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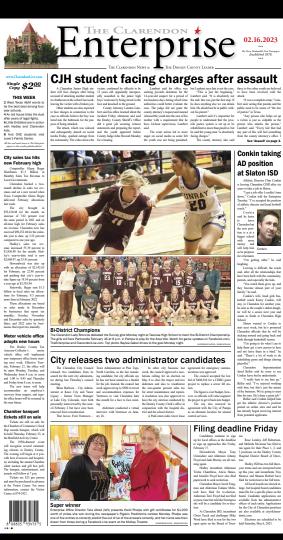
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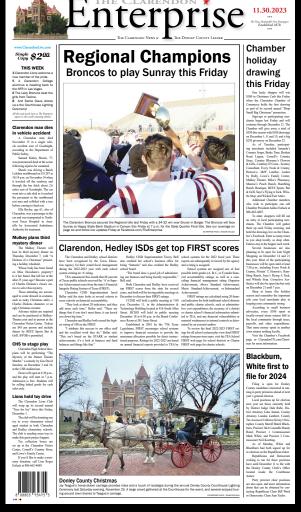












2023: CEDC okays restaurant deal

JANUARY 4. 2023 Community responds to fire with love

A Clarendon woman is counting her blessings after a housefire destroyed part of her home and JANUARY 25, 2023 resulted in the loss of three pets last Wednesday, December 28.

"God takes care of us in ways next street work we can't imagine," Terri Luna told the Enterprise this week, recalling focused attention on streets in the how her friends and community have rallied around her. "It's just been phenomenal."

JANUARY 11, 2023 Contract approved for county roadwork

Donley County Commissioners approved a bid January 9 they believe will lead to improvements to some of the worst roads in the county.

Judge John Howard said county officials believe a scraper being used to mix materials into poor county roads will be beneficial but said the county does not own that type of machinery. Purchasing or leasing a scraper would was cost prohibitive, so the county took bids to contract that work.

The only bid received was from Koetting Construction, which is owned by Precinct 3 Commissioner Neil Koetting.

JANUARY 18, 2023 Harper, Ehlert win beef division at livestock show

The 2023 Donley County Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 14, at the Donley County Activity Center with Tyler Harper and Taylee Ehlert winning the beef division.

Harper showed the Grand Champion Steer, and Ehlert exhibited the Grand Champion Heifer.

Other top winners were Brandon and his Grand Champion Sheep, Ajax Caudle and his Grand Champion Goat, Kennadie Cummins with the Grand Champion Gilt and Jaxon Robertson with his Grand Champion Barrow.

Reserve Champion honors went to Hudson Howard, steer; Gracen Sims, heifer; Madison Moore, sheep; Flint Pittman, goat; Harrison Howard, barrow; and Jaxon Robertson, gilt.

JANUARY 18, 2023 Howardwick fighting back on rate hike

Howardwick City Hall is pushing back against a 40 percent water rate increase from Red River Water Authority, which will go into effect next month.

City Secretary Sandy Childress said Mayor Tony Clemishire spoke to the Red River board during a hearing in December, but the board approved the rate increase over the community's objections.

The increase will change the minimum water bill for Howardwick residents from \$73.50 per month to \$103 per month.

"We've got the surveys that show 70 percent of our people out here are below the poverty level," Childress said. "They can't pay this."

JANUARY 20, 2023 Hedley secretary being investigated

The Hedley City Council accepted the resignation of City Secretary Kim Davis Gossman Thursday night, January 19, and Mayor Carrie Butler said an investigation is underway related to allegations of misappropriation of

The action came at the end of the city's regular meeting and after the council met in closed session for about ten minutes. Following the acceptance of Gossman's resignation, the council then approved a motion for the city not to pursue **Students do well at** charges against Gossman, and Butler stated that currently no funds are missing from the city.

Following the meeting, Butler said the council's vote was intended to mean the city would not pursue legal action against Gossman, but

pursue criminal charges with its investigation. The funds involved were payroll funds and contract labor funds, Butler said.

City makes plans for

The Clarendon City Council southeast part of town during their regular meeting January 12 as preliminary plans were made for the next paving project.

City Administrator David Dockery said the streets prioritized for improvement are all east of State Highway 70 South and include Third, Fourth, Montgomery, Barcus, Davis, Hartzell, and Wells. The city is asking OJD Engineering perform on cost analysis on those specific blocks to determine what improvements can be made for a maximum of \$500,000.

Dockery said the city has that much money on hand through COVID relief funds and through capital improvement funds.

JANUARY 25, 2023 Hedley to press charges on secretary

Law enforcement officials this week continue to investigate allegations of misappropriations of funds at the City of Hedley involving former city secretary Kim Davis

The Hedley City Council met in closed session for about ten minutes last Thursday, January 19, during their regular meeting before accepting Gossman's resignation and announcing that an investigation was underway. The council then voted unanimously not to press charges against Gossman, but Mayor Carrie Butler said following the meeting that the council's vote would have no impact on whether law enforcement might file charges.

As the investigation moved forward, Butler contacted the Enterprise Monday morning and said the city will in fact be pressing charges and also confirmed that the investigation was also focusing not just on Gossman's role at City Hall but also at the Hedley Community Development Corporation, the local housing fire on North Sully Street, north authority.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023 Red River Water petition underway

About 200 signatures have been obtained on petition to protest a 40 percent water rate increase from Red River Water Authority, which went into effect February 1.

Howardwick City Secretary Sandy Childress said she is still working to gather more signatures to block the rate increase.

Red River Water Authority serves the City of Howardwick and several rural residents and communities. More than 400 signatures of month decline in sales tax revenues Red River customers are needed to protest the rate.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023 Crash takes life of driver from Ft. Worth

A Fort Worth man lost his life Friday night in a one-vehicle accident near Ashtola.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that John Albright, age 39, was driving a 1996 Buick Park Avenue at about 11:30 p.m. westbound on US-287 when the vehicle veered off the roadway and entered the north ditch.

The Buick traveled through the ditch and continued north. It struck the railroad tracks, vaulted over them, and landed on the north side of the tracks, where it caught fire. Albright was pronounced dead at the scene by Donley County Justice of the Peace Pat White.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023 academic meet

Clarendon High School took twenty-four students to compete in eleven contests at the West Texas High Academic practice meet January 21 in Stinnett.

Cate Word earned a second

she said the sheriff's office may still place finish in Ready Writing and a **FEBRUARY 15, 2023** third place in Copy Editing. Avery Halsey received first in Copy Editing while Davin Mays finished third position at Slaton in Feature Writing. Toby Leeper came in fifth in Science.

FEBRUARY 2, 2023 City still searching for administrator

The Clarendon City Council continues to narrow its search for the next city administrator following interviews conducted last Thursday, January 26.

Meeting at Clarendon Col- retirement. lege's Bairfield Activity Center, the council conducted virtual interlaughing. views with Brian Barboza - City Administrator at Knox City; Fred FEBRUARY 22, 2023 Ventresco - Town Administrator at Pine Tops, North Carolina; and Vance Lipsey – former Town Manager at Lake City, Colorado. The council also met in person with Terry Schilz – a District Manager for Southern Methodist University, who lives in Azle, Texas.

The council met again in called session Monday night and agreed to bring Barboza and Lipsey to Clarendon for in-person interviews at City Hall this Thursday, February 2, starting at 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9, 2023 CVFD responds to two fires Saturday

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire the southeast part of town late Saturday night for a structure fire.

said the department was paged out at 11:10 p.m. to a storage building that was on fire in the alley between Third and Fourth Streets off of Hartzell Street.

