

2020: The Year In Review

January 8, 2020

Accident claims two lives at Hedley

Two women lost their lives Monday night, January 6, in a two-vehicle accident on US 287 at Hedley.

DPS Sgt. Cindy Barkley said Martha Ayala-Garcia of Ft. Worth, age 30, and Samantha Petters of Arlington, also 30, were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Pam Mason.

January 15, 2020

Tucek, Ehler show top beef animals

The top animals in the Beef Division were exhibited by Koyt Tucek and Taylee Ehler when the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 11, at the Donley County Activity Center.

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

Other top winners were Mya Edwards and her Grand Champion Sheep; Kaitin Ehler with the Grand Champion Goat; Maloree Wann and her Grand Champion Gilt; and Calder Havens with the Grand Champion Barrow.

Reserve Champion honors went to Grant Haynes, steers; Lane Hinton, heifers; Madison Smith, sheep; Laney Gates, goats; Maloree Wann, gilts; and Harrison Howard, barrows.

January 22, 2020

CC names committee to review policies

Clarendon College Regents appointed a committee to make policy recommendation to the board when they met in regular session last Thursday, January 16.

CC Interim President Tex Buckhaults said the committee will be looking at policies related to conflicts of interest of board members and other issues with the board's governance of the college that is concerning to the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC).

A special SACS-COC committee is expected to conduct an on-site evaluation of the college this spring after the accrediting body determined last summer that CC had "failed to demonstrate compliance" with a core requirement and three standards set by the agency.

January 22, 2020

Clarendon City Hall move starts Friday

The City of Clarendon will begin moving this Friday from his historic offices to the new City Hall in the former Lowe Office Building at 313 S. Sully across from the Courthouse

City Administrator David Dockery hopes to complete the move Monday, January 27, and says communication services with the city will be disrupted both Friday and Monday as the appropriate utility companies make the necessary changes. The new City Hall is expected to be fully capable of receiving calls and emails on Tuesday, January 28.

January 27, 2020

TxDOT closes RR crossings in Hedley

TxDOT's Childress District is closing all three railroad crossings into Hedley from US 287 today. The news comes after another fatal accident this morning in the highway construction zone in that city.

TxDOT says travelers needing to access Hedley from US 287 are advised to take FM 1260 east of Clarendon then take FM 2471 to either FM 1932 or State Highway 273. Justice of the Peace Pat White also advises travelers coming from Memphis can take CR 28 near the Giles rest area and then CR W to enter Hedley.

January 27, 2020

Childress man dies in Hedley accident

A Childress man died in a traffic accident in Hedley Monday morning, January 27, becoming the third fatality in the US 287 construction zone there and leading the state agency to close crossings there.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Kelly Hill said 46-year-old Ronald Shane Simpkins was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Pat White after his westbound service truck collided with an eastbound semi-truck driven by Calvin Wayne Renfro, 43, of Irving, pulling a double trailer.

Hill said an eastbound pickup truck pulling a trailer was stopped on US 287 preparing to turn north onto

the Bailey Street railroad crossing and another semi-truck was parked behind that vehicle. When Renfro came up on the stopped vehicles suddenly, he "took the wrong evasive action," Hill said, steering to the left into the oncoming westbound traffic.

Simpkins, going westbound, steered to the right when he saw the oncoming semi-truck, and the two vehicles collided in closed lanes which are under construction.

January 29, 2020

CC Bulldogs top regional poll

The Clarendon College Bulldogs are ranked number 10 nationally and number one in the region going into their home game against New Mexico Military Institute this week.

The Bulldogs had climbed as high as number six on the National Junior College Athletic Association poll before slipping back to number 10 this week. The Western Junior College Athletic Association this week has Clarendon number one in the region.

February 5, 2020

Clarendon opens new City Hall

The City of Clarendon celebrated the opening of its new City Hall Monday morning after months of planning and renovations.

During an open house, the public had the opportunity to view the spacious new offices for city officials in the building which is formally known as the William J. & Helen Lowe Building. Located at 313 S. Sully across from the Donley County Courthouse, the building was previously the law offices of the late William J. "Bill" Lowe.

City Administrator David Dockery said the new facility provides 3,200 square feet of space compared to the 800 square feet of space municipal offices occupied in the historic City Hall building.

The Lowe Building has been configured to provide a dedicated council chamber with a custom built council table that should more easily accommodate public meetings.

The building also has work and conference rooms, and sizeable dedicated offices for the city administrator, city secretary, and municipal judge.

February 12, 2020

CC reports lower spring enrollment

Spring enrollment figures at Clarendon College are down after four years of record growth.

CC Interim President Tex Buckhaults said total enrollment was 1,441 following the 12th class day last Wednesday, a drop of 2.1 percent from last spring's figure.

Head count on the home campus in Clarendon dropped nine percent from 295 to 268, and the count at the Pampa Center was down about 19 percent from 206 to 167.

February 19, 2020

CC, CCISD, H'wick to hold spring elections

The Clarendon College District will join the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District, and the City of Howardwick in holding elections this spring after additional candidates filed to run last week.

With three seats available on the CC Board of Regents, voters have six candidates to choose from on the ballot. Incumbents Darlene Spier and Carey Wann are joined in the race by Guy Ellis, Chris Matthews, Jim Shelton, and Debbie Thompson. One seat on the board is currently vacant following the November resignation of Bill Sansing.

Howardwick also has six people running for three city council seats. Terms of Aldermen Mary Grady and Marietta Baird are seeking re-election, and challengers are Shelly Chavira, Terry Barnes, Jeremy Kindel, and Jada Murray. Alderman Johnny Hubbard did not file for re-election.

Clarendon CISD's Board of Trustees has two positions available this year. Incumbent Renee Mott has filed for re-election, and Kyle Davis and Chrisi Tucek are also running. Trustee Weldon Sears is not running for another term.

February 19, 2020

Chamber gives top honor to Ashcraft

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Valorie Ashcraft with the 2019 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service and commitment to the community during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet last Thursday, February 13.

Man of the Year honors went to Morris Crump, and Jenny McIntosh was named the Woman of the Year. Best Western Plus Red River Inn was

named the Business of the Year, and Roger Estlack was named the Man of the Decade.

February 27, 2020

Peanut growers hold annual meeting

The Panhandle Peanut Growers Association held their annual meeting at the Quail Community Center on Tuesday, February 25.

Peanut broker George Lovatt was the keynote speaker, discussing market demand and industry outlook. Lovatt said demand for US peanuts is growing slowly on the global market but said China continues to be an unreliable market.

Lovatt repeated that peanut growers are "in the cotton business" and pointed that the outlook for peanuts often depends on the outlook for cotton. Trends show that the number of cotton acreage is decreasing, particularly in the southeast, and that typically leads to an increase in peanut acres, he said.

February 27, 2020

CVFD responds to two house fires

After two house fires last week, Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell is urging all homeowners to install smoke alarms.

Powell said in both cases last week there were no smoke alarms in the house.

"Smoke alarms save lives," Powell said. "If someone can't afford a smoke alarm, please contact either the fire department or the Red Cross, and we can get that taken care of."

A family on South Carhart Street was lucky to have woken up when a fire started in their house at about 3:40 a.m. last Monday, February 17.

Powell said the blaze was connected to a window heat pump in the home where either the electrical cord shorted out or the machine itself somehow malfunctioned.

March 3, 2020

Broncos win Area championship

The Broncos played solid basketball over Farwell last Friday night at Randall High, earning a 69-48 win for the Area Championship.

Clarendon played with determination early on, and it paid off big for them. They led by 14 at the break and continued to ride their momentum until the buzzer.

The Broncos shot well from the free throw line hitting 12 out of 16, and four Broncos finished in double figures. Freshmen Sylvester Ballard put in 17, Lamarus Peniger and Jamal Butler each helped with 14, and Jmaury Butler finished with 12. Jordan Herndon had six, Collin Butler added four, and Donovan Thompson had two.

March 4, 2020

Koetting defeats Wheatly, 104-79

Donley County Precinct 3 Republicans chose a new county commissioner Tuesday, favoring challenger Neil Koetting over incumbent Andy Wheatly, 104-79.

The position was the only competitive local race on the Super Tuesday ballots. Koetting faces no Democratic challenger in the fall and will take over as commissioner in January when Wheatly's term ends.

Also of local interest Tuesday, local Republicans favored keeping District Attorney Luke Inman on the job over his competitor, Bryan Denham, 597-126. Inman was also leading district wide.

In the 15-person race for the Republican nomination for the District 13 congressional seat, Josh Winegarner was the favorite of Donley County voters with 395 votes and Ronny Jackson was second with 184. Winegarner led district wide but did not have enough votes to avoid a runoff with Jackson.

March 11, 2020

Former CC cowboy claims world title

A Clarendon College alumni is the number one saddle bronc rider in the world after winning The American in Arlington Sunday.

Wyatt Casper secured the Saddle Bronc Champion title on the horse, Get Smart, scoring 91.25 and claiming half of the The American's \$1 million prize in AT&T Stadium.

The day before, Casper secured his spot in the championship round with a 91.25-point ride on Onion Ring. His total winnings for The American came to \$600,000.

CC's rodeo program was also represented by sophomore Riggan Smith, the current college national champion. Smith made the final eight round but double grabbed and was bucked off,

said CC rodeo coach Brett Franks.

March 11, 2020

Bulldogs win Region V championship

The Clarendon College Bulldogs will make their first appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament next week after winning the Region V Championship Saturday in Abilene.

Clarendon is the number three seed in the national tournament, which gets underway next Monday in Hutchinson, Kan. The Bulldogs have a bye in the first round of the tournament and will play at 6 p.m. next Wednesday, March 18, the winner of the matchup between Murray State College out of Tishomingo, Okla., and Cowley College of Arkansas City, Kan.

