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2025: Bellar retires from CCISD

cussed at length the need to encourage conservation as Greenbelt deals with the surface water shortage.

The council discussed that residents and commercial properties who have private water wells are not covered by the Stage 4 restrictions. The city is, however, working to get official signage that private well owners can use to identify that they are not using municipal water at those locations.

City officials say there are about 100 private wells in the city and more than 800 municipal water accounts. The Clarendon Aquatic Center is on a water well also.

April 23, 2025
4-H team advances to state contest

Donley County 4-H Horse judges competed at district contest on Thursday, April 10, with the senior team advancing to state competition.

The intermediate team of Kassie Askew, Emma Howard, Paisley Jones and Teagan Chesser won third overall.

Two junior teams of Elliott Robertson, Addie Snure and Kasie Shields; Alix Roberts, Clarah Lewis and Kinze Zongker placed third and fifth with Elliott being the high point individual in her age division and Kasie placing fourth

April 23, 2025
Clarendon's Stage 4 rules now in action

Stage 4 restrictions in Clarendon became effective Monday, April 21, as the city tries to curtail water usage in response to the level of Greenbelt Lake.

The Clarendon City Council enacted Stage 4 of its Drought Contingency Plan during its regular meeting April 10. Highlights of the Stage 4 restrictions in Clarendon include the following:

Irrigation of landscaped areas is limited to designated watering days between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.

Residential customers with odd-numbered street addresses water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Residential customers with even-numbered street addresses water on Thursdays and Sundays. Commercial customers water on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Washing vehicles not occurring on the premises of a commercial carwash and commercial service stations and not in the immediate interest of public health, safety, and welfare is prohibited.

April 23, 2025
Hedley okay Stage 4 higher water rates

The Hedley City Council renewed its Drought Contingency Plan and enacted Stage 4 water restrictions in that city during a called meeting last Wednesday, April 16.

The restrictions in Hedley are similar to those in Clarendon, but Hedley's Stage 4 rules also implement high water rates to encourage conservation.

"[Greenbelt General Manager] Bobbie Kidd said that higher rates are the best way to curtail usage," City Secretary Diana Postma told the Enterprise.

April 30, 2025
Ybarra, Holland win anual Jones 5K

Despite the threat of rain and an actual downpour leading up to race time, about 30 people came out Saturday to raise awareness of child abuse during the 13th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K.

Tristen Ybarra and Emmarie Holland were the top finishers of the race. Ybarra was the overall winner with the best men's time, finishing in the 11-19 age group with a time of 20 minutes, 20 seconds. Holland had the best women's time and was second in the same age category with a time of 22:32.

More than seventy people reg-

istered for the event with several choosing the "sleep-in" registration option ahead of time, and other defaulting to that option as storm clouds threatened the event. Shortly after 8:30 a.m., however, the rain subsided to allow the race to take off and remained mostly at bay for the duration.

April 30, 2025
Hedley reworks Stage 4 pricing

The Hedley City Council backed off water rate increases imposed as part of its Stage 4 drought response during a called meeting Monday night, April 28.

Aldermen said Monday they did not realize the impact of the rates they were approving at the April 16 meeting and wanted another chance to consider those. Officials also said the city's biggest problem isn't the water residents are using, it's water that's leaking out of the system.

Aldermen voted unanimously to approve new Stage 4 water rates as follows: Base rate unchanged at \$52.90 up to 2,000 gallons; usage over 2,000 and up to 7,000 gallons will be \$4 per thousand; over 7,000 up to 9,000 gallons will be \$5.50 per thousand; over 9,000 up to 11,000 will be \$6 per thousand; over 11,000 up to 15,000 will be \$6.50 per thousand; and usage over 15,000 will cost \$10,000 per thousand.

City officials also announced that the Texas Rural Water Association has agreed to bring in leak detection equipment to help the city locate water leaks so that those can be found and repaired.

April 30, 2025
US 287 project will impact local traffic

A project to replace a bridge on US 287 in Clarendon will reduce the highway to two lanes of traffic and close some downtown intersections for more than a year according to information presented at public meeting in the Mulkey Theatre last Tuesday, April 22.

Representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation held the meeting with stakeholders and local businesses to go over plans and safety procedures for the project, which could last up to 19 months.

Hodges & Son Construction Co. will be the contractor for the job that will replace the bridge on US 287, which goes over Clarendon's main drainage ditch between Kearney and Gorst streets behind the Donley County State Bank and Herring Bank. The project will also see the removal of the Herring Bank parking lot on top of the ditch as well as the smaller bridge structure over the ditch on Gorst behind Herring Bank near the former Signs Plus building.

May 7, 2025
H'wick residents sentenced April 7

Two Howardwick residents were sentenced in separate cases when the District Court met in Panhandle on April 7.

Joseph Ray Casselberry, 43, from Howardwick, was sentenced to six months in the Donley County Jail for the Class A misdemeanor offense of assault causing bodily injury that took place in Donley County on May 24, 2022.

Casselberry was originally placed on probation for the offense on June 8, 2023. On December 12, 2024, the State filed its motion requesting the Court to adjudicate Casselberry's probation, alleging eight violations of his conditions of probation. Casselberry pleaded true to the allegations. Casselberry was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$340 court costs.

