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## The Year In Review



















## 2024: Clarendon takes in wildfire evacuees

#### January 4, 2024 Local man faces felony gun charge

A Howardwick man's case was one of 13 heard by the district court on Tuesday, December 12, when it met in Carson County.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer School students are advancing after presiding by assignment.

Ricky Wayne Caughey, 56, UIL film competition. from Howardwick, was placed on six years' probation for the thirddegree felony offense of deadly conduct discharging a firearm.

#### January 4, 2024 **County voters to** decide tax questions

Voters in all three municipalities in Donley County will vote on creating County Assistance District this May after resolutions were approved by the Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick city councils before Christmas.

December 11 to pursue creation of the sales tax-funded districts as a accepted a bid for road construction mechanism to provide money to the Donley County Sheriff's Office. The plan would be to create four county assistance districts - one each in the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Operators of Dalhart was accepted Howardwick and one in the unincorporated areas of the county.

#### **January 15, 2024** CEDC okays mural grant program

A new program by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation is designed to encourage mural art in the community.

The CEDC board approved guidelines for the Mural Grant Program at its December meeting and posted the guidelines on its website this week.

The purpose of the program is to enhance Clarendon's appearance, increase employment opportunities in the arts, raise awareness and appreciation of the value of art, create civic pride, reduce blight, and encourage tourism.

Grant recipients can be eligible to receive reimbursement for Hall 'no cash' policy up to one-half of the mural project cost based on funds available each

available online at ClarendonTX. com/CEDC or from the Clarendon Visitor Center.

#### January 17, 2024 Livestock show winners announced

The 2024 Donley County Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 13, at the Donley County Activity Center with Levi Gates and Wes Shaw winning the beef division.

Gates showed the Grand Champion Steer, and Shaw exhibited the Grand Champion Heifer.

Other top winners were Madison Moore and her Grand Champion Sheep, Kaitin Ehlert and her Grand Champion Goat, Maloree Wann with the Grand Champion Gilt, and Jase Conway with his Grand Champion Barrow.

Reserve Champion honors went to Levi Gates, steer; Kate Shaw, heifer; Brandon Moore, sheep; Adleigh Moore, goat; Maloree Wann barrow; and Jase Conway, gilt.

#### January 25, 2024

#### County votes on city police agreements

Donley County presented the City of Clarendon with two new proposed agreements last week after the city declined to move forward with a sales tax-funded district to support the sheriff's department.

During a called session of the Donley County Commissioners' Court last Friday, Judge John Howard said it could be argued that the city breached its law enforcement contract with the county after a January 11 vote of the city council reversed a December vote to put the creation of a County Assistance District before city voters this

want to participate in the County Assistance District," Howard said, "but we need multi-year agree-

#### January 31, 2024

#### Students advance in UIL film contest

A group of Clarendon High

The following students had roles in the film competitions with two teacher interviews: Rowdy Bebout, Kyler Bell, Kashlyn Conkin, Zane Cruse, Benjamin Estlack, Avery Halsey, Ronan Howard, Toby Leeper, Jacob Murillo, Zakary Roberts, Cutter Seay, Kate Shaw, Wes Shaw, Koltyn Shields, Presley Smith, Kase Zongker, Cutter Ashbook, Mrs. Bessent, and Mrs. Benson.

#### February 8, 2024 **Howardwick okays** County commissioners voted paving project bid

The City of Howardwick during a called meeting January 23 to improve a stretch of Rick Husband Boulevard.

The \$219,499.50 bid of G&G as the lowest bid. The highest bid was \$428,980 from West Texas Utility Contractors.

City Secretary Sandy Childress said the scope of the work covers drainage improvements and Porter Drive and extending about 800 linear feet northwest on Rick Husband, tearing up that section of road and replacing it with hot mix asphalt.

Development Block Grant funding the project in hopes of issuing a change order on the contract that would allow more paving to be

### February 14, 2024 **Hedley adopts City**

The Hedley City Council met in regular session February 8 as officials continued steps to move Mural grant applications are the city's fiscal year in line most other local governments.

Hedley has historically run a budget year from July through June, but the city recently moved to the more common October 1 through September 30 calendar. As part of that, the council gave consideration last week to a new budget to cover fiscal year 2024.

forum about concerns she had with the proposed budget and said there the Year. was not enough information to support the budget.

The council later unanimously approved the proposed budget.

#### February 21, 2024 **CCISD** asking for **\$11.7M** in bonds

Clarendon CISD Trustees approved asking voters for \$11.7 million in bonds during a called meeting last Wednesday, February 14, with the funds going toward improving the football stadium, a new vocational ag building, new buses, and improved safety mea-

The measure on the May ballot will be in the form of three separate propositions, and voters can vote for or against any or all of them.