Four firemen and two trucks responded to the fire and stayed on the scene until about 12:45 a.m.

The danger of fire spreading through heavily wooded area presented a threat to other nearby structures, but the fire was contained to the immediate area. The contents of the building were destroyed, he said, and the cause of the fire was not known at press time.

CVFD was called to a structure for reelection. of the county barn. First Assistant Chief Glen Wright said three firemen responded to the afternoon call. Old tires were found to be burning in an old block building well house. Wright said the fire was extinguished quickly with no real damage to the structure.

FEBRUARY 15, 2023 City sales tax hits new February high

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$1.3 Billion in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Clarendon bucked a twoand set a new record when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered February allocations last week.

The city brought in \$52,610.48 for the month, an increase of 7.02 percent over the same period in 2021 and an all-time high for February sales tax revenue. Clarendon now has received \$90,252.04 for the calendar year to date, up 3.23 percent compared to one year ago.

FEBRUARY 15, 2023 CJH student facing charges over assault

A Clarendon Junior High student will face charges after being accused of attacking another student in a bathroom at the school last week, leaving the victim with a broken jaw.

Other students are also expected to face charges in connection to the case as officials believe the boy was lured into the bathroom for the purpose of being attacked.

The attack, which was videoed and subsequently shared on social media Friday, sparked outrage from the community. The video shows the victim, confirmed by officials to be 13 years old, apparently unexpectedly assaulted in the junior high boys' restroom by being struck in the face and knocked to the ground.

Conkin taking AD

Athletic Director Clint Conkin is leaving Clarendon CISD after six years to take a job in Slaton.

"I got a job offer I couldn't turn down," Conkin told the Enterprise Tuesday. "I've accepted the position of athletic director and head football coach.'

Conkin said he hates to leave Clarendon but the new position is a at a bigger school with more money and will help him as he prepares for

"I'm getting older," he said

CEDC okays restaurant deal

A new restaurant will be coming to downtown after the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation approved an agreement last Tuesday, February 14.

Ricardo Santillan, owner of REFZ Sports Bar & Grill of Guymon, Okla., says he plans to open a second location in the former Clarendon Steakhouse building at US 287 and Kearney Street by this

"I'm excited to bring REFZ to Clarendon, to become part of the community, and to bring new jobs to the community," Santillan said.

The new business plans to Department was called to a blaze in create 25 to 30 new jobs, and Santillan says he looks forward to working with the school and other Fireman Chuck Robertson organizations with donations and activities.

FEBRUARY 22, 2023 Hedley, CCISD to hold board elections

Elections will be held this May to elect positions on the Clarendon school board and the Hedley City Council following last Friday's deadline to file for office.

Clarendon CISD Trustee Chrisi Tucket is seeking re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Mike Word and Ginnie Siefkas in a race for two seats on the board. Also on last Saturday, the Incumbent Kyle Davis did not file

reelection, and they will be joined on the ballot by Christine Coyle as voters pick three seats on the city

MARCH 2, 2023 Jury finds local man guilty of evading

A Donley County jury convicted Darren Ray Gunnels for the third-degree felony offense of evading arrest in a motor vehicle in last Wednesday, February 22, in district

After hearing that the State filed a notice of enhancement in the punishment phase to increase the punishment to a second degree felony, the jury sentenced Gunnels to 20 years, the maximum available punishment, in the Texas Department of Justice, Institutional Divi-

MARCH 2, 2023 CC spring count down 7.4 percent

Clarendon College's spring enrollment is down 7.4 percent compared to a year ago.

Following the census date after the first 12 days of spring classes, CC was down 99 students total with a student headcount of 1,237 in all locations compared to 1,336 in 2022.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said the college expected numbers to be off when fall enrollment was down, noting that spring numbers are typically lower than the fall headcount.

MARCH 2, 2023 City okays CEDC restaurant deal

The Clarendon City Council met in called session last Wednesday, February 22, to consider an economic development agreement

for a new downtown restaurant.

City aldermen discussed the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's proposed agreement with Ricardo Santillan to open a second location of his Guymon, Okla., based REFZ Sports Bar & Grill to CEDC owned property at US 287 and Kearnev Street in the former Clarendon Steakhouse building.

CEDC Vice President Taylor Shelton answered questions about the agreement, and the council gave its unanimous approval, clearing the way for Santillan to take possession of the property and begin renovations.

MARCH 2, 2023 Carter earns top Chamber honor

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Janet Carter with the 2022 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service and commitment to the community during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet last Thursday, February 23.

Man of the Year honors went to Keith Floyd, and Anndria Newhouse was named the Woman of the

Mike's Pharmacy was named the Business of the Year, and, in a new category, the Donley County Courthouse Lighting Committee was named the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

MARCH 10, 2023 CEDC members attend Academy

Three members of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation board attended two days of workshops in San Antonio last week to learn more about recruiting new retail businesses to the community. The Texas Rural Retail Acad-

emy was held at the downtown campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) on March 1 and 2. Hosted by the UTSA Institute for Economic Development and Retail Strategies, leaders from six Texas communities were selected to attend the program.

Participating communities include Breckenridge, Clarendon, Hedley incumbent Aldermen Eastland, Haskell, Poteet, and Trisha Chambless, Alicia Hanes, Vernon. Representing the CEDC were Roger Estlack, Chuck Robertson, and Taylor Shelton.

MARCH 10, 2023 CC chosen to participate in grant

Clarendon College has been selected to participate in a new statewide economic mobility grant due to CC's outstanding accomplishments and dedication to student success.

The Talent Strong Texas Pathways is a \$16 million five-year statewide economic mobility grant administered by the Texas Success Center is designed to increase the number of credentialed Texans prepared for high-demand careers that offer a living wage.

MARCH 11, 2023 More candidates running in Hedley Additional candidates

the Hedley City Council were announced last week after the Enterprise went to press.

Mayor Carrie Butler said two candidates had left their applications in a city drop box and the paperwork was not discovered until after the filing deadline. With the addition of those two new candidates, there are now six people running for three full terms on the

Aldermen Trisha Chambless, Alicia Hanes, and Jennifer Floyd are seeking re-election. Christine Coyle was previously announced as a challenger, and now Calvin Holland and Tanya White Gibson will also appear on the ballot.

MARCH 16, 2023 Grant to pay \$350k for H'wick paving

A \$350,000 award for street improvements in Howardwick is moving forward this week as city

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officials met Tuesday night to autho- MARCH 30, 2023 rize the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to administer the

City Secretary Sandy Childress said the Community Development Block Grant is exciting for the people of Howardwick and comes after a lot of hard work for the last three years.

for the City of Howardwick and the people here," she said.

MARCH 16, 2023

Sales tax revenue drops for Clarendon

Clarendon and Hedley sales taxes dropped while Howardwick MARCH 30, 2023 saw an increase when Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar delivered March allocations to local governments last week.

Clarendon's revenue dropped 3.97 percent compared to this time last year with an allocation of \$33,018.04. The city is still ahead 1.19 percent for the year-to-date collections at \$123,270.08.

MARCH 23, 2023 First grade learning financial literacy

Clarendon first graders in Mrs. Wann's class have been learning the basics of financial literacy through a game called "The Game of Life."

Through this process, the kids have learned about income. They receive a paycheck for coming to school (it is their job). For expenses, they pay rent, cleaning charges, and other bills weekly. They also practiced savings; they tell the bank how much money they want to put into savings each week.