Thomas Barnum Caswell, 68, from Howardwick, was convicted for the Class C misdemeanor offense of assault that took place in Donley County on August 7, 2024.

Caswell was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Wesley Christopher. Caswell was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on October 7, 2024. Caswell was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$290 court costs upfront.

May 7, 2025
New faces join city council, school boards

Rural voters approve new county assistance district

The Clarendon City Council and the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees will have some new faces and a new sales tax will be levied in rural areas of Donley County following last Saturday's elections.

Mayor Jacob Fangman faced no opposition and received 215 votes. Challenger Brittney Wolf and incumbent Alderman Ashlee Estlack were elected to full terms on the city council with 122 votes and 116 votes respectively. Aldermen Eulaine McIntosh narrowly lost her reelection bid with 114 votes. Other candidates vying for the two full terms were Jeremy Jeffers with 71 votes and Richard Dzamko with 20.

Also in the city election, Tom Thompson and Chelsi Shadle were the top choices of voters to fill two unexpired terms. Thompson had 128 votes, Shadle had 113, and Ralph Graves at 108.

In the race for three positions on the Clarendon school board, incumbents Robin Ellis and Donny Howard won reelection with 230 and 215 votes respectively, and Jeff Robertson received 215 votes to secure the third seat over Ginnie Siefkas, who got 39 votes.

Voters outside the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick approved the creation of Donley County Assistance District #2 by a vote of 48 to 30. The district will levy a 2.0 percent sales tax to help fund county law enforcement expenses.

May 14, 2025
City council agrees to light proposal

The Clarendon City Council approved an additional contract related to the Downtown Revitalization Project in the 200 block of South Kearney that aims to match the work that was done in the 100 block.

City Administrator Brian Barboza explained that because of new federal government rules, the city would be required to purchase the light posts for the 200 block in the United States if grant money was going to be used for that expenditure. The lights in the 100 block were purchased from Canada, however, and lights purchased from another vendor would not match.

To avoid having different lights, the city could use local tax funds for that expense, which would free up grant funds to be used for upcoming work in the 300 block, Barboza said. The price tag for eight lamp posts is about \$19,000.

Council members agreed they wanted lights to look the same and be consistent downtown, and they asked if the Clarendon EDC could help cover the cost of purchasing the lights. CEDC board member Roger Estlack told the council the CEDC board was aware of the situation and had discussed it in previous meetings. CEDC members were scheduled to take action on supporting the purchase of the lights this week during their regular meeting.

May 14, 2025
Caffey to lead Broncos as new head coach

Big Spring Defensive Coordinator Jeff Caffey has been named the new athletic director and head football coach for Clarendon CISD.

Superintendent Jarod Bellar said school trustees were scheduled to meet Tuesday night as the Enterprise went to press to confirm Caffey's hire. He will begin his duties this Wednesday, May 14. He succeeds Coach Aaron Wampler who has taken the AD position at River Road ISD.

"We had about 30 applicants," Bellar said, noting that Coach Caffey's success in places like Shamrock helped him stand out in the search.

Bellar and Caffey also know each other from their days working at Springlake-Earth.

"We're excited to have him coming here," Bellar said. "He has a long line of success personally and in his family in coaching."

May 14, 2025
Bellar to retire as superintendent

Clarendon CISD Superintendent Jarod Bellar will retire this summer after six and half years with the school.

Bellar told the Enterprise this week that he will step down June 30 at the end of his current contract and take a new position in Kansas.

After 31 years in education in Texas, Bellar said the opportunity to go to Kansas came when the new superintendent in Liberal reached out to him.

"I've always looked to retire eventually and then continue in another state, but Kansas wasn't on my radar," Bellar said.

May 21, 2025
City has signs for local well owners

With the ongoing Stage 4 drought regulations, the City of Clarendon is offering yard signs for citizens who have a water well and are therefore not subject to the city's water restrictions.

Residents can go by City Hall at 313 South Sully Street, with proof of their well and pick up a sign free of charge. The city also can send an employee to verify the well if the customer has no other proof.

These signs will benefit the Citizen and the City during the Stage 4 Drought Contingency conditions. Call City Administrator Brian Barboza at 806-874-3438 if you have any questions.

May 21, 2025
O'Reilly's opening store in Clarendon

O'Reilly Auto Parts will open for business in Clarendon this summer and fill a long-vacant building fronting US 287.

District Manager Luis Gallardo said the company plans to start operating Saturday, June 21, but he acknowledged that weather and shipping delays could postpone that date.

"We're excited to be coming to Clarendon, and everyone has been so nice," Gallardo said. "We're looking to serving the community."

May 21, 2025
Lady Broncos softball team makes history

Two committed coaches, eight dedicated seniors, several underclassmen, and a throng of devoted Bronco Nation fans equal 'history in the making' for the Clarendon Lady Bronco softball team. Their endurance and tenacity have put them in the State Semi-final game with Riesel this week.

