growth last week with a focus on new and expanded workforce programs in Clarendon and Pampa and a possible move into the Amarillo market.

A proposal to offer cosmetology courses in Amarillo drew the most discussion from regents as it marks the first time CC would venture into Amarillo College's territory. Board Chairman John Howard said the move is a big step for the college, but he also said it is an opportunity.

College officials estimate as many as 70 students could enroll in an Amarillo cosmetology program, and they say CC's cost for the program would be about half what two private schools are charging. Money generated by the program could be used to grow the Clarendon campus.

February 28, 2013
Blizzard of 2013 grips area

The dreaded Blizzard of 2013 kept folks inside but didn't bury Donley County the way it did in other areas across the Panhandle Sunday night and throughout the day Monday.

While Amarillo received around a foot and a half of snow with drifts as high as six feet, Clarendon's snowfall was considerably less – two or three inches by some measures – and blew so much that there was still some bare ground in a few areas Tuesday morning.

Tommie Saye, Clarendon's Cooperative Observer for the National Weather Service, officially measured 0.53 inches of precipitation during the storm, and that came in the form of rain, sleet, small hail, and snow.

Clarendon ISD and Clarendon College canceled classes Monday as did Hedley ISD, and snow and wind forced state officials to shut down US 287 from Childress to Amarillo and Interstate 40 through the entire Panhandle.

March 6, 2013
Inmate back in custody after escaping Donley jail

A Clarendon man is back in custody after escaping from the Donley County Jail at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

Torrence Smith (a.k.a. Torrence Brown), age 40, overpowered a jailer, threw her down, took her keys, and fled the jail, Sheriff Butch Blackburn said. The inmate then stole the jailer's car and fled the city.

March 7, 2013
Lions Club to host Chance Jones Memorial 5K April 13

Plans are underway for the first Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K Walk/Run to be held this April to coincide with Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event, which will be held on Saturday, April 13, in conjunction with the Donley County Child Welfare Board. The race is intended to bring the community together to honor the life of four-year-old Chance Mark Jones, who died from abuse in 2011.

March 13, 2013
Mayor's resignation delayed

Hedley still has its mayor as the Enterprise goes to press this week.

Mayor Dusty Wilkinson was expected to resign during last Thursday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen, but City Hall says that meeting had to be canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

Wilkinson announced his intention to resign last week in a statement to the Enterprise in which he said community members have a problem with him personally and had threatened his family and fellow board members.

March 13, 2013
Christ Kids dedicates new home

Clarendon's Christ's Kids Outreach Ministry dedicated their new home to God on Sunday, March 3, with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

The ministry is now located at 416 South Kearney and is open to all the kids of Clarendon. Eighteen friends and faithful citizens from the community came to be a part of the dedication representing Clarendon's outpouring of support for the work being done through the ministries.

March 21, 2013
Grant, gifts buy fire equipment

The Clarendon Fire Department recently purchased five Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) at a cost of \$18,605, and helped a neighboring fire department in the process.

The new equipment was purchased thanks to donations from local supporters and a grant awarded through the Texas Forest Service Rural Fire Department Assistance Program. The new SCBA units will replace five aging SCBA that the department has had in service for over 25 years.

March 28, 2013
CISD moves closer to tax vote

Clarendon ISD Trustees reviewed a timeline that will lead to an election seeking an increase in the district's property tax rate from \$1.04 per \$100 valuation to \$1.17 when they met in regular session March 21.

CISD officials say raising the tax rate above the \$1.04 limit set by the state will help the district cope with reductions in state funding by bringing in about \$350,000 in new revenue. If the \$1.17 rate is proposed on April 15, the district will hold a public hearing on the rate on April 26 prior to adopting it.

March 28, 2013
Water project progressing

The process of bringing groundwater to the Greenbelt Water Authority system is getting closer to reality this week as contractors began the process of laying pipe from Clarendon to the authority's filter plant.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said Monday that the five wells in north Clarendon have all been tied together, and workers were busy laying the main line on North Sully Street that will carry the city's groundwater to the plant.

Most of the work on the wells has been completed, and the groundwater district is on board with the plan, Kidd said.

April 4, 2013

CEDC expands grants

A popular program that helped improve 13 buildings on Kearney Street has been revived and expanded by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

The CEDC's Façade Grant program was put on hiatus last fall after a successful four-year run on Clarendon's "main street."

Under the new guidelines, the program will now consider properties located in the city's entire Central Business District, an area defined by city planning maps created in 2002. Generally, that includes properties facing Kearney Street from First to Fifth streets as well as properties facing Sully Street from First to Fifth and properties on the west side of Gorst Street from Second Street (US 287) to Fourth Street.

April 11, 2013
Citizens speak up for coach

Several citizens showed up to address the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees last Tuesday night, April 2, in the wake of the board voting not to renew the contract of Athletic Director and Coach Darrell Wallace.

Wallace, who is finishing his first year at Hedley, was reportedly blindsided when the board considered employee contracts at a March 19 meeting and voted not to accept the superintendent's recommendation to renew his contract.

Minutes of the March 19 meeting have not been made available, but sources tell the Enterprise that three board members – Dana Bell, Ted Wright, and Mark Howard – voted to accept the recommendation to renew Wallace. But they were opposed by Karen Watt, Tonja Ruthardt, James Edward Potts, and Bonnie Brown.

Five citizens spoke up last week in Wallace's defense during public comments, and one spoke against him.

April 11, 2013
Enterprise honored for raising abuse awareness

Raising awareness about child abuse and coverage of the prosecution of those responsible for the death four-year-old Chance Mark Jones earned The Clarendon Enterprise recognition by the Panhandle Press Association last Saturday, April 6.

The Enterprise was presented with the Ken Towery Community Service Award during the 103rd annual PPA Convention in Amarillo.