The Bulldogs secured the NJCAA Region V title by defeating South Plains College of Levelland, 86-80.

March 12, 2020

NJCAA postpones national tournament

The Clarendon College Bulldogs will have to wait a few weeks to play in their first ever NJCAA national tournament after the association today postponed that event due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus.

CC was supposed to have played in the DI tournament next Wednesday, March 18.

In a statement, the NJCAA said it was postponing national championship events for the upcoming DI and DII men's and women's basketball tournaments. DIII men's and women's basketball championships, currently underway, will work with an expedited schedule that will conclude on Friday, March 13.

March 12, 2020

CC extends spring break, moves online

Clarendon College is extending spring break, moving most classes online, and canceling spring sports in extraordinary measures to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In an emergency meeting of the Board of Regents Thursday night, college officials discussed the pandemic in terms of the safety of students, staff, and the communities CC serves.

Interim President Tex Buckhaults said the meeting was prompted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which had asked colleges and universities to report their plans for dealing with the outbreak. Buckhaults then presented regents with options ranging from compressing the spring schedule and finishing the semester earlier to not allowing students to return from spring break.

Dr. John Howard addressed the board in his capacity as the Donley County Judge and Emergency Management Director as well as a medical doctor. Howard said there were 23 confirmed cases in Texas of COVID-19, commonly called the Coronavirus, as of Thursday with another 100 people being tested in the state. He said the number of confirmed cases would grow by next week, when Clarendon College will be off for spring break.

"The effort now is to mitigate the spread," Howard said. "It is spreading now and spreads rapidly. This is a novel virus. There is no immunity."

March 18, 2020

No plans yet to let school out; STAAR tests, UIL canceled

Clarendon and Hedley schools have no plans to cancel school as of Tuesday, but are feeling the first impact of the COVID-19 virus with the cancellation of UIL competitions and the upcoming STAAR testing.

With both schools on spring break this week, superintendents said Monday they are taking a "wait and see" approach before extending the break or otherwise canceling classes.

Many schools around the state are already taking measures to suspend classes amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but Clarendon Superintendent Jarod Bellar said no one in Region 16 had done so as of Monday.

"Right now we aren't going to make a determination on that," Bellar said about a possible school closure. "We're here to educate kids and keep them safe, and there won't be a break in that effort."

Hedley Superintendent Garrett Bains said his school was also waiting on any determination to close the school.

"As of right now, we're back to school on March 23," Bains said. "We have zero cases [of COVID-19] in the Panhandle, and I want those days in our pocket for when we need them."

Bains said he felt certain the virus would impact Region 16 schools in time.

"I bet we won't make it to May," he said. "It will touch every county eventually."

March 18, 2020

COVID-19 related announcements

Several local businesses and organizations have this week announced postponements or changes in plans for the weeks ahead.

The Sandell Drive-In Theatre was planning to open for its 2020 season the first weekend in April but announced last week on its Facebook page that it would postpone that opening until further notice.

The Mulkey Theatre is continuing with its movie this week, but the theatre will limit the number of people admitted to the show to 40.

The Saints' Roost Museum board met this week and decided to close the museum until March 31 out of concern for the health of its volunteers.

The parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church have postponed their Fish Fry nights scheduled for March 27 and April 3. The church hopes to reschedule those events at a later date.

The Friends of the Library has postponed its Trivia Night that was scheduled Friday, March 27. The group plans to host this event in the future, but no date has been set yet.

March 18, 2020

COVID-19 fears hit local stores

Local businesses are already feeling the impact of COVID-19 even with no cases of the virus yet reported in the Panhandle region.

Reports from other parts of the nation of people stockpiling or hoarding supplies became a reality here late last week when people began buying up local inventories of toilet paper and other goods. Many, if not most, of the buyers were from out of town. Several told an Enterprise correspondent that they were returning from ski trips in the Colorado mountains to their homes in the Dallas and Houston areas.

Sources told the Enterprise that Lowe's Family Center did more business on Friday than it did the day before Thanksgiving, which is typically its busiest time of the year. Limits were put on how many packages of toilet paper and paper towels could be bought on Saturday. On Sunday those limits were extended to most other items in the store when biscuits and eggs started flying off the shelves. Customers are only allowed two of any one item.

Tuesday afternoon, Lowe's shelves were bare of Lysol spray cans and sanitizing hand wipes such as Clorox wipes. Beans, rice, eggs, milk, and bananas were among food items that were quickly disappearing from store shelves.

On Monday, Dollar General released a company statement saying it would dedicate the first hour of each shopping day to senior shoppers, as well as amend store operating hours beginning March 17. Clarendon's Dollar General was also hard hit by people buying up staple goods.

March 19, 2020

Clarendon, Hedley suspend classes

Clarendon and Hedley school officials announced Wednesday evening that they will not allow students to return to classes next week following the spring break holiday as officials work to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Superintendents of both schools said classes would be suspended through March 27, and school personnel will be developing ways of delivering educational materials to students going forward. School work will be presented in the form of digital delivery or homework packets or other methods.

Extracurricular activities at both schools are still canceled at this time.

"With the rapidly changing landscape caused by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we are continuing to monitor and make adjustments as necessary in order to make educated decisions for the students and staff of CISD," Clarendon CISD Superintendent Jarod Bellar said. "The health and safety of our students, staff, and community are our priority as we navigate this difficult time."

"Please know that this decision does not come lightly," Hedley Superintendent Garrett Bains said. "We recognize that this decision will cause significant difficulties for parents."

March 19, 2020
Disaster declarations issued by city, county

Donley County Judge John Howard has issued a Declaration of a Local State of Disaster due to the public health emergency presented by the spread of COVID-19.

No cases of the virus have yet been reported in Donley County, but two confirmed cases were reported in

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2020: First case of COVID-19 appears in Donley County

Amarillo Thursday evening.

In addition to opening up state and federal resources, the declaration grants the county broad authority to close businesses, quarantine people, and prohibit public meetings, but Judge Howard says he is not going to use that authority at this time, hoping instead that people will voluntarily take the precautions needed to slow the spread of the disease.

Earlier in the week, the judge had said he did not think churches needed to suspend services, but he said that advice was now “out the window” with the confirmation of cases in nearby Amarillo.

Howard’s order is in effect on its own for seven days, but the county commissioners will meet Monday to consider ratifying that order and putting it in place for up to 60 days.

The City of Clarendon also issued a Local Disaster Declaration in an emergency meeting Thursday night in the face of the COVID-19 threat.

The declaration, which will have to be renewed every seven days, will help the city access state and federal resources as the world continues to grapple with the pandemic.

March 25, 2020
Schools continue to serve lessons, meals

Clarendon and Hedley students will not be attending school through at least April 3 following an executive order from Gov. Greg Abbott last Thursday as officials across the state work to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Despite not being able to physically be in the classroom, students still have work to do with lessons being prepared and distributed this week in the form of digital delivery or homework packets or other methods.

Superintendents of both schools

had previously announced on Wednesday that would suspend classes through March 27 before Abbott trumped local districts with the closure order. School personnel moved quickly to find new ways to deliver educational materials to their students.

“With the rapidly changing landscape caused by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we are continuing to monitor and make adjustments as necessary in order to make educational decisions for the students and staff of CISD,” Clarendon CISD Superintendent Jarod Bellar said.

“The health and safety of our students, staff, and community are our priority as we navigate this difficult time.”

Extracurricular activities at both schools are still canceled at this time.

March 25, 2020
COVID-19 postpones elections

Primary runoff elections as well as the Clarendon school board election have been postponed to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and two other local elections may also be postponed.

Governor Greg Abbott last week issued a proclamation postponing the runoff primary election until July 14, 2020. The runoff election was originally scheduled for May 26.

Abbott also took action to allow local governments to move their elections scheduled for May 2, 2020, to the next general election on November 3, 2020. Clarendon CISD’s Board of Trustees voted in favor of that move during a called meeting on Monday night. School trustees felt that some senior citizens might not vote during a May election this year due to the COVID-19 virus.

The Howardwick City Council and the Clarendon College Board of Regents

were also scheduled to consider moving their elections this week.

March 25, 2020
Worship to be held Sunday at Sandell

Howardwick Baptist Church Pastor Jim Fox announced Tuesday that plans are being made for a community-wide worship service to be held at the Sandell Drive-In this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Fox said he and several other local churches were working together on the plan, which would have a stage set up near the Sandell screen with residents being able to watch and listen from their cars. Musicians from the participating churches would each take a turn delivering a message and singing in groups of five or less.

The audio would be broadcast over the Sandell’s FM band that is usually used for movies.

“The Lord laid this on my heart, and I think our community needs it,” Fox said.

March 25, 2020
CCISD trustees vote to keep paying staff

Clarendon school trustees in a called meeting Monday night approved a resolution that ensures all district employees will continue to be paid even in the event of an emergency school closing.

In the current situation, the school is not technically closed even though students are not on campus. Monday’s move would make sure that all district employees can count on their paycheck even if a “shelter in place order” or other emergency action was taken.

The measure covers all employ-

ees – contract or non-contract on salary or paid hourly, according to school officials.

March 25, 2020
287 in Hedley opens

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced the expected reopening of US 287 in Hedley by the close of business on Friday, March 27.

Final striping will be completed earlier in the week with the traffic swap to occur at the end of the week.

“Once the new roadway is striped for the final configuration and all main lanes are open to traffic, locals are encouraged to use the new auxiliary lanes for turning movements off US 287 at Bailey and McDougal Streets,” stated Childress District Area Engineer Matt Herbstritt.

“While access to Hedley will be restored by Bailey and McDougal Streets, the SH 203 intersection will remain closed until the drainage improvements are finalized at that location.”

March 31, 2020
COVID-19 confirmed in Donley County

The Donley County Judge’s office announced Tuesday morning that a case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Donley County.