Proposition A will seek \$1.8 million for safety and security upgrades and the school as well as two new buses.

Proposition B would fund \$6.9 million in improvements at Bronco Stadium including accessibility improvements, new home and visitor bleachers, a new press box, and \$3.3 to 3.5 million for a new field house, restrooms, and concession

Proposition C would provide \$3 million for a new vocational ag

School officials were originally considering a bond package

of \$13 million, but trustees scaled March 13-20, 2024 "I don't mind if the city doesn't back after several citizens spoke out during open forum at the board meeting and during a bond discussion in the high school auditorium prior to the meeting.

#### February 29, 2024 Student arrested on terroristic threat

to Donley County Sheriff Butch cent each year. Blackburn.

still in jail Thursday morning.

Blackburn said Allen and a female student were talking in class March 20, 2024 when he threatened to go get a gun and shoot the girl. She did not say anything to school officials, but called her mother to come get her, the sheriff said. After the mother learned what happened, she called the school, and Clarendon CISD officials contacted the sheriff immediately.

#### March 7, 2024 Wildfires devastate

Panhandle region

Hundreds of structures and homes, two lives, and thousands of head of livestock were destroyed last week by wildfires fed by dry conditions and high winds across several counties in the northeastern

Last Tuesday, smoke filled from the draw between Dawn Drive the air in Donley County, and that evening about 1,000 or more people evacuated from Pampa to Clarendon as the fires threatened

Several local buildings and The city is, however, negoti- churches here were opened to allow ating with the contractor and the those in need to take refuge here, agencies providing the Community and local volunteer firemen also provided mutual aid in fighting area

> The Smokehouse Creek Fire, which started in Hutchinson County, burned a total of 1,075,000 acres and has been declared as the largest in Texas history. And it was only one of multiple fires that threatened homes and livelihoods in the past week.

#### March 7, 2024 **Shaller receives top** Chamber award

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Ted Shaller with the 2024 Saints' Roost Award March 27, 2024 for his lifetime of service and commitment to the community during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet last Thursday, February 29.

Karen Watt spoke in open to Steve Reynolds, and Machiel Covey was named the Woman of

> The Donley County State Bank was named the Business of the Year, and the Bread of Life Ministry was named the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Other winners were Young 21. Woman and Man of the Year from Hedley – Flor Silvestre and Liam Branigan and Young Woman and Man of the Year from Clarendon – Courtlyn Conkin and Cutter Seay.

#### March 7, 2024

#### **Essary beats White; Koetting to face Wootten in runoff**

In Donley County's only two contested races Tuesday, one commissioner's race was decided, and another is headed to a runoff election in May.

Former Howardwick Mayor Dell Essary defeated Donley County Commissioner Mark White, 104-76, for the Republican nomination. Essary will face no opponent in November and will become the new commissioner in January.

Also in the Republican Primary in Precinct 3, Greg Wootten and Commissioner Neil Koetting will go to a runoff in May after no candidate got more than 50 percent of the vote.

Wootten had 86, Koetting had 68, and Sis Bond had 45.

### **County okays city** contract for sheriff

Donley County Commissioners approved new law enforcement agreement with the City of Clarendon during their regular meeting Monday, March 11.

Under the terms of the proposal, the city would pay the county A Clarendon High School \$170,000 for law enforcement serstudent was arrested Wednesday, vices beginning in fiscal year 2025, competing for the first time in the February 28, after he threatened which starts in October. The fiveto shoot a classmate, according year contract would go up two per-

The Clarendon City Coun- March 27. Avyen Chance Allen, age 17, cil ratified a new contract with the was charged with Terroristic Threat, Donley County Sheriff's Office a Class B misdemeanor, and was during its regular meeting last Thursday, March 14.

### **Nurse practitioner** joins local clinic

A new Family Nurse Practitioner at Clarendon Family Medicine is no stranger to the community and is looking forward to serving the people here.

Sarah Ybarra, FNP-C, has been shadowing clinic personnel for a couple of weeks and began seeing patients Monday.

Ybarra is originally from Amarillo, but she spent a lot of time growing up with her relatives in the Holland family in Donley County. The small-town life appealed to her, and she and her husband J.J. moved to Groom about nine years ago.

#### March 27, 2024 **HHS OAP advances** to Bi-District level

Hedley High School's One Act Play troupe competed in the District 2 competition in Groom on Thursday and advanced to the bi-district

Hedley performed "Kamikaze Kate," written by John Summons.

All Star cast members were Kali Curry, playing the part of Kate, and Javier Valles playing the part of Captain Kurado. Shailyn Hanes earned Honorable Mention All Star Cast for Hedley for her role as the Mother. Also advancing were White Deer and Groom.