April 11, 2013
Several Broncos advance to Regional track meet

The Lady Broncos finished third in the Area Track Meet at Panhandle last week with 92 points behind Panhandle who took the top spot. The Broncos finished in seventh with 31.5 total team points. The top four in each event earned the right to advance to the Regional meet that will be held in Levelland on Friday, April 26.

Senior runner Audrey Shelton not only blew away the field by a minute in the 3200-meter run, she broke her own record with a fast time of 12:13.49.

Shelton won the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:44.78. Sprinter Sarah Luttrell won the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.21, and Corey Barker won the boys' 100-meter dash at 11.20. Jentry Shadle topped the field in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.92, and Amanda Powell advanced with a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles at 49.03. Charles Mason jumped to a 20'5 3/4" win over the field in the long jump to advance. Luttrell will also advance in the long jump with her second-place finish at 16'4 and finished fourth in the 200-meter with a time of 28.06 to move on.

Also advancing will be the Lady Broncos' 800-meter relay. Glory Bryley, Amelia Weatherton, Deborah

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- December 30

Owls & Lady Owls v Jayton • 1 p.m. • Valley
- December 31

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Memphis • 12 p.m. • Memphis
- January 1

New Year's Day
- January 2

Broncos v Acension Academy • 6/ 7:30 p.m. • Clarendon
- January 3

Broncos v Childress • 6:30/7:30 p.m. • Childress
- Lady Broncos v San Jacinto • 5/6:30 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls v Silvertown • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley
- January 7

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Claude
- Owls & Lady Owls v Kress • 6:30 p.m. • Kress

- January 10

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon
- Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley
- January 14

Broncos & Lady Broncos v White Deer • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • White Deer
- Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • McLean

- January 16

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Frank Phillips • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house

- January 17

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon
- Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

- January 21

Owls & Lady Owls v Silvertown • 6:30 p.m. • Silvertown

- January 24

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon
- Owls & Lady Owls v Kress • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

- January 27

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v New Mexico JC • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house

- January 28

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Vega
- Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Valley

- January 30

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Odessa College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house

- January 31

Broncos & Lady Broncos v White Deer • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Clarendon
- Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

- February 4

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Panhandle
- Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Groom

- February 7

Owls & Lady Owls v Silvertown • 6:30 p.m. • Silvertown

- February 10

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Howard College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house

- February 13

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v South Plains College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house

- February 14

St. Valentine's Day

- February 17

Presidents' Day

- February 20

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Western Texas College • 5:45/7:45 p.m • Dawg house

- February 24

Bulldogs v NMMI • 7:45 p.m • Dawg house

Menus

December 30 - January 3

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chopped steak, mushrooms, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Cheese burger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Holiday
Thu: Hamburger steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, orange dream pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Spaghetti/meatballs, whole wheat rolls, margarine, spinach, strawberries/whipped cream, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Taco salad, potato wedges, black eyed peas, wheat rolls, baked apple, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, waldorf salad, brownie, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
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2013: Hundreds attend Mulkey Block Party

Howard, and Luttrell finished fourth in that relay at 1:55.17. Powell will advance in the 100-meter hurdles after taking third place with a time of 17.36 and Rowdy Speed will move on after finishing fourth in the discs with a throw of 119' 10 . Trajen Johnson will advance in the high jump in fourth with a leap of 5'8 , and Diego Santos' third-place finish at 10' in the pole vault will allow him to compete in the Regional meet. McKayla Cartwright finished third in the shot put with a toss of 34'5 ¾" to advance, and Abby Johnson advanced in the 400-meter dash in third with a time of 1:03.94.

April 18, 2013
Owls advance to regional tennis
Hedley athletes competed in district tennis matches last week, and five students are advancing.

Competing in district tennis for the Owls in boys singles were Brandon Evans, placing 3rd and Wyatt Wheatly placing 4th. Girls' singles competitors were Kristen Liner and Marike Tiddens, who got first place and will be going to the regional meet this week.

The boys' doubles duo of Bryan Evans and Nicco Bennett got second in district, earning their spot at regionals. Kyle Lindsey and Diego Souza, also a boys' doubles team got fourth in district.

Clay King and Kassie O'Dell played mixed doubles along with the sibling mixed doubles duo of Austin and Kati Adams, who placed second as well. Kortney Burton and Charlie Neeley made up a girls doubles team along with Becca Butler and Bailey Wood.

April 18, 2013
Lowe receives Saints' Roost Award

Doug Lowe received the 2012 Saints' Roost Award for his service to the community during the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's awards ceremony last Thursday, April 11. Woman of the Year recognition went to Bonnie Campbell, and Gary Campbell was named the Man of the Year for 2012.

April 18, 2013
Jones 5K draws 203 runners
Clarendon's Audrey Shelton and Ryan Hill were the top finishers of the first Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K Walk/Run last Saturday morning.

The first annual event had more than 220 people actually registered, 203 total participants braved the chilly morning and finished the course, and about 71 people actually ran the race.

April 18, 2013
CC exes honor Selvidge, Treichel

The Clarendon College Ex-Students Association recognized one Distinguished Alumnus Award, and a CC legend was made an honorary alumnus when the 72nd CC Alumni Reunion was held last Saturday in the Bairfield Activity Center. President Phil Shirley conferred an honor Associate's Degree on former dean of students Tex Selvidge, and CC Judging Coach Johnny Treichel was named the college's newest Distinguished Alumnus.

April 18, 2013
Aldermen go private to discuss job duties

A one-hour closed session shut out the public from witnessing the Clarendon Board of Aldermen's deliberations on job descriptions and the city's chain of command last Tuesday night, April 9.