Coming off a three-game series win over Floydada, the Lady Broncos are hungry and looking to devour the Lady Indians with the first game starting in Abilene as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday evening, May 20. Game two, and game three if needed, will be on Thursday, May 22. Follow Facebook.com/TheEnterprise for game updates.

May 28, 2025
Ehlert, Valles lead Hedley Class of 2025

Taylee Ehlert and Javier Valles were named the top students for the Class of 2025 for Hedley High School and were recognized during graduation ceremonies on May 15.

Ehlert was honored as the Valedictorian with a GPA of 3.904. She is the daughter of Thomas and Stephanie Ehlert and plans to pursue a degree in horticulture and find a career that she truly enjoys.

Javier Valles is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2025 with a GPA of 3.758. He is the son of Patricia Valles and has earned a cheerleading scholarship to Wayland Baptist University.

Hedley High School's Class of 2025 has received almost \$20,000 in scholarships and awards, according to an announcement made during commencement exercises there on May 15.

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2025: CCISD adds King’s name to football field

July 9, 2025 T-2 Cattle Company wins Ranch Rodeo

The T-2 Cattle Co. team took top honors at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association’s annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday during the 148th annual Saints’ Roost Celebration.

T-2 Cattle’s scores beat out 19 other local and regional ranch rodeo teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test. The team was made up of Bronc Horn, Braydon Horn, Cedar Stevenson, Weston Hollowell, and Kade Gate.

The Circle M8 team finished second with Phillip Reynolds, Rye Reynolds, Chance Holcombe, and Jayde Smith; and the Hi-Lo team was third with Cayce Lewis, Rodey Wilson, Ben Crockett, Wyatt Mask, and Jaytin McRight.

Rye Reynolds won both the Top Hand and the Top Horse awards.

Ranch Rodeo event winners were Bronc Ride – Crocket Cattle, Stray Gathering – Cottonwood Cattle, Cow Milking – Latigo Ranch, and Branding – T-2 Cattle Co.

COEA reported ticket sales for 1,124 rodeo spectators this year over the three-day event, which was down from 1,390 who were ticketed at the gate last year.

July 9, 2025 City picks Republic as new trash service

The Clarendon City Council unanimously approved changing its solid waste service from Waste Connections to Republic Services during a called meeting on June 24.

Waste Connections, which inherited its contract with Clarendon in 2023 when it bought out Diversified Waste Management, has been the subject of citizens’ complaints for about a year now due to missed pick-ups and damaged trash bins. Company representatives have worked with the city for the last several months trying to solve those problems while stating that they were losing money in Clarendon under the current contract.

Republic’s five-year contract with the city will begin October 1.

July 9, 2025 Cool, wet weather marks celebration

The 148th Saints’ Roost Celebration was one of the coolest and dampest in recent memory with gentle wind and light rain during the traditional bingo, parades, turtle races, rodeos, craft fair, and other activities July 3-5.

Crossties Ministries annual Depression Luncheon was held at the Lions Hall this year with a packed house to start the celebration, and the Junior Ranch Rodeo closing out the day at the COEA Arena. Misting rain kept things cool on and off throughout the day, and then the cloud let loose a heavier downpour almost the exact same time the junior rodeo ended.

Friday’s Fourth of July was opened with more than 100 people filling the Clarendon Lions Hall to play Bag Bingo with 23 prizes ranging from coolers to tool bags to designer purses, ranging in value from about \$50 to almost \$600.

The Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association hosted its ranch rodeos on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The big day of the celebration was Saturday, July 5, with locals waking up to cool but humid conditions. The dampness in the air improved as the day went on but the temperatures remained tolerable.

The theme for this year’s celebration “Candy Land” because life is sweeter in Donley County, and a new analytical service provided by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation estimates that 1,700 people attended Saturday’s events on the square.

The Liberty Electric Kids Parade started things off Saturday morning. Winners were as follows: Motorized: Daisy and Kimber Williams, first; Asher, Isla, and Zaylee Jaramillo, second; and Paisley Jones and Ashlynn White, third. Ages 0-4: Astrid Jaramillo, first; Miles Wynne, second; and Jenna Hall, third. Ages 5-8: Madilyn Herndon, first; Laura Lynn Hommel, second, and Kend-

all Danner, third. Ages 9-12: Katon Herdon, first; Esmee Naylor, second; and McKinley Wilhelm, third.

In the Herring Bank Parade, the Clarendon High School Cheerleaders won the first place Float, The Wrights had the best car/truck entry, best Animal entry was MR Cattle, Newhouse Farms had the best Tractor entry, and Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts had the best Other entry.

The Clarendon Lions Club’s Cow Patty Bingo was won by Russell Estlack, Chris D’Costa, and Dyanne Johnston.

Henson’s annual Turtle Race winners were: age 0-4, Serenity McCord; age 5-8, Dawson Hall; age 9-12, Alix Roberts; and age 13-16, Kassie Askew. Adults then competed in a 17 and up division, and Aula Betts took home that title.

July 16, 2025 Clarendon sets July sales tax record

The City of Clarendon set another monthly record for sales tax revenue when Texas Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock distributed July allocations last week.