Collins, Kylynne Shelley, Sebastian Garcia, Ray Curry, Kyler Booth, Javier Valles, and Takoda Edwards. The play was directed by Diane Conatser and Patricia Valles.

### **CC** kills personal property tax levy

The Clarendon College Dis-Man of the Year honors went trict will no longer levy a tax on personal property in Donley County following action by the CC Board of Regents last Thursday.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said the board formally repealed the unpopular tax on automobiles, boats, and other personal property during its regular meeting on March

"We feel like we're financially sound enough to forgo that much disparaged tax," Buckhaults said.

The repeal will mean the loss of about \$58,000 in annual revenue for the college district, the president said, but he believes CC can manage without that income thanks in part to higher state funding coming from a new funding method approved by the Legislature last year.

Local governments still levying the personal property tax include Donley County, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the City of Hedley, and Hedley Consolidated Independent School District.

#### April 3, 2024 **Hedley City Hall** temporarily shut

Hedley City Hall is temporarily closed following the resignation of City Secretary Tammy Brinson last Friday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jennifer Floyd said Brinson quit due to a lack of appreciation by the citizens and said that residents can take payments to the office of Justice of the Peace Pat White in Hedley.

Floyd also said the city is working on getting things ready for the upcoming election in May and said Howardwick City Secretary Sandy Childress is no longer helping with that process.

#### **April 3, 2024 OKC** man arrested following gunfight

An Oklahoma man is facing two felony charges after exchanging gun fire with the Donley County Sheriff and a Carson County Deputy near Goodnight last Wednesday,

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a 911 call from a motorist who had been told by the subject that he had several weapons and was going to use them to harm himself and others.

The subject, later identified as 50-year-old William Earl Dance from Oklahoma City, was at the eastbound rest area near Goodnight at the time of the call. Donley County notified Armstrong County, and an Armstrong deputy responded to the scene. Sheriff Blackburn was headed toward Goodnight in case the subject left the rest area and continued east when the Armstrong dispatcher reported their deputy was being shot at.

Sheriff Blackburn and Carson County Chief Deputy JC Blackburn continued to exchange fire with Dance, Donley County Deputies blocked the westbound US 287 traffic, and a DPS trooper arrived on the scene. Dance soon surrendered and was placed under arrest by Deputy Blackburn and the state trooper while other law enforcement kept the subject under gunpoint.

#### **April 10, 2024** CHS claims district **UIL championship**

Clarendon High School claimed the District 2-2A Championship during UIL academic competitions held last Wednesday, April 3, at Clarendon College. CHS competed against Memphis, Shamrock, Quanah, Wellington, and Wheeler and came away with 460 points.

Those competing were Hunter The cast and crew consist of Caison, Zak Roberts, Ben Estlack, Kali Curry, Kelli Love, Shailyn Ronan Howard, Parker Haynes, Hanes, Christina Silvestre, Malorie Cutter Seay, Toby Leeper, Mason Allred, Wes Shaw, Millie McAnear, Hayden Moore, Zane Cruse, Riley Jantz, Jasmyn Bordonaro, Ella Estlack, Emma Roys, Jacob Murillo, Koltyn Shields, Kaleb Mays, Bryce Williams, Avery Halsey, Maloree Wann, Kate Shaw, Berkley Moore, Kenidee Hayes, and Gracie Clark.

CHS had 36 students compete at the district meet with 20 advancing in 14 events. Regionals are on April 26 on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

#### **April 10, 2024 Two CHS students** 'die' in mock wreck

As the moon partially extinguished the sun's glow Monday afternoon, a mock accident staged by Clarendon High School "snuffed out" the lives of two students.

The solar eclipse captured the attention of millions across the country, but as the sky darkened, it gave an exceptionally eerie feeling to the scene setup behind the Clarendon CISD D-wing.

The Shattered Dreams program illustrated the dangers of drinking and driving by staging a crash and the resulting efforts of first responders in full view of the student body, who had been given glasses were released from class to

see the eclipse. The drama that unfolded was fully explained Tuesday morning during a "memorial" service at the First Baptist Church, where friends and families mourned a real sense of loss for seniors Harrison Howard and Jared Musick, who had been pronounced "dead" Monday after-

#### April 24, 2024 Local officials get raises with grants

The Donley County Sheriff's Department and County Attorney

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## **2024:** Clarendon nixes 'sanctuary'

burden on the local taxpayers.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week his office has of 2024 is Ashlee Holmes. Ashlee is delivered nearly \$126 million in financial assistance to rural law enforcement and prosecutor offices as part of a grant program that is addressing challenges faced by these groups in counties with small populations. The Donley County Sheriff's Department received \$250,000, and the county attorney's office received \$100,000.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said local deputies and jailers/dispatchers saw the new money starting with May 5, 2024 their March 15 paychecks. County Treasurer Wanda Smith said dispatchers' salaries went up almost \$13,000 a year and deputies' salaries went up \$4,650 thanks to the grant.