Seventeen citizens were in attendance when the subject of city job descriptions came to the top of the board's agenda. City Secretary Machiel Covey said the job descriptions were last updated in 2002 and that a lot had changed in 11 years.

Covey presented a draft of revised descriptions that she had worked on and told the board it was a "starting point" and that they could make whatever changes they liked. Alderman Debbie Roberts suggested the board should go in to executive session, but Mayor Larry Hicks and Covey both said they did not feel like that was necessary.

Roberts then said she had issues with several items but focused her attention on Covey's position, particularly her roles as personnel officer, public investment officer, and emergency management coordinator.

April 19, 2013
Shirley to retire as CC President

Clarendon College President Phil Shirley announced yesterday that he will step down at the end of 2013, wrapping up a 40-year career in higher education.

Shirley made public his retirement plan at the close of Thursday's meeting of the CC Board of Regents, and another longtime college employee, Darlene Spier, also submitted her retirement to the board.

"I can't praise the board enough, especially Chairman John Howard, who accepted everything I recommended," the president said. "I'm indebted to their support, and my memories of Clarendon College will be nothing but sweet and endearing."

The president also praised the staff, faculty, and administration for their support of him and of the ideas he said they had collectively embraced.

April 25, 2013
CHS students advance in UIL

Three CHS senior students are advancing to compete in four events at state competition in Austin as a result of their placements at the Regional UIL academic meet.

Maritta Brady placed 1st in Computer Applications with a perfect score and placed 3rd in Spelling, Lydia Howard placed 3rd in science and was alternate top biology, and Samantha Sanderson placed 3rd in Lincoln Douglas debate at the meet hosted by South Plains College in Levelland April 19.

April 25, 2013
HISD elects new president

Hedley school board president Ted Wright was removed from his leadership position last week when trustees voted to reorganize the board ahead of this spring's elections.

The decision came during a called meeting of the Hedley ISD board on Tuesday, April 16. Trustee Karen Watt said she didn't believe the board was getting sufficient communication and moved to reorganize the board with Bonnie Brown as president. Watt, Tonja Ruthardt, James Potts, and Dana Bell voted in favor of the motion, Mark Howard opposed the measure, and Brown and Wright abstained.

Boards usually reorganize after an election, and sources tell the Enterprise it is unusual for such a move to take place unless the board make up has changed, such as board officer dying or resigning.

May 2, 2013
Shelton, Shadle advance to state

Senior runner Audrey Shelton doubled up at the Regional Track Meet in Levelland last weekend winning the 3200-meter run and finishing second in the 1600-meter to run in two events in the State Meet in Austin May 10-11.

Fellow senior Jentry Shadle also qualified for state in the 100-meter hurdles with a great second place finish with a time of 16.80.

May 2, 2013
Verbal sparring marks HISD trustee meeting

Continued verbal sparring between an elected official and the school superintendent marked the regular meeting of the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees last Thursday evening, April 25.

Although the board itself was united on every vote it took Thursday, school trustee Karen Watt and Superintendent Bill Sanders remained at loggerheads on several issues.

Watt questioned Sanders on his mileage charges during consideration of the school district's financial report, and later directed the administrator over the school's failure to ratify a Concussion Oversight Team, an item that had been on the board's agenda several times for "discussion" but not for "approval."

May 9, 2013
Sts. Roost Museum to receive Comanche arrow marker

The Quanah Parker Trail will officially come through Clarendon next Friday when an arrow sculpture is installed at the Saints' Roost Museum.

The local marker is one of three coming to the Panhandle next week, courtesy of sculptor and artist Charles A. Smith of New Home, Texas. The Tri-County Tourism Gathering hosted by the Texas Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council (PTMC).

May 9, 2013
CISD adopts tax hike, triggers election

Clarendon ISD Trustees unanimously adopted a tax increase last Tuesday, April 30, and automatically triggered a June 1 election for voters to approve or deny the increase.

The new ad valorem rate of \$1.17 per \$100 valuation represents a 13-cent increase over the current rate of \$1.04, which is the highest the state allows school districts to set without voter approval.

May 15, 2013
Shelton wins gold at state track meet

Clarendon High School senior Audrey Shelton's track career could have not had a better ending as she sprinted to a gold medal at the State Track Meet in Austin last week.

She not only won the gold in the 3200-meter run, she also annihilated the old record in that event. Shelton ran the race in 11:31.84, beating her personal best by 37 seconds according to coach Alton Gaines.

Shelton did not stop at one medal. She also went on to a third place finish in the 1600-meter with a time of 5:21.63 to add the bronze to her collection. Shelton bested the field by almost fifteen seconds in the 3200 and was a little over a second off the pace in the 1600.

May 15, 2013
Howard, Brady top students for CHS Class of 2013

Clarendon High School has named its top students for this year. Lydia Howard is this year's valedictorian, and Maritta Brady is the salutatorian.

Howard, with a GPA of 98.7, is the daughter of Gwynne and Bruce Howard and the granddaughter of Jim and Sammie Howard and Ila Gale.

This year's salutatorian is Maritta Brady with a GPA of 95.7. Maritta is the daughter of Kennith and Christina Brady, sister of Dominique Brady, John Brady, and Chris Brewer, and the granddaughter of Gloria Jaramillo and Ramon Sanchez.

May 15, 2013
Hicks wins re-election; HISD voters oust two incumbents

Clarendon Mayor Larry Hicks narrowly won re-election Saturday, beating Alderman Tommy Hill by a 20-vote margin, 244-224; and two longtime incumbents on the Hedley school board were defeated.

A total of 468 voters cast ballots in the city election, representing a 43 percent turnout.

Sandy Skelton was the top vote getter among candidates for two positions on the Board of Aldermen with 329 votes. Alderman Debbie Roberts was elected to a full term with 231 votes, and also running were former alderman Janice Knorpp, 187, and Trevor Leeper, 99.