MARCH 24, 2023 Haynes takes 4th in

Houston steer show

Parker Haynes placed 4th APRIL 5, 2023 with his Heavy Lightweight Black Cross when members of the Donley County 4-H Club competed at the Houston Livestock Show last week.

Levi Gates placed 6th with his Lightweight Charolais Cross, and Laney Gates placed 8th in the Senior Reasons Horse Judging and was the industry. 18th place overall individual.

MARCH 30, 2023 Bulldogs in Service puts 288 to work

all Clarendon College campuses participated in the second annual "Bulllocal communities last Wednesday, annual program. March 22.

A total of 288 CC students, APRIL 5, 2023 faculty, and staff participated in several community service efforts. The community service effort began last March but was limited only to the Clarendon area. This year, the effort was expanded to include Amarillo, Childress, Pampa, and Clarendon.

In Clarendon, participants partook in the following efforts: Adopta-Highway along the north portion of State Highway 70; Campus cleanup; Cleanup along the railroad tracks; Made blankets to donate to multiple organizations; Assisted with the Donley County Senior Citizens Center; Prepared old and worn American flags for proper retirement Williams wins annual at the Clarendon Lions Hall; Landscaping and cleaning at the Saints' Roost Museum; and Sidewalk chalk art at Clarendon ISD.

MARCH 30, 2023

CCISD trustees okay Wampler as new AD

Aaron Wampler was confirmed as Clarendon CISD's new athletic director and head football coach when the CCISD Board of Trustees met in called session Monday.

According to Clarendon Superintendent Jarod Bellar, Wampler is the current head coach at Boys Ranch.

"He is a rising star who gets the most out of his student athletes," Bellar said. "I'm excited. He understands a program starts in junior high and that you have to start there. He wants to make kids good citizens and good athletes."

HHS UIL competitors advance

One individual and one team advanced to regionals when Hedley's UIL academic teams went to contest last week.

Savanah Trent placed third in Calculator, and the Computer Sci-"It just a good, positive thing ence team of Josh Booth, Lane Hinton, Iziak Weatherread, and Cody Bond swept the contest placing first through fourth as individuals respectively.

> Trent was also sixth in Copy Editing, and Weatherread was sixth in Social Studies...

CHS wins UIL district academic title

Clarendon High School won the UIL 2-2A District Championship during academic competitions last Wednesday, March 22, at Clarendon College.

CHS students earned 400 points and had 70 points above the next million for Greenbelt

moving on to regionals on April 21 on the campus of West Texas A&M University to try to earn a spot in the and Industrial Water Authority. state competition.

MARCH 30, 2023 Bains resigns as **HISD** superintendent

Hedley School Superintendent Garrett Bains is stepping down from his position and leaving education altogether.

The Hedley CISD Board of Trustees accepted Bains' resignation at their regular meeting last Monday, March 20, as he looks to pursue a different field.

"It's time to try something else," Bains told the Enterprise.

Petry named to '30 Under 30' list

Christy Petry of Clarendon has been named to Cowgirl magazine's fourth annual "30 Under 30" list of influential women in the Western

30 Under 30 Empowered Gala at Hotel Drover in the historic Stock-Students, faculty, and staff from yards. Among invited guests will be APRIL 19, 2023 alumna from previous 30 Under 30 classes, as well as family, friends, dogs in Service" day to benefit their and industry leaders who support the admin candidates

Local Woman faces charge of child injury

A Clarendon woman is facing a third-degree felony charge for injury to a child following a grand jury indictment on March 21.

Taylor Danielle Schwertner, age 26, was arrested and booked into the Donley County Jail last Thursday, March 30, after she turned herself in on a warrant. She was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley

APRIL 5, 2023

with bond set at \$10,000.

Lions' Jones 5K race

A large crowd helped raise awareness of child abuse last Saturday, April 1, during the 11th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K last Saturday, April 1, at the Donley County Courthouse.

More than seventy people registered for the event with about 48 actually running or walking the 5K. Dozens more volunteers, supporters, and spectators were also in atten-

Bryce Williams was the overall winner of the 5K with the best men's time and finishing first in the 11-19 age group in 18 minutes, 55 seconds. Erica McAnear was the first woman to cross the finish line with a time of 22:59 and taking second in the 40-49

APRIL 12, 2023

H'wick man in jail for burglary and assault

A Howardwick man is facing charges after breaking into an AirBnB and threating guests with a hammer early Monday.

Jeramy Kindle, age 42, is charged with Burglary of a Habitation with intent to commit Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said.

APRIL 12, 2023 4-H horse judging team wins top honors

Donley 4-H horse judging teams competed at the Traveling Trophy Contest at West Texas A&M University on Friday, March 31, and the senior team brought home the top

The first place team members were Brenna Ellis who placed 3rd individually, Laney Gates 5th overall individual, MaryJo Dushay 6th individual, and Maloree Wann 9th individual.

APRIL 12, 2023 State okays \$18

The Texas Water Development Clarendon High has 17 students Board last week approved more than \$18 million for a new water supply project for the Greenbelt Municipal

> The board approved the financial assistance by resolution at its meeting April 6 in Austin. The package consists of \$8.11 million in financing and \$10 million in principal forgiveness, from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

> The \$8.11 million in financing will be issued in bonds. If approved by the city council, Clarendon would bear the cost of about six percent of

APRIL 13, 2023

CCISD band director facing charges

A Clarendon CISD teacher is in the Donley County Jail this morning on a charge of furnishing alcohol to

Jacob Diaz, age 24, was arrested vesterday, April 12, on the Class A misdemeanor, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

Prior to the arrest, Diaz turned Petry was honored with the in his resignation at the school, Class of 2023 in Fort Worth the which was accepted at Monday's weekend of March 10, 2023, at the CCISD board meeting, and the second annual Wrangler COWGIRL school released a statement Thursday morning.

City to interview four

The Clarendon City Council considered applicants for city administrator and identified four candidates for interviews during its regular meeting last week.

This is the second round of searching the city has undertaken as City Administrator David Dockery plans for retirement. A first round search and subsequent interviews were not successful earlier this year.

The four candidates this time are Steve Coles, manager of Lowe's Family Center in Clarendon; Brian Barboza, City Administrator at Knox City; Melissa Fields-Allgeyer, Director of Human Resources at the City of Levelland; and Brent Spier, City Administrator of Clear Lake Shores, Texas.

APRIL 24, 2023 Sunday accident takes life of man

A Howardwick man lost his life in a single-vehicle accident Sunday morning west of Claude.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported Jordan Chavira, 26, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Armstrong County Justice of the Peace Jana Lemons.

According to the DPS, Chavira was eastbound on US-287 about ten miles west of Claude at about 6:35 a.m. when the 2001 Ford Explorer he was driving left the roadway and traveled into the center median. He over-corrected the steering, causing him to lose control. The vehicle traveled back onto the roadway, across the lanes of travel, and rolled over multiple times before coming to rest upside down in the ditch south of the

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2023: HISD hires new super

APRIL 26, 2023

Donley County 4-H members compete

Donley County 4-H members showcased their talents at the spring a STEM grant check from Pantex District 1 contests last Friday with outstanding results.

In the senior division of horse judging, the team comprising Laney technology, engineering, and math Gates, Brenna Ellis, Maloree Wann, educational efforts for Clarendon and Bryce Williams secured the first position overall and qualified for the state-level contest.

position in reasons.

APRIL 26, 2023 Bond drops county suit over salary

Constable Randy Bond's legal action against the Donley County Commissioners' Court ended abruptly last week.