Judge John Howard, MD, has released the following public notification. We will have more information, as this story develops.

“My office has received written notification from a private lab that there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in a Donley County resident. I was notified on March 30, 2020, and contacted the Texas Department of Health per protocol. I want the public to

be aware that we will be as transparent as possible with any necessary information that may affect us individually and as a community.

April 1, 2020
Schools to remain closed until May 4

Gov. Greg Abbott announced Tuesday afternoon that he was ordering public schools to remain closed until May 4 as the state continues to battle COVID-19.

Clarendon and Hedley schools continue to work to deliver educational materials and meals to their students. Clarendon Superintendent Jarod Bellar reported that CCISD served a five-day total of 493 breakfasts and 700 lunches last week.

April 1, 2020
City halts pool work

The City of Clarendon enacted Phase 3 of its COVID-19 response plan Tuesday afternoon following notification that a positive case of the disease was confirmed in Donley County that morning.

with their city vehicles unless they are called out.

Work on the city’s two main projects – the aquatics center and the USDA-funded water infrastructure project – will be suspended. Dockery said this decision was due to the fact that many of the workers on those projects are coming in from areas with high COVID-19 infection rates such as Dallas and Amarillo.

April 1, 2020
Worship draws large crowd to Sandell

Sunday’s community worship service at the Sandell Drive-In was attended by a large crowd and plans are being prepared for an even better service this weekend.

Howardwick Baptist Church pastor Jim Fox said 150 or more people attended the worship service.

“I had 100 bulletins and ran out,” he said. “Every car had two to four people in it and some dogs came, too.”

April 1, 2020
Second local COVID case confirmed

A second case of the COVID-19 virus has been confirmed in Donley County, Judge John Howard reported Wednesday afternoon, April 1.

The patient in question was not treated or tested locally but was instead hospitalized, tested, and discharged in Amarillo. Texas Department of State Health Services Region One office confirmed to Howard that the patient received a positive test result.

The patient is medically stable and recovering at their residence under medical quarantine, Howard said.

Mulkey THEATRE

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

January 1, 2, & 3

Half Brothers • Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m. & Sunday 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theatre

January 1
Broncos v Panhandle • 6:30 p.m. • Away

January 5
Lady Broncos v Wheeler • 6:30 p.m. • Home

Broncos v Gruver • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Owls v Shamrock • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Lady Owls v WD• 12:00 p.m. • Home

January 8
Lady Broncos v Wellington • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Wellington • 8:30 p.m. • Away

Owls v Accelerate Christian • 7:15 p.m. • Home

Lady Owls v Valley • 6:00 p.m. • Away

January 12
Lady Broncos v Shamrock • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Shamrock • 8:30 p.m. • Away

Owls v Silverton • 7:30 p.m. • Home

Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:00 p.m. • Home

January 15
Lady Broncos v Memphis • 6:30 p.m. • Home

Broncos v Memphis • 8:30 p.m. • Home

Owls v Groom • 7:30 p.m. • Away

Lady Owls v Groom • 6:00 p.m. • Away

January 19
Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Panhandle • 8:30 p.m. • Away

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Menus

January 4 - 8

Hedley Senior Citizens

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

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

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

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

Fri: Crumb topped fish, garlic roasted potatoes, peas, margarine, watermelon, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: No School
Tues: Breakfast taquito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Cheesy toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: No School
Tues: Meat & cheese chalupas, salsa, beans, cucumbers, rosy apple-sauce, milk.
Wed: Hamburger, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie, milk.
Thu: Pizza, garden salad, carrots, fresh apples slices, milk.
Fri: BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, okra, orange smiles, cookie, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, sausage links, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage patty, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Muffin, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Chili cheese dog, tater tots, carrot coins, mixed fruit, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, potato smiles, beans, orange smiles, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac n cheese, green beans, jello, milk.
Thu: Hamburgers, veggie soup, seasoned fries, snowball salad, milk.
Fri: Pizza, salad, corn, pineapple tidbits, brownie, milk.

2020: ‘Stay at home’ orders issued for COVID

April 2, 2020 Third case of COVID-19 now in Donley

Judge John Howard, MD, announced this morning that a third case of the COVID-19 virus has been confirmed in a Donley County resident. Howard was notified by the state health department that a resident who works outside Donley County was tested outside of the county and was positive for the disease. That person is now in self-quarantine at home.

As with the previous two cases, Howard said this also appears to be a case of “community spread,” which in terms of COVID-19 pandemic means they could have picked up the virus anywhere. The judge said they could have picked it up in our own community or in Amarillo or from a gas pump some where else. “I’ve said it before, ‘Consider everything you touch to be contaminated,’” Howard said.

April 2, 2020 Mayor issues ‘stay at home’ order

Mayor Sandy Skelton has issued a “stay at home” order for residents of the City of Clarendon effective at 11:59 p.m., April 2, 2020.

City Hall said the mayor issued the ordered out of an abundance of caution due to the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Donley County. As of Thursday morning, April 2, there are three confirmed cases in the county.

The order, which expires on April 30, requires all persons living in the city to stay at their place of residence; however, all persons may leave their residences for essential activities, such as working in an essential business or performing an essential task like going to the grocery store.

The city’s action follows closely what Gov. Greg Abbott ordered for the entire state on Tuesday.

April 6, 2020 Donley County issues ‘stay at home’ order

A “stay at home” order for Donley County residents will go into effect tonight, April 6, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., as the number of active local cases of COVID-19 rose to seven Saturday.

Judge John Howard issued the order, which expires at the end of April, following the guidance of Gov. Greg Abbott’s order last week; but unlike the governor, the judge used plainer language in telling residents to stay home. “I think it’s pretty clear,” Howard said.

The local order, passed under the authority of the county’s declared health emergency, requires every resident of Donley County to “stay at their home or residence and limit movements and personal interaction outside the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or to conduct essential activities – as elaborated in GA-14.”

The also requires residents who have been medically advised to isolate or quarantine to strictly observe that isolation or quarantine for the entire period until medically cleared, and advises residents to observe social distancing and other guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

April 8, 2020 COVID help available through local banks

Small businesses and certain non-profits that have been hit hard by the economic impact of the COVID-19 virus may qualify for assistance through the Small Business Administration, and two local banks are taking applications for those programs.

The Paycheck Protection Program provides relief to keep workers employed, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans are also available to those who qualify.

In Clarendon, Herring Bank and Pilgrim Bank are currently accepting SBA program applications. The Donley County State Bank was not yet taking applications Tuesday.

April 8, 2020 COVID-19 cases rise to 13 in Donley Co.

Donley County residents are now under a “stay at home” order that took effect Monday night, and the number of active cases of COVID-19 rose to 13 this week.

Judge John Howard issued the order, which expires at the end of April, to mirror Gov. Greg Abbott’s order last week; but unlike the governor, the judge used plainer language in telling residents explicitly to “stay at home.”

“I think it’s pretty clear,” Howard said. “My order is the governor’s order. The whole purpose is to tell people to stay at home.”

April 9, 2020 City to stream April 9 council meeting

The City of Clarendon will be live-streaming its council meeting through the Enterprise Facebook page this Thursday, April 9, 2020. The agenda for that meeting can be found here and the council’s information packet can be found here.

April 11, 2020 22 COVID cases in Donley County

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, reported Friday evening that the one more case of COVID-19 was confirmed here, bringing the total number to 22, but the number of negative results also increased.

Out of 66 tests conducted at the Clarendon Family Medical Center, 37 have been negative and two were pending as of last night. Two of the confirmed cases were tested outside of Donley County.

Earlier yesterday, Howard also confirmed that three people have now recovered from COVID-19.

April 15, 2020 City okays new contract with sheriff

The Clarendon City Council approved a new contract for law enforcement services during the city’s first virtual meeting last Thursday, April 9.

Amid concerns about the COVID-19 virus, city officials organized their regular meeting over Skype, with each alderman, the mayor, and other officials meeting over webcams and electronic devices from their homes or offices.

The meeting was available to the public through a live feed on The Clarendon Enterprise’s Facebook page.

After several months of negotiations, the city approved a three-year contract with the Donley County Sheriff’s Department, which takes effect when the current contract expires at the end of the fiscal year. The cost of the contract is fiscal year 2021 will be \$161,182 and will increase 1.5 percent each year after that. The present contract ran for five years and included a 2.0 percent increase per year.

April 15, 2020 Eight COVID cases now ‘recovered’

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, reported today that eight of the 23 confirmed cases of COVID-19 are now listed as “recovered.”

No new cases of the virus have been confirmed since Monday with a total of 71 tests having been conducted on local patients by the Clarendon Family Medical Center. Only two of those tests are pending as of today, and 48 tests have been reported as negative. Two local people tested positive at facilities outside of the county.

April 22, 2020 Chase lands Pampa man in local jail

A Pampa man is in the Donley County Jail this week after leading officers on a high speed chase from Gray County last week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Henry Lee Perryman, Jr., was facing three felony charges in Donley County as well as four additional charges in Gray County.

The sheriff said Perryman, age 42, fled from Pampa police the afternoon of April 13 after violating a court order in a domestic situation. The Gray County Sheriff’s Office alerted Blackburn’s department about the chase as Perryman fled on Hwy. 70 in a 2012 GMC Sierra. DPS also joined the pursuit, the sheriff said.

Anna Howard, left, director of Associated Ambulance Authority; county Judge John Howard; and Sheriff Butch Blackburn appear at a press conference with Roger Estlack, who runs the local newspaper.

April 22, 2020 COVID-19 numbers improving locally

The spread of the COVID-19 virus in Donley County appears to have leveled off in recent days, but Judge John Howard, MD, is cautious about being too optimistic at this point.

“This is an important week to see if we hold a trend of fewer people presenting with symptoms,” Howard said. “Our efforts to separate people have definitely resulted in fewer cases.”