County Attorney Landon Lambert said due to the terms and requirements of the grant, his office likely won't be able to use the full \$100,000, but he was able to create a full-time position for his assistant.

#### **April 24, 2024 Hedley hires new** school principal

Hedley ISD School Board of Trustees approved the hiring of a new principal for the 2024-2025 school year during their meeting on April 15.

Brandi Moffett of Clarendon will be joining Hedley ISD as the principal.

Moffett was raised in Amarillo and has been married for ten years to her husband, John, who is the Clarendon High School principal. Together they share six kids and two daughters-in-law.

#### **April 24, 2024**

#### CC women's rodeo qualifies for nationals

For the first time in school history, the Clarendon College women's rodeo program is taking a full team to the College National Finals Rodeo.

The Bulldogs wrapped up the 10-event Southwest Region season this past weekend at the Tarleton State University rodeo in Stephenville, Texas, by finishing second in the standings and earning the right to have four ladies compete at Casper, Wyoming, in June.

"It was a pretty exciting weekend to see us be able to pull through and get it done," said Wyatt Smith, coach of the Clarendon's women's rodeo team. "We were 65 points behind going into Tarleton (State University), and Brenna Ellis made the short round in breakaway roping. She finished second in the short round and split second, third and fourth in the average, and that was enough to get us the points to secure second in the region.

#### May 1, 2024 **Benson wins annual Chance Jones 5K**

Colton Benson and Katy Tubbs were the top winners during the 12th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K last Saturday, April 27, at the Donley County Courthouse.

More than seventy people registered for the event to help raise awareness of child abuse with about 40 actually running or walking the

Benson 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, 11 seconds. Katy Tubbs was the first woman to cross the finish line with a time of 47:03 and taking second in the 20-29 age group.

#### May 1, 2024 **Hedley ISD names** top students

Hedley ISD has announced the salutatorians and valedictorians for the Classes of 2024 and 2028 and set plans for high school and eighth grade graduations.

Eighth grade graduation will be at 10:00 a.m. in the HHS library on May 16 with the high school graduation being at 7:00 p.m. in the HHS library on May 16.

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 is Liam Branigan. Liam is

have received state grants that are the son of Shayne and Angela Brahelping boost salaries and purchase nigan. He is graduating with a GPA men Eulaine McIntosh, Tommy Hill, vehicles without putting additional of 97.28 or a 3.975 on a four-point and Terri Floyd all voting against the

> The Salutatorian for the Class She has a GPA of 92.77 and an average of 3.781 on a four-point scale.

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2028 is Sebastian Garcia. Sebas-Salutatorian for the Class of 2028 is Cristina Ros Silvestre. She is the daughter of Basilio Ros and Manuela Silvestre. She has a GPA of 94.34.

#### **Voters turn down CCISD** bonds; H'wick okays county sales tax

Voters turned out in large numbers Saturday and defeated \$11.7 million in bonds for Clarendon CISD and turned down two of the and Lubbock mayors support it and three sales tax districts proposed by Donley County.

bond proposals on the school ballot. Proposition A was defeated: 244 "For" to 356 "Against." It would have allowed \$1.8 million for safety and security upgrades and the school as well as two new buses. Proposition B was defeated: 194 "For" to 411 "Against." It would have provided\$6.9 million in improvements at Bronco Stadium. Proposition C was turned down 217 "For" and 384 "Against." It would have funded \$3 million for a new vocational ag

CCISD voters also re-elected Wayne Hardin to the Board of Trustees and selected Taylor Shelton to be a new board member. Vote totals CHS names Leeper, for the two board seats were: Hardin 304, Shelton 472, and Ken McIntosh

City of Hedley residents reelected Mayor Trisha Chambless over challenger Calvin Holland, 36-20. Incumbent Aaron Hanes will be joined by John Pierce on the city council as the top choices of Hedley voters for two seats on the city council. Vote totals were Hanes 33, Pierce 30, and Joe Pafume 14.

Hedley voters also turned down the creation of County Assistance District #2, which would have levied a 1.0 percent sales tax in the city to help fund the Donley County Sheriff's Department. The proposal was defeated 11 "For" and 42 "Against."

The City of Howardwick, however, approved the creation of County Assistance District #1 by a vote of 40 "For" and 12 "Against." That district would also levy a 1.0 percent sales tax to assist law enforcement.