Clarendon brought in \$45,167.47 for the month, which was 10.27 percent higher than the same period one year ago. The allocation broke the previous local July record of \$40,989 set in 2021. Clarendon’s calendar year-to-date revenue is now \$317,333.73, an increase of 8.22 percent compared to this time last year.

The city has set monthly records for sales tax revenue in five of the first seven months for 2025. Annual sales tax revenues have grown year over year since 2018.

July 16, 2025 CCISD names interim school superintendent

Clarendon CISD Trustees approved hiring Rick Teran as interim school superintendent during their regular meeting last Monday, July 7, and could name their pick for the next fulltime superintendent as early as next week.

Teran has 42 years of experience in education and served as superintendent in Childress for eight years before retiring five years ago. He and his wife of 31 years currently live in Bushland, and the couple has three kids and five grandchildren with one on the way.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is helping CCISD search for a new superintendent. TASB headhunter Rich Howard recruited Teron to fill in temporarily after the school’s first interim pick, Bryan Davis, was unable to take the position due to contractual obligations, Teran said.

July 23, 2025 City names Topliff to fill unexpired seat

Christopher Topliff joined the Clarendon City Council last week, taking the seat of the late Tommy Hill.

The council considered about ten applicants for the job. After about ten minutes of private deliberations, the council returned to open session and voted unanimously to appoint Topliff to the position.

July 23, 2025 Armbrust takes plea for cruelty to puppy

Former Clarendon animal control officer Alexandra Armbrust has been sentenced to four years’ probation for felony animal cruelty.

Armbrust was sentenced in a plea agreement when the 100th Judicial District Court met in Childress on June 26. District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the case for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Dale Rabe, Jr., presiding.

Armbrust, 30, from Clarendon, was sentenced for the third-degree felony offense of cruelty to non-livestock animals.

July 23, 2025 Enterprise wins PPA General Excellence

The Clarendon Enterprise received 14 awards at the 116th

annual Panhandle Press Association Convention in Amarillo last weekend to claim the General Excellence Award.

Competing in Division One for weekly newspapers, the Enterprise earned 12 first place awards and placed second in two other categories.

Sandy Anderberg won First Place for the Enterprise for Sports Writing, and the crew of Tara Allred, Ashlee Estlack, and Roger Estlack won First Place for Advertising Designs. Entries by Roger and Ashlee Estlack and Kari Lindsey took first place in Human Interest Photos.

The Enterprise was also first place Front Page Layout, News Writing, Spot News Photos, Society & Lifestyles, Serious Columns, Special Section, Editorials, and Website. Feature Stories by Roger Estlack and Sandy Anderberg were first place as well. Elaina Estlack was second in Sports Photos, and the Enterprise was also second in Headline Writing.

July 23, 2025 Hoedown raises \$9.6k for firefighters

The seventh annual Howard-wick Hoedown raised more money than last year and was a huge success with a great day of fun and fellowship last Saturday at McMorries Memorial Park.

A total of \$9,643 after expenses will be going to the City of Howard-wick Volunteer Fire Department. That’s an increase of more than \$500 compared to last year.

Jesse Burrow and Anna Brou-sard won the Challenger 200EX, which was this year’s big drawing. Several other prizes were raffled off during the day. The Putting Contest winners this year were Judy Bland, first; D.K. Robinson, second; and Conrad Lucero, third. Kay Phil-ley Dye was the winner of the first annual poker run.

August 6, 2025 Dirt work begins on St. Mary’s church

Dirt work began last week on the new St. Mary’s Catholic Church after nine years of planning and fund-raising.

“I’d like to be in by Christmas, but I don’t know if it’s possible because we were behind starting dirt work,” Clifford said.

St. Mary’s original 1892 building was demolished in 2019 after it was found to be structurally unsound and unsavable following a 2016 incident where a car ran into the historic structure.

August 6, 2025 Enterprise earns national recognition

The National Newspaper Association has recognized The Clarendon Enterprise for outstanding journalism during the NNA’s annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Enterprise was notified that it has received a second place award and two honorable mentions from the NNA.

Editorials focused on anti-abortion activist Mark Lee Dickson’s efforts to pass an ordinance in Clarendon won the Enterprise Second Place Best Editorial in the Non-daily Division for papers with print circulations less than 2,000. The paper also received Honorable Mention in the same division for Best Reporting on Local Government for its coverage of the Clarendon City Council during Dickson’s efforts.

The Enterprise was also recognized with Honorable Mention for Front Page Design.

There were 1,546 entries in the Better Newspaper Editorial Contest and 196 entries in the Better Newspaper Advertising Contest for a total of 1,743 entries. There were 712 awards won by 102 newspapers in 33 states.

August 6, 2025 CCISD reboots super search, shuffles jobs

Clarendon CISD has reorganized its administrative team while it reboots its search for a new superintendent.

After none of its three superintendent finalists were selected for the

job, a new search will be undertaken.

Interim Superintendent Rick Teran said the three finalists just weren’t the right fit for the school and so the board decided to conduct a new search.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) will continue to handle the search at no extra cost to the district, Teran said. The school will re-advertise the position beginning in October.

In addition, another school administrator is leaving the district. Clarendon High School Principal John Moffett has accepted the job of superintendent at Hart ISD effective August 18, Teran said.