The number of local residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 was 24 as of Tuesday, a net gain of one from the week before. There were actually two new positives in that timespan, but one previously confirmed positive case was determined late last week to have resided in another county and was removed from Donley’s total.

In addition to holding the line on new cases, 19 of the 24 positives were listed as recovered this week, leaving five active cases, and the number of negative local test results grew to 57.

April 29, 2020 CC rodeo releases final standings

Clarendon College’s rodeo team was riding high this year before the global COVID-19 pandemic brought the season to “brutal end,” as coach Bret Franks described it.

Franks said the fate of the College National Finals Rodeo wasn’t going to be determined until May 14 and officials had determined that national finals qualifiers would be decided by the standings at that point.

Unfortunately, the State of Wyoming designated the Casper Events Center as a backup to be an overflow hospital, and the rodeo was canceled.

“The regular season for our Southwest Region still had four rodeos left when we went on lockdown,” Franks said. “The men’s team ended up third in the regional standings, and the women’s team was 14th.”

Clarendon had two national finals qualifiers, Riggan Smith in the saddle bronc riding and Cole Franks in the bareback riding. Cole Franks also led the region in All-Around points.

April 29, 2020 Abbott ‘stay at home’ order to expire

“Stay at home” orders at the state, county, and city levels are expiring at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, April 30, but life won’t be returning to normal while the COVID-19 virus remains a threat.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday issued new standards for Phase One reopening the Texas economy and said he would let his previous order expire on schedule.

Clarendon Mayor Sandy Skelton and Donley County Judge John Howard said their local orders will also expire to follow the governor’s lead.

April 29, 2020 No growth reported in COVID-19 cases

Donley County is reporting no new cases of COVID-19 as of Tuesday, April 28, and Judge John Howard, MD, says it is safe for the county to adopt Phase One of reopening the state economy.

As the Enterprise went to press Tuesday, the Clarendon Family Medical Center had conducted 89 tests on local residents. Sixty-four of those tests have been negative, and 20 have been positive for COVID-19.

May 6, 2020 Clarendon, Hedley plan graduations at Sandell Drive-in

Clarendon and Hedley High Schools will be holding graduation exercises at the Sandell Drive-In this year as the COVID-19 virus continues to impact lives and activities.

Clarendon High School graduation will be held Friday, May 22, at 8:45 p.m., and Hedley’s ceremony will follow on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Sandell owner John Morrow said Hedley reached out first about using the drive-in to hold graduation and later Clarendon called. Social distancing requirements designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 are prohibiting large gatherings of people in places like gyms and auditoriums.

“They are making some really good plans,” Morrow said of the two school. “It’s gonna be different, but it’s better than not having graduation.”

May 6, 2020 Mulkey Theatre will reopen this Friday

The Mulkey Theatre will reopen this weekend to feature “Trolls: World Tour” while following social distancing guidelines set out by the state.

Seating will be limited to 25 percent capacity, and the balcony will be closed. Patrons will be asked to pay for their movie tickets and concessions at the ticket window and may come inside as their concession order is ready.

May 6, 2020 Negative COVID-19 tests now number 74

One new case of COVID-19 was reported in Donley County last Friday, May 1, but the number of negative test results has grown to 74 this week, according to Judge John Howard, MD.

Clarendon Family Medical Center had conducted 95 tests on local residents as of Tuesday afternoon. One of those remained pending, but 74 were negative. Twenty local tests have come back positive, and five other local residents have tested positive at facilities outside the

county. “We’re conducting fewer tests because we’re not seeing as many sick people,” Howard said. “That’s good news for us.”

May 6, 2020 Greenbelt Lake open for ‘day use’ only

New restrictions are in place this week for people visiting Greenbelt Lake after the reservoir reopened to a large crowd last weekend.

Greenbelt Water Authority General Manager Bobbie Kidd said the lake was very busy Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with perhaps as many as 1,500 people there on Saturday.

With the COVID-19 virus still active in the area, Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, asked the lake to observe Gov. Greg Abbott’s Executive Order GA-18 and to follow the lead of state parks, which are operating only from dawn to dusk and with no overnight camping.

Lake officials say they have been following the governor’s orders and also say that even though the lake is private property, they are complying with the judge’s request.

“We feel it is in the best interest of Donley County,” the water authority said in a statement.

May 13, 2020 Hedley HS announces top grads for 2020

Hedley High School has announced Perla Carreon and Mica Delos Reyes are its top students for the Class of 2020.

Carreon is the Valedictorian and has a grade average of 96.67. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Victor Carreon and has attended Hedley ISD for six years.

The Salutatorian is Mica Delos Reyes with an average of 92.03. She is the daughter of Bhel and J.B. Alvey and moved from the Philippines, transferring to Hedley ISD during her sophomore year in 2017.

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May 20, 2020

CHS names top grads for Class of 2020

Clarendon High School has announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2020 are Harmond Drenth and Trenton Smith.

The Salutatorian for CHS is Trent Smith, son of David and Buffle Smith. He has a weighted GPA of 5.776.

The Valedictorian for this year's graduating class is Harmond Drenth. He is the son of Tanya Bell and Jade Drenth and has a weighted GPA of 5.86.

May 20, 2020

New COVID case reported here Monday

One new positive case of COVID-19 has been reported in Donley County, according to Judge John Howard, MD.

Speaking Monday morning, Howard said the state had tested about 4,000 people in area meat packing plants with 1,111 positive cases reported afterward. One of those is a Donley County resident, Howard said.

Also on Monday, the judge said the Texas National Guard was in Clarendon to test more than 40 residents at the local nursing home as well as the staff at that facility. If any of those tests come back positive, the judge will be notified.

May 20, 2020

Two CHS seniors earn college degrees

Harmond Drenth and Trenton Smith, members of the Clarendon High School Class of 2020, received their Associate's in Science degrees from Clarendon College on May 8, meaning these gentlemen graduated from college before high school.

The young men are the top graduates of the CHS Class of 2020 and are the first Clarendon seniors to earn their associate's degrees from Clarendon College before graduating from high school.

The majority of their college work was completed for free thanks to the Dual Credit Peak Scholarship, which is an agreement between Clarendon College and Clarendon CISD.

May 27, 2020

CC exempted from state spending cuts

Clarendon College was exempted from state funding cuts last week when top Texas officials told agencies to find ways to slash spending.

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Gov. Dan Patrick, and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen last Wednesday sent a letter directing state agencies and institutions of higher education to each submit a plan identifying savings that will reduce respective general and general revenue related appropriations by five percent for the 2020-2021 biennium.

The letter specifically exempted the state's 50 community colleges, which effectively preserved about \$135,000 in state funds for Clarendon College, according to Interim President Tex Buckhaults.

"The state comptroller had previously said the budget was safe through December, but then we began hearing that we could see a cut between five and 25 percent," Buckhaults told the Enterprise.

May 27, 2020

Buckhaults lone finalist to lead CC

Clarendon College Regents named Interim President Texas D. Buckhaults as the lone finalist for the college's top job during their regular meeting last Thursday, May 21.

Board Chairman Tommy Waldrop said at the meeting that the college must now wait 21 days under state law before hiring Buckhaults officially as president. Waldrop said regents could meet in closed session next month to "hash out" any questions and details of a contract.

Buckhaults told the Enterprise the 21 days is considered a "cooling off" period by the state and allows time for community members and faculty to raise any questions or concerns about the appointment.

Regents originally named Buckhaults as "part time interim president" on November 27 and then met again on December 9 to name him the "full time interim president."

According to a statement on the college website, Buckhaults has been with CC for 21 years and has served in the following positions: Vice President of Academic Affairs, Executive Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, Vice President of Student Services, SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison, Director of Institutional Research and Title III, and various other positions.

May 27, 2020

CC receive s \$930k from CARES Act

Clarendon College is receiving \$929,717 from the CARES Act for

expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Interim President Tex Buckhaults reported the funding to the Board of Regents during their regular meeting last Thursday.

CC has been approved for the funding in three parts, he said. The first is \$442,844 for students, and CC has identified 362 students who are eligible for the funding. The college is working to contact all of those individuals so they can apply before the deadline at the end of this month. CC will then begin awarding the funds in the first two weeks of June.

The second part of funding is institutional, Buckhaults said, and totals \$442,843. Of that CC has already tapped about \$157,000 for dorm and meal plan refunds for the spring semester. The college also plans to use part of that funding for scheduling software to reduce the need for students to stand in line for registration and financial aid, improved wifi capabilities, an improved text messaging system, and other expenses.

The third part totals \$44,030 and can be used for "strengthening the institution." Buckhaults told the Enterprise that money has not been designated for a specific purpose yet.

May 27, 2020

Donley graduates' awards total \$373k

Donley County high school graduates for 2020 received \$373,414 to further their education, according to announcements made by Clarendon and Hedley high schools during commencement exercises last weekend.

Clarendon High School seniors are eligible for or have received \$371,414, and the total for Hedley seniors is \$3,000.

June 3, 2020

Shields steps down from senior center

After 13 years, Mary Shields will be stepping down as the program director of the Donley County Senior Citizens Center this Friday, June 5.

The incoming director, Denise Bertrand, says a come and go reception for Shields will be held Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for everyone who would like to come wish her well.

June 10, 2020

Sandell Drive-In to open this weekend

The Sandell Drive-In will open its 2020 season this Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13, with Twister and The Wizard of Oz showing as a double feature.

The Sandell has been making adjustments to their concession stand to safely serve customers during the COVID-19 situation.

June 10, 2020

One new COVID-19 case here last week

Donley County's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 27 last week.

County Judge John Howard, MD, reported to the Enterprise last Thursday that he had been notified by state officials that a local individual was tested positive in Pampa on May 23.