Rural Donley County voters narrowly turned down levying a 2.0 percent sales tax in unincorporated areas of the county and defeated creation of County Assistance District #3 by a tally of 101 "For" to 111 "Against."

#### May 8, 2024 **Early morning fire** destroys local home

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 800 bock of Johns Street in the early morning hours of Thursday, May 2, and the property was a

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the department was dispatched at 4:43 a.m. and arrived on the scene within about six minutes to find the home of Terry Sims fully engulfed.

Sims had made it out of the house, and Powell said it was likely that the fire had been burning 15 or 20 minutes before the call went out. Fire fighters worked to keep the fire from spreading to other nearby struc-

CVFD responded with four trucks and 12 firefighters and had the blaze knocked down by 5:15. They remained on the scene until 7:30 a.m.

#### May 15, 2024 Council votes 'no' to sanctuary ordinance

The Clarendon City Council voted against a proposed "Sanctuary City for the Unborn" ordinance last Thursday, May 9, with aldermen saying the bill would come close to overstepping city authority and cause division in the community.

The vote was 3-0 with Alderproposed ordinance. Alderman John Lockhart was absent from Thursday's meeting due to a work conflict, the granddaughter of Christie Carter. but he voiced his opposition to the ordinance when it was first presented last month.

The regular meeting, which was held at the Mulkey Theatre, was tian is the son of Monecia Villar- attended by about 80 people, many real and holds a 94.88 GPA. The of whom were from out of town. Public comments lasted over an hour with 18 people speaking for the ordinance and 13 against it. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to register their opinion on the issue when they arrived with 39 in favor and 31 opposed.

Among those speaking in favor was Mark Lee Dickson, the political activist who first sent the ordinance to the city. He said the ordinance would close loopholes in the Texas Heartbeat Act. He said the Odessa said Attorney General Ken Paxton approves of it and said those who CCISD voters rejected all three reject the ordinance reject the Heartbeat Act.

> Rev. Ken McIntosh of the First Christian Church was among those speaking against the sanctuary ordinance. McIntosh first spoke out against the measure at the city's April meeting and said he was more opposed now. In a prepared statement given ahead of time to the city and the Enterprise, McIntosh wrote, "Passing the ordinance only further divides and damages our community." He also wrote, "Most of what the ordinance contains is already Texas law."

#### May 15, 2024 Halsey as top grads

Clarendon High School has announced the top students for the Class of 2024 are Toby Leeper and Avery Halsey.

The top students will be recognized along with other graduating members of the class during commencement exercises at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center at Clarendon College next Friday, May 24.

Toby Leeper is the class Valedictorian with a weighted grade point average of 6.16. He is the son of Timothy and Catrina Leeper.

Avery Halsey is the Salutatorian with a weighted GPA of 6.01. She is the daughter of Matt and Stephanie Halsey.

#### May 15, 2024 Two dead following chase with authorities

Two people are dead following a chase with the Donley County Sheriff's Department and multiple law enforcement agencies last Friday, May 10.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office was notified by the Department of Public Safety about 2:35 that afternoon that a semi-truck being sought by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency was pinging at Allsup's in Clarendon. Blackburn was further notified that the Putnam County, Tennessee, sheriff's office had raided the home of the suspects and found drugs, weapons, and body

During the chase, the female truck passenger, later identified as 51-year-old Elizabeth Stevenson, began firing at officers. DPS spiked the truck's front tires as it was headed west on I-40, the truck then turned around at the Pampa turn-off and headed back eastbound. Officers shot more tires, and a blockade was set up near the eastbound Safety Rest Area. Stevenson again began firing at officers. Gunfire was exchanged, and Stevenson was pronounced dead at the scene. The truck driver, 60-year-old Edward Stevenson, was transported to an Amarillo hospital, where he also later died from injuries received during the gunfire.

#### May 15, 2024 City adopts dusk-todawn curfew for park

The Clarendon City Council adopted a new park curfew ordinance during their regular meeting last Thursday, May 9, at the Mulkey

Following several acts of vandalism in recent months with



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- 20. J.M. \_\_, Irish dramatist 22. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Surrendered 25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- 26. Dash 27. Man who behaves
- dishonorably 28. British Air Aces
- 30. Data executive
- 31. Spiritual leader 33. Flower cluster
- 35. Of the cheek
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- 2. Metropolis
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- certain lac insects 7. Days (Spanish)
- 9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- 13. Ballroom music
- 17. Denies
- 21. Make vital
- 23. Former NFLer Newton Kashmiri tribe

- 37. Tears down
- 38. Uncoordinated 40. Touches lightly
- 41. Soak
- 42. Founder of Babism 44. Not good
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.) 48. Type of casino game
- 50. Skills assessments for adults 52. Check
- 55. Fifth note of a major scale 56. Small, faint constellation

