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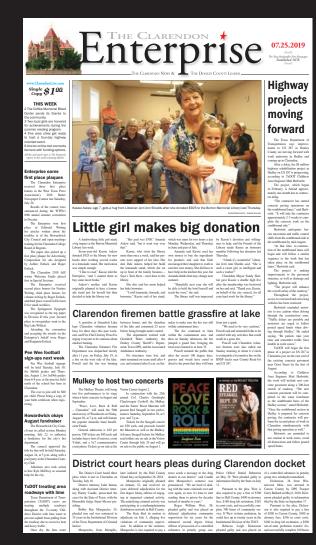






















# 2019: The Year In Review

#### January 3, 2019

### **Hernandez wins Late** Night jackpot

Jenci Hernandez was the jackpot winner December 20 when the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce closed out its final night of Late Night Shopping for 2018.

Four lucky local shoppers were drawn as winners that night with the first three getting a chance to Spin the Wheel for their prizes. Kim Fowler January 24, 2019 won \$200 in Chamber Cash, Marietta Baird won a gift certificate to Cornell's Country Store, and Terri Luna won a feed tub from Positive Feed.

Hernandez was the fourth name drawn and did get to spin but instead won all the remaining prizes on the wheel. Her total winnings in Chamber Cash, merchandise, and gift certificates totaled \$1,193.

### **January 3, 2019 DCCF** awards funds to VFW, Hedley FD

The Donley County Community Fund has announced the recipients of its January 31, 2019 2018 grant cycle and the results of the Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign.

The Hedley Volunteer Fire Department and the Donley County VFW Memorial Post are each receiving \$500 in grants from the DCCF. The fire department will use the funds to help replace tires on fire trucks, and the VFW will use the money for needed improvements to the VFW Hall in Clarendon.

### January 10, 2019 **Brumley donates** Chuckwagon

An old Chuckwagon has found a new home at the Saints' Roost Museum January 31, 2019 thanks to the generosity of a Groom resident. Johnny Brumley donated the 1906 wagon built by the Bain Wagon Co. after it had been in his possession for about 15 years.

Brumley said he has restored about 25 Chuck wagons and worked on 50 wagons of other types, but this wagon was just for his family's personal use. He built the Chuckbox for morning, January 27, to a grass fire near it himself, and never entered it into any competitions.

### January 17, 2019 **Havnes receives Extension award**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service presented its Superior Service - Agent award to resources agent in Donley County.

the highest award presented by the or outbuildings were lost but between agency. The recipients were honored Jan. 8 with a noon luncheon.

"Leonard runs a well-rounded educational program, effectively managing his time to maximize impacts for both youth and adults," said Brandon Dukes, AgriLife Extension district administrator, in his nomination.

### January 17, 2019 City rejects lone aquatic center bid

Clarendon's proposed water recreation facility will go back through the bidding process after the first and only bid came in last week at more than \$1 million above the funds available for the project.

Plains Builders submitted the bid of \$3.162 million, and the City Council rejected that bid during its regular meeting January 10.

Mayor Sandy Skelton said inflation and increased tariffs are largely responsible for the higher than expected bid.

### January 17, 2019 City ends personal property taxation

Clarendon Aldermen killed the personal property tax during their regular meeting last Thursday, January

The unpopular taxation of cars, trucks, recreational vehicles, and other similar property had been in place for decades, but officials believe the city can now afford to end the tax thanks to increasing sales tax revenues.

### January 17, 2019 Tucek, Hinton win at county stock show

The top animals in the Beef Division were exhibited by Koyt Tucek and Kasie Hinton when the annual annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 12, at the Donley County Activity

Grand and Reserve Champion winners from the 2019 Donley County

Champion Steer, and Hinton had the Grand Champion Heifer.

Other top winners were Mya Edwards and her Grand Champion Sheep; Izzy Craft with the Grand Champion Goat; Maloree Wann and her Grand Champion Gilt; and Hudson Howard with the Grand Champion

### **Howardwick renews** water franchise

The Howardwick City Council voted to renew its franchise agreement with Red River Water Authority for a seven-year period following a lengthy debate last Tuesday, January 15.

The city's present agreement with Red River is expiring next month after a period of 40 years. Howardwick officials and the water authority had agreed to a draft agreement calling for a 10-year period, but some aldermen felt like that was still too long.

### **Federal shutdown** impacts city work

The recent shutdown of the federal government has negatively impacted the City of Clarendon's water infrastructure project, costing the city money and delaying work on the project.

City Administrator David Dockery said work on Clarendon's \$3.1 million project stopped January 18 when the contractor pulled employees off the job amid concerns about payments. The project is funded by the US Department of Agriculture with a combination grant and loan to the city.

### **Clarendon firemen** protect four homes

Clarendon volunteer firemen have been kept busy lately and are credited with saving at least four homes in the last two weeks.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched Sunday the intersection of FM 1260 and CR W. Fire Chief Jeremy Powell reports the blaze was the result of multiple fires started by a vehicle travelling north on FM 1260. Southwest winds quickly caused these fires to threaten three homes, Powell reported.

The Hedley Volunteer Fire Department was requested for mutual aid, as was Donley County Precinct 1, Leonard Haynes, agriculture and natural 2, 3, and 4 motorgraders. Two of the Fierro, 34, were discovered Monday fires traveled more than a mile before night. The Superior Service awards are being contained. Powell said no homes 180 and 200 acres were burned.

> Firemen had just come off another grass fire last Monday evening, January 21, and were still at the station when they were dispatched to the Mable Dean Wilson house at Bugbee Avenue and

### **February 7, 2019** Byars not seeking reelection as mayor

With one week to go in the filing period, only one local taxing entity the City of Howardwick - has enough candidates to hold an election this

Howardwick Mayor Greta Byars confirmed this week that she is not seeking reelection to her office. Two other residents of that city, Alderman Brice Hawley and Tony Clemishire, have filed to run for chief executive's spot. Meanwhile, so far five people are running for two positions on the city council. Alderman Johnny Floyd will be joined on the ballot by Beverly McCaskill, Erica Mills, Tammy Jordan, and Jerry Mullanax.

### **February 7, 2019** Mulkey Theatre to reopen May 25

The Mulkey Theatre will reopen Memorial Day weekend with a Grand Opening celebration set for Saturday, May 25, and other festivities on Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation, which has led the ten-year effort to renovate the 1946 theatre, set the May opening during its regular meeting Monday

CEDC directors were told that construction work continues this week to prepare for the installation of sound, projection, and stage lighting equipment starting on February 18, followed by the installation of theatre seating scheduled

### February 14, 2019 **CCISD** starts new Junior Livestock Show. Enterprise **security procedure**

to present identification at campus pressed 90 pounds. offices beginning Tuesday, February 19.

School officials say the Raptor Visitor Management System will strengthen safety for students and faculty. Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a driver's license, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system.

### February 14, 2019 Vorheis wins top **Chamber award**

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Mary Vorheis with the 2018 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service and commitment to the community during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet Thursday, February 7.

Man of the Year honors went to Jeff McKee, and Sherol Johnston was named the Woman of the Year. J&W Lumber & Supply was named the Business of the Year.

Other award winners were Clarendon Young Man of the Year Noab Elam, Clarendon Young Woman of the year Brandalyn Ellis, Hedley Young Woman of the Year Kasie Hinton, and Hedley Young Man of the Year Chris Gonzales.

### February 21, 2019 **CC** spring enrollment number sets record

Clarendon College's spring enrollment is the highest spring enrollment in the school's 121-year

Total enrollment settled at 1,477 following the 12th class day this semester. That's up 1.79 percent from the spring 2018 enrollment of 1,451, and it marks the fourth spring semester in a row to show an increase.

"We hope to continue to provide opportunities for our service area and build on the success we've seen in the last few years," CC President Robert Riza said.

### February 21, 2019 **Couple murdered in** Howardwick

A double homicide Howardwick Monday night has local and state investigators busy looking for clues to a suspect this week. Donley County Sheriff Butch

Blackburn said the bodies of Candace Racheal Garret, 33, and James Edward

enforcement personnel discovered the bodies in the couple's residence at 113 Lakeview Lane after the sheriff's office received a call at

Four children, who were home at the time, were being interviewed by The Bridge - Children's Advocacy Center on Tuesday.