June 17, 2020

Sandell to screen Garth Brooks concert

Clarendon's Sandell Drive-In is just one of only 300 drive-ins across North America that will host a Garth Brooks concert event on June 27 that will be streamed onto the big screen.

The concert will be created exclusively for this event, making this a once in a lifetime experience, and will be the largest ever one-night show to play at outdoor theaters across the United States and Canada.

Sandell owner John Morrow is busy this week working to increase the drive-in's capacity from 300 vehicles to more than 500 in anticipation of an enormous crowd.

"Because of COVID-19, this is all happening," Morrow said, referring to social distancing guidelines and restrictions on seating capacities in stadiums and auditoriums. "More events will be coming this summer, including video events like this as well as future live concerts."

June 17, 2020

COEA confirms rodeo as part of celebration

Plans for the 2020 Saints' Roost Celebration continue to shape up with rodeo officials giving final approval to that event Monday night.

Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Assn. President Alex McAnear said the COEA meeting "went well, and we are on go."

June 24, 2020

Garden tour to benefit Christ's Kids

Folks with or without green thumbs are invited to join the Donley County Garden Club's first annual Tour of Gardens this Sunday, June 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. to benefit the Christ's Kids Ministry.

A total of six family gardens are on the tour for this inaugural event, and Judy Thomas says she and her fellow club members have two main goals with the benefit tour.

July 1, 2020

Mayor issues letter to allow July 4 events

Clarendon Mayor Sandy Skelton issued a letter last Friday authorizing local Saints' Roost Celebration activities this weekend following the latest executive order of Gov. Greg Abbott.

The governor took several steps to respond to rising COVID-19 cases around the state, including closing bars and banning most public gatherings of 100 people or more. Rodeos were exempted, however, and Abbott allowed other events to proceed with the permission of local authorities.

July 1, 2020

National Guard to hold COVID testing

The Texas National Guard will hold a local drive-thru COVID-19 testing at Clarendon College on Tuesday, July 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Donley County Judge John Howard, MD.

Those wishing to be tested for the coronavirus will need a valid ID (such as a driver's license) and are urged to call ahead to get a testing time.

July 1, 2020

Clarendon welcomes visitors to festivities

Clarendon is set to welcome visitors to the 143rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 2, 3, and 4.

The coronavirus pandemic has put most area July Fourth celebrations on hold this year, but the Panhandle's oldest will still move forward this weekend.

Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's Junior Rodeo scheduled for Thursday night, July 2, and the Ranch Rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights, July 3 and 4, will be limited to 50 percent capacity with social distancing encouraged. All rodeo events will go on as usual, except for the dances afterward. COEA will also proceed with the usual kids' events, including the calf scrambles.

July 2, 2020

Abbott orders face coverings

Donley County will not seek an exception to Gov. Greg Abbott's new order requiring Texans to wear face coverings to control the spread of COVID-19, according to County Judge John Howard, MD.

Abbott issued the new order on Thursday, July 2, which requires people to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing.

The order goes into effect at 12:01 p.m. on July 3 and applies to all Texas counties. Counties with 20 or fewer active COVID-19 cases can submit a form to opt out of the mask order, but Judge Howard said he will not do so at this time.

"We are participating in a public health effort, and this is one of the best things we can do to stop the spread of COVID-19," Judge Howard said.

July 8, 2020

Latigo Ranch wins annual rodeo again

History repeated itself when the Latigo Ranch took top honors for the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday.

Winning for the second year in a row, Latigo's scores beat out 19 other local and regional ranch rodeo teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 143rd annual Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of Jacob Gudge, Wesley Gudge, Treston Gudge, Zane Peters, and Levi Molesworth.

The Heck & Detwiller team team finished second with Cody Heck, Chad Detwiler, Jodi Padilla, Kale Lane, and Ian McDonald; and the IC Cattle team was third with Randy Crump, Tanner Hart, Jared Stoker, Jayton McWright, and Wesley Gudge.

The Top Hand for the rodeo was awarded to Randy Crump, and the Top Horse award was won by Casey Jo Lewis.



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 720 E. MONTGOMERY • 205-1149 • REV. 874-2078 REV. CALVIN BURROW
 SUN. SERVICES: 3 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

BODY OF CHRIST MINISTRIES:
 501 S. MCCLELLAND • PASTOR: R.W. ELLERBROOK
 SATURDAY: 6 P.M. • SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9:30 A.M. SUN.: 10:30 A.M. • SUN. LIFE GROUP: 4:30 P.M.
 WED.: 6:30 P.M.

CHRIST'S KIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY:
 416 S. KEARNEY • JANET CARTER • 874-2007 SUN.
 BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. • SUN. PRAISE & WORSHIP 10 A.M.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. • WED.: 5 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 301 S. PARKS ST. • 874-2511 • REV. JIM AVENI SECOND
 SUNDAY SERVICE: 11 A.M.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 MONTGOMERY & MCCLELLAND
 FR. ARONIA RAI SAMALA
 SUN. MASS 11 A.M.

ST. STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH
 300 N. JEFFERSON ST. • PASTOR: ROY WILLIAMS
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

TRUE CHURCH OF GOD & CHRIST
 301 N. JEFFERSON • ST. PASTOR: JEFF RILES
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M.

HEDLEY

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 110 E. SECOND ST. • MINISTER: STEWART MESSER
 SUN. BIBLE CLASS: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7:30 P.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 300 N. MAIN ST. • PASTOR: STAN COSBY
 SUN. SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 210 N. MAIN ST. • 856-5980 • PASTOR: BRUCE HOWARD
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN.: 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M.

HOWARDWICK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 235 RICK HUSBAND BLVD. • 874-3326 • REV. JIM FOX
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:45 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 6 P.M.

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 HEREFORD LANE AT HWY 70 • 673-1770
 3RD SUNDAYS - DON MARTIN • 4TH SUNDAYS - DON WATSON
 SERVICES: 10:30 A.M.

MARTIN

MARTIN BAPTIST CHURCH
 US 287 W
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

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 PASTOR: LOUIS BENNETT
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 WED.: 6 P.M.

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2020: Local woman dies from COVID

July 8, 2020 Enthusiastic crowd enjoys July Fourth

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Donley County Courthouse last Saturday, July 4, to enjoy the activities of the 143rd annual Saints’ Roost Celebration.

Few masks were seen despite the governor’s order to wear one the day before, but people did largely respect social distancing.

Vendor booths were spread out all over the courthouse lawn to avoid crowding, and barbecue was served “to go” style as organizers did their best to celebrate safely in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 15, 2020 City addresses concerns at town hall

The Clarendon City County held a town hall meeting at the Mulkey Theatre Monday night to address several concerns and questions raised by citizens on social media.

More than 60 people attended the meeting in person, and as many as 115 were watching a live stream of the event on the Enterprise’s Facebook feed.

Mayor Sandy Skelton called the meeting to order and read introductory comments designed to address most of the concerns or comments that had been raised online.

July 15, 2020 Jackson defeats Winegarner

Following Tuesday night’s primary run off elections, Republican Ronny Jackson will face Democrat Gus Trujillo this November for the 13th Congressional seat being vacated by US Rep. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon.

The overall district winners mirrored the local results. Jackson was the choice of Donley County Republicans 329-272 over Josh Winegarner. Local Democrats favored Trujillo 20-5 over Greg Sagan.

July 22, 2020 Six new cases of COVID-19 confirmed

Six new cases of COVID-19 were reported by local officials in Donley County this week.

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, said testing of 86 people by the Texas National Guard last Tuesday resulted in two positive cases.

Howard noted that these were asymptomatic people who tested positive.

July 22, 2020 CC employees to see raises in new budget

Most Clarendon College employees will receive a raise following action taken by the Board of Regents at its regular meeting last Thursday, July 16.

Regents approved approximately \$114,500 in total raises, funded by a \$7 per hour increase in tuition the board approved in February, according to President Tex Buckhaults.

Under the pay increase plan, college employees making less than \$14.50 per hour will receive a one dollar per hour increase. Employees making above that will receive a three percent increase. Employees who have just been recently hired or who have recently received a raise as a result of a promotion or title change will not see an increase under the plan, according to the president.

July 22, 2020 Casting Crowns draws record crowd

The Sandell Drive-In is planning another big concert event on July 25 after this past weekend’s Casting Crowns performance drew an enormous crowd to Clarendon.

Drive-in owner John Morrow estimates that about 1,000 people came to see the Christian band on stage Saturday night. The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce handed welcome bags to 196 cars, and most cars had four to six people each with most of those coming from out of town.

Country music star Blake Shelton headlines this Saturday’s on-screen concert with special appearances by Gwen Stefani and Trace Adkins.

July 29, 2020 Regents name Shelton to board seat

The Clarendon College Board of Regents appointed James Shelton to fill a vacant position on the board during a called meeting last Friday, July 24.

The appointment puts Shelton in the seat formerly held by Lon Adams, who resigned earlier this month with two years left on his term.

Shelton had filed to run for the

board in February for this year’s election, which was originally scheduled for May but was rescheduled for November because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 29, 2020 Deal would privatize city trash services

Clarendon city officials are working towards a deal that would privatize municipal sanitation services while preserving local jobs and saving money.

Mayor Sandy Skelton and Brandon Brown of Diversified Waste Management say the goal is to provide a transition so smooth that customers will not even realize there has been a change. That will be accomplished in large part, Brown says, by the city’s sanitation workers becoming employees of Diversified Waste.

July 29, 2020 Morrow drops bid for county office

Tammy Morrow has withdrawn her candidacy for Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector, according to the local Republican Party.

County Party Chairman Bill Word said Monday that Morrow withdrew her candidacy earlier this month, and Morrow expressed her regret at stepping down.

August 5, 2020 Woman dies after battle with COVID

An elderly local woman has died while battling the COVID-19 virus, and two new cases of the disease have been confirmed in Donley County this week.