Challenger Aaron Harper led all candidates with 108 votes in the six person race for two seats on the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees, and former trustee Lana Ritchie was also elected with 82 votes. Longtime trustees James E. Potts and Bonnie Brown lost their positions with 53 and 52 votes each, and also running were Kevin Smith, 29, and Michelle McCann, 9.

HISD had a total of 170 voters, representing a 41.1 percent turnout.

In Howardwick, Mike Rowland was elected mayor with 57 votes over David Cafferatta with 29. Jim Cockerham and Gail Leathers were elected to two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen with 69 and 54

votes each, defeating William R. Jordan, 41. Gene Rogers and Cory Longan were elected to one-year terms on the board with 61 and 52 votes, defeating H.L. "Buster" Baird, 34, and Sandy Sanders, 18.

Howardwick had a 38.6 percent turnout with 86 people casting ballots.

Challenger Chuck Robertson was the top vote getter in the race for three positions on the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees with 455 votes, and incumbents Jim Shelton and Robin Ellis were re-elected with 444 and 376 votes respectively. Also running was Linda Rowland, 153.

Voter turnout for Clarendon ISD was 26.5 percent with 522 people voting.

May 22, 2013
Hedley names top grads for Class of 2013

Hedley High School has named Austin Adams and Coltin Kingston as their top graduates for the Class of 2013.

Austin Adams, with a grade point average of 97.75, is this year's valedictorian. He is the son of Lon and Nicki Adams. Coltin G. Kingston is this year's salutatorian with a grade point average of 97.3065. He is the son of Jim and Tashell Kingston.

May 29, 2013
Brown gets 33 years in prison

A Clarendon man who escaped from the Donley County Jail in March was sentenced to 30 years in state prison last week as part of a plea agreement when the district court met here Monday, May 20.

Torrence Eugene Smith was convicted for the first degree felony offense of escape causing bodily injury, enhanced. Smith pleaded guilty for the offense that took place on March 5, 2013, and was sentenced to 30 years in the Institutional Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Smith was arrested in Gray County after an escape from the Donley County jail by Donley County Deputy Vincent "Sonny" Marasco, according to Inman.

May 29, 2013
Hundreds celebrate at Mulkey Block Party

A crowd of at least 600 people attended the first ever Mulkey Block Party last Saturday, May 25, to witness the formal lighting of Clarendon's historic theatre.

The event was hosted by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation and an advisory committee and marked the completion

of a \$140,000 Phase One Exterior Renovation to the movie house.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, figures were not complete for how much the event raised to kick off Phase Two Interior Renovations, but the Block Party was widely hailed as a success by those in attendance who enjoyed the fun, music, food, dancing, and booths on Kearney Street.

Steve Hall and Jesse Lincycomb warmed up the crowd before one of the best bands in the Panhandle, Insufficient Funds, took the stage and wowed the crowd with a wide range of popular music and rock and roll.

June 5, 2013
Groundwater online at Greenbelt Water Authority

Groundwater from the City of Clarendon is now taking a little bit of pressure off a dwindling Lake Greenbelt, and City Hall has received its first payment from the water authority.

Greenbelt Water Authority General Manager Bobbie Kidd carried a check to City Hall for \$5,705.20 on Monday for May water usage. Water from the city's well field began being mixed with lake water after the wells were officially permitted by the groundwater district on May 17.

Kidd said the Clarendon was Five wells on the north side of the city are now satisfying between 25 and 40 percent of the needs of the Greenbelt system depending on the demand for water. Kidd said, on average, the wells will satisfy about 30 percent of the demand.

June 5, 2013
School tax rate ratified by vote

School funding in the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District got a boost Saturday, June 1, when voters ratified a 13-cent property tax increase by a wide margin.

More than 78 percent of those participating in the district's tax ratification election approved of the higher rate, passing the increase by a margin of 234-65.

Early voters provided the biggest boost to the tax, voting in favor of the measure, 169-18. Election Day voting was closer with the tax still meeting approval, 65-47.

June 12, 2013
City Hall in turmoil

Clarendon Alderman Debbie Roberts Hillis turned in her resignation this afternoon, leaving the Board of Aldermen without a quorum and unable to meet.

Hillis' resignation comes one day after two other board members – Abby Patten and Jesus Hernandez

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Drugs in the News

Second Stroke Prevention: New Approach

Researchers in China may have found a solution that may reduce second strokes after a person has had a minor stroke. Currently, the risk of having a second stroke after a minor one may occur within up to three months of having the first stroke. Many doctors advise the taking of aspirin everyday to help prevent a second stroke from happening. The results of a clinical trial in China shows that having a second stroke may occur less in people who take clopidogrel (Plavix) in addition to aspirin than taking aspirin only. These results may change the traditional method of care for those who suffered a minor stroke. There is ongoing research in the United States to help confirm or deny these findings.

Aspirin helps prevent platelets from sticking together which may lead to a blood clot. Plavix also helps prevent platelets from sticking together by blocking a chemical that causes platelets to clump together. Genetic testing may be performed before a person starts Plavix to ensure that the medication will work properly. Both of these medications can cause bleeding inside the body.

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2013: Sales tax revenues increase

— also resigned. The five-member board now only has two members left — Sandy Skelton and Will Thompson — who cannot take action on their own.

June 12, 2013 CEDC presents 15th grant

A formerly vacant building will be open for business this month, thanks in part to a grant from the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

Brownlee Custom Boots and Big Texas Hair & Highlights has been renovating the front portion of the building located north of the Mulkey Theatre at 106 S. Kearney. The proprietor, Elaine Brownlee, builds handmade boots and will also operate a hair salon in part of the building.