### February 28, 2019 Broncos end season as Bi-District champs

The Broncos were devastated last Friday night at Randall High when New Deal threw up a Hail Mary with just ticks on the clock to steal the win away from the maroon and white. A hardfought battle ended at 68-69 with New Deal grabbing the Area trophy away from the Broncos.

Earlier in the week, Clarendon clinched the Bi-District title with a 49-36 win over West Texas High in Pampa on Tuesday.

#### February 28, 2019 Fierro held on bond for double murder A family member is being held in

the Donley County Jail for the double murder of a Howardwick couple on February 18.

Thirty-year-old Jarvis Fierro was arrested last Friday, February 22, and is charged with capital murder for the shooting deaths of his brother James Edward Fierro, 34, and Candice Racheal Garrett, 33.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn is confident that his department, working with other area and state agencies, has the killer in custody.

"We got him," Blackburn said. "No doubt."

### March 7, 2019

### Jaramillo places at regional lift meet

Power lifter Aubrey Jaramillo made her second appearance in a row at the Regional Powerlifting Meet last

Jaramillo came home with the fifth-place medal for a personal best lift total of 460 pounds. She had personal

bests in the squat at 175 pounds and the Tucek showed the Grand Clarendon CISD will require all visitors deadlift at 195 pounds. Jaramillo bench

### March 21, 2019 H'wick working on water service

Howardwick residents have been dealing with multiple water issues over the last several days, including loss of pressure and loss of service, as Red River Water Authority works to address leaks in the system.

City Secretary Sandra Childress said Tuesday that Red River Regional Manager Jason Caldwell has been great to work with and that the authority has been working late hours to correct issues facing the city.

"This is something that is everybody's fault," Childress said. "It's the city's fault, it's Red River's fault, and it's the people's fault who tied into the system illegally. But now we're all working to fix it, and everybody is just going to have to be patient."

### March 21, 2019 **Three CHS students** 'die' in mock wreck

Three Clarendon High School students "died" following a mock accident sponsored by the student council Monday afternoon.

The Shattered Dreams program illustrated the dangers of drinking and driving by staging a crash and the resulting efforts of first responders in front of the high school and junior high student bodies.

"The situation was four girls had been drinking at a party and were driving, and they ran into car with three sober boys," student council sponsor Tammi Lewis said.

### March 21, 2019 One fatality in single-car accident

A Lubbock man lost his life last Monday, March 11, in a single car accident south of Clarendon on Hwy.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Lynn Mays said 27-year-old Gabriel Garcia was southbound when his 2004 Lincoln Navigator went onto the right shoulder. He jerked left, spinning his vehicle so that it faced north, and the vehicle then rolled off the east side of the road before coming to rest on its wheels.

### March 21, 2019 **Accident claims life** of CC student

A Clarendon College rodeo team member died following a skid loader accident on campus Monday night, March 18.

Twenty-year-old sophomore Dalton O'Gorman of Shamrock was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Pam Mason, and an autopsy on Tuesday morning confirmed the young man died from crushing injuries he sustained.

### March 28, 2019 City will seek pool project bids again

Last Wednesday brought a second round of disappointment for Clarendon officials when new bids for the city's proposed water recreation facility again came in more than \$1 million above the project estimate.

The low - and only - bid at the first bid opening in January came in at \$3.162 million. A second round of bidding drew the interest of three companies, but the low bid at the March 20 opening was \$3.255 million.

### March 28, 2019 **Enterprise editorials,** ads win first place

The Clarendon Enterprise received eleven awards, including first place in Editorials and Advertising Initiative, at the 09th annual Panhandle Press Association Convention in Amarillo last Saturday, March 23.

Competing in Division One for weekly newspapers, the Enterprise was recognized for Editorials on the subjects of the Howardwick City Council, open government, and Open Meetings training at Clarendon College and for Advertisements designed by Ashlee Estlack and Roger Estlack.

The Enterprise won second place honors for Human Interest Photos by Roger Estlack and Kari Lindsey, Front Page Layout, News Writing, Spot News Photos by Ashlee Estlack and Roger Estlack, Society & Lifestyles Page, Feature Writing, Special Section, Best Website, and Serious Columns by Roger Estlack.

### **Engineers redesign** city pool project

Clarendon's proposed recreation facility is already being redesigned as city leaders get ready to bid the project a third time, according to information presented at last Thursday's city council meeting.

Mayor Sandy Skelton said he and City Administrator David Dockery had a frank conversation with facility engineer Waters Edge Aquatic Design about the money available for the project, the time lost, and the unaffordability of the original design.

Designer Dave Swartz agreed with Skelton's points and also agreed to redesign the facility at no charge to

### **April 4, 2019** Regents take no action on Riza

Clarendon College Regents took no action on President Robert Riza's evaluation or contract when they met last Thursday, March 28.

Riza currently has a contract through June 1, 2020, but the president's relationship over the last several months has become publicly strained with certain board members, particularly Jerry Woodard and Darlene Spier.

Ahead of last week's meeting, the administration and members of the board even disagreed on who would compile the results of the board's evaluation of the president. Riza advocated the traditional method of having a college staff member compile the results, but ultimately it was Spier who compiled the results and handed the report to the regents Thursday.

### **April 11, 2019** 4H horse judgers bring home awards

Donley County 4-H Horse Judging teams travelled to Canyon on Friday, March 29, to compete in the Traveling Trophy Horse Judging Contest.

The individual results in the senior division follow: Brandalyn Elllis 5th overall, Tanner Burch 14th, Henry Dushay 23rd and Darcy Grahn 29th. As a team, they placed 4th overall.

In the junior division, the 7th place team overall was Lanev Gates. Maloree Wann, Brenna Ellis and Bryce Williams. Gracie Ellis, Whitney Williams, Mary Jo Dushay and Elliot Frausto finished 10th overall as a team and Madi Benson, Makvnna Williams and Presley Smith placed 13th. Placing in the top 25 as individuals was Laney 9th, Maloree 17th, Gracie 22nd, Madi 23rd, and Whitney 24th.

### **April 11, 2019** City to put tax auestion to voters

The City of Clarendon is asking voters to consider a change in the way local sales taxes are distributed when they go to the polls this May.

Local businesses collect an 8.25 percent sales taxes. That overall number won't change no matter which way citizens vote, but the local allocation of those taxes could change.

Of the sales tax rate, 6.25 percent goes to the state and currently 1.0 percent goes to the city's general revenue, 0.5 percent goes to economic development, and 0.5 percent goes toward property tax reduction.

If citizens vote for the ballot initiative, the 0.5 percent currently allocated for property tax reduction will be redirected with 0.25 percent going to the general fund and 0.25 being dedicated for street repairs.

### **April 11, 2019 Donation to cool off** high school gym

Clarendon basketball fans will soon be able to keep cool even during heated games thanks to an anonymous donation to install air-conditioning in the Bronco Gym.

Clarendon CISD Trustees approved a resolution during its regular meeting March 21 expressing the school board's appreciation of such a generous gift to the community.

"This was an anonymous, unsolicited gift of \$150,000," Clarendon Superintendent Mike Norrell said.

### **April 11, 2019** H'wick candidates face questions

Eight of nine candidates for office in Howardwick participated in forum last Tuesday, April 2, to answer questions submitted by citizens.

Candidate for alderman Tammy Jordan was the lone absence from the forum and told the Enterprise this week she was not notified of the meeting.

Howardwick candidates Jerry

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### **2019:** H'wick elects Clemishire mayor

Tony Clemishire, and J.D. Kindle at last week's forum. Enterprise Photo / Roger

Mayoral candidates Coy Cooper, Alderman Brice Hawley, Tony April 25, 2019 Clemisher, and J.D. Kindle were up first to address citizen concerns, covering a wide range of topics, as presented by City Secretary Sandy Childress.

Hawley and Clemisher both agreed to try to not let meetings go on for three hours or more if elected.