53. Gives a job

- 57. Thou 58. Reduce 63. Another recording
- 65. Removes for good 66. Jill and Catherine are two
- 67. Cruise

#### **CLUES DOWN**

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- 8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- 10. Tributary of the Alabama River 11. One who eliminates
- 15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
- 18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 27. Indigenous S. American person
- 32. MLB great Scherzer 34. Taxi 35. Boggy

29. Capacitance unit

- 36. Artist's workroom
- 39. Feline 40. Prosecutors
- 43. Freshwater perches 44. Young ladies 46. Whittles
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#### January 13

Donley County Junior • Livestock Show & Sale • Donley County Activity Center



#### **January 6 - 10**

**Donley County Senior Citizens** Mon: Mexican pile-on, tortilla chips, Spanish rice, garden salad, brownie, iced tea/2% milk. Tues: Stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2%

Thurs: Pork loin, long grain rice, turnip greens, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

#### Clarendon CISD

Breakfast Mon: No School

Tues: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit,

fruit juice, milk. Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: No School Tues: Chicken n waffles, veggie cup, fruit, milk.

Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, grapes,

Thu: Breaded mozzarella sticks, marinara, tomato cup, salad, pears, fruit, milk.

Fri: X-treme burrito, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, dessert, fruit, milk.

#### **Hedley ISD**

Breakfast Mon: No School

Tues: Pancakes, bacon, bananas, fruit iuice, milk.

Wed: Croissant ham & cheese sandwich, peaches, fruit juice, Thu: Maple pancake & sausage

sandwich, apples, fruit juice,

Fri: Waffles, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.

Mon: No School Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, pineapple, cookie, milk. Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, corn, peaches, milk.

Thu: Boneless chicken wings, celery, chips, carrots, mixed fruit, Fri: PBJ, carrots, celery, animal

crackers, fruit juice, milk.

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## **2024:** CEDC commissions mural

damage done to the historic rock caused the telescopes to be put away Anna, moved to Amarillo and walls of Prospect Park, city officials and the evening quickly dismissed. felt it was necessary to take action to give law enforcement more tools to Blair and Blanca Schaffer were very prevent further damage.

The ordinance which was unanimously approved sets a city park curfew from sunset to sunrise every day. No one is to be in a city park after dark.

#### May 24, 2024

#### **Bell receives state** coaching recognition

Clarendon High School's Kasey Bell has been honored for her work as the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Assistant Coach of the garbage rates Year for the 2023-2024 season.

Bell, who is the Junior Varsity Lady Bronco coach, was nominated by Lady Bronco head coach Korey Conkin and received her award last weekend.

Bell has been employed at Clarendon ISD since 2001 as an Elementary Physical Education Teacher and began her coaching career in 2002. According to Bell, she has worked with many good coaches at CISD and has been Conkin's assistant for eight years.

#### June 5, 2024

#### 'Thang' raises funds for senior citizens

The fourth annual That Senior Thang "FAM FEST" provided lots of family fun Saturday, June 1, while raising money for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

The annual chicken barbecue was again a big hit with 400 chicken halves prepared. Some frozen cooked chicken halves are still available for those who missed the event. They are \$5 and can be picked up at the center during regular hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 50/50 Raffle grew to **national finals rodeo** \$10,250 with half the pot going to the winning ticket purchased by Clarendon Family

#### June 5, 2024

#### **CEDC** okays ranch heritage mural work

A new mural will soon be taking shape downtown following Development Corporation last week.

design and engaged artist Malcolm Byars to paint a mural on the south side of the REFZ building. Byars plans to begin work on the mural next Monday, June 10, and hopes to be finished before July 4.

The Clarendon mural will pay homage to the area's ranching history and to one of the community's most popular events. It will feature a Chuckwagon camp scene along June 26, 2024 with images of pioneer ranchers Col. Charles Goodnight, John and Cornelia Adair, and Alfred Rowe.

The ranch heritage mural will cost about \$27,000 and will be paid for by Hotel Occupancy Tax funds administered by the CEDC.

Just two weeks ago, the CEDC erected a new sign at the corner of US 287 and Kearney Street designed to welcome visitors while also promoting the new REFZ Sports Bar & Grill and provide a promotional opportunity to downtown merchants. The CEDC and the Chamber of Commerce have also purchased seasonal banners for the new streetlights in the 100 block of Kearney Street.