Elementary and junior high counselor Erin Shaw is taking the job of being principal for both CHS and Clarendon Junior High, and CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg is moving to the elementary principal position.

August 13, 2025 County freshening old office buildings

Clarendon’s Courthouse Square will look a little spiffier when Donley County completes two projects currently underway on Sully Street.

The former Hall Income Tax office and the old appraisal district building are both receiving facelifts designed by A Fine Feathered Nest and brought to life by Pearson Construction.

County Judge John Howard said the project is costing the county about \$60,000 and is intended to approve the appearance of the square.

August 20, 2025 City, Republic work on trash deal details

The Clarendon City Council and Republic Services worked on their franchise agreement last Thursday as the company prepares to take over the city’s trash collection October 1.

Republic representative Matthew Peterson said his company is working now to bring in new and refurbished Dumpsters to replace those now owned by Waste Connections.

Peterson again discussed his company’s intention to get involved in the community, noting that they are joining the Chamber of Commerce. He asked what his company could do for Clarendon, and Alderman Brittany Wolfe replied, “Just pick up our trash regularly.” To which Peterson replied, “We are really excited to show you how it’s done.”

August 20, 2025 HCISD okays deficit budget for FY 2026

Hedley CISD trustees adopted a deficit budget Monday night following a public hearing as the school continues to look for ways to increase enrollment.

“We had a good meeting and good discussion, and we adopted a deficit budget due to a lack of enrollment,” Superintendent Tracey Langford said.

The shortfall of about \$500,000 will be made up from the school’s reserves. Langford says Hedley has suffered a decrease in state funding with enrollment being below 90 students for the last two years. Hedley’s enrollment is 86 this week.

Langford says if they can boost enrollment back above 90, the state funds will increase. School officials continue to consider programs and incentives that might interest kids and families to help boost enrollment, and the school’s adoption of a hybrid calendar this year might draw some interest also. Under the hybrid calendar, Hedley will go to a four-day week following the Thanksgiving break.

August 20, 2025 New era begins for CC judging program

One of Clarendon College’s signature programs is entering a new era with a leadership transition underway.

Since the inception of the livestock judging program at Clarendon College in 1976, only two men have ever held the distinction of head coach – Jerry Hawkins and Johnny

Treichel.

That steady leadership has resulted in one of the most stable and consistent judging programs in the country. After careful consideration, CC officials announced this week that Ty Gillespie will be taking on the position of head livestock judging coach and judging teams’ coordinator.

Gillespie is a familiar face to the program, having served alongside Treichel since 2019. He grew up in Joshua and is a CC alumnus himself, having attended Clarendon College to judge livestock in 2015.

August 27, 2025 Kenny King’s name to grace football field

The name of Kenny King, one of Clarendon High School’s most famous alumni, will be added to the football field at Bronco Stadium following Monday night’s action by the CCISD Board of Trustees.

Following an online community survey, trustees voted in favor of approving Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium.

Clarendon CISD Interim Superintendent Rick Teran said the survey results showed almost 60 percent approved or strongly approved of the proposal.

More than 75 percent of respondents were very familiar with King’s accomplishments, and another 17.1 percent were somewhat familiar. Of those taking the survey, 79.3 percent said it was important to recognize outstanding alumni.

September 10, 2025 CHS alumni gather for homecoming

Homecoming 2025 was a big event for Clarendon High School with hundreds of alumni returning to reunite with former classmates and relive old memories.

Reunion organizer Virginia Patten estimates about 400 people attended some part of the event, which had activities last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

“They had such a good time,” Patten said of the alumni. “It was great. People cried they had such a good time.”

Patten said seven full pages of names were entered in a journal during the event, and she felt like the event was good not only for those in attendance but for the community as well in terms of the business that was brought to town.

Almost 300 people pre-paid for barbecue, and Patten said 280 actually came through the line on Saturday night.

September 17, 2025 Clarendon sales tax revenue Sept. high

Clarendon recorded its highest ever sales tax revenue for the month of September last week when Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock delivered monthly allocations to local governments.

The city received \$46,041.48, which was 13.82 percent higher than the \$40,451.08 recorded for September 2024 and setting a new high for the month. Clarendon is now 8.88 percent ahead for its calendar year-to-date sales tax revenue with a total of \$414,955.37 compared to \$381,086.62 this time last year.

September 17, 2025 CCISD Trustees will vote on new buses

Clarendon CISD Trustees will consider the purchase of two 51-passenger buses during a called session next Monday, September 22, according to Interim Superintendent Rick Teran.

The American Dreamliner buses are built on a the Freightliner M2 chassis and have about 24,000 miles on them. The buses will be white with maroon graphics, and the total cost to the district will be \$699,370.

Trustees discussed and voted on purchasing the buses during their regular meeting on September 8, but it was later discovered that the item was not listed properly on that meeting’s agenda. Teran said the board will also be discussing the graphics that will go on the buses.



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2025: Lady Broncos softball team makes history

September 24, 2025

Fall enrollment down at Clarendon College

Clarendon College’s fall enrollment is down less than two percent this year with a total headcount of 1,528 in all locations.