### **April 18, 2019**

#### Overstreet wins 2019 annual Jones 5K

Kenneth Overstreet and Kaylanth Mendoza were the top men's and women's finishers of the seventh annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K last team success include Brody Rankin, Saturday, April 13, at Clarendon College. a freshman from Roaring Springs;

Overstreet, age 17, was the first to cross the finish line with a time of 19:39, shaving almost a minute off his winning sophomore from Miami, Texas; Josh time from last year and giving him the Green, a sophomore from Wetumpka, Tegan was named the 2018-19 All best overall time, the best men's time, and best time for those ages 11-19.

Mendoza, age 16, ran the race in 24 minutes, 24 seconds, finishing before **April 25, 2019** all other women and placing third in the 11-19 age group. Second place in that group went to Ryder Robison with a time of 20:41.

### **April 18, 2019 CHS UIL students** state bound

The Clarendon High School UIL Science team will head to the State UIL and Shylee Morrow. Courtesy Photo / Lisa Grahn

students to the regional academic meet in Odessa April 13, and four of those also. students will be headed to the next level of competition, the State UIL Academic Meet in Austin May 3 and 4.

The Science team, led by senior Marquis McGuire, won the regional title to advance. McGuire won the regional Chemistry championship and placed second overall to pace the team, but April 25, 2019 every team member placed in a category as well.

Tessa Lutters finished third in Physics, Josiah Howard was fourth in Biology, and Shylee Morrow was sixth in Biology.

### **April 18, 2019 Evaluations show**

stark differences of opinion about his Department, then went into executive Word and Cameron Word. He has a performance among members the Board session for almost 30 minutes with legal of Regents, according to documents obtained by The Clarendon Enterprise the lawsuit. through a Public Information Request.

regents' rift on Riza

Regents Ruth Robinson, Jack Moreman, and Dr. Bill Sansing had the highest praise for the president, giving him fours and fives in every criterion

Regents Jerry Woodard and Darlene Spier had the harshest evaluations of the president as well as the most negative comments.

mixed reviews of themselves and the president.

### **April 18, 2019**

### **Accrediting agency** reviewing CC board

The governing board of Clarendon College's accrediting agency will consider in June whether CC's Board of Regents has violated as many as four accreditation standards.

Documents obtained by The Clarendon Enterprise through a Public Information Request show that the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) notified the college in February that a complaint had been filed against CC's Board of Regents alleging repeated violations of the Texas Open Meetings Act and that members of the board had "harassed college employees who were trying to uphold the law and

institutional policy." SACSCOC was specifically interested in the following standards: Lambert, who has an average of 95.125 Governing Board Characteristics, a Core Requirement which speaks to the board not being controlled by a minority of board members; Board/Administrative Distinction; Conflict of Interest; and Board Self-Evaluation.

### **April 25, 2019**

### **CC** Ranch Horse team wins reserve national

The Clarendon College Ranch Horse Team recently competed at the American Stock Horse Association National Collegiate Championship in Sweetwater, Texas, and finished the show as the Reserve National Champion

Stock Horse Team of Division II. Gracie Paul, a sophomore from

Non-Pro Division and also received the and Darcy Grahn (17). Collegiate trainer award for that division.

### **CC** Rodeo ranking second in southwest

The Clarendon College Rodeo team is currently in second place in the Southwest Region.

Much of the men's team success can be attributed to two cousins from Winterset, Iowa - Riggin and Tegan Smith. They are sitting in first and second place in the Saddle Bronc Riding event. Tegan is splitting 3rd-4th in the Bull Riding making him the 1st place all-around cowboy.

Others contributing to the men's Casey McCleskey, a sophomore from Clarendon; Brayden Roberson, a AL, and Taylor Russell, a freshman from

### **CC** Regents vote down extending Riza

A divided Board of Regents voted down a contract extension for Clarendon College President Robert Riza, and Regent Jack Moreman indicated his intent to resign from the board following HISD hires new the president's evaluation last Thursday.

The 4-5 vote came after most meet in May. Pictured here are Marquis regents spoke about the president's new administration next month after McGuire, Josiah Howard, Tessa Lutters, performance. Moreman started the discussion and offered the motion to add one year to the president's contract, Clarendon High School took 12 which expires in June 2020 and said he thought the board should entertain a raise Hedley's new superintendent, and Eric

> "We'd be hard pressed to replace the man we have now," Moreman said. "I've served or worked with all of our presidents since Kenneth Vaughn. He [Riza] and Bill Auvenshine are the best of them."

### H'wick to sue fire department

The Howardwick City Council approved filing a lawsuit against the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department during its regular meeting April 9.

Aldermen first unanimously approved authorizing City Secretary Sandy Childress and the city's attorney to complete requests for motor vehicle Evaluations of Clarendon registration forms in the name of the College President Robert Riza show City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire for CHS is Gavin Word, son of Tiffanie

Childress told the Enterprise that the city's official fire department - the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department as defined in Chapter 7 of the code of ordinances - has been with Moreman offering the most positive replaced by a new entity calling itself the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department.

### April 25, 2019

### Saving lives pays off Other board members gave more for Hedley ISD kids

Hedley High School received \$2,000 last Thursday from Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo following the school's participating in the Kids, Inc. Donor Days blood drive.

higher percentage of school population participating, Hedley beat out Texline and Follett in the competition's small high school category. Students, staff, and members of the community all rallied together to donate the gift of life.

School officials say the money will toward new playground equipment.

### May 2, 2019

### **Hedley names top** students for 2019

Hedley High School has announced Jayden Lambert and Kasie Hinton as its top students for the Class of 2019.

commencement activities at Hedley High School at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 25.

The Valedictorian is Jayden Grace or a GPA of 3.887. Kasie Nicole Hinton is this year's Salutatorian with an average of 94.946 or a GPA of 3.887.

### May 2, 2019 Donley 4-H team earns trip to state

Donley County 4-H judging team members participated in the District 1 Spring Roundup in Canyon last Friday with one team securing a spot at the state

The top 3 teams in the senior division get to advance to the Texas 4-H State Roundup held at Texas A&M campus June 10-13. Donley County's senior horse judging team placed third, and those members and individual

Mullanax, Coy Cooper, Brice Hawley, Coldwater, Kan., finished as the Reserve rankings were Brandalyn Ellis (5), National Champion in the Limited Henry Dushay (9), Tanner Burch (11)

#### May 2, 2019

### **CC** rodeo team wins regional title

Clarendon College's Men's Rodeo Team made school history and secured its first trip to the National Finals last weekend after winning the Southwest Region title at the Tarleton Stampede in Stephenville April 25-27.

The team went into the regional contest in second place before capturing 515 points, which catapulted Clarendon College to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Southwest Region Men's Team Championship for the first time in school history.

CC's team will now advance to the College National Finals held in Casper, Wyo., June 9-15.

Tegan and Riggin Smith received several honors following the rodeo. Around Champion Cowboy for the second year in a row, the Reserve Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, and the third place finisher in the Bull Riding. He was also nominated to represent the Southwest Region for the Walt Garrison Scholarship Award.

CC's Riggin Smith was the 2018-19 Saddle Bronc Riding Champion.

### May 9, 2019 administrators

Hedley ISD will be under a the Board of Trustees named a new superintendent and principal for the school at its most recent meeting.

Garrett Bains was named as Alston, a Hedley alumnus, will succeed Bains as the school's principal.

Superintendent Terry Stevens was very pleased with the selections following the April 15 board meeting.

"I think these are two really good hires that will be here for the long term," Stevens said.

### May 9, 2019 **CHS** names top

### students for 2019 Clarendon High School announced

this week that Noab Elam and Gavin Word are the top students for the Class

The valedictorian for this year's graduating class is Noab Elam. He is the son of Brad and Adelita Elam and has a weighted GPA of 5.829. The salutatorian weighted GPA of 5.637.

### May 9, 2019

### **Clemishire wins** mayor at Howardwick

Tony Clemishire will be the new mayor of Howardwick, a new face will join the Clarendon school board, and Clarendon residents approved a tax measure during voting last Saturday,

A total of 148 votes were cast in the race to determine who would succeed Howardwick Mayor Greta Byars. Clemishire easily carried the election with 105 votes followed by Alderman Brice Hawley 32, Coy Cooper 9, and J.D. Kindle 2.