A family member of Eunice Ward told the Enterprise they have not been given an official cause of the July 28 death of the 97-year-old Hedley resident but said she had been living at home with family and doing well for her age before she was hospitalized June 27 and tested positive for COVID-19.

“I think it’s safe to say that it put her on a downward spiral,” Ward’s daughter-in-law Carole Ward said.

August 5, 2020 Local schools to re-open Aug. 13

Clarendon and Hedley schools are moving forward with plans to welcome students back next Thursday, August 13, while working to keep kids safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

School officials say they are doing their best to follow state guidelines, which have been constantly changing, as well as staying in contact with Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, to make sure they are in compliance with what is expected.

August 12, 2020 Sandell to host Metallica on screen

Get ready rock fans! Metallica is coming to the big screen at Clarendon’s Sandell Drive-In on Saturday, August 29, for a unique concert experience.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public this Friday, August 14, at ticketmaster.com/encore-metallica for what will be Metallica’s first return to the stage since September 2019.

Also appearing on the concert will be special guest Three Days Grace.

August 19, 2020 Hedley defends sale of maintainer

The Hedley City Council answered criticism about the sale of a 56-year-old city maintainer during their regular meeting last Thursday, August 13.

“There are a lot of rumors going around, and we want to put those to rest,” Mayor Carrie Butler said.

The council voted in June to sell the maintainer for \$3,000 to Tule Creek Ranch, the mayor said, and “there has been an uproar about it.”

Some residents have criticized the city for not taking bids or proposals for the maintainer and for selling it to a relative of a city employee. Butler, however, had opinions from four different attorneys – three from Texas Municipal League in addition to the city’s own attorney, James Shelton – stating that the sale was proper and legal.

August 26, 2020 Three-way race now for tax assessor

Donley County voters will now be faced with a three-way race to be the next Tax Assessor / Collector when they go to the polls November 3.

The local Republican and Democratic chairs each announced candidates for that position last week in addition to Deedra Keen, who launched a write-in candidacy for the job earlier this month.

Donley County Republican Party Chairman Bill Word said Kristy Christopher will be the Republican candidate. She will replace Tammy Morrow on the

ballot following Morrow’s July withdrawal from the race.

Tony Dale will also be on the ballot as the Democratic candidate, according to Donley County Democratic Chair Jean Taylor.

August 26, 2020 City installs new security at airport

New security improvements at Clarendon’s Smiley Johnson Airport have been completed thanks to community donors and a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

The state Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant paid fifty percent of the \$19,186.96 needed to install multiple security cameras at the airport this summer, according to City Secretary and Airport Advisory Board Member Machiel Covey.

Covey said security has been an issue with people breaking into the pilots’ lounge and driving on the runway, damaging runway lights.

August 26, 2020 Hedley BBQ, Cotton Festival cancelled

Two longtime Hedley traditions were canceled last week in hopes of keeping the community safe from the COVID-19 virus.

The Hedley Lions Club voted Friday morning to cancel for this year its annual chicken barbecue on September 6 as well as the Cotton Festival in October.

Lion Jean Taylor said it was not an easy decision to make.

“We’ve got some members who can’t afford the risk,” she said. “It was a hard decision that we hated to make, but we intend to start next spring with plans to bring [these events] back next fall.”

September 2, 2020 City extends Dockery’s contract

The Clarendon City Council extended the contract of City Administrator David Dockery through 2023 during their regular meeting August 27.

Aldermen met in closed session to evaluate Dockery’s performance before taking action in open session.

Mayor Sandy Skelton announced that Dockery had received a perfect score on his evaluation and said for him to score any higher, the city would have to adopt a new rating system.

The council then voted unanimously to extend his contract by two years to 2023 and give him a four percent raise.

Council members praised Dockery, and the administrator returned the praise and appreciation.

September 9, 2020 Sandell to screen Kane Brown concert

Country music fans will have another opportunity to enjoy a unique concert at Clarendon’s Sandell Drive-In this month.

Encore Live announced this week that Kane Brown will be the latest music star to join the lineup of 2020’s most exciting, must-see concert series. Dubbed “the future of country,” Brown will air his brand-new, never-before-seen show for one night only on September 26 at drive-in and outdoor theaters across the United States and Canada as part of the massively popular Encore Drive-In Nights series.

September 9, 2020 Howard addresses COVID-19 at state

Donley County Judge John Howard’s experience with the COVID-19 pandemic has led to him being a sought after speaker on the subject at the state level.

Howard was one of the featured speakers at this year’s Texas Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Austin on August 26-28.

Due to COVID-19, the event was held virtually and attended by between 600 and 700 county officials from around the state.

Judge Howard’s presentation was on Wednesday afternoon, August 26, and focused on COVID-19 and the Texas Healthcare System.

September 16, 2020 Thornberry receives honor at Pantex

National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator & Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty and US Representative Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) were on hand August 21 for celebrated milestones at Pantex, including the NNSA’s 20th anniversary.

During the visit, Thornberry received the Administrator’s Distinguished Service Gold Award. It recognizes consistent outstanding leadership and sustained achievements. The Distinguished Service Gold Award is the high-

est honorary award granted by NNSA.

“That’s my job is to help do their job. Because what they do here at Pantex is foundational to the national security of the United States,” Thornberry said. “It’s so important.”

September 30, 2020 Crosstimmer team wins 26th cookoff

The Crosstimmer Ranch team from Mustang, Okla., was the overall champion of the 26th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last Saturday, September 26, at the Saints’ Roost Museum.

Fifteen wagons prepared food for the event, which served more than 615 people. Crosstimmer placed in three out of five food judging categories and placed first in Overall Cooking and second in Wagon & Camp to take home the custom cutting board designed by Clarendon artist Jack Craft.

The 13th annual Junior Cookoff the day before the big event drew six contestants, who were paired with experienced wagon teams to prepare potatoes for the cooks’ dinner Friday night. Henry Bivens from Clarendon won first place and was teamed with the Crosstimmer Ranch wagon.

Kaston Snyder of Amarillo was second, working with the Lazy M Cookers of Lamar, Colo.; and Jaythan Green of Clarendon was third and worked with the Camp Cookie team from Germantown, Tennessee.

September 30, 2020 City contracts private trash service

The City of Clarendon is out of the trash collection business following last week’s city council meeting at which Diversified Waste Management of Amarillo was given a five-year franchise for those services.

With one motion September 24, the council approved a series of agreements with Diversified that was the culmination of months of negotiations between the company and City Hall.

Mayor Sandy Skelton said only one citizen had complained about the proposed deal at a city council meeting since The Clarendon Enterprise first reported the details of the negotiations with Diversified on July 30, and he said it had been a pleasure working with Brandon Brown on behalf of the company.

October 7, 2020 COVID case count climbs past 70

Donley County’s confirmed COVID-19 cases has risen to 71 this week, according to local officials.

The Clarendon Family Medical Center has had 49 positive cases since the pandemic began with six more tests currently pending. The clinic reports 227 tests have now come back negative for the virus.

October 7, 2020 Word wins annual 5k

Brittney Word and Steven McDaniel were the top women’s and men’s finishers of the eighth annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K last Saturday, October 3, at the Clarendon Aquatic Center.

Word of Clarendon, age 34, was the first to cross the finish line with a time of 28:01, giving her the best overall time, the best woman’s time, and best time for those ages 30-39.

McDaniel of , age 65, ran the race in 30 minutes, 11 seconds, finishing before all other men and placing first in the 60-69 age group.

October 7, 2020 Lions celebrate 98th anniversary

The Clarendon Lions Club held its 98th anniversary Charter Banquet last Saturday night, October 3, and presented awards during the evening as the culmination of Lions Day in the city.

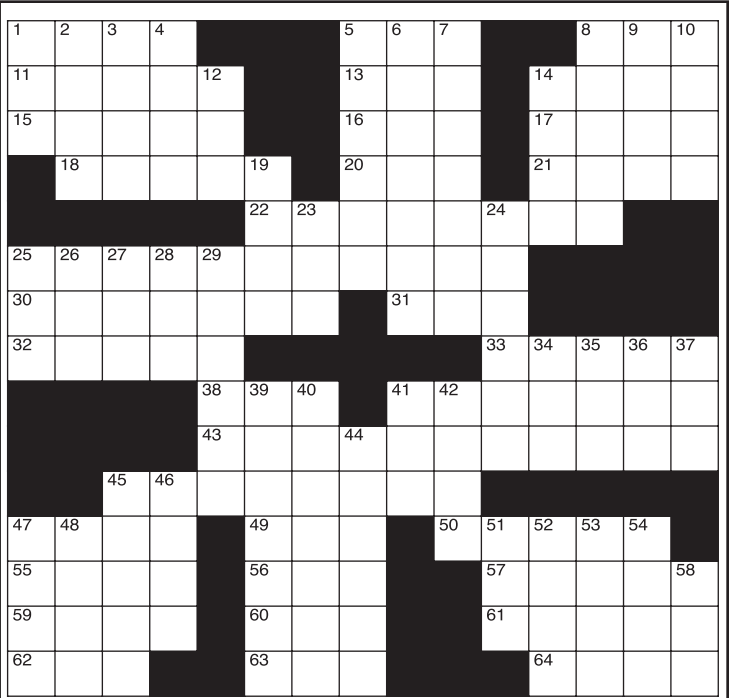
Boss Lion Landon Lambert presented Lion Scarlet Estlack with the Past President’s Award, and Lion John Howard was recognized as the Lion of the Year for his service to the community as its doctor and county judge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aubrey Jaramillo was formally crowned as the club’s Sweetheart for the current year.

District Governor Henry Wyckoff spoke about the plans for growth in Lionism in the Texas Panhandle and also recognized Lion Ashlee Estlack for ten years of service and Lion Chuck Robertson for 15 years of service.