Fall 2024 enrollment was 1.1 percent higher with 1,546 students.

Following the 12th class day on September 10, CC reported the Clarendon campus had 281 students, down from 304 last fall, and the Pampa Center was down from 118 last fall to 107 this fall, but the Childress Center was up from 43 last year to 47 this year.

The Amarillo Center had 50 cosmetology students compared to 67 in the fall of 2024.

September 24, 2025

New show spotlights historic JA Ranch

Kent Rollins wants all of America to appreciate cowboy way of life, and he’s starting his newest venture with a spotlight on the JA Ranch southwest of Clarendon.

With more than 40 years of experience in chuckwagon cooking and as a working cowboy, Rollins hand picked the JA as the site for the first episode of Cast Iron Cowboy on the Outdoor Channel.

“We wanted to highlight the American rancher and cowboy and their very way of life. The JA had to be the first one,” Rollins told the Enterprise.

October 1, 2025

Crosstimmer team wins chuckwagon cookoff

The Crosstimmer Ranch wagon team from Mustang, Okla., claimed the championship of the Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last Saturday, September 27, beating out four other teams.

After consulting with cooking teams, museum officials changed the format of the cookoff this year. Food categories were not judged, and prize money usually awarded for those contests was used as incentives to help wagon teams cover the expense of travel. Unfortunately, circumstances of health, available help, and a competing contest downstate prevented several wagon teams from attending the event this year.

October 8, 2025

Sen. Perry addresses water and energy

State Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) addressed a wide range of issues before a crowd of local citizens and officials as well as Clarendon College RFO students during a town hall at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Tuesday afternoon.

Perry is the main author of legislation that will help Texas develop water resources for the future if voters approve Proposition 4 on next month’s state constitutional election ballot. The effort would set aside \$1 billion in state sales tax funds per year for 20 years starting in 2027.

Perry addressed datacenters coming to Texas and said five such facilities are being planned or built in his district. Amidst public concerns about the energy and water usage of the facilities, Perry said the facilities will likely generate some of their own electricity and eventually sell some energy back to the grid, and he said the water usage could be limited if datacenters used closed-loop systems or took advantage of air-cooling methods.

October 15, 2025

Phase 1 of bridge nears completion

The bridge replacement project on US 287 in Clarendon is nearing the end of Phase One, according to officials with the TxDOT Childress District.

The box and subgrade work is complete as of last week, and the contractor was anticipating the curb and gutter work would be completed by the end of last week with side-walks being complete this week.

TxDOT says the plan is to begin pouring the concrete pavement by the week of October 20 with an anticipated date of moving to phase two the end of November.

October 15, 2025

73rd Cotton Festival draws large crowd

Hedley hosted its 73rd Cotton Festival Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, with a large crowd from nearby communities and lots of

activities this year.

Organizers were pleased with the event which drew about 20 vendors in addition to food trucks and other forms of entertainment. An alumni reunion at the Hedley school was also well attended Saturday.

Several drawings were held to raise funds for local organizations. The Cotton Bale raffle off by the Lions Club was won by Jean Taylor, and Debbie Kennedy won the 50/50 raffle to support the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department. The Hedley Senior Citizens held three drawings. Nathan Floyd won that 50/50 pot, Tom Heck won the Henry raffle, and Kerry Cartrite won the drawing for the shotgun.

October 22, 2025

CCISD Trustees discuss drug testing

Clarendon CISD will explore mandatory drug testing of students in extracurricular activities following last week’s meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Superintendent Rick Teran brought up the subject and asked trustees for their opinions on the idea. Each board member said they had not thought about it before but were open to having a discussion.

The program described by Teran would require all students participating in extracurricular activities to be drug tested at the beginning of the school year with random tests throughout the year afterwards. The estimated cost of the tests would be \$19 per student.

October 22, 2025

CCISD names Teran as superintendent

Rick Teran was named as the fulltime superintendent by Clarendon CISD Trustees last Tuesday, October 14, during their regular meeting, dropping his “interim,” title.

After a closed session lasting about 50 minutes, the board returned to open session and approved two motions – one putting the school’s Superintendent Search on hold indefinitely, and the second to adjust the interim superintendent’s agreement, effectively making Teran the fulltime superintendent.

Teran told the Enterprise his employment agreement is not the same as typical superintendent’s contract, basically allowing him to leave the job if he wants and allowing the school board to resume the search or hire someone else.

October 29, 2025

287 traffic flow to change on Monday

Traffic flow on US 287 will be shifted in Clarendon next week as the contractors for the US 287 bridge replacement project shift into phase two.

The traffic switch will take place Monday, November 3, according to the TxDOT Childress District office. Two-way traffic will be shifted from the northbound lanes to the southbound lanes.

October 29, 2025

Lady Broncos XC team statebound

The Clarendon Lady Broncos cross-country team is having a stellar year on the course, and the District Championship and Regional Runner-Up awards confirmed the fact that the Lady Broncos are a force to be reckoned with.

All season, all seven ladies have been giving their all, in practice and in competition. They have placed deep each and every meet and have fully deserved this trip to the State Cross-Country Meet to be held in Round Rock this Saturday, November 1, at the Old Settler’s Park.