Alderman Johnny Floyd won With 31 units donated and a re-election to the Howardwick City Council with 130 votes, and former code officer Jerry Mulanax was also elected to the council with 89 votes. Others running for City Council were Beverly McCaskill 29, Tammy Jordan 12, and Ericka Mills

### May 17, 2019

### **CC Lady Bulldogs fall** in regional tourney

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs closed out their 2019 season Monday at the NJCAA Region V tournament in Lubbock.

CC won its first game against Both girls will be recognized during Odessa College on Saturday, 10-7, but then fell to Midland College on Sunday, 1-2.

The Lady Bulldogs then were eliminated from the tournament with an 8-0 loss to Howard College on Monday. Howard went on to win the tournament championship.

### May 17, 2019 **High-speed chase** ends in Memphis

An Iowa Park woman was booked into the Donley County Jail Monday after leading law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase from Clarendon

Michelle Dehoyos, age 40, was wanted out of Iowa Park for a hit and run involving a police officer when she was spotted in Clarendon shortly before 9 a.m. Monday. A Donley County deputy gave pursuit and as Dehoyos fled east on

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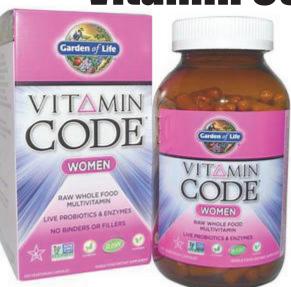
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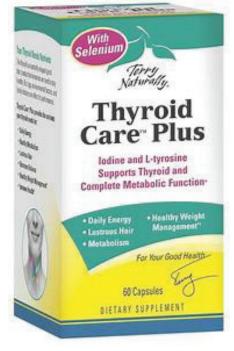


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### **January 6 - 10**

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Wed: Sliced pork roast & applesauce, green beans, mixed green salad, wheat roll, gingerbread, iced tea/2% milk. Thu: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Roast beef, baked potato w/ sour cream, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

### **Hedley Senior Citizens**

Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2%

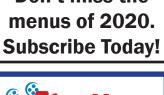
Tue: Ham & pinto beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, pineapple cup, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Creamy mushroom Wed: steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

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### May 17, 2019 City sales tax hits

new all-time high Clarendon hit a new record last week when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed monthly sales tax allocations to local governments.

The city's May allocation came in at an all-time monthly high of \$56,593.42, stopped a few ticketholders from which was up more 27.73 percent over the same period one year ago.

The figure blew past the previous monthly high, which was set just six months ago in November with a total of \$45,308.43. Clarendon closed out calendar year 2018 with the highest sales tax revenue in his history, collecting \$421,334.60.

### May 23, 2019

### **Local kids to compete** in state rodeo

Clarendon High School seniors Brandalyn Ellis and Cole Franks will be **June 6, 2019** traveling to Abilene, Texas, June 8-15 to compete in the Texas High School Rodeo Association State Finals.

The state finals rodeo is an annual, week-long event where high school students across Texas and surrounding and expanded by the US Department of states come and compete. Numerous awards, scholarships and the opportunity to represent Texas at the National High all up for grabs.

Brandalyn and Cole, both CHS seniors and members of the THSRA Regions 1 & 3 respectively, will be competing on the state level in the Pole Bending (Brandalyn) and Bareback and Saddle Bronc (Cole) events.

### May 23, 2019 Clemishire takes over as mayor

Tony Clemishire took the reins as Howardwick's new mayor last Tuesday, May 14, and was sworn in along with two new members of the city council.

Outgoing Mayor Greta Byars

opened the meeting and presided through the canvassing of May 4 election. Clemishire expressed

appreciation for those who elected him and asked for patience as the new council gets to business. The mayor also said he intends to

### bring citizens' comments back to the end of regular council meetings so long as folks remain respectful.

### May 30, 2019 Local seniors earn \$174k in scholarships Donley County high school

graduates for 2019 received \$174,060 to further their education, according to announcements made by Clarendon and Hedley high schools.

Clarendon High School seniors are eligible for or have received \$125,550, and the total for Hedley seniors is

Students from both Clarendon and Hedley are eligible for \$500 from Clarendon College. That represents a \$16,000 commitment to the youth of Clarendon and a \$5,500 commitment to Hedley seniors.

instituted a tuition cap so that Clarendon and Hedley graduates will never have to pay for more than 12 credit hours per semester no matter how many hours they take. Additionally, there is also been a \$20,000 commitment by the Clarendon requires that an institution not be

scholarship for Clarendon High School dual credit students while still in high

Clarendon's Class of 2019 completed a total of 537 dual credit hours through Clarendon College.

### May 30, 2019 Mulkey re-opens with

gala event Saturdav Great music, great food, and a great time marked the opening gala of the Mulkey Theatre Saturday night, May 25.

Thunderstorms and downpours attending the event, but a large crowd still braved the elements and turned out to enjoy an evening of entertainment.

A red carpet awaited those arriving after they had their photos taken in front of a custom Mulkey backdrop at the Visitor Center office. Once inside the newly renovated 1946 theatre, a feast was available in front of the new Mulkey stage and in the balcony with food expertly prepared by Great Western Dining and beverages provided by the Broken Road liquor store and the Chamber of Commerce.

### Pell pilot program at CC extended

A program piloted by Clarendon College three years ago has been renewed Education.

CC is one of 64 colleges nationwide and one of only seven in Texas in 2016 to School Finals Rodeo held each July are host the Second Chance Pell program, which allows incarcerated Americans to access Pell Grants to pursue postsecondary education.

CC President Robert Riza says the program has proven its effectiveness and CC's funding for the program has gone up from \$101,000 in 2018 to \$140,000 this year and has helped 151 students in Pampa and Childress.

### June 6, 2019

### chief speak to regents

The daughter of Clarendon College's longest serving regent and the president of CC's regional accrediting body addressed the Board of Regents during its May 16 meeting following an April decision not to extend President Robert Riza's contract.

Debbie Thompson, the daughter of the late Delbert Robertson, spoke to the board during public comment about what she called the discord of recent meetings.

Thompson said her father often spoken to her after board meetings to brag on the good things that were happening. But she said before he died he worried about it." After a motion in said. "They stepped up and did great!" April to extend Riza's contract failed by a vote of 4-5, Thompson said she had to **June 27, 2019** speak out.

"My Daddy thought Dr. Riza was the best thing to happen in a long time," Thompson said. "My grandson is graduating [high school] with 47 [college] credit hours. He wouldn't have that. I beg you not to destroy what's been built," Thompson said.

Later in the meeting, Dr. Belle Wheelan, the president and CEO of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools - Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), addressed the board.

Wheelan presented a PowerPoint CC President Robert Riza has also presentation of more than 30 slides, defining the role of the accrediting body and the necessity of accreditation and then focusing on the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation.

Wheelan said SACSCOC oversight

College Foundation to fund the PEAK controlled by a minority of its board June 27, 2019

2019: Mulkey Theatre re-opens with gala event

SACSCOC rules also require that the board's presiding officer and a majority of other board members are free from any contractual, employment, personal, or familial financial interest in the institution.

"You have to keep the college free from that crap," Wheelan said and she also said it is important that the board keeps a distinction between policymaking and the responsibility of the administration to implement policy.

The college also needs to have a fair and appropriate process for the dismissal of a board member, Wheelan said.

### June 6, 2019

### Accident claims two lives near Clarendon

Two people lost their lives in a twovehicle collision at the east city limits in Clarendon last Friday afternoon, May 31. Sandra Gray, 57, of Amarillo and Karen Chan, 37, of Palo Alto, Calif., were both pronounced dead on the scene by Donley County Judge John Howard.

### June 13. 2019

### **CC** signs agreement with WGU Texas

Clarendon College graduates and employees now have a new pathway to earn bachelor's and master's degrees through online, non-profit university WGU Texas.