June 19, 2013 Sales tax revenue up 41 %

Clarendon's sales tax receipts were up sharply for the third month in a row, bolstered by economic activity of pipeline workers making their temporary homes in Donley County.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs distributed sales tax allocations last Wednesday, June 12, and Clarendon posted revenue of \$35,562.59 for the month of May compared to \$25,085.09 for the same month in 2012, an increase of 41.76 percent.

The city is now ahead 24.02 percent for the calendar year-to-date for sales tax revenue with collections totaling \$194,329.54, up from \$156,680.37 for the same time last year.

Hedley also continues to see an upward swing in tax revenue with a monthly allocation of \$399.72, up 33.99 percent from \$298.31 last May. That city is now 35 percent ahead for the year at \$3,566.60.

Howardwick's monthly sales tax revenue was up 22.26 percent for the month at \$1,778.15, but that city still lags just slightly for the year compared to 2012, down 0.33 percent at \$7,818.75.

June 19, 2013 November election to fill city's vacancies

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen is unable to make decisions and cannot hold official meetings following the resignation of three of its five members last week.

City officials say November will be the earliest that a special election can be held to fill the vacancies. The Texas Secretary of State's office had last week informed City Hall that the law does allow the governor to call an earlier emergency election, but legislative activities in the State Capitol were slowing the city's request for such action,

making November the likely date.

June 26, 2013 Petition seeks to legalize alcohol sales

Legal alcohol in old Saints' Roost is the goal of a group of citizens who intend to launch a petition drive calling for an election to allow the sale of all alcoholic beverages in Donley County.

Voters would decide the issue during the general election on November 5, 2013, if enough signatures can be gathered in the allotted time. The drive includes the sale of alcoholic beverages and mixed beverages.

Jack Craft is among a group of ten people publishing notice in this week's Clarendon Enterprise of their intent to file a petition with County Clerk Fay Vargas calling for a local option election to legalize alcohol sales in Donley County.

"My whole intention is to increase the tax base of Clarendon and Donley County and to increase the sponsors we can get for the museum and the rodeo," Craft said. "By bringing in more outside sponsors, we can give our local merchants some relief and bring more outside money into town."

Under state guidelines, organizers wishing to call an election must publish a notice of their intent and then file an application with the county clerk with ten or more signatures of registered voters and proof of published notice. The clerk will then provide the blank petition pages to the petitioners, and the Secretary of State and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission must be notified that petitions have been issued.

June 26, 2013 Wood to be interim super at Hedley ISD

A veteran educator with 43 years' experience is taking the helm of Hedley ISD following a meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday.

Bill Wood will serve as the school's interim superintendent following the resignation this month of embattled superintendent Bill Sanders.

July 3, 2013 CC receives \$275k gift

Clarendon College officials are making plans to enhance the Livestock & Equine Center after an anonymous donor gave \$275,000 for the purpose.

CC President Phil Shirley said the gift will allow the college to build restrooms, a permanent announcer's stand, office space, and a classroom to the ten-year-old facility.

The improvements to the LEC will make the facility more attractive for events, bring more people to Clarendon, and in turn help the

community and local businesses, the president said.

July 10, 2013 Fair weather greets July Fourth

Cool, calm weather greeted a patriotic crowd gathered on the Courthouse Square last Thursday, July 4, for the 136th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

The Kids' Parade started the day with the youngsters peddling or driving from Third Street down Sully Street in front of the Courthouse. There were 27 participants in the 1-4 age category, and the winners were first place Braxton Gribble, second place Caleb Askew & Kassie Askew, and third place was Keiden Moody. The 5-8 age division had 34 participants, and the winners were first place Kyndall Shields, second place Maloree Wann, and third place Tandie & Kennadie Cummins. The 9 and up category had seven 7 participants, and the winners were first place Ashleigh Hatfield, second place Jordan Johnson, and third place Coby Pryer.

In the 0-4 age group, Kyndall Shields was first, Meredith Artho was second, and Elliott Frausto was third. Braxton Gribble won the 5-8 age group with MaKenna Shadle second and Molley Davis third. The 9-12 age group was won by Keeden Moody, Davis Conklin was second, and Jaxon Robertson was third. Ethan Babcock was also recognized as having the first place bicycle.

July 10, 2013 Alcohol petition hits goal

The petition calling for an election on legalizing alcohol sales in Donley County met the threshold for the number of signatures needed to place the issue on the November ballot.

A total of 544 legal signatures were verified on the petition, Tax Assessor-Collector Linda Crump said Tuesday. Petitioners needed 413 signatures to call an election on the question.

July 10, 2013 CISD discusses safety issues

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2013: State lets contracts for city bridges

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session June 18 with a full agenda that included school safety issues and using an online solution to teach high school Spanish.

Roger and Ashlee Estlack led a discussion about the safety issues and communications at the school district during times of severe weather and crisis situations.

Mr. Estlack suggested the district review its emergency plans and offered suggestions to improve the plan, and Mrs. Estlack encouraged the board to adopt the same automated crisis communications system currently being used by the sheriff's office and Clarendon College. Superintendent Monty Mr. Hysinger and the board will explore the options and present a resolution at a later date.

July 17, 2013 State lets contract for bridges

More than half a million dollars of bridge improvements will be made in the City of Clarendon following action taken by the Texas Transportation Commission last week.

State officials authorized \$553,081 to construct a new bridge on Seventh Street at City Park and repair the bridge on Rosenfield Street. Gilvin-Terrill, LTD of Amarillo was awarded these projects for approaches and bridge work.

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation systems," said Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer. "Keeping travelers moving safely and efficiently will continue to be an ongoing priority in Texas."