November 5, 2025

Lions Club celebrates 103rd anniversary

The Clarendon Lions Club held its 103rd anniversary Charter Banquet last Tuesday, October 28, and presented awards to outstanding members during the evening.

Boss Lion Pro Tem Chanel Silva announced Lion Anndria Newhouse and Lion Ted Shaller as the Lions of the Year, following a tie vote among the membership earlier last month.

Newhouse and Shaller were honored for their service to the club and their work with sponsoring blood drives, bringing in programs, and always being at the forefront of being willing to serve as well as for encouraging others to join them in service.



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Lion Richard Green was recognized by the club with a plaque honoring his term of service as club president from 2024-2025.

Millie McAncar was formally crowned as the club's Sweetheart for the current year. Her grandmother also held that same title when she was a girl.

November 12, 2025

Clarendon man dies following accident

A single vehicle accident in Armstrong County took the life of a Clarendon man last Tuesday afternoon, November 4.

Christopher Brown, age 47, was traveling eastbound on US 287 when his 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 left the roadway near CR 30 close to the Donley County line and struck a utility pole, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Brown was wearing a seat belt during the accident.

Brown was transported by ambulance to Amarillo Northwest Texas Hospital, where he passed away.

Family friends told the Enterprise that family members were told Brown had a medical incident, specifically a heart attack, which caused the accident.

November 12, 2025

Local man facing new felony charge

A Clarendon man is in the Donley County Jail this week, charged with a second crime after being arrested earlier this year for sexual assault.

Jacquaviyon Brown is facing a charge of Burglary of a Habitation, a second-degree felony, after he allegedly broke into the home of a Clarendon woman on November 2, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

Brown, age 21, turned himself in on November 3 and was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley on November 4.

He was originally arrested on April 13 for the sexual assault offense which allegedly occurred on April 6. Following that arrest, Brown was released on \$20,000 bond.

November 12, 2025

City hits new high sales tax revenue

Clarendon's sales tax revenue hit a new all-time monthly high last week when Acting Texas Comptrol-

ler Kelly Hancock delivered November allocations to local governments.

The city received \$65,375.62 for the month, which is up 22.07 percent compared to last November's allocation of \$52,736.12. That's the highest revenue for November and the highest of any month in the city's history.

The previous record was set in November 2023, when the city received \$61,362.03.

The November boost pushes the city's calendar year-to-date total \$519,952.11, an increase of 9.91 percent compared to this point in 2024.

November 12, 2025

King says community shares his honor

Maroon letters now spell out "Kenny King Field" on the grass of Bronco Stadium, but the man who put Clarendon on the map with two Super Bowl championships says the honor is not solely his – it belongs to the community.

The formal naming ceremony came during halftime of Clarendon High School's game with Quanah last Friday. It was a day filled with memories, a pep rally speech by King, hundreds of autographs, and a Bronco victory that propelled his alma mater to the playoffs. On Saturday, King reflected on what the naming of the field means to him.

"A lot of people said they're happy for me and proud of me," King said, "but it's not just me. It's us. That's why I wanted my friends and family and classmates with me last night. Without them, there is no Kenny King... or Kenneth King."

November 19, 2025

CCISD adopts unified branding and logo

Clarendon CISD announced last week the approval of a new, unified branding and logo system designed to strengthen district identity and reflect the pride and tradition of the Bronco community.

Over the past several months, a group of community volunteers collaborated with school staff and professional designers to develop a cohesive look that represents Clarendon CISD's values of excellence, tradition, and connection.

The new branding aims to create a consistent visual identity across all campuses, programs, and organizations within the district.

The new logo was approved by the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees on November 10, 2025.

"Our goal was to develop a look that truly feels like Clarendon, something that honors our history while giving us a clean, professional identity moving forward," said Superintendent Rick Teran.

November 19, 2025

City considering disciplinary options

The Clarendon City Council is exploring employee disciplinary options after public complaints aired at last week's regular meeting on November 13.

In public comments, Irene Shaller told the council about confrontations she had had with City Secretary Machiel Covey regarding Shaller's bed and breakfast business.

Shaller said she had tried to follow the rules for paying Hotel Occupancy Taxes for her property but described hostile treatment from Covey and said the city secretary had pretended to be a bed and breakfast guest to try to contact her.

Later in the meeting, Shannon Herndon described her experience in trying to pay a water bill for an account which was turned of during a time of disputed bill. Herndon said she came to City Hall to learn more about her bill, and she also described a heated interaction with Covey while she tried to pay for her bill.

Covey responded that Shaller and Herndon's accounts of what happened were not accurate and said she had followed procedures, although she did admit getting flustered when Herndon was in the office discussing the late water bill.

November 19, 2025

State approves grant for sidewalk project

The City of Clarendon has been approved for a new sidewalk improvement project funded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The city project will receive \$264,800 in state funds for sidewalk improvements in the 300 block of Sully Street in front of City Hall and three county-owned building as well as near the Clarendon Lions Hall in the 400 block of Sully.

The project will fill gaps in the pedestrian network by replacing broken/damaged sidewalks as well as sidewalk leveling and curb and gutter replacement. Additional improvements will include new curb ramps and pedestrian lighting.