Through the new agreement, CC graduates, faculty, and staff will receive a five percent discounted tuition at WGU Texas, exclusive partner scholarships, valued at up to \$2,000, and can select from more than 60 accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs in information technology, business, health professions and teaching.

earn higher degrees while still living and working in their hometowns.

### June 20, 2019 Thompson, accrediting CC rodeo team gets third at nationals

Clarendon College's Riggin Smith won the Saddle Bronc contest and the CC men's rodeo team took third place overall at the College National Finals Rodeo last week in Casper, Wyo. Competing among more than 50

colleges and universities, Clarendon had several outstanding performances during the college's first team appearance at the July 11, 2019 national finals. Saddle Bronc Champion Riggin

Smith (center) with fellow CC rodeo team member Teagan Smith (left) and

in 2017, "he saw discord starting, and how it went," rodeo coach Bret Franks

### **Line replacement** affecting outages

The frequent power outages that Clarendon residents have noticed lately have been caused in part by the power line replacement currently being done through town.

Clarendon city officials met with representatives of AEP/Southwestern Electric Power Co. last week about the outages and learned the cause of the recent trouble.

SWEPCO has had to de-energize the transmission line coming into the city from Childlress during the replacement. That leaves the city dependent on a feed coming from the Jericho substation. If a storm or other problem interrupts that service, there is no back up.

### **SACSCOC** places CC on warning

Clarendon College has been placed on Warning for 12 months by its accrediting agency, and a special committee will conduct an on-site CC Board of Regents.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) met on June 13 and determined that CC had "failed to demonstrate compliance" with a core July 17, 2019 requirement and three standards set by the agency relating to governance by the regents, according to a public report on **fire department suit** the commission's website.

#### June 27, 2019

### **Tornadoes strike** area Saturday

Two tornadoes developed from a storm near the Goodnight and Ashtola communities late Saturday night, June 22, causing considerable damage to the McAnear farm.

reported that its survey crew rated both twisters as EF-0 storms, the first of city. which developed about 10:43 p.m. south of US 287 and damaged a center pivot July 24, 2019 system and one home before dissipating.

The second tornado then damaged the roof of a cabin, a power pole, a corn field, and another center pivot system north of the highway. A trailer was also put thrown through a well in that storm.

### July 11, 2019 Clarendon holds 142nd celebration

weather greeted Beautiful CC President Robert Riza said he a patriotic crowd gathered on the is very excited to give students a way to Courthouse Square last Saturday, July 6, for the 142nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

The Kids' Parade started the day July 24, 2019 with the youngsters peddling or driving from Third Street down Sully Street in front of the Courthouse. In the 0-4 age group, Shaylee Hall was first, Stetson Duncan and Conner Askew were second, and Delaney Chambless third. Library last week. Gavin Reed won the 5-8 age group with Braxton Gribble second and Paul Bennett third. The 9 and up age group was won by Meredith Artho, Haughton Bivens second and Lindley Hill third.

### Latigo wins 2019 **COEA Ranch Rodeo**

Latigo Ranch took top honors for CC Rodeo Coach Bret Franks. CC Photo the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment "I couldn't be more tickled with Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last lower property tax Friday and Saturday. Latigo scores beat out 20 other

> local and regional teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 142nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of Jacob Gudgell, Wesley Gudgell, Truston Gudgel, Bubba Garcia, and Zane Peters.

Wilson Cattle Co. team finished Dockery. second with Rodey Wilson, Clay Paige, Colton Burnett, Casey McCleskey, and Tanner Allen and Baca Ranches placed third this year with the team of Zane Peters, Jayton Baca, Jake Baca, Rex Green, Tayler Burkett.

### July 17, 2019 City airport to get

\$80k in upgrades

Clarendon's Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport will be receiving more than \$80,000 worth of improvements after several donations have helped raise matching funds for a grant.

Chiropractic

The city had initially planned to use \$15,000 left over from a previous grant project to match the 50/50 Routine Airport Maintenance Program grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

With the state funds, that would have paid for \$30,000 for crack sealing evaluation of the college following a and fog sealing of the runway; but review of a complaint made against the the RAMP program was approved to match any amount up to \$50,000 for a possible total of \$100,000 worth of improvements. The city's new airport board saw an opportunity to do more work that originally planned.

### **Howardwick settles**

The City of Howardwick this week approved a settlement with the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department bringing control of the city's fire protection back under the authority of the City Council, and named former city alderman Brice Hawley as interim fire

In special meeting Monday night, the city approved the terms of the agreed judgment by which all monies, titles, The National Weather Service gear, vehicles, and other property of the department have been returned to the

### Clarendon firemen battle Greenbelt fire

A grassfire at Greenbelt Lake kept Clarendon volunteer firemen busy for three days this past weekend, and Fire Chief Jeremy Powell is urging everyone to be cautious about outdoor burning.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched shortly after 11 p.m. on Friday, July 19, to a fire on the west side of the lake. Powell said the fire was burning between homes and the shoreline of the lake and consumed 25 acres before being brought under control.

### Little girl makes big donation to library

A hardworking little girl made a big impact at the Burton Memorial

Seven-year-old Kassie Askew donated \$925 to the library for new books after working several weeks at a lemonade stand. Her motivation was simple enough.

"I like to read," Kassie told the Enterprise, "and I wanted them to buy some more books."

### July 31, 2019 Aldermen vote for

Clarendon Aldermen proposed dropping the city's ad valorem tax rate by almost 26 cents per \$100 valuation during their regular meeting last Thursday, July 25.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.4999 compared to the current rate of \$0.75868, according to City Administrator David

"That puts our rate under 50 cents and generates less than \$500,000 in revenue, which makes the city a small taxing unit," Dockery said.

The reduced rate was made possible by the city paying off bonds that were issued in 2012 for street and water line improvements.

### July 31, 2019 Aldermen deliberate pool project

The Clarendon City Council last week deliberated the fate of a proposed aquatics facility and discussed using city

**Dr. Chad Pearson** 

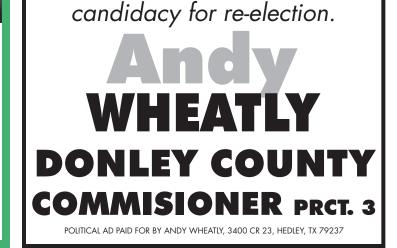


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A&S General Contractors had the lowest price of \$2,716,838 when bids were opened on July 9. Funds currently dedicated to the project through donations and grants, however, total \$2,253,055, leaving a shortfall of \$463,783. City officials would also like to have a five percent contingency residents' use. fund of \$126,842 in the event of change orders or cost overruns.

The city has until August 23 to accept or reject the bid submitted by

### August 7, 2019 CISD board extends **Norrell's contract**

of Trustees extended the contract of Superintendent Mike Norrell during their regular meeting July 11.

behind closed doors to evaluate Norrell's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) performance before returning to open session to accept his contract and compensation package unanimously.

Norrell started with Clarendon August 28, 2019 schools in April 2015. His contract will now run through the 2022-2023 school

### August 7, 2019 **Accident claims teen** girl's life last week

An Amarillo vouth lost her life and two friends were hospitalize following early Friday morning, August 3.

Safety reports that a 14-year-old girl, who was driving at the time, was pronounced dead on the scene by Justice of the Peace Pat White. Two other 14-year-old girls were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. One had non-lifethreatening injuries, and another was still hospitalized Tuesday morning.

### **August 14, 2019** City council extends **Dockery's contract**

The Clarendon City Council unanimously extended the contract of City Administrator David Dockery years in prison following the death of his during their regular meeting August 8.

Following an evaluation in closed session, the council reconvened in open session where Mayor Sandy Skelton announced that Dockery had received a perfect score on his evaluation.

The council then voted unanimously to extend his contract to 2021 and give him a four percent raise.

### August 14, 2019 City accepts pool bid

Clarendon will have its own water recreation park as early as next summer following action taken by the city council last Thursday, August 8.

With a unanimous vote, aldermen approved a \$2.7 million bid from A&S General Contractors to construct the Clarendon Aquatics Center on the southeast corner of Fourth and Kearney.