#### June 12, 2024

#### **Route 66 Festival to** include Jericho stop

The 2024 Route 66 Festival is continuing this week after a big crowd attended Day Two of the celebration in Donley County at the old

hand for the Jericho Star Gazing part Friday evening, and a crowd grew steadily throughout the evening with hopes of seeing celestial wonders through the telescopes of the Amarillo Astronomy Club that were set

up near the old tourist courts. Mother Nature provided an extremely pleasant evening with a cool breeze and low temperatures, but fickle as she sometimes is in the Panhandle, she gathered storm clouds from the north just as the was the first black church in the Panstars began to peak out. As the sun handle. set, lightning dancing in the distance

Organizers and townsite owners happy with the turnout and say they plan on hosting more events at Jericho this year. A metal-detecting party recently turned up some interesting artifacts, and the townsite is scheduled to host more Route 66 tourists this week as the festival's East Bus tour brings a load of Mother Road enthusiasts to the ghost town on Wednesday.

#### June 19, 2024 **Council considers**

The Clarendon City Council appointed a new alderman and discussed several issues ranging from garbage rates to groundwater sales during its regular meeting last Thursday, June 13.

The council met in closed session for about 20 minutes to discuss possible candidates to fill the position left vacant when former alderman Larry Jeffers did not run for re-election last month. Upon returning to open session, the council unanimously elected Ashlee Kidd Estlack to serve in that position until the next election.

Representatives of Waste Connections were present to discuss the company's upcoming rate increase. Their contract with the city allows for a cost of living adjustment based on certain indices. The company is seeking an increase of about 3.5 percent. The council will revisit this next month. City officials discussed with Waste Connections complaints from citizens who are not having their garbage picked up regularly.

#### June 19, 2024

## **CC** duo wins big at

Two Clarendon College cowboys put on a whale of a show during last week's College National Finals Rodeo and left their mark on everyone in Casper, Wyoming. They came up just a few points short of claiming the men's team title, but they're pretty excited about being the runners-up.

"I think it shows what action by the Clarendon Economic Clarendon College is all about," said Weston Timberman, a sophomore bucking animals, and I think we've proven that time and time again.

"It shows how dominant we can had six guys at the college finals, we would be unstoppable."

#### Stauder gets 'trip of a lifetime' to DC

Clarendon's Tom Stauder says it was "the trip of a lifetime" when he joined about 85 other veterans from the Panhandle and South Plains on an Honor Flight to the nation's

Stauder was accompanied by his grandson, Bobby Tyler, in a group of about 125 people for the South Plains Honor Flight, which started Friday, May 31. Stauder and ten others had served in the Korean War. About 74 others had served in Vietnam.

#### July 3, 2024 **Historical marker** honors local pioneer

A Clarendon pioneer was honored with a Texas Historical Marker in Amarillo recently to commemorate his last impact on the history of the Texas Panhandle.

The late Mathew "Bones" Numerous vendors were on Hooks was honored on Juneteenth with the unveiling of the marker in the Amarillo park that bears his

Hooks was born in Robertson County in 1857 and started working as a cowboy at the age of seven. He developed a skill at taming wild horses. He moved to Clarendon in 1886 and was instrumental in leading the organization of St. Stephen's Baptist Church here in 1894 to minister to local African Americans. It

In 1900, Hooks and his wife,

worked for the Santa Fe railroad. There he helped establish the North Heights community for Amarillo's black residents, led efforts to develop a park there (today's Bones Hooks Park), a black school, and black community center. He also

#### fought for equal access to medical care for black citizens in Amarillo.

July 10, 2024

The Circle M8 team took top honors at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday during the 147th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

Circle M8 wins COEA

annual ranch rodeo

Circle M8'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 Phillip Reynolds, Rye Reynolds, Chance Holcombe, and Jayde

The Bar R Horses team finished second with Phillip Reynolds, Rye Reynolds, Chance Holcombe, Wesley Gudgell, and Levi Molesworth; and the Crockett Cattle team was third with Ben Crockett, Wes McKee, Kater Tate, Cutter Hermesmeyer, and Cooper McClesky.

The Top Hand for the rodeo was awarded to Jake Baca, and the Top Horse award was won by Quincy

This year's attendance for the three-day junior rodeo and ranch rodeo was 1,390, up from a count of 1,225 people who attended in 2023.

CCC Remuda won the Junior Ranch Rodeo with a team comprised of Chance Anderson, Reece Myers, Kelby Brownlee, Colt Mason, and Rhyder Rosipal.

#### July 10, 2024 **Celebration draws** big attendance

It was a busy time in Clarendon last weekend with a good turnout for the 147th annual Saints' Roost Celebration July 4-6, starting with the Lions Club's bingo and barbecue cookoff on Thursday and running through the parade, rodeo, and other big events on Saturday.