The Clarendon project is part of more than \$284.8 million approved by the Texas Transportation Com-

mission for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that will help improve safety, mobility, access and quality of life for people across the state.

November 25, 2025

CCISD accepts donation to buy bus

Clarendon public school students, employees, and taxpayers have a special reason to be thankful this season after an anonymous donation was made to help pay for a new bus.

Clarendon CISD Trustees formally accepted the grant during their regular meeting on November 10. School officials say the gift of \$359,000 will pay for one of the two travel buses the district recently ordered.

December 3, 2025

Small Town Christmas draws good crowd

Cold, windy weather didn't stop Clarendon's second annual Small Town Christmas from attracting a good turnout for holiday fund and Small Business Saturday savings at local merchants.

Committee Chair Denise Bertrand said thought the event went very well considering how cold it was and said she had received only one complaint.

Several merchants reported a busy day Saturday, and Bertrand said food vendors did very well. The Roost had a full house for craft and specialty vendors and was a busy place downtown, and a barrel train kept kids entertained. Santa's Play House also provided crafts for kids at the Clarendon College Downtown Center.

A scavenger hunt during the day drew three teams with first place and \$75 in Chamber Cash going to the Dream Team – Elizabeth and Deon Cowan; second place and \$50 in Chamber Cash going to the Judge & Jury – Pat and Kelly Hill, Mandi Gay, and Holly White; and Kirsten Bertrand was third and got \$25 in Chamber Cash.

In the Gingerbread House contest, results were as follows: Children's Category – Titus Truex, first place, \$75 in Chamber Cash, Tobias Truex, second place, \$50 in Chamber Cash, and Cavett Dorl, third place and \$25 in Chamber Cash; Adult Division – Lisa Heald, first place and \$75 in Chamber Cash and Emery Truex, second place and \$50 in Chamber Cash.

Tom Thompson was the first

place winner of the Ugly Sweater Contest with a \$75 Chamber Cash prize. Annette Osburn got \$50 in Chamber Cash for second place, and Krista Percival got \$25 in Chamber Cash for third place.

December 10, 2025

Rep. King touts wins for rural interests

State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) reviewed the accomplishments of recent legislative sessions when he visited Clarendon last Tuesday for a town hall meeting at the Bairfield Activity Center.

One of the bills King was particularly proud of was a rural health care bill that provides grant funding for ambulances in rural areas.

Some of his urban colleagues were not strong supporters of the bill, King said, until he asked if they ever traveled to Colorado. He told them if they have an accident on the highway, without support for rural health care, "there's no one coming to help you." The bill passed and was signed into law.

December 10, 2025

Candidates line up to run for treasurer

Voters in the Republican Primary next spring will have to decide two contested races in Donley County following Monday's filing deadline.

County Treasurer Wanda Smith is retiring at the end of her term, and three people have signed up for her position – Zan Bullock, who currently employed by Smith's office, Joaenea Horn, and Terri Luna.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Dan Sawyer has drawn a challenger for his job from Shaun O'Keefe, who has been serving as a regent for Clarendon College.

Five other county officials signed up unopposed for the Republican nomination for their offices: County Judge John Howard, County Clerk Vicky Tunnell, Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley, Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace Pat White, and Precinct 2 Commissioner Daniel Ford.

December 17, 2025

Franks wraps another solid NFR

It's been a whirlwind 365 days for bareback rider Cole Franks. He left Nevada last December with more than \$155,000 in earnings and a plan to be back.

He set out on a plan to do that, but there were other aspects to his life that were also a priority. Franks was married in May to the former Dustie Warr, then set off on the rodeo trail that kept him on the road for much of the summer. He kept winning, and the result was a fourth qualification to the National Finals Rodeo.

He and his bride are also expecting their first child in February, so he arrived in Las Vegas two weeks ago with gold on his mind and a goal of buying diapers and baby food for months to come. This is the world's richest rodeo, where a disappointing 10 nights still resulted in a payday of \$107,781.

December 17, 2025

City okays northside water line proposal

The Clarendon City Council approved moving forward with a project to replace aging water lines on north side of town during its regular meeting last Thursday, December 11.

City Administrator Brian Barboza told the council the city's engineers estimate the project will cost about \$107,000 to replace several blocks of cast iron water pipes. The city would look at funding the project with tax notes, which could be paid off in seven years with an annual note payment of about \$30,000.

In other city business, the council met in closed session for almost an hour and half to consider disciplinary action on City Secretary Machiel Covey following citizens' complaints aired at the November meeting. Returning to open session, the council approved placing written employee disciplinary note in Covey's file.

December 25, 2025

Volunteers round up food for needy

Clarendon school kids and others donated more than 2,600 canned goods plus dozens of boxed dry goods in a food drive for the holidays. The food was delivered to the Clarendon Lions Club last Monday, December 15, where it was divided and distributed to local food pantries. Lions delivered 13 holiday food boxes with hams to local families, and the remaining food was delivered to Christ's Kids Ministry, the Bread of Life food pantry, and the Donley County Senior Citizens. Lion Chris Reuter also said that two beeves were donated and processed and donated locally as well.

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