Mayor Sandy Skelton, during the meeting, urged the council to take action on the bid calling it their "opportunity to step up as city leaders and make a bold decision." Afterwards, he applauded the council's vote.

"After four years of fundraising, I am very pleased that the City Council accepted the low bid from A&S General Contractors for the construction of Clarendon's first ever public swimming pool," Skelton said.

### August 21, 2019 H'wick back under water restrictions

Howardwick citizens were back under a boil water notice this week after a failed pump impacted the city's water

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City Hall reports that pump problems began Saturday and worsened on Sunday, prompting Red River Water Authority on Monday to issue the boil water notice and place the city under a Stage 4 water emergency, which bans all outside watering.

Red River also delivered bottled drinking water to City Hall for the

### August 21, 2019 **Deal underway for** new City Hall

Clarendon City Hall will have a new home in 2020 after a real estate agreement was reached last week.

City Administrator David Dockery says the city is purchasing the former The Clarendon CISD Board office building of Bill Lowe at 313 S. Sully across from the Donley County Courthouse for \$163,000.

"We're too confined in our current Trustees met for over an hour offices and our requirements to meet the was going to be expensive," Dockery

### **Local schools meet** state testing goals

Clarendon and Hedley schools both met state goals on standardized testing last spring and earned "grades" of B for the year, according to information released this month by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Clarendon ISD's overall score a one vehicle accident near Clarendon improved from an 84 last year as a district to 88 this year with Clarendon The Texas Department of Public High School making an 87, down one point; Clarendon Junior High making an 80, up five points; and Clarendon Elementary maintaining a 90.

Hedley received an overall score of 88 out of 100, down from a 92 last year. Hedley ISD operates as one campus, where the state recognizes Clarendon as being three campuses - elementary, junior high, and high school.

### August 28, 2019 Myers gets 10-year prison sentence

A Clarendon man will spend ten daughter last October.

During a meeting of the 100th District Court here Monday, Christopher Bryon Myers, age 38, entered a guilty plea to the charge of second degree felony offense of injury to a child. Myers was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Myers was arrested in Donley County by DPS Texas Ranger Mike Smith on October 12, 2018. He was later indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on January 17.

Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded to Myers' residence at 718 S. Ellerbe on Friday, October 12, after a 911 call at 5:02 that morning reported a possible dead baby. Officials at the time said the complaint against Myers alleged that the child's death was due to blunt force trauma.

### August 28, 2019 CISD taxes fall, teacher salaries rise

Clarendon ISD teachers will received a pay raise and local taxpayers could see relief on their property taxes thanks to House Bill 3, according to Superintendent Mike Norrell.

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees approved a new compressed tax rate Monday night, mandated by HB 3. The new rate of \$1.0683 per \$100 valuation will replace the school's old

Norrell also said that the starting teachers will see their base salary go up by more than \$3,000 in the new budget. Teachers with more experience will receive larger increases on the new pay

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scale set forth by the Texas Education

### August 28, 2019 City utility, trash rates going up

The Clarendon City Council approved rate increases for water, sewer, and trash services when it met last Thursday, August 22.

Officials said the cost of water and trash services charged to the city has gone up, and City Administrator David Dockery said the increase in the sewer charge will help the city's application for a grant to improve the sewer system.

"We've been told if we didn't raise our sewer rates, our application didn't stand a chance," Dockery said.

### August 28, 2019 Riza welcomes faculty back for fall

Clarendon College President Robert Riza welcomed faculty and staff last Thursday, August 22, as preparations were made for the opening of CC's 122nd fall semester this week.

Officials reported that the dorms were full as the semester got underway, an indication of a strong enrollment. Final enrollment will not be available for several days.

Dr. Riza enumerated several accomplishments of the college and praised the faculty and staff for their roles in making those things possible.

### September 4, 2019 St. Mary's church to be demolished

The Texas Panhandle's oldest Catholic Church is scheduled to be demolished next Monday, September 9, more than two years after it was damaged in an automobile accident.

St. Mary's Catholic Church parish member Chriss Clifford told the Enterprise Tuesday that Jordan Green has been hired to do the work after the church spent much time trying to figure out the best way to move forward.

The church learned the collision had broken the floor plate as well as several floor joists and that stress was being put on the roof of the 1892 building that was built by Irish immigrants working for the railroad. Understanding the historical

significance of the building, preservation architect and Preservation Texas board member Chuck Lynch was brought in to help determine whether the church could

"No one wanted to save it more than him," Clifford said.

### **September 11, 2019 CISD Trustees accept Norrell's resignation**

Clarendon ISD Superintendent Mike Norrell resigned effective immediately Monday night at a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Board President Wayne Hardin said Norrell resigned for personal reasons and that his decision to leave was not due to anything illegal or anything involving the school or its students.

"It was a total bombshell," Hardin said. "No one foresaw this. It was totally out of the blue."

### **September 11, 2019** Two for the Road to premier at Mulkey

The locally produced PBS series Two for the Road will hold a special season three premier event next Saturday, September 21, at the Mulkey Theatre in

Stone Ranch Media announced last week that the highly anticipated third season of the international travel and adventure show, produced and hosted by Howardwick residents Nikki and Dusty

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### 2019: Allsup's agrees to sell convenience stores to Yesway

Thursday night, October 3, at 8:00 p.m.

The new season of the threetime Lone Star Emmy nominated show they explore more than a dozen countries on PBS stations nationwide in early Childress. October as well.

### **September 18, 2019 Economy leads to dip** in CC enrollment

Clarendon College's fall enrollment is down from last year's all time high but still secured a spot in the record books as the institution's third highest enrollment the \$2.7 million project. in 121-year history.

The fall head count following the 12th class day last Wednesday settled City Administrator David Dockery said at 1,589, which is down from last year's figure of 1,639 and only one below the these residents and students help us with second highest enrollment of 1,590 set in 2017.

A strong economy and low unemployment typically leads to lower Skelton recognized those in attendance college enrollments, according to CC and reflected on the work that had been President Robert Riza.

"Unemployment is at 2½ percent right now," Dr. Riza said. "If you can project started four years ago. pass a drug screen, you can get a job."

### **September 18, 2019 Accident claims life** of local woman

in a two-vehicle accident last Thursday rescheduled following an incident at the afternoon near Goodnight.

Green, will premiere on Panhandle PBS County Justice of the Peace Pat White, to cancel even though the administration according to a report from the Texas and law enforcement determined there Department of Public Safety.

DPS Sgt. Cindy Barkley said Pierce around the world once again, this time as Fe, driven by 58-year-old James Powell, also of Clarendon. The couple was across four continents, including Bolivia, traveling in the outside lane of eastbound Iceland, Vietnam, the Galapagos Islands, US 287 when they were struck from Ireland and more. The thirteen new behind by a 2002 Peterbilt truck tractorepisodes will begin running concurrently trailer driven by Galyean Sawyer, 22, of

### **September 18, 2019** Ceremony kicks off pool work

City officials and approximately 100 spectators gathered at the site of the future Clarendon Aquatics Center Tuesday afternoon to break ground on

"We are extremely pleased to reach this milestone after years of efforts," afterward. "We are so grateful to have the ground-breaking for this momentous occasion for the City of Clarendon."

Before the dirt was turned, Mayor done since an anonymous donor first offered half a million dollars to get the

### **September 20, 2019 Incident reschedules HHS** homecoming

Hedley High School's homecoming A Clarendon woman lost her life activities for Sept. 20 have been school on Sept. 19.

was no threat to the school or its students.

"It was a bad topic for comedy," follows the Greens and their adventures was a passenger in a 2009 Hyundai Santa Bains said. "It would be like yelling 'bomb' in an airport. You just can't do that, and we decided to take a tough

> Bains said the school consulted with the Donley County Sheriff's Office which agreed there was no threat to the school. The superintendent said the administration's policy is that disciplinary action means a kid cannot participate in an athletic event that week, which can have a big impact when a school only has eight football players.

### **September 25, 2019 Lions Club to host** circus on Monday

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Lions Club, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Clarendon on September 30, to the Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center.

The public is invited to watch as the LEC grounds are transformed into a bustling Circus City. Between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the free Tour.