Bond's attorney, Vincent E. Nowak, filed a Notice of Nonsuit on Friday bringing a close to the cause less than a month after it was filed, according to attorney Landon Lam- grads for 2023

dismiss his case was a wise one in Joshua Booth are the top students for mander Will Thompson (left) prelight of the law," Lambert said. "The the Class of 2023. Donley County Commissioners Court, by and through its members, a 3.91 GPA. She is the daughter of the years. Shown here are Jimmie looks forward to attempting to work Johnny Trent. through these issues without the need for further litigation."

MAY 3, 2023 District Lions Clubs convene here

District 2-T1 Lions Clubs gathered in Clarendon April 22 for fun, fellowship, and service during their announced Catherine Word and Britannual convention.

Activities began that morning at the Bairfield Activity Center before local and area Lions began work on the first of two ramps built that day. The Texas Ramp project provided funding for the ramps for two local residents with Lions providing the labor for installation.

MAY 3, 2023

CC represented in leadership academy

The Texas Success Center announced Monday the first cohort of the Texas Leadership Academy Donley County Jail this week on for Student Success, which will include two Clarendon College rep- roristic threat after he ran from law resentatives.

This leadership development program is designed to provide midlevel community college faculty and staff with the critical skills and knowledge to improve student outcomes. Clarendon College has two representatives to participate in the 2023-2024 Texas Success Center Leadership Academy. Chancey King and Rodney Donahue were selected by Clarendon College President Tex Buckhaults.

MAY 11, 2023

Sheriff warns about teens' illegal rides

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn is issuing a warning to parents and teens this week about the use of illegal vehicles on city streets.

The sheriff says with the end of school getting close, he is concerned that the growing problem will get only worse if parents don't take

"Side-by-sides, golf carts, fourwheelers, and dirt bikes are all illegal on city streets," Blackburn said. "Parents need to find a different place for kids to ride these toys."

MAY 11, 2023 Gibson, Word win new seats in votes

New members will be joining the Clarendon school board and the Hedley City Council following last Saturday's local elections.

Former elementary principal Mike Word will join the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees after he and incumbent Chrisi Tucek were MAY 24, 2023 chosen by voters in a three-person race to fill two positions.

Word had 191 votes, Tucek received 166 votes, and Ginnie Siefkas had 20.

MAY 11, 2023 CHS wins Pantex

STEM grant CHS science teacher receives Education Outreach Specialist Darla

The sky is the limit for science, High School and four other schools in the Texas Panhandle.

Through \$1,000 grants pro-They also clinched the first vided by Consolidated Nuclear teer Fire Department Chief Susie Security (CNS), the managing and operating contractor for Pantex, recently. the schools will soon be advancing STEM education with projects ranging from robotics to drones. These grants fund STEM activities in the many ways Pantex is investing in the development of the future work-

MAY 11, 2023 Hedley names top

Hedley High School has **several volunteers** "Constable Bond's decision to announced that Savannah Trent and

of Janita Booth.

MAY 17, 2023

CHS names Word, **Cottrell top students**

Clarendon High School has ton Cottrell as the top students for the Class of 2023.

torian and has a GPA of 5.9. She is the daughter of William Word and years at Clarendon High School.

Britton Cottrell is the class salutatorian with a GPA of 5.9. He is the son of Zak and Jade Cottrell

MAY 17, 2023 Man jailed after theft, car chase

A New Mexico man is in the charges of evading arrest and terenforcement last Thursday, May 11.

Daniel Adrian Barraza, age 19, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, was still being held on 11,500 bond Tuesday morning.

MAY 17, 2023

HCISD names Bell as lone finalist for super

Tracey Bell has been selected as the lone finalist for the position of

Superintendent. Bell is currently serving as the Junior High Principal at Vega ISD. She graduated from Wellington High School, received her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from West Texas A&M University, her Master's degree from Lamar University in School Counseling, and her School Administration Cer-

tification from Lamar University. Bell previously taught at Lakeview ISD, Memphis ISD, and Wellington ISD before obtaining her current position at Vega ISD.

MAY 22, 2023 Man jailed for shooting woman

A 19-year-old man is in the Donley County Jail after he allegedly shot a 17-year-old woman Sunday night, May 21.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Kade Allen Flowers of Amarillo is facing two felony charges - Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Tampering with Evidence – after the shooting. The woman was still in ICU in Amarillo as of noon Monday.

Word places in State UIL meet

Clarendon High took three students to Austin, Texas to compete at the UIL Academic State Meet on May 17 and 18. Davin Mays started the first day with Feature Writing while Averie Halsey finished the afternoon in Copy Editing. Cate

Word started day 2 with Ready Writing. Word wrote to a 6th place finish in Class 2A and came home with a medal. CHS is proud of these students and their hard work and dedication to academics.

MAY 31, 2023

Langford retires as H'wick Fire Chief

Howardwick Fire Chief Susie Langford City of Howardwick Volun-

Langford retired from her position

Langford stepped into the role of chief during a difficult time for the department. She was reluctant to take the leadership role but did classroom and represent one of the accept to the request of the Mayor, Council, and fellow Fire Fighters and committed herself to making the department something to be proud

MAY 31, 2023 Legion recognizes

merican Legion Post Comsented certificates honoring those Trent is the valedictorian with who have helped the post through Adams of the Hedley Lions Club, Booth as a GPA of 3.76 and is Mary Ruth White of the Hedley the class Salutatorian. He is the son Lions Club, Gail Hill representing the Rowe Cemetery Association, and Garrett and Tamara Bains with their son Asa for their support through Hedley CISD.

JUNE 8, 2023 Enterprise completes

Google tech lab class The Clarendon Enterprise suc-Catherine Word is the Valedic- cessfully completed an exclusive training program leading up to its 145th anniversary last week with Tanya Word and has attended all four the purpose of positioning the Texas Panhandle's oldest newspaper to continue to serve Donley County

> into the future. The Google News Initiative Foundations Lab, which began in October 2022 and wrapped up on May 23, 2023, was designed to build digital capabilities and technology infrastructure within small to medium-sized news organizations. The program was launched in English in the United States and Canada and was conducted in Spanish in

Latin America. The Enterprise was one of only two newspapers in Texas selected to participate in the program, and there were only 14 publishers selected in the United States and just 34 organizations in all of North, Central, and

JUNE 8, 2023 Enterprise wins TPA

South America.

sweepstakes award For the second year in a row, The Clarendon Enterprise was recognized as the best small paper in the state by the Texas Press Association Saturday, June 3, during the TPA Summer Convention in Round

The Enterprise earned the Sweepstakes Award in Division 10 of the 2022 Better Newspaper Contest, winning four first place plaques and placing in ten other categories to gather enough points to win the overall division.

JUNE 8, 2023 Man uninjured in tractor v. truck wreck

Emergency personnel look over the aftermath of a tractor versus semi accident east of Clarendon about 1.5 miles last Wednesday, May 31.

DPS Trooper Lynn Mays said 17-year-old Riley Wade of Clarendon was driving a John Deere tractor eastbound on US 287 partially on the shoulder when he was struck by a semi-tractor trailer rig driven by Roberto Lowrie, 45, of Harlingen. Mays said driver inattention on the part of the trucker for is to blame for the accident.

Mays said the truck tried to turn to the left as it struck the tractor in the left rear tire, sending the tractor into the south ditch. The truck turned on its side as plowed down two trees in the center median before coming



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2023: Kinetic brings fiber internet to Clarendon

JUNE 8, 2023

Heavy rains boost Greenbelt Lake level

Heavy rains over the last few weeks have saturated the ground and are now having an impact on Lake Greenbelt, especially after about five inches of rain fell on the Howardwick area Sunday.