The Boss Lion announced a new membership drive as the club gets ready for its centennial celebration in 2022. Lambert said he wants to see the club attract 22 new members by 2022.

October 7, 2020 Zach Williams to perform at Sandell



CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to wound
5. Hormone secreted by the pituitary gland (abbr.)
8. Shows the world
11. Decided
13. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
14. Dough made from corn flour
15. Honors
16. Political commentator Coulter
17. Expresses pleasure
18. Heavy clubs
20. Defunct phone company
21. Algonquian language
22. Salts
25. Act of the bank
30. Danced
31. Drummer Weinberg
32. Small goose
33. Helps evade
38. Certified public accountant
41. Periods of time
43. Kids’ book character
45. Type of beer
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. A way to attack
50. Talk radio personality Margery
55. Whale ship captain
56. Request
57. Large underground railstation in Paris
59. BBQ dish
60. No (Scottish)
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Tool used to harvest agave
63. Explosive
64. A reward (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

1. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
2. Polite interruption sound
3. Extremely small amount
4. Very short period of time (abbr.)
5. Fires have them
6. Sacred place
7. Island capital
8. Volcanic craters
9. Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
10. Bullfighting maneuver
12. Midway between east and southeast
14. A ceremonial staff
19. Cheap prices
23. North Atlantic fish
24. Oil company
25. A federally chartered savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Where UK soldiers train
28. One point north of due east
29. Attention-getting
34. Ballplayer’s tool
35. Sun up in New York
36. Where golfers begin
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Represented as walking (animal)
40. Craftsman
41. Unit of force (abbr.)
42. Dueling sword
44. Houston hoopster
45. Stone building at Mecca
46. __ and flows
47. “Beastmaster” actor Singer
48. American state
51. Swiss river
52. U.S. island territory
53. German physicist
54. One point east of northeast
58. Get free of

Totally Locally is an initiative adopted by the Chamber of Commerce to promote all things local about Clarendon and Donley County.

Totally Locally encourages you to step through the door of that shop you go past every day. Give it a try – there’s a good chance you’ll want to go back.

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2020: Clarendon sets new record for sales tax collections

“God can handle 2020.” That’s the message that Zach Williams hopes music lovers will come away with after seeing him and Big Daddy Weave, performs live on stage at Clarendon’s Sandell Drive-In this Friday night, October 9.

The concert will be the latest of the critically acclaimed Drive-In Theater Tour series, produced by Awakening Events. Tickets are available at driveintour.com and are sold by the car load (up to 6 people per car) at \$100 per car.

A multiple Grammy Award-winner, Williams told the Enterprise last week that he is excited about Friday’s performance and very happy to be on the drive-in tour with Big Daddy Weave. “It’s the perfect time of year, and we’re having a great time together with several performances close to capacity,” Williams said, who is the singer/songwriter know for such hits as “Fear is a Liar” and “Chain Breaker.”

October 14, 2020 COVID antibody tests available at fair

The Donley County Health Fair will offer several free health care screenings, including a COVID-19 antibody test, this Thursday, October 15, but there will be no information booths this year in an effort to keep folks safe during the pandemic.

Organizers met Monday morning to finalize plans for the event and say people can still come inside for the screenings at Clarendon College’s Bairfield Activity Center or they can have the option having the tests done in a drive-by style in their car.

October 21, 2020 SACSCOC removes CC from warning

Clarendon College has been removed from warning by its accrediting body, according to announcements from the school as well as the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

According to information requested from the college by The Clarendon Enterprise, a SACSCOC committee “reviewed extensive documents” and interviewed the board and college president. While the committee found that the college had taken steps to avoid conflict of interest issues with board members, it reported inconsistencies with how the college dealt with conflicts of interest based on responses from members of the board, and it also found the board lacked a “clear operational definition of a conflict of interest for Board members as they apply the policy of the college.”

The report also found that the college did not have someone – such as a board officer or president – specifically assigned to be responsible for board accountability, did not offer a structured local orientation for new board members to address conflicts of interest, and was not posting all conflict of interest statements on its website as per its policy.

November 4, 2020 Hedley XC runners advancing to region

Hedley High School had a big day this week with multiple runners and the entire Owl team advancing at the District 1A Cross Country meet in American Legion Burt Woolridge Rodeo Arena in Claude.

The Owls again had the first place team, and Jordan Upton was second overall with a time of 19:18.

Joshua Booth was 3rd at 19:54, and Tyler Harper was 4th at 19:57. Hayden Alston came in 8th at 20:40, and Iziak Weatherread was 9th with a time of 21:07.

Those finishing in the top ten advance to regional, and Astin McAllister, who placed 12th with time of 21:42, will also advance as a member of the first place team.

Running for the Lady Owls, Cara Lambert posted a 7th place finish with a time of 14:32 and advances to regional. Emma Lambert ran 25th with a time of 16:25.

November 12, 2020 Voters select CC, CCISD, H’wick seats

Local voters had their say in elections for Clarendon College, the Clarendon CISD, and the City of Howardwick last Tuesday, which were held alongside the General Election.

In Howardwick, incumbents Mary Grady and Marietta Baird were returned to the city council with 103 and 86 votes respectively. Terry Barnes was also elected with 100 votes. Other candidates were Jada Murray 78, Shelly Chavira 37, and Jeremy Kindle 13.

In the Clarendon College and CCISD elections, results became confused following election night after the Enterprise reported totals from the Donley County Clerk’s Office. College and school officials later discovered discrepancies in the vote tallies from the

clerk’s office, which were later clarified. The discrepancies did not change the outcome of either election.

In the election for three positions on the CC Board of Regents, President Tex Buckhaults reported Guy Ellis was the top vote earner with 821 and was followed by incumbents Carey Wann 445 and Darlene Spier 438. Also running were Debbie Thompson 429 and Chris Matthews 366. The board was meeting to canvass and certify those numbers as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday.

November 12, 2020 Christopher wins tax assessor race

Donley County voters strongly backed Kristy Christopher as their choice for Tax Assessor Collector in the only contested county-wide race on last week’s General Election ballot.

Running as a Republican, Christopher received 968 compared to Democrat Tony Dale’s 158 votes. Write-in candidate Deedra Keen received 44 votes. Christopher will succeed Linda Crump when her term expires at the end of this year.

November 18, 2020 Broncos fall to Stratford in Borger

The Broncos were looking to go deep, not only on the field, but also in post-season play. Things were going their way, until turnovers and missed extra points hindered their chance to advance. The Broncos lost their bi-district game with Stratford last Friday in Borger, 18-20.

“We lost a heartbreaker to Stratford, (but) I thought our kids played great on defense and offense,” head coach Clint Conkin said. “We ended the season 7-4 with some young kids getting experience for the future.”

November 24, 2020 COVID cases rising; Second person dies

Donley County has added 23 more confirmed cases of COVID-19, and County Judge John Howard, MD, said a second death has now occurred locally because of the disease.

“If you want a more important number, we have had 91 positive tests

at the clinic in the month of November,” Howard said. “Of those, nine have been hospitalized. That’s what everybody needs to know. That’s a rate of one in ten people going to the hospital.”

The Clarendon Family Medical Center reported 44 active cases on Monday afternoon, and the clinic conducted 68 tests in the period from November 17 through November 23, bringing the total number of tests conducted locally to 666. Of those 193 have been positive, and 473 have been negative.

Combined with the known cases that have tested outside of the county, there have now been 224 confirmed positive cases and two deaths in Donley County since the pandemic began.

November 26, 2020 City sets second highest sales tax revenue record

Clarendon beat a record recently set in August for the second highest monthly sales tax revenue when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed monthly allocations to municipal governments.

The city’s November allocation was \$51,013.66, reflecting an increase of 15.36 percent compared to the same period one year ago.

That’s greater than the previous second highest allocation of \$49,677.44 in August of this year. The best month on record for the city was May 2019 with an allocation of \$56,593.

November 26, 2020 COVID disrupts local holiday events

The continuing rise of COVID-19 cases has led to multiple holiday functions in Clarendon being canceled or postponed this season.

The Christmas in Clarendon craft fair scheduled for this Saturday has been cancelled, according to the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber still encourages everyone to Shop Small this Saturday as well as Black Friday.

The Courthouse Lighting ceremony this Saturday will be a drive-by viewing only this year. The lights will be turned on at 6:00 p.m. as planned, but there will not be music or Santa.

The Mulkey Theatre and the Donley County Community Fund board also has postponed Sunday’s scheduled Polar Express event.

The Saints’ Roost Museum’s annual Christmas party fundraiser, which would have been held next weekend, has also been postponed.

December 2, 2020 2020 Late Night Shopping plans set

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce officials are hoping folks will continue to shop “Totally Locally” this month as merchants plan three nights of Late Night Shopping, culminating with a \$500 giveaway.

Several merchants will be staying open until 8 p.m. the next three Thursday nights, December 3, 10, and 17 with the Chamber drawing for its grand prize on December 17.

Shoppers can register at any “Totally Locally” merchant during the season for a chance to win \$500 in Clarendon Cash as well as other donated prizes.

December 2, 2020 COVID cases and death toll rises

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to mount in Donley County, and four people have now died after contracting the disease, according to County Judge John Howard, MD.

“There have been a total of four deaths – three in the month of November, and there may be others,” Howard said, noting that it took state officials more than a month to report the county’s first COVID-related death in July.

Clarendon Family Medical Center said Tuesday morning that it has now conducted 736 tests on local residents, up from 666 one week ago. While 519 of those tests were negative for the COVID-19 virus, 217 have been confirmed cases. That’s an increase of 24 positive cases in seven days.

December 10, 2020 27 new cases of COVID-19; Death count climbs to six

Twenty-seven new cases of

COVID-19 were confirmed by the Clarendon Family Medical Center in the first five days of December, and Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, says at least six local residents have now died from the disease.