### **September 25, 2019** Clarendon CISD taps Jackson to be interim

Mike Jackson was named the interim superintendent of Clarendon CISD Monday night during a called meeting of the board of trustees.

Board Vice President Weldon Sears said Jackson will begin work this week, superintendent in Vega, Claude, Happy, Craft. Texoma and River Road

### **September 25, 2019** 25th cookoff to be held here Saturday

The Saints' Roost Museum will hold its 25th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff this Saturday, September 28, with a big celebration that includes two performances by Red Steagall.

Tickets for the cookoff are sold out, according to museum officials. Admission is free, however, for the other activities at the museum Saturday including live entertainment, museum tours, and the Western tradeshow.

The wagon teams will arrive Friday to host area students for a day of learning about the chuckwagon and cooking the cowboy-way. Friday afternoon will also include the junior cookoff, which pairs kids, ages 8-17, with mentors on participating wagon teams to learn the ropes of cooking over an open fire.

### **October 2, 2019** C Bar C wins 25th annual cookoff

The C Bar C Ranch team from Hartley was the overall champion of the 25th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last Saturday, September 28, at the Saints' Roost Museum.

Twelve wagons prepared food for 600 people for the sell-out event, and the C Bar C placed in three out of five food judging categories and placed third in

Jackson has also served as interim board designed by Clarendon artist Jack October 8, 2019

### **October 2, 2019** CC rodeo teams do well on the road

Clarendon College's rodeo teams results at two rodeos.

The teams competed in Portales September 19-21 at the Eastern New Mexico University rodeo. The team fared well with five members of the men's team competing in the finals.

Clarendon, qualified 5th in the Bareback Riding, 8th in the Saddle Bronc riding, and 10th in the Team Roping with partner Rafael Dominigo, a freshman from Citra, Florida.

### October 2, 2019 **Thornberry: 'Time is** right' for a change

Congressman Mac Thornberry said Monday "the time is right" following Local boy hit by his announcement that he will not seek re-election in 2020.

The Clarendon Republican referred to the people of the 13th District as his in Lubbock this week after he struck by employers and, in his official statement, a Jeep while crossing US 287 Sunday he expressed his gratitude for the people afternoon. who had repeatedly elected him since 1994 and to those he worked with.

the people of the 13th District of Texas as their congressman for the last 25 years," Thornberry said in a statement released Monday. "We are reminded, however, that 'for everything there is a season,' and I believe that the time has come for a change. Therefore, I will not

### Allsup's stores selling to Yesway

Allsup's Convenience Stores is being purchased by Yesway, according to reports Tuesday afternoon.

A Yesway press release said the had a busy September posting good Iowa-based company has entered into a definitive agreement to purchase Allsup's, which is based in Clovis, New Mexico, subject to regulatory approval and customary closing conditions.

"Allsup's founders, Lonnie and Barbara Allsup, were true Cole Franks, a freshman from pioneers, innovators, and visionaries of convenience store retailing," said Thomas Nicholas Trkla, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Yesway. "They were the first to offer customers hot, cooked foods, self-serve gasoline sales, and 24-hour service. We could not be more pleased to be joining forces with such a strong, beloved company and talented team of employees."

### **October 9, 2019** vehicle on US 287

A Clarendon boy is hospitalized

DPS Trooper Chase Overbeeke said the boy, identified on social media "It has been a great honor to serve" as seven-year-old T.J. Smith, was struck by the vehicle at about 2:40 p.m. near the intersection with Goodnight Street. He had been playing across the road and was called back by the person watching him, the trooper reported. He darted north across the highway and was struck on his right side.

of the Jeep, 38-year-old Scott Ormon of



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# 2019: CC meats team wins national championship title

North Richland Hills, was not speeding and tried to avoid the boy

### October 9, 2019 **City putting trust** properties up for sale Sheppard will end his local dentistry

The City of Clarendon in conjunction with the Texas Communities Group, LLC, will begin placing "For Sale" signs on available trust properties within the city in the coming days.

A press release from City Hall says this project is a part of the clean-up effort and other participating taxing entities.

Trust properties are lots and tracts of land which have been foreclosed upon to collect a tax lien due the local governmental entities, the City of Clarendon, Donley County, Clarendon ISD, Donley County Hospital District, October 16, 2019 the Clarendon College District, and the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District. These properties were put up for auction and went unsold at the tax sale. The properties are then "struck-off" to the entities.

### October 9, 2019 **Hedley ready to host Cotton Festival**

Hedley residents are making preparations to host their 68th annual Cotton Festival on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12.

The Hedley Lioness Club will get things going Friday with a Chili & Stew Supper at 5 p.m. The club will also be selling chances on a quilt. The Lions Club Hoedown will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Hedley's One Act Plan will host Bingo on Friday starting at 6 p.m. and Saturday starting at 10 a.m. in the Senior Citizens building. All proceeds support the high school's One Act Play.

Saturday's events begin with the Hedley Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m., and the Rowe Cemetery Association will hold a hake sale.

October 16, 2019

### **Dr. Sheppard to leave** local office Oct. 28

After 15 years, Dr. Richard practice in Clarendon on October 28.

Sheppard, who opened his office here in 2004, will continue to keep his Booker office open, and Drs. Ed Vlosich and Spence Vlosich will open a new practice - Clarendon Dental Associates.

Sheppard says he's enjoyed his spearheaded by the City of Clarendon time in Clarendon and particularly enjoyed the people he has gotten to work

> "It's been wonderful," he said. "I've made some really long-lasting relationships."

### King meets with local constituents

State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) gave a recap of the last legislative session and listened to the concerns of Donley County residents during a stop in Clarendon last Thursday, October 10.

Speaking at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center, Rep. King said his most important job at this point is the redistricting that will follow the 2020 US Census.

"Currently you need a population of about 160,000 to make a state house district," King said. "That will change to 200,000. One rural East Texas district. and one rural West District will be lost."

### October 23, 2019 H'wick residents improving town

Residents of Howardwick are seeing signs of progress as community members work to address issues of safety and quality of life in the lakeside city.

Civic leaders have made strides in

to the City Park, and reduce crime.

After a legal issue shut down the the city's official department - the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department – has been working to get back up and running and attained that goal this month. The department is now ready to accept and respond to calls.

#### October 30, 2019 **CC Meats Team wins** national title

The Clarendon College Meats Judging Team brought home the national championship after placing first in the 2019 Cargill High Plains Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in Friona.

At the awards presentation in Hereford Sunday night, Clarendon College had the highest placing team with team members Paige Perryman as the 4th high individual; Arliss Corliss, 5th high; Patrick Sharp, 6th high; and Conner Mikkelson, 7th high.

### November 6, 2019 **Clarendon native** pens children's book

Ashlyn Tubbs Grotegut has made writing a career, but her latest endeavor - authoring and illustrating a children's book – turned out to be a bigger challenge than she expected.

In 2018, the Clarendon native was attending DFWCon - a conference for writers - hoping to get information for a different project, but there was just one problem. Attendees are supposed to come with a story idea to pitch.

"So I thought, I'll do a children's story," she said. "That will be easy."

### November 6, 2019 **Lions celebrate** 97th anniversary

The Clarendon Lions Club held the last couple of months to improve fire its 97th anniversary Charter Banquet protection capability, add more amenities last Tuesday night, October 29, and

presented awards during the evening.

Attending and recognized at the Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, Lions Club Banquet were Past President John Howard Texas Lions Camp Vice Mattee Johnson, DG Dan Shuman, Sweetheart Kira Weatherton, District Camp Director Mike Poole, and Lion of the Year Boss Lion Scarlet Estlack.

Boss Lion Scarlet Estlack presented Lion John Howard with the past president's award. Lion Howard then presented the Boss Lion with the Lion of the Year of award.

### November 13, 2019 **Overstreet, Upton run** at state C-C meet

Two Donley County athletes competed at the State Cross Country meet last Saturday, November 9, in Round Rock.