The deluge had Carroll Creek running fast and strong into the reservoir. It was still running Tuesday, and water was also coming down the Salt Fork Red River into the lake.

Greenbelt had reached a low of 7,064 acre-feet of water stored in the reservoir on April 25. After the general rains over the last month and Sunday's downpour, the lake was holding 8,121 acre-feet as of Tuesday morning.

JUNE 8, 2023 Kinetic bringing fiber internet this fall

High-speed fiber broadband internet will be available for most took top honors at the Clarendon residents of Clarendon and Howardwick this fall, according to Kinetic annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and by Windstream.

Responding to information requests from the Enterprise, Gerry Harrington with Kinetic's Public other local and regional ranch rodeo Relations confirmed Monday the company will be rolling out the new service starting in Clarendon in

"Kinetic is indeed laying optical fiber to provide residential highspeed fiber broadband in Clarendon," Harrington said.

JUNE 14, 2023 State changing funding for CC

Governor Greg Abbott signed JULY 5, 2023 House Bill 8 (HB 8) into law last week, codifying an innovative new model to fund Clarendon College and other community colleges in an outcomes-based approach and rewards colleges for awarding degrees, certificates, and other "credentials of value.'

said it's too soon to know exactly Best of Donley County Blue Ribbon how the new funding model will impact Clarendon College.

JUNE 14, 2023 City questions Greenbelt project

Greenbelt Water Authorto develop groundwater resources for its member cities hit a snag last Thursday when it came before the Clarendon City Council.

City aldermen were asked to approve a supplemental contract with Greenbelt but instead took no action after meeting behind closed doors with attorneys for more than 40 minutes before discussing issues with water authority representatives and saying the contract was unacceptable to the city.

Attorneys for Greenbelt this week were working on language revisions to address city concerns, according to Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd, and were confident an agreement could still be reached before a July deadline to issue bonds.

"I think it's going to work out," Kidd said Tuesday.

JUNE 22, 2023 City discusses new trash service

The Clarendon City Council had a busy agenda June 8, covering topics from waste management to city administration to law enforcement and more.

In addition to the Greenbelt Water Authority contract reported on in last week's Enterprise, the council discussed its contract with Diversified Waste Management. The city privatized its trash service in 2020 and allowed Diversified to take over that city service. The company has recently sold its solid waste services to Waste Connections.

According to the company's website, Waste Connections is one of the largest full-service providers of solid waste collection and is the third largest solid waste management company in North America with a network of operations in 41 states and 6 provinces.

JUNE 22, 2023 CC Rodeo men's

team wins CNFR title

The smile isn't likely to leave

He's just 19 years old and has already proven to be one of the best cowboys in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, claiming the bareback riding championship and serving as a major reason why the Clarendon College rodeo team won its second men's national title in

"It's pretty surreal, and I'm still trying to grasp it all," said Timberman, a freshman from Columbus, Montana. "It's pretty awesome to be able to bring back two titles to

JULY 5, 2023 Wilson Cattle Co. wins Ranch Rodeo

The Wilson Cattle Company Outdoor Entertainment Association's Saturday during the 146th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

Wilson's scores beat out 19 teams as working cowboys put their JULY 26, 2023 skills to the test. The team was made up of Cayce Lewis, Rodey Wilson, Ben Crockett, Jaylen Eldridge, and Cooper McClesky.

The Baca Ranch team finished second with Jake Baca, Jayton Baca, Zane Davis, Jacob Gudgell, and Taylor Burkett; and the Latigo Ranch team was third with Wesley Gudgell, Jacob Gudgell, Truston Gudgell, Levi Moleswroth, and Cody Mason.

Chamber hosts new events during 2023

The Clarendon Chamber of Texas. The new model moves to Commerce expanded this year's Saints' Roost Celebration, adding new events while still organizing the traditional parades.

Diversified Waste sponsored CC President Tex Buckhaults a Lawnmower Barrel Race, and a Exhibition showcased outstanding cooks and quilters.

JULY 12, 2023

County okays new bridge on FM 1260

The Donley County Commisity's planned \$18 million project sioners' Court met in regular session Monday with a full agenda to con-

> The court approved a resolution for a TxDOT financed project to replace the FM 1260 bridge of the Salt Fork Red River.

JULY 12, 2023 Downtown project moving along

The Downtown Revitalization Project continues to make progress this week. Workers were busy Tuesday running the new curbing all the way from the Owen's Boot Shop to the south side of Stocking's Ice Cream Parlor. Forms are set for the new ramp at the Visitor Center and demolition and form construction will continue this week.

JULY 12, 2023 Clarendon okays **Greenbelt agreement**

The Clarendon City Council authorized a supplemental contract with Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority during a called meeting July 3 that will allow the water authority to proceed with an \$18 million project to develop groundwater resources for its mem-

Clarendon's approval came after Greenbelt agreed to amendments to the contract, City Administrator David Dockery said. The most notable concession was that Clarendon will have the right to withdraw from the Greenbelt system after the current 1975 series bonds are paid off in 2027.

"Clarendon will can pull out of AUGUST 9, 2023 Greenbelt with one year's notice at that time," Dockery said. "It gives Clarendon a much stronger position

JULY 20, 2023

CHS students earn **FFA Lone Star award**

Laney and Levi Gates of Weston Timberman's face anytime the Clarendon FFA Chapter were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree at the 95th annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 10-14. The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA.

JULY 26, 2023 CC alum dies after

rodeo accident

Lockney native and CC alumnus Jackson Taylor

An area contestant on the upcoming season of Ultimate Cowboy Showdown died on Satur-

Jackson Taylor, a graduate of Clarendon College, died following an injury during a rodeo, according to an official news release from the INSP Network that airs the show.

On Sunday, the show's host, Trace Adkins, took to Twitter to share his condolences.

"Jackson Taylor was a helluva cowboy. There was no 'back down' in him and I'm proud to have known him. Rest in peace, hoss. - Trace"

Howardwick has big Hoedown turnout

The annual Howardwick Hoedown was a big success with a great day of fun and fellowship last Saturday at McMorries Memorial Park.

City Secretary Sandy Lynn Childress said everything went per-

"It was just such a great year," she said. "It was a great turnout and great weather. We sold out of everything, and the vendors did really well

Judy Elliott won the riding lawnmower, and several other prizes were raffled off during the day. The Putting Contest winners were Rick Mooring, first; Donald Bland, second; and Judy Bland, third.

JULY 26, 2023

Bank trees come down for sidewalks

Clarendon's Downtown Revitalization Project continued this week, moving to the east side of Kearney Street and the removal of trees in front of Herring Bank.

Taking down the shade trees has sparked some comments from residents, but it was necessary to protect the new sidewalks being installed and to give way to the light fixtures that will come with the project.

Jacob Fangman, who is Clarendon's mayor and the head of the local Herring Bank, said the trees were causing problems with the existing sidewalks. The trees' roots have lifted and cracked the sidewalks. One section of sidewalk had been raised about 2½ inches and the gutter was starting to lift out of the street in one spot.

"People have been tripping because of them," Fangman said. "I've had at least two people tell me they've fallen because of the damage."

JULY 26, 2023 County finishes upgrade to annex

The Donley County Courthouse Annex has an entirely new look inside following a renovation completed Monday.