The Seventh Street bridge was closed in 2008 after Texas Department of Transportation officials determined it was unsafe for travel. The pony truss bridge was built in 1908, and TxDOT says it will leave the historic bridge in place but closed to traffic, and the new

bridge will be constructed adjacent to the old one on the south side.

July 24, 2013 HISD looks to neighbors for new students

Hedley ISD announced plans this week to go after transfer students from neighboring school districts, and interim superintendent Bill Wood says the school has some new offerings that he hopes will bring in new students.

In addition to running bus routes to Clarendon and Lelia Lake and offering transportation to students in Memphis, Hedley is now expanding their Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten programs to full-day schedules. Wood also notes that Pre-K is being offered without a tuition fee unlike Clarendon ISD's program.

August 7, 2013 CC Regents approve contracts for Amarillo center

Clarendon College Regents last week approved contractor proposals totaling \$129,337 as work continues on an Amarillo cosmetology center that is expected to open this fall.

CC Vice President Ray Jaramillo said he fully expects to have 70 students enrolled in the center when it opens.

August 7, 2013 Couple faces charges of child neglect

A Clarendon couple is facing felony charges after their child was found playing in the street about a block from their home.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the child, appearing to be two-years old, was spotted playing at Third and Goodnight before 11 a.m. the morning of July 27. A deputy attempted to locate the child's parents and found a second pre-school aged child inside a locked vehicle.

The parents were found asleep inside a house in the 200 block of S.

Carhart Street, and an infant was in the house.

Brandon David Goodwin III, age 24, and Anna Christine Johnson, age 19, were arrested July 31 and charged with two counts each of Abandon Endanger Criminal Child Neglect.

August 14, 2013 Rangers present cross at Goodnight

The Former Texas Rangers Association/Foundation held a cross ceremony at the Goodnight Cemetery on Saturday honoring Col. Charles Goodnight.

Goodnight was a Texas Ranger, and the cross, made by Kevin Johnson of Clarendon, is on permanent display at his gravesite in Goodnight.

Some of the honored guests included Ruth Robinson, who is a relative of Charles Goodnight; Benny Tahmahkera who is the great, great, great-grandson of Quanah Parker; and many former Texas Rangers from around the state.

August 14, 2013 Babcock asks court to review decision

An attorney for convicted child killer Robert Babcock is asking an appeals court to take a second look at the case.

The Donley County Clerk's office says Babcock's attorney filed a motion for discretionary review on July 12 with the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo. The motion came less than one month after the court upheld the decision of a Hall County jury that found Babcock guilty of killing his four-year-old son, Chance Mark Jones, and sentencing him to life in prison.

August 21, 2013 County tax increase called for

Donley County residents are being asked to pay a little more to support a \$2.1 million budget for fiscal year 2014.

Commissioners have proposed raising the county's total tax rate by a little more than three cents from \$0.598656 to \$0.632279 per \$100 valuation. The total county tax levy on a \$50,000 home would increase by about \$16.8.

August 21, 2013 McCary accepts plea

A local man accused of enticing children into his van at the Clarendon ballpark last summer accepted a plea deal to a lesser charge late Tuesday, August 20.

Joe Brian McCary pled "no contest" to the Class C misdemeanor of Attempted Enticement of a Child after his defense attorney asked for a directed verdict part way through a jury trial.

County Attorney Landon Lambert represented the state and was seeking a verdict on a Class B misdemeanor of Enticement of a Child, which would have carried a maximum 180 days in jail.

McCary reportedly lured three small girls into his van on Saturday, May 19, 2012, during a local little league game.

August 29, 2013 CC ranks among Top 50

Clarendon College is starting the fall semester on a high note after the school was named one of the 50 Best Community Colleges in the United States recently.

Clarendon officials announced the college ranking at the August 15 meeting of the Board of Regents after TheBestSchools.org ranked the college 36th out of the best schools in the US, and it was ranked second among three Texas junior colleges on the list.

August 29, 2013 Howard receives 'Teacher of the Year' award

Clarendon High School science teacher Bruce Howard has been named the 2013-2014 Teacher of the

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2013: County voters okay alcohol sales

Year among secondary teachers in Region 16.

Howard has been teaching science for 33 years, the last four of which have been at CHS. Prior to that, he taught at Hedley High school and Lake Country Christian School in Fort Worth.

September 18, 2013 CC reports drop in fall enrollment

Clarendon College's fall enrollment is down compared to one year ago, but college officials say they have slowed the decline and expect a rebound beginning in January.

CC reported a total enrollment of 1,215 students following the 12th class day last Wednesday, September 11. That reflects a headcount decline of 2.9 percent compared to the 1,252 students in the fall of 2012.

Numbers on the Clarendon campus improved over last year with 367 students compared to 356 a year ago, but the college was down 18 students at its Pampa Center and down 28 students in dual credit classes, which are offered through area high schools.

September 26, 2013 CC receives \$2.25 million grant for nursing program

Clarendon College received word Wednesday that it is a recipient of a Title III Part A grant. This

grant provides approximately \$2.25 million to assist in the establishment of a Registered Nursing Program at the College.

Funding will begin right away with plans for a January 2014 RN program start.

October 2, 2013 J Bar D team wins cookoff

After weathering a severe West Texas storm, the J Bar D Ranch of Amarillo bested 15 other teams to win the 19th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last Saturday, September 28.

Officials with the Saints' Roost Museum, which sponsors the event, said they fed about 600 people at the cookoff, compared to more than 700 people last year when 17 wagons competed.

October 16, 2013 Panhandle veterans take honor flight to DC

Two Donley County men were among several Texas Panhandle veterans recently who were able to see firsthand just how appreciated they are for their service to America

In September, an Honor Flight made up of area veterans made the trip with family members to Washington, DC, to lay wreaths at war memorials, fellowship, swap war stories, and make new friends. Among those honored veterans were

Joe Robinson and Bufford Holland of Donley County, both of whom fought in World War II.