Howard says adding known local cases that tested in Childress would raise total new positives the first week of December to 32. The hospitalization rate in December, however, has fallen to one in 30, compared to one in ten in November.

December 16, 2020 Casper has strong finish at NFR

Clarendon College alumnus Wyatt Casper finished his appearance at the National Finals Rodeo in Arlington in with a tie for eighth place in the 10th round last week.

The world standings leader for most of the year, Casper watched his advantage slip away after Thursday’s eighth round, when he finished in sixth place while Ryder Wright won the night and moved to the No. 1 spot on the saddle bronc riding money list.

On Friday, Casper was second in the average with 290.5 cumulative points on eight rides – he was bucked off in the fourth round – but he had virtually no chance to catch Wright for the average title. The best he could do was stay second in the aggregate, which will pay \$54,577.

December 16, 2020 Clinic reports 35 new cases of COVID

Thirty-five new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed by the Clarendon Family Medical Center since December 6, according to information provided to the Enterprise Tuesday afternoon.

CFMC spokesperson Marsha Bruce said the number of active cases remained steady at 20 this week, and the clinic was not seeing any surge from the Thanksgiving holiday so far.

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, said Tuesday that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is not available locally at this time and that the local clinic will be waiting for the Moderna vaccine, which does not require the extreme refrigeration for storage that the Pfizer vaccine needs.

December 16, 2020 Clarendon sets record for sales tax

The City of Clarendon hit a new high for the month and the year when Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed December sales tax allocations to Texas municipalities.

Clarendon’s allocation for the month was \$34,932.58, up 13.35 percent over the same period last year, which had a total of \$30,816.71.

The December allocation pushed the city to a new high for a calendar year with a total of \$445,159.93 for 2020. That figure is more than \$21,000 higher than the \$423,749.33 the city brought in during 2019, an increase of more than five percent.

December 16, 2020 Clarendon looks at new grant projects

The Clarendon City Council approved a resolution authorizing a grant application for sewer line improvements during its regular meeting December 10.

The Community Development Block Grant would replace designated lines and lift stations on the north side of the city, and officials feel confident the city has a strong grant application since it has not received a CDBG grant since 2008.

The maximum award under the grant is \$350,000, and the city would be required to have a ten percent match.

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will guide the grant application and administer the grant if it is funded next year.

City officials also discussed the possibility of applying for a Texas Down-town Revitalization grant, which could fund sidewalk and lighting improvements downtown town. That grant application would be due next May.

The council appointed Nicole Beames to a full term on the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation board.

City Administrator David Dockery reported that the city continues to work on code compliance issues and said the final walk-thru had been conducted at the new aquatic center and also said the USDA water infrastructure improvement project should be finished in the near future.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 13, 2020, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) filed a Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 51415, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO’s electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Procedural Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 187,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by the relief requested in SWEPCO’s Petition.

SWEPCO’s request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on March 31, 2020. SWEPCO’s Petition seeks an overall increase of \$105,026,238, an increase of 30.3% over adjusted Texas retail test year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. SWEPCO’s proposed revenue increase will be offset by a \$14,826,502 decrease in annualized Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) and Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) revenue. Thus, the net proposed Texas retail revenue increase is \$90,199,736, an increase of 26.0% over adjusted Texas retail test year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. The overall impact of the rate change, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 15.6% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice, as shown in the table below. In addition, SWEPCO is seeking recovery of the reasonable rate-case expenses, including expenses paid to reimburse intervening municipalities, that it incurs in this case and those rate-case expenses incurred in three prior dockets that have yet to be recovered.

A Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in their total bill (including fuel costs and rate riders) of \$15.71 per month, an increase of approximately 15.0%.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

SWEPCO Texas Proposed Base Rate Increase			
Applicable Service	Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (\$) *	Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (%) **	Change in Total Bill (%) ***
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 34,924,204	23.75%	15.64%
GENERAL SERVICE W/DEMAND	4,461,476	26.25%	18.45%
GENERAL SERVICE WO/DEMAND	2,167,555	38.23%	27.15%
LIGHTING & POWER - SEC	28,784,427	28.49%	14.96%
LIGHTING & POWER - PRI	6,789,019	28.44%	14.40%
COTTON GIN	69,427	26.14%	15.74%
LARGE LIGHTING & POWER - PRI	1,506,976	28.44%	14.40%
LARGE LIGHTING & POWER - TRANS	6,300,461	28.14%	13.23%
METAL MELTING - SEC	40,125	27.91%	17.81%
METAL MELTING - PRI	369,199	26.32%	13.11%
METAL MELTING - TRANS	320,810	21.40%	9.74%
OILFIELD PRIMARY	3,009,127	28.29%	13.23%
OILFIELD SECONDARY	191,671	32.55%	15.94%
MUNICIPAL PUMPING	196,244	9.76%	7.00%
MUNICIPAL SERVICE	171,173	10.37%	6.60%
MUNICIPAL LIGHTING	221,268	9.76%	7.00%
Street Lighting Sheet IV-23	226	19.75%	13.39%
Municipal Street Lighting Sheet IV-24	389	23.23%	19.12%
Municipal Street and Parkway Lighting Sheet IV-25	268,331	12.60%	9.23%
Municipal Street and Parkway Lighting Sheet LED IV-65	n/a	n/a	14.84%
Street Lighting Service Sheet IV-31	(48,498)	-22.61%	-19.90%
Public Highway Lighting Sheet IV-27	819	19.50%	13.02%
PUBLIC STREET & HWY (Sheet IV-26)	800	2.65%	1.23%
PRIVATE, OUTDOOR, AREA	595,175	14.34%	10.18%
Private Lighting Sheet IV-28	210,792	29.00%	21.99%
Area Lighting - Outdoor Sheet IV-29	6,910	18.49%	14.65%
Area Lighting - Outdoor Sheet IV-30	326,842	9.68%	7.06%
Floodlighting Service Sheet IV-32	26,157	28.82%	20.79%
Outdoor Lighting Sheet IV-33	24,474	32.98%	28.11%
Area Lighting - Outdoor LED Sheet IV-66	n/a	n/a	14.84%
CUSTOMER-OWNED LIGHTING	79,569	27.15%	14.84%
Recreational Lighting Sheet IV-21	65,016	24.55%	14.84%
Customer Supplied Lighting Sheet IV-22	14,554	24.55%	14.84%
* Base rate revenue net of transmission and distribution cost recovery revenues.			
** Transmission and distribution cost recovery factor revenue recovered in existing base rates will be reset to zero with this filing.			
*** Bill impact includes base rate revenue plus fuel factor, energy efficiency cost recovery factor, rate case expense surcharge, transmission cost recovery revenue, and distribution cost recovery revenue.			

SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

SWEPCO is proposing revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF, DCRF, and Generation Cost Recovery Rider (GCRR) filings pursuant to 16 TAC §§ 25.239, 25.243, and 25.248, respectively, SWEPCO requests that the Commission: (1) set the Company’s current TCRF and DCRF to zero; and (2) establish in this docket the baseline values consisting of the inputs to the calculations that will be used to calculate SWEPCO’s TCRF, DCRF, and GCRR in future dockets.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 51415. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission, unless otherwise provided by order of the presiding officer. The presiding officer for Docket No. 51415 has ordered an intervention deadline of February 10, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention or comments on the application is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the “PUC Filer” on the Commission’s website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission’s Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

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806-329-3088. Mon., Thurs., &
Satur. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Regular
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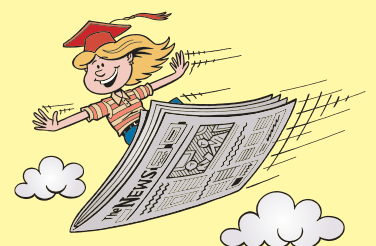
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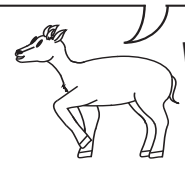
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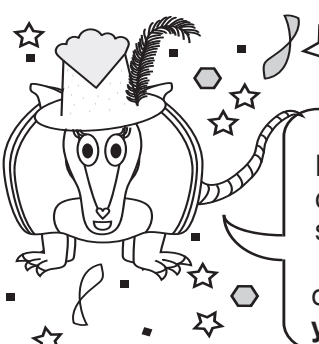
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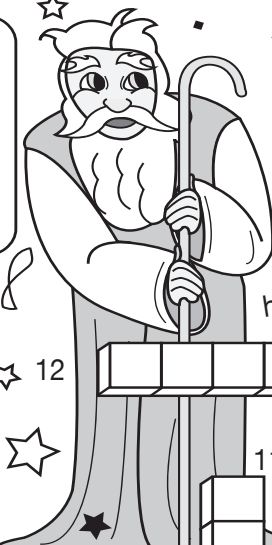


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What do you know about the celebration
of the new year? **Read these clues to help
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- in Ancient Rome, the new year started in _____
because the month of January did not exist yet
- to represent the birth of a New Year we use a newborn
_____ dressed in a top hat and a sash
- by the end of the year the child grows into a wrinkled _____
- _____ time is used to represent the passage of years;
he usually carries an hourglass
- to celebrate the new year many people gather to eat, drink and
dance at a _____; the biggest is in New York City in Times Square
- _____ light up the sky in celebration; they can be seen behind
the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower and the Forbidden City in China
- the new year officially begins when the clock strikes _____
- everyone's favorite New Year's _____ is "Auld Lang Syne,"
which means 'old long since'
- after the parties of New Year's eve, many people relax by
watching the big _____ game, "The Rose Bowl"
- after the game people line the streets to watch the
"Rose _____," which takes place in California
- friends wish each other a happy, _____ New Year
- people use the start of a new year as a way to better
themselves through New Year's _____



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fireworks
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party
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old man
resolutions
football
parade

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party

midnight

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