Judge John Howard said the county spent about \$50,000 with local designers and contractors A Fine Feathered Nest to update the space.

"The work returns the space to the architect's original design with updated finishes," Howard said. "I think it is more functional and more attractive."

The project took about two weeks to complete and focused on the clerk and tax assessor offices as well as the main hallway in the building.

Donley archers shoot well at state

Four members of the Donley County 4-H Archery team competed recently in the State Games contest held in San Antonio.

Fayde Turner, Senior Division 5th place 3-D.

Modified 600 and Field; and 3rd place 3-D and Wand. Howard was Runner-up.

Division NASP, was 2nd place 3-D, 4th place Field and Modified 600, and 5th place Clout.

AUGUST 9, 2023 Four CC employees receive state honor

Four Clarendon College employees were recognized with the Texans Caring for Texans Award last Thursday, August 3, at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

ton, James Gordon, and Bruno Castel were all recognized for their efforts to help students both inside and outside the classroom.

AUGUST 9, 2023 City okays new trash

service contactor

The City of Clarendon approved a new trash service for the city last week and authorized a 12 percent

increase in garbage rates. In a called meeting August 4, the city council formally approved assigning the contract of Diversified Waste Management of Amarillo to Waste Connections after haggling

Diversified has provided Clarendon's trash services for three years; but earlier this year, the company sold its trash collection service to Waste Connections.

with the new company for several

AUGUST 9, 2023 City, county agree to

sheriff's contact

The Donley County Sheriff's Office will receive about \$28,000

less from the City of Clarendon in fiscal year 2024, but the department's overall budget won't be hurt. Clarendon is currently paying the sheriff's department about

\$168,000 in fiscal year 2023, but that

number will fall to \$140,000 in the proposed new budget, which would take effect October 1. City and county officials have been negotiating the contract for police services for about two months

with the city trying to control costs while providing more money for city employees and the county trying to maintain the sheriff office's funding. Sheriff Butch Blackburn said

the cut in city funding this year will be made up in the county budget so his office will not see a net decrease.

"We've found a way to make it work this year," Blackburn said, noting that county officials are exploring the creation of a countywide "improvement district," which could use sales taxes to help fund the sheriff's office.

AUGUST 17, 2023 City names Barboza as administrator

City Manager Brian Barboza of Knox City will take over as Clarendon's new city administrator October 2 following last week's regular meeting of the City Council.

Aldermen concluded several months of searching for the next administrator with a unanimous vote on August 10 to offer the job to Barboza, who was an early finalist for the job in January. He will succeed City Administrator David Dockery, who will retire at the end of this fiscal vear.

Barboza, is an alumnus of Clarendon College; and, in a letter to city officials accepting the position, he expressed his pleasure at being offered the job and said he looks forward to coming to Clarendon.

AUGUST 17, 2023 Committee sets Bond's new salary

A Donley County Salary Grievance Committee more than tripled the salary of Precinct 3&4 Constable Randy Bond when it met last Thursday, August 10, rejecting the \$1,236 figure set by the Commissioners Court and calling for a new annual salary of \$3,804.

The unanimous decision of the Barebow, was 3rd place Clout and nine-member committee is binding on the commissioners' court. A less Ronan Howard, Intermediate than unanimous decision would have Division NASP, was 1st place Clout, meant the commissioners only had to "consider" the committee's decision.

Bond ran unopposed for the also the Overall NASP Intermediate vacant constable's office as a Republican in March of 2022, had no oppo-Kutter O'Keefe, Intermediate nent in last year's general election in November, and took office in Janu-

AUGUST 23, 2023 Kindness Corner spreads love

It's not hard to be kind. That's the message coming from Kindness Corner every Friday in Hedley as one family provides treats and love to school kids and employees.

"We just want to be generous Scarlet Estlack, Larry Wigin- with what God has given us and pour it back into these kids," Melissa Barlow said.

Barlow and her husband, Kerry, live with their granddaughter, 11-year-old Ava, between Hedley and Quail and have gotten involved with the Hedley community over the last seven years through the Methodist Church there.

"We were working Vacation Bible School last summer, and we realized that there's nothing for these kids in Hedley," Barlow said. "They don't even have a place to go buy a candy bar."

So, in August 2022, the Barlows purchased a snow cone machine, set up behind the Hedley Methodist Church to have access to electricity, and started giving away free snow cones after school on Fridays. Soon the Martindale family offered the use of their property and electricity across from the school and under some big shade trees.

AUGUST 30, 2023 Clarendon College turns 125 this year

Clarendon College will celebrate its 125th anniversary next Tuesday, and plans are being made to observe the milestone throughout the school year.

The Texas Panhandle's first college was established as Clarendon College & University Training School and opened its doors on September 5, 1898, under the guidance of the Methodist church conference.

As a Methodist college, CC actually became a four-year institution for a short time before the church conference shifted its support to what is now McMurry University in 1927.

At that time, Clarendon College became a public institution and was managed by Clarendon ISD through the school board before a separate college district was created in the 1960s. CC moved to its present campus in 1968.

Today, Clarendon College offers classes in Pampa, Childress, Amarillo, Shamrock, and Canyon in addition to courses on the home campus. Many students also enjoy the opportunities CC provides through dual credit classes in high schools and through classes online.

AUGUST 30, 2023 Alleged abduction report investigation

The Donley County Sheriff's Office has found no witnesses or suspects in its investigation of a reported abduction attempt at Bronco Stadium last Friday night, August 24.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said a 14-year-old Panhandle girl reported she had left the stadium through the east gate after the game and was grabbed by someone as she walked up Allen Street toward the southeast corner of the stadium. The girl said she got away from the person, and Donley County EMS examined the girl that night.

The girl suffered no injuries, and school camera footage captured no incident, Blackburn said. No witnesses have been located, and no suspects have been identified.

Blackburn said Tuesday the investigation was still continuing, and he urged people to always be



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YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M.

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2023: New security officer hired for Clarendon schools

AUGUST 30, 2023

Proposal would fund polices services

Sales tax funds could be used to support emergency services in Donley County under a system of County Assistance Districts currently being discussed by local officials.

Donley County Judge John Howard presented information on the subject at the Clarendon Lions Club meeting Tuesday at noon and said the idea would present an equitable way of helping fund law enforcement as possibly other emergency services.

Currently the Donley County Sheriff's Office is funded primarily by the county, which derives about half of its operating income from property taxes, Howard said. Fifteen percent of the sheriff's budget in Museum's 28th annual cookoff, the coming fiscal year will be paid through a contract agreement with the City of Clarendon in the amount and Desserts as well as second in of \$140,000.

Clarendon's support of the sheriff's office by contract dates back to 1981 when the city dissolved from Weatherford, Texas., placed its municipal police department resulting in local law enforcement resources and responsibilities being cookoff. concentrated at the county level.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 Enrollment up 6.8 percent for fall at CC

College this fall as the school celery as their new pastor. ebrates its 125th anniversary.

the 12th class day last week was handle of Texas, going to school in reported at 1,373, an increase of 6.8 Hedley and graduating from White percent over last year's fall enroll- Deer High School. He has college ment of 1,285.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 Hill to start as CCISD security officer

An armed safety officer will soon be working at Clarendon CISD as the school complies with a new state requirement.

State Trooper Kelly Hill will be retiring from his current position and taking on the new role through cooperation with the Donley County Sheriff's office.

Superintendent Jarod Bellar said the new position is an unfunded mandate from the Legislature.