"These flights are a sincere attempt to restore true patriotism in our country," Gene Miller, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, said.

October 23, 2013 Clarendon clinic welcomes new physician's assistant

Clarendon Family Medical Center is proud to announce the addition of a new member to their staff, Misty Nobles, who has been working as a Physician's Assistant at the clinic for about five weeks.

Nobles grew up and went to high school at Bells, Texas, a small community near Sherman. She then did her undergraduate work at Southeastern Oklahoma State University before going to PA school at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth and graduating in May.

October 23, 2013 CISD to improve storm shelter

Clarendon ISD students will soon have an improved storm shelter following action by the Board of Trustees last Tuesday, October 15.

The board unanimously accepted a proposal from Wiley Hicks, Jr., Construction for \$34,431 to pave a 5,400 square-foot area

under the library and cafeteria to make it more usable.

The area commonly known as the "bomb shelter" by school alumni was used for decades as a storm shelter after the school's 1960s construction. But school officials stopped using it several years ago partly over concerns about the dust stirred up from the dirt floor when hundreds of students were in there.

October 30, 2013 Regents name Riza to lead CC

Dr. Robert Riza will be the next president of Clarendon College following a meeting of the Board of Regents last Thursday, October 24.

Riza is currently serving as Vice President of Student Services at Hill College in Hillsboro. He was selected from a pool of three finalists for the job after they each interviewed here two weeks ago, and he says he looks forward to coming to Clarendon.

November 6, 2013 Voters okay alcohol sales

The people of Donley County changed history Tuesday night November 5, legalizing alcohol sales, including mixed drinks, countywide in a 597-501 vote.

Election Day votes had the measure ahead, 227-183. But more than 700 people cast early votes countywide, and those ballots kept

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Varsity Boys

DEC. 3RD	GROOM	GROOM	7:30 PM
DEC. 5-7TH	MIAMI TOURNAMENT	MIAMI	TBA
DEC. 10TH	CANADIAN	CLARENDON	8 PM
DEC. 12TH	OPEN	TBA	TBA
DEC. 17TH	VALLEY	CLARENDON	8 PM
DEC. 27-28TH	CANADIAN TOURNAMENT	CANADIAN	TBA
DEC. 31ST	MEMPHIS	MEMPHIS	12:00 PM
JAN. 2ND	ASCENSION ACADEMY	CLARENDON	7:30 PM
JAN. 3RD	CHILDRESS	CHILDRESS	7:30 PM
JAN. 7TH	CLAUDE	CLAUDE	8 PM
JAN. 10TH	VEGA	CLARENDON	8 PM
JAN. 14TH	WHITE DEER	WHITE DEER	8 PM
JAN. 17TH	PANHANDLE	CLARENDON	8 PM
JAN. 21ST	OPEN	TBA	TBA
JAN. 24TH	CLAUDE	CLARENDON	8 PM
JAN. 28TH	VEGA	VEGA	8 PM
JAN. 31ST	WHITE DEER	CLARENDON	8 PM
FEB. 4TH	PANHANDLE	PANHANDLE	8 PM



Varsity Girls

DEC. 3RD	GROOM	GROOM	6 PM
DEC. 6TH	PERRYTON	PERRYTON	6 PM
DEC. 10TH	CANADIAN	CLARENDON	6:30 PM
DEC. 12TH	OPEN	TBA	TBA
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2013: Commissioners okay wind farm tax abatement

people waiting until after 10 p.m. when the word finally came from election judges. The margin spread when the early vote tally was in favor of alcohol sales, 370-318.

A total of 1,098 votes – a turnout of 46.5 percent – were cast in the election, and the local option passed by about 54.4 percent.

The election reverses 111 years of history in Donley County. While the City of Howardwick has been “wet” for about four decades, the rest of Donley County has been “dry” since 1902.

November 13, 2013 US 287 to be improved

The Texas Transportation Commission recently approved \$2.2 million project for an asphaltic concrete pavement overlay on US 287 in Donley County in an ongoing effort to improve safety.

J. Lee Milligan, Inc. of Amarillo, TX is the contractor for this project. This project will begin at the Armstrong County line and continue to the Clarendon west city limits, in the southbound lanes only.

“Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation systems,” said Marty Smith, TxDOT’s Childress District Engineer. “Keeping travelers moving safely and efficiently will continue to be an ongoing priority as Texas welcomes nearly 1,000 newcomers each day.”

“In a state as vast as Texas, it’s imperative to not only have reliable roadways connecting our rural and urban citizens, but also to be diligent in designing and maintaining them with safety in mind,” said Commissioner Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commission. “Keeping everyone safe on the road is our first priority. We must do everything we can to get the driving public safely to their destinations and home to their families at the end of the day.”

November 13, 2013 Clarendon sales tax revenue keeps climbing

City Hall continues to enjoy higher sales tax receipts following Texas Comptroller Susan Combs’ latest allocation last week.

Clarendon received \$38,081.87 for its October allocation, up 11.9 percent over the same period in 2012. The city is also up 23.03 percent for the calendar year-to-date with revenue of \$379,504.17 compared to \$308,446.79 for the same period in 2012.

Howardwick was almost even for the month with an allocation of \$1,436.24, an increase of 0.06 percent compared to \$1,435.35 last year. That city is up 2.56 percent for the year at \$15,969.66.

Hedley dropped 6.73 percent to \$835.68 for the month put remains up 27.85 percent for the year-to-date at \$15,969.66.

Combs said statewide sales tax revenue in October was \$2.14 billion, up 5.4 percent compared to October 2012.