Clarendon High School senior Kenny Overstreet made his third appearance at the State Meet. He finished 32nd in a field of 148 runners in Class

Hedley High School's Jordan Upton came in 80th in a field of 147 runners in class 1A. Upton, an HHS junior, clocked 5:37 for the first mile and 11:57.22 for the second mile. He finished the race overall with a time of 18:32.30. The Class 1A winner had a time of 15:28.38

### November 15, 2019 **Dental office to** expand service here

Donley County area residents are benefiting from expanded dental services thanks to Dr. Ed Vlosich and Clarendon Dental Associates.

Now in its second week of service, the new practice has picked up in the same office at Five Medical Drive where Dr. Richard Sheppard left off after 15 years of service to the community. The office itself has a new look with new flooring and a fresh coat of paint, but report back to the board.

familiar faces still great clients. Office manager Jana White and hygienist October 17 meeting of the board, the Tiffanie Word have been serving local patients since 2004, and dental assistant October 10, 2019, and presented a list of President Trish Wilson, Sweetheart Emilee Evans has been in the business things to be addressed for the board. for five years.

### November 15, 2019 Children's benefit hunt to be held

The Big Country Children's Benefit Hunt, a program of BCFS Health and Human Services, will bring to Donley County an outdoor expedition to provide an opportunity for youth to learn about the responsibilities of hunting safety, the the necessity of teamwork on November reiterated that as well. 23 and 24, 2019.

Last year, the organization added the Texas Panhandle to its list of outdoor adventures, headed by Randy Bond. Randy and his wife, Sis, have adopted three children from foster care and are currently waiting to foster others. Given his background in Law Enforcement, Randy has an intimate knowledge of the foster care system and values the importance of programs like the Big Country Children's Benefit Hunt.

#### November 20, 2019

### **CC** audit committee did not follow OMA

An audit committee of the Clarendon College Board of Regents did not follow the Texas Open Meetings Act when it met last month, according to college officials.

Board Chairman Tommy Waldrop said the committee, which was appointed at the September 19 board meeting and consisted of Jerry Woodard and Edwin Campbell, did not follow the law's requirement to post an agenda of its meeting 72 hours ahead of time or keep minutes of its meeting because it was formed just to present items they wanted investigated to the college auditor and

As reported by Mr. Woodard at the committee did meet with the auditor on

However, on October 25, 2018, the same regents were appointed as an audit committee for similar purpose and were directed at the time of their appointment that they would have to follow the Open Meetings Act, including posting an agenda and meeting in public. Waldrop said during that 2018 meeting the college's attorney had made that determination and also said that college policy required the committees of the board to follow the Open Meetings Act basics of outdoor survival training, and as well, and CC President Robert Riza

Mr. Woodard questioned that determination at the time of the 2018 appointment, and Regent Darlene Spier looked up the matter in the college policy manual and read aloud in the meeting the requirement that committees of the board must follow the open meetings act.

Asked why, if the following the requirements of the law was a known issue, the committee did not simply post an agenda and wait 72 hours to meet, Mr. Waldrop responded, "I don't know."

#### November 20, 2019

### **Broncos end season** with loss to Ralls

The Clarendon Broncos have had an up and down year on the field ending the year at 6-5.

However, they were able to finish third in the District race, which put them in a playoff game with Ralls last Friday night in Tulia. Despite playing hard, the Broncos fell short 19-32. "Friday did not turn out the way

we wanted it to," head coach Clint Conkin said. "This season was a learning experience for our players, and I am so proud of our guys. They got valuable playing time that will help them in the

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### **2019:** Bellar is CCISD finalist

### Nov November 20, 2019 **Inman running for** re-election as DA

Luke Inman last week announced his candidacy for re-election for the 100th Judicial District Attorney, which he has held since April 2008.

For the last 11 years, Inman has prosecuted felony cases in Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall Counties. In addition to the massive felony docket moved by his office, he litigates numerous civil forfeiture cases 
December 12, 2019 stemming from felony arrests.

### ember 20, 2019 Trump adviser eyeing Thornberry's seat

There is a growing crowd of candidates - ranging from political unknowns to a trusted adviser of President Donald Trump - who are looking to represent the 13th Congressional District after US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) retires at the end of his current term.

At least nine candidates have either declared their candidacy or are considering a run for the office. The list includes seven Republicans, one Democrat, and one Libertarian.

### November 26, 2019 City, county debate sheriff's contract

Clarendon officials have opened a debate regarding the cost of its annual service contract with the Donley County

The City Council discussed the matter during its November 14 regular meeting with members of the county commissioners' court in attendance.

The current contract is several months away from expiring, but Mayor Sandy Skelton wanted both sides to get an early start on negotiations.

The city has had a contract with the sheriff's office since 1981. The current agreement calls for a two percent annual increase, and the current price is \$158,468.

### November 26, 2019 Regents vote to end president's contract

Clarendon College Regents voted unanimously last week to end the contract of President Robert Riza at the

Speaking during the board's regular meeting Thursday, November 21, Chairman Tommy Waldrop said he saw three options for Dr. Riza's contract, which was set to expire at the end of May 2020. Those options were to leave the contract as is, to extend the contract, or to end the contract and buy Riza out.

The chairman had suggested moving the meeting into closed session, but Riza preferred to keep it in open session.

### **December 5, 2019** CC board looks to VP for interim position

Clarendon College Regents met in a called session November 27 to consider naming an interim president following their November 21 action to end the contract of Dr. Robert Riza at the close of this month.

The board met with the college attorney for more than an hour and a half to discuss Riza's contract before returning to open session for the matter of appointing an interim.

Regent Lon Adams said he thought the board needed to look to Vice President Tex Buckhaults to fill in until a proper interim could be named. Board Chairman Tommy Waldrop said he had mentioned to Buckhaults that the board would be "leaning on him" during the time of

### **December 12, 2019** Alert system glitch causes confusion

A computer malfunction activated a regional Emergency Management Warning System last Saturday night, confusing citizens and resulting in Donley County's 911 system being overwhelmed.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the trouble began at about 6:45 p.m. when the PARIS alert system operated by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) was triggered to activate all of the programmed alert templates. Donley County Judge John Howard said the error was later determined to have been caused by a software update that had been installed six hours earlier.

### **December 12, 2019 CC** Regents take new vote on president

The Clarendon College Board of Regents this week rescinded a November 21 vote to end the contract of Dr. Robert Riza as president and voted to put him on administrative leave instead.

December 9, the board without discussion approved a motion reversing their action on November 21, which would have ended the president's contract by December 31. That was followed by a new motion from Regent Carey Wann to place Riza on administrative leave effective immediately "due to some things that have been brought to light recently." That motion was also approved with no discussion.

### **CCISD** names Bellar as lone finalist

school superintendent will be no stranger to the community after beginning his education career here.

Jarod Bellar was named December 4 as the lone finalist for the top school position during a called meeting of the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees.

Bellar, who is currently the superintendent of Baird ISD east of Abilene, began his career as a junior high social studies teacher and coach in Clarendon in 1994.

### **December 19, 2019** Fire claims life of man last week

A local man perished in an early morning house fire east of Clarendon last Thursday, December 12.

Mac Charles Dunham, age 42, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn. An autopsy later confirmed smoke inhalation was the cause of death, the sheriff said.

### December 19, 2019 **Driver faces charges** in death of local lady

A Dallas man is in the Donley County Jail this week after a December 12 car wreck that caused the death of a

Fifty-one-year-old Frias-Aragonez is facing charges of first degree Intoxicated Manslaughter and third degree Intoxicated Assault, according Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Chase Overbeeke.

Frias-Aragonez was driving a 2005 Chevrolet pickup westbound on US 287 about two miles west of Clarendon last Thursday at about 8 a.m. when he abruptly crossed the median at an acute angle, Overbeeke said. The pickup spun once in the median before entering the

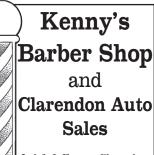
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During a called meeting Monday, eastbound lanes and colliding head-on with a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu driven by 25-year-old Amy Martinez of Clarendon.

Overbeeke said everyone involved suffered serious injuries, but Martinez suffered the most trauma. She underwent surgery but passed away at 12:44 p.m. on Friday, December 13.

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