"House Bill 3 requires that we have a licenses peace officer on each campus effective September 1," Bellar said.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 Donley jury convicts 'sovereign citizen'

A two-day district court jury trial of a self-styled "sovereign citizen" ended with a conviction at the Donley County Courthouse last Wednesday, August 30.

John Edward Hopper was found guilty for the third degree felony offense of evading arrest in a motor vehicle with a deadly weapon.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 State okays new funding system for CC

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approved emergency rules at a special-called board meeting last week that will govern Texas' new funding system for Clarendon College and other community colleges, effective September. 1.

House Bill 8 (HB 8), passed by the Texas Legislature during its 88th session and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in June, codified the new, dynamic model that will fund community colleges in Texas. The model moves to an outcomesbased approach and rewards colleges for awarding degrees, certificates,

and other "credentials of value." Clarendon College President Tex Buckhaults said the state's community colleges cooperated on building the new funding model.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

School lockdown was appropriate, Sheriff

School officials and the Donley County Sheriff's Office are reviewing what worked well and what needs improvement after a false alarm caused Clarendon CISD campuses to go on lockdown for about half an hour last Thursday, Septem- murder suspect here

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the school acted appropriately even though ultimately it was determined there was no threat to the school or

"In my opinion, they did exactly what that should have done with the information they had to start with," Blackburn said.

SEPTEMBER 29. 2023 Tennessee team wins chuckwagon cookoff

The Camp Cookie wagon team from Germantown, Tennessee, claimed the championship of the Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last Saturday, September 23, beating out 11 other teams.

Competing in the Saints' Roost Camp Cookie placed first in Overall Cooking and first in Beans, Meats, Bread to win the title of best Overall Wagon & Cooking.

The Shadow Peak Chuckwagon first in Wagon & Camp this year in its first appearance at the Clarendon

SEPTEMBER 29. 2023

New pastor at Hedley First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Enrollment is up at Clarendon Hedley has called Braden Montgom-

Montgomery's first Sunday will Total headcount following be October 1. He grew up in the Panexperience from Wayland Baptist University and has eight years of ministry experience as a youth and music minister. This will be his first pastorate.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 Sheriff nabs Dallas

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A Dallas murder suspect was apprehended west of Clarendon by the Donley County and Hall County sheriffs' departments Monday eve-

Jeremiah Earl Morrow, a 27-year-old black male, was wanted out of Dallas County for allegedly shooting four people Monday afternoon, killing one of them, and also shooting up a carwash in that community.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a "be on the lookout" alert after a Hall County deputy tailed Morrow into Donley County.

The Hall County deputy followed the suspect, who was driving a burgundy Chevrolet Lumina, until Blackburn could catch up to them and back him up about about eight miles west of Clarendon on US 287.

Blackburn then pulled Morrow over, detained him, and placed him under arrest.

OCTOBER 4, 2023 City welcomes new administrator

Clarendon's new city administrator started work Monday and has been making the rounds meeting people and getting more familiar with the community.

Brian Barboza has about three years of experience as a city administrator but is no stranger to his new city, having attended Clarendon College here.

"It felt like home when I was here in 2012," Barboza said. "I'm definitely a Panhandle boy."

OCTOBER 6, 2023 Abbott appoints Rabe District Judge

Governor Greg Abbott appointed Dale Rabe, Jr., on October 6 to the 100th Judicial District Court in Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, and Hall counties for a term

set to expire on December 31, 2024, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

Rabe succeeds former district Judge Stuart Messer, who retired September 30.

OCTOBER 12, 2023 CHS senior earns

academic honor

Clarendon High School Principal John Moffett announced recently that senior Toby Leeper has been named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A letter of commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation was printed to the student at a Bronco Pep Rally.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

OCTOBER 12, 2023 Hernandez arrested last week for assault

A Clarendon businessman and former city council member is out on bail this week, facing a charge of assaulting a 13-year-old girl.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Jesus Hernandez was arrested Monday, October 2, and charged with Indecent Assault, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Blackburn said the alleged assault occurred on September 23, and Hernandez was arrested following an investigation into the report.

OCTOBER 19, 2023 City appoints CEDC members at meeting

The Clarendon City Council freight train. voted on several routine agenda day, October 12.

tag of \$19,486.

The district assesses and colnate Mayor Jacob Fangman for the Hill said. appraisal district board. Fangman that board.

The Clarendon Enterprise was named the city's official newspaper for fiscal year 2024 and will continue to be the city's vehicle for the publishing of public notices.

The council considered expiring terms on the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and voted to reappoint Brandon Frausto, Taylor Shelton, Steve Hall, and Jarod Bellar to their seats on the board.

OCTOBER 19, 2023 Burton Library to celebrate centennial

Two authors will be holding a book signing as the Burton Memo-

A reception will be held October 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and turned into." will include the announcement of Wilbarger County Series.

OCTOBER 19, 2023 City man dies after train strikes car A Clarendon man lost his life

Wednesday, October 18, when the car he was riding in went around railroad cross arms and was struck by a Burlington Northern Santa Fe

Donley County Deputy Kelly items to start the new fiscal year Hill said the train conductor and during its regular meeting last Thurs- engineer separately said two vehicles went around the cross arms traveling The annual contract with the north at the Kearney Street crossing Donley Count Appraisal District was at about 3:00 p.m. The first car made approved as presented with a price it through, but the second car, driven by 70-year-old Naomi Tolbert of Clarendon, was struck by the westlects property taxes for the city, bound BNSF train. The accident was The council also voted to nomi- also captured on the railroad's video,

Tolbert's brother, 58-year-old currently serves as the president of Blade Barker, also of Clarendon, was thrown from the car and was later pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Pat White.

OCTOBER 26, 2023 REFZ to open downtown Nov. 1

A new downtown restaurant will hold its grand opening next week after several months of construction and remodeling.

REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, located at US 287 and Kearney Street, will open its doors to the public on Wednesday, November 1, and owner Ricardo Santillan is just as ready as the community is.

"It's been hard and definitely a lot of work," Santillan said, "but it's rial Library celebrates 100 years of also been very exciting watching the service to Donley County this month. process of taking a building where there was nothing and what it has

The process of bringing a resthe library's Patron of the Year and taurant to downtown has been a the signings by two authors – Tenise long one. The Clarendon Economic Cooke, who wrote Belly of the Development Corporation first pur-Whale, a local history; and Diane chased the building in 2015 after it Smithwick Braden, who wrote the was heavily damaged by an automobile and has made significant investments in the building since that time to make it attractive as a potential restaurant. Discussions with Santillan began in November 2022 with an agreement reached in February 2023 and construction starting the following month.

"It's been great working with the CEDC," Santillan said. "Those

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NOVEMBER 3, 2023 Presbyterians bless Arena of Life Church

An historic church building will begin a new chapter this Sunday when the Arena of Life Cowboy Church holds its grand opening in the former First Presbyterian Church at Fourth and Parks this Sunday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m.

The Arena of Life Cowboy Church sets up for services in the former First Presbyterian Church with a grand opening set for this Sunday. Courtesy Photo

With their congregation dwindling, Presbyterians recently made the decision to disband and donate rillo. their 1929 building to the Cowboy Church.

"I was surprised but extra excited," Cowboy Church Pastor Bunk Skelton said of his reaction to the offer by Presbyterian Pastor Nancy Ruff. "I'm not one to all at once get real gung-ho about something, so I asked for time with the Lord. But the more I sought the Lord, the more I thought we couldn't say no."

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AgriLife Extension hosts Ag Literacy Day

The Donley County AgriLife Extension hosted fifth grade students from six area schools last Tuesday, October 31, for their 20th Ag Literacy Day.