November 13, 2013 County okays abatement for wind farm

A \$200 million wind farm is one step closer to construction after Donley County Commissioners approved a tax abatement for the project Tuesday afternoon.

The incentive provides Cielo Land & Cattle, LP, with a ten-year, 100 percent abatement from ad valorem taxes but also sets up payments to the county in lieu of taxes during the period of the agreement.

Cielo, which is developing the project as Salt Fork Wind, LP, will pay Donley County \$2,000 per megawatt of electric generating capacity up to a maximum of \$200,000 per year. The agreement also stipulates that Cielo will develop a minimum of 80 megawatts of capacity in Donley County, which would result

in no less than \$160,000 in income for the county annually for ten years.

The first payment in lieu of taxes is due October 1, 2015, the agreement states.

November 20, 2013 Lady Bulldog signs to play for Cameron University Aggies

Brandi Leal, one of the stars of this year’s Lady Bulldog Basketball Team, signed a national letter of intent to play for Cameron University Lady Aggies, of Lawton, OK, last Wednesday, November 15, 2013.

Brandi, a graduate of Amarillo High School, has been a star player as well as a leader on the Lady Bulldogs’ squad. Last season, she made 100 three-point shots in addition to averaging 13.6 points per game and pulling down 4.5 rebounds per game. She was First Team All-Conference WJCAC.

So far this season, Brandi is averaging 22.2 points per game, while sinking 5 1/2 three-point baskets per contest.

November 20, 2013 City gets back to work

City government began moving again Friday when three new members of the Clarendon Board of Aldermen took the oath of office.

New Aldermen Beverly Burrow, Larry Jeffers, and Doug Kidd joined current Aldermen Will Thompson and Sandy Skelton, and Mayor Larry Hicks presided at the city held its first official meeting in five months.

The board elected Thompson to serve as the city’s mayor pro-tem and also approved Foster & Lambert to conduct the city audit for fiscal year 2013.

The board also ratified the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.65 per \$100 valuation, and the Donley Appraisal District will now begin billing for city taxes.

November 27, 2013 Community dinner to be held

Thanksgiving Day at CISD

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thanksgiving Day, November 28, from 11:00 to 1:30 in the Clarendon ISD Cafeteria.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a community to fellowship and praise God for His abundant blessings for our churches, families, community, and nation. This year’s entertainment will include live music by Danny Mullins and Bunk Skelton.

There will be tables and chairs set up for those who have a hard time getting in and out of the smaller cafeteria seating.

This event is designed to bring the community together for fun and fellowship during the holiday season.

November 27, 2013 Texas approves SWEPCO rate increase

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) has approved a base rate increase for Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), a unit of American Electric Power (AEP).

In Texas, the bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) will increase approximately \$7.00 per month, or 8.9 percent. The PUCT approved this increase in base rates to recover costs associated with two major power plants and for vegetation management to maintain and ensure reliability.

The difference between the amounts billed under the former rates and the new approved rates from February 2013 through November 2013 will be billed to customers through a surcharge implemented at the same time as new rates go into effect. This additional 7.8 percent surcharge (about \$6.00) will continue for about 10 months through September 2014.

December 4, 2013 Riza takes over as CC president

Dr. Robert Riza took the helm of Clarendon College this week as the school’s 19th president.

The new president arrived in town Saturday and attended church and the community Thanksgiving service on Sunday before greeting several visitors to his office on Monday.

“It’s been a very positive experience,” Riza said. “Everybody has been very gracious and welcoming just like I expected of good Panhandle, West Texas people.”

Riza transferred his Lions Club membership to Clarendon Tuesday and says his first priorities are to meet people and familiarize himself with what’s going on in the community and at CC. He also plans to sit down with his senior staff individually, and talk about what’s working and what’s not.

Beyond that the college’s reaccreditation in 2015 and the planning that goes into that will take quite a bit of the new president’s attention.

December 12, 2013 McAnear All-District quarterback

Senior Clarendon football player Chance McAnear has been unanimously selected as the District 1-1A quarterback by the participating teams in the district. McAnear has been instrumental in the success of the Clarendon Broncos all four years of his high school football career. Fellow senior Tres Hommel was also selected to the team as a defensive lineman and has also been a standout for the Broncos while at CHS. Stratford, Sunray, Panhandle, and Memphis also had selections to the team.

December 12, 2013 Donley County enacts burn ban during red flag events

Donley County Commissioners enacted a burn ban during

their regular meeting Monday, December 9.

No outdoor burning is allowed 24 hours prior to or on the day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning issued from the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Anyone engaging in any form of outdoor burning is asked to burn with extreme caution at all times.

Forecasters can issue the watch or warning for all or selected portions within a fire weather zone. The Red Flag event is verified when the weather and fuel conditions listed below are met simultaneously for any three hours or more during the period.

December 12, 2013 Four-way county judge’s race emerges

A horse race has developed in the Republican Primary with four candidates now jockeying for position to succeed Donley County Judge Jack Hall.

Jack Craft is the most recent addition to the lineup. Filing on the deadline day Monday, Craft is a local rancher and businessman who spearheaded the petition drive that led to Donley County voting to allow alcohol sales this year.

Gary Campbell was the first candidate to step forward several weeks ago. He is a retired haz-mat engineer and realtor who is currently representing Clarendon on the Greenbelt Water Authority Board.

Randy Bond is also seeking the county’s top job. He has more than 30 years in law enforcement and is currently Donley County’s chief deputy as well as a local businessman.

Last week, Dr. John Howard threw his hat in the ring. In addition to serving as the community’s medical doctor, Howard is active in the United States Navy and serves as the chairman of the Clarendon College Board of Regents.

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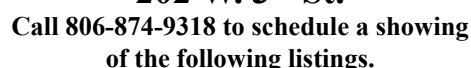
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