A total of 138 students from Clarendon, Hedley, Memphis, Claude, Silverton, and Valley attended the event with 29 high school students helping from for the month, an increase of 18.85 Clarendon, Memphis, and Silverton.

County Agent Leonard Haynes said the students learned about agriculture from ten separate stations several months of declining sales tax

They have been gracious and sup- cattle, small grain production, small portive of me, and I've been thank- animal livestock, rainfall effects / ful for that. I could not have done soil conservation, groundwater conthis project without the CEDC, and servation, peanut production, cotton tion of \$56,593. it's one of the main reasons I decided production, tractor PTO safety, stream bed formation, and Texas NOVEMBER 16, 2023 outdoor and game laws.

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 Broncos win District Championship

The Clarendon Broncos had one plan last Friday, and that was to go into Wellington with a big win on their minds and get on top early. They were able to execute their game plan exactly the way they wanted and stormed the Rockets 36-20.

The Broncos not only won the District Championship. They earned the number one seed in the playoffs which will pit them against Boys Ranch Friday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium in Ama-

Quay Brown earned the first touchdown for the Broncos early in the game to give the Broncos the first six points of the game before Colton Caudle hit the mark with a touchdown. Caudle did a great job all night long on both sides of the ball. He posted a 90-yard touchdown and was able to strip the football on a QB sack to give the Broncos another

"We felt good about our game plan all week," first year head coach Aaron Wampler said. "These guys did a terrific job all night long."

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 Clarendon hits sales tax revenue record

The City of Clarendon hit a new high for sales tax revenue last week when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered November allocations to local governments.

The city received \$61,362.03 percent over the \$51,628.89 from November 2022.

The allocation not only reversed

guys helped me all along the way. covering the following topics: beef revenues but also set a new record in creating and funding the entities. for the city for the highest monthly revenue. The previous monthly high was set in May 2019 with an alloca-

CHS team advances in UIL Congress

Clarendon High School students competed in the Congress regional competition on November 7 and advanced to state.

This was the first year that Clarendon had competed in this UIL event. In Congress competition, students caucus in committees, deliver formal discourse on the merits and disadvantages of each piece of legislation, and vote to pass or defeat the measures they have examined.

Wes Shaw earned first place to advance to state, and Cutter Seay earned third place to advance to state. Zane Cruse earned first alternate to state, and Ronan Howard was chosen as the student Presiding Officer. Others competing from Clarendon were Zak Roberts and Rowdy Bebout.

NOVEMBER 17, 2023 Local man dies in single car crash

A Clarendon man died Wednesday in a single vehicle accident east of Goodnight, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Samuel Kinley Shoels, 77, was pronounced dead at the scene following injuries sustained in the accident.

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 County discusses assistance districts

Donley County officials learned more about the idea of creating four County Assistance Districts to help fund law enforcement services during a called meeting last Thursday, November 16.

Bob Bass of the Allison, Bass, & Magee law firm from Austin fielded questions about how such districts work and the steps involved

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Under the proposal a 2.0 percent sales tax would be imposed on the unincorporated areas of the county, Howardwick would be asked to allow an additional 0.75 percent sales tax to be collected in that city, Hedley would be asked to allow another 1.0 percent; and Clarendon would be asked to give-up 0.625 percent (five eighths of one percent) of the rate collected for its general revenue and allow that amount to reimposed in the city by a new district.

NOVEMBER 21, 2023 Shop small Saturday with local merchants

The second annual "Shop Small Big Christmas" promotion from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will put a grand total of \$550 in Chamber Christmas Cash in the hands of lucky winners who shop with local merchants.

Sign-ups begin Friday, November 24, for drawings that will be held for \$100 on December 1, 8, and 15; and the big \$250 giveaway will be held December 22.

Participating merchants include Amanda's Country Soaps, Brake Time, Broken Road Liquor, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Courtney D'Costa - Scentsy Consultant, EveryNook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Lashes by Holly, Lowe's Family Center, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Rambling Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 Clarendon, Hedley ISDs earn top ratings

The Clarendon and Hedley

school districts have been rec- statewide. Currently there is no sales tax ognized by the Texas Education

November 30, 2023 Broncos to play in state quarter-final

The Clarendon Broncos took down Gruver 34-32 last week and earned the right to the State Quarter-final game against Sunray on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Happy State Bank Stadium in Canyon at 7:00 p.m.

The Broncos gained the upper hand early in last week's game, but the Greyhounds fought back to make it a close

The Broncos finished the game with 150 yards passing and 268 yards on the ground for 418 total yards. Quarterback Lyric Smith was 11/16 passing for 128 yards with two touchdowns. Smith posted two TDs rushing and grabbed a pass from Easton Frausto for a touchdown as well.

Frausto also had a good offensive game and was 4/20 receiving with one score for 46 total yards and threw the strike to Smith for six. Shane Hagood had seven carries for 18 yards to help the Broncos. Quay Brown had a 36-yard touchdown from Smith and Mason Sims had two catches for 25 yards.

(Editor's Note: The Broncos fell to Sunray in the quarterfinal game, closing out an amazing year.)

DECEMBER 7, 2023 Texas Success Center honors CC

Clarendon College is one of eight community colleges to be recognized last week by the 2023 Talent Strong Texas Pathways Awards.

The Texas Success Center honored the colleges' exemplary work for their success in the implementation and scaling of the state's research-based guided pathways strategy, Talent Strong Texas Pathways. Awardees were celebrated in Houston, Texas at the November Talent Strong Texas Pathways Institute: Mapping Pathways to Student Post-Completion Goals, with 500 attendees representing 48 colleges

Five colleges were recipients agement during the 2022-2023 year lence (ROSE) award, including with each school system earning an North Central Texas College, Coastal Bend College, Victoria College, Clarendon College, and Galveston College. Outstanding among their peers, these colleges have dramatically scaled the essential practices associated with the strategy, resulting in a dramatically improved student experience at their campus.

DECEMBER 7, 2023 City receives grant to revitalize next block

New sidewalks and streetlamps are on the horizon for another block of Kearney Street after the City of Clarendon was notified Monday that it's Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization grant application has been approved.

The same program that revitalized the 100 block of Kearney will now carry over into the 200 block, improving accessibility, pedestrian safety, and overall appearance in that section of downtown.

DECEMBER 7, 2023 Former city secretary facing felony charge

Former Hedley City Secretary Kim Gossman was arrested Tuesday afternoon, December 5, and charged with a third-degree felony for Theft by a Public Servant.

Gossman, age 56, from Clarendon was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on Monday following an investigation that began in January. Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley arraigned Gossman Tuesday afternoon and set her bond at \$25,000.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said this charge of Theft by a Public Servant is for an amount over \$2,500 but less than \$30,000. Blackburn also said that investigations into Gossman are still ongoing and that other indictments could be expected.

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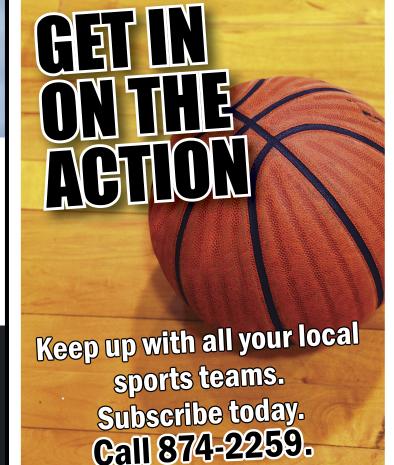
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