The Lions' bingo packed about The CEDC board approved a from Columbus, Montana, who won 96 people in the Lions Hall the his second straight bareback riding morning of the Fourth. Afterwards, crown. "It's a no-joke school. If you the Lions' barbecue cookoff drew go to Clarendon, you go there to ride five teams that prepared chicken, pork, and beef entries. The Junior Ranch Rodeo wrapped up activities for the Fourth, and the Depression be coming out of Clarendon. If we Luncheon was held at the Crossties Ministry Center Friday followed by the first night of the COEA Ranch Rodeo, the results of which are printed separately.

The theme for celebration parades this year was "A Salute to Service," honoring the men and women in uniform who serve America.

The Liberty Electric Kids Parade started things off Saturday morning with three age categories plus a motorized division.

Winners were as follows: Motorized – first place Ransom Wylee Renee and second place

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## 2024: Howardwick begins street paving project

Oakleigh Douglass; Ages 0-3 – first Rural Electric Washington, DC, months of negotiations. place Astrid Jaramillo, second place Rodey Henson, and third place Nata-Zongker, and third place Lennyn Gaines; and Ages 9 and Up: first place Elizabeth Newton, second place McKinley Wilhelm, and third place Kennedy Wilhelm.

In the Herring Bank Parade, the Clarendon High School Class of 2025 won the first place Float, Summer Towing 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 attended Texas 4-H Congress in best Other entry.

#### July 10, 2024 **CC** wins title in **Australian contest**

A dominant display by Clarendon College saw the 2024 ICMJ National Championship go to the team from Texas last week coming in second place.

Lydia Sharp and Jace Hall finished school year. 26 points ahead of UQ.

Individual with a score of 1089, matters. just four points ahead of UQ's Jade Wilkinson.

competition categories including June 30, 2028. pork judging, beef judging, and commercial evaluation.

The Japan National team also took home some ribbons, winning the Overall Questions category, with Hokkaido University student Momo Sato achieving the highest individual score in the lamb judging competi-

#### July 17, 2024

#### **Channel 10 spotlights Clarendon community**

NewsChannel Ten's Summer Celebration rolled into Clarendon Monday afternoon with a large crowd gathering on the Courthosue Square for several fun activities.

A Donley County Sheriff's Department escort led the news team in a short parade from College Hill office's investigation, the puppy was nance with ten years of service and down Third Street to the Courthouse picked up last week by Armbrust and Brian Miller - Donley County mainwhere multiple vendors were set up. given to a local family. The sheriff tenance with 20 years.

ning newscasts in front of the Courthouse with cheering local students and fans in the background. Several stories on the local community were featured during the evening, ranging from downtown revitalization to the Lady Bronco basketball team to an interview with Kenneth King. All those and more can be viewed at newschannel10.com/community/ summer-celebration.

#### July 25, 2024

#### Hoedown earns \$9k for H'wick fire dept.

of the mini-bikes and trailer at the Courthouse. sixth annual Howardwick Hoedown last Saturday in McMorries Memo- pleased the THC recognized the an entryway of the dorm she lives, rial Park. Officials said this year's Hoedown was the biggest one ever Texas Panhandle's oldest functionand raised more than \$9,000 for the ing courthouse, they say the grant City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire was not at all what the county had Department. Courtesy Photo / Sandy applied for.

Hoedown was a huge success with a toration grant to complete more than great day of fun and fellowship last \$4.6 million in needed repairs, spe-Saturday at McMorries Memorial

City Secr etary Sandy Lynn Childress said the weather was pretty warm, but it did not deter anyone of \$820,000 in its grant application, from having a good time.

said. "It was the biggest turnout 15 percent, in hopes of securing the we've ever had, and it was the most necessary state funds to do the work. donations that we've ever had."

will be going to the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department.

#### July 31, 2024

#### CHS grad enjoys trip to Washington

Amongst a bustling schedule of being a senior, Class of 2024 graduates Wes Shaw of Clarendon, and Kaitlin Bawcom and Audrey Jones of Wellington, entered Greenbelt Electric Cooperative's essay contest is getting underway in Howardwick sibly be acquired to help build such for a chance to attend this year's this week after years of planning and a facility.

Youth Tour.

The students composed essays lie Dillman; Ages 4-8: first place of less than 750 words on the sub-Kendall Danner, second place Kinze ject, "How Would My Life Be Different Today Without Electricity."

> Judges chose the three students for the June 16-23 Governmentin-Action Youth Tour as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Sponsored by electric cooperatives, the sponsors are committed to educating rural youth about America and the role electric cooperatives play in developing strong rural communities.

Shaw explained that he has Austin as part of the leadership team, and one day, he hopes to work in August 14, 2024 Washington, DC, or Austin to advocate for agricultural pursuits.

#### July 31, 2024 **CISD** extends super's contract one year

The Clarendon CISD Trustees with the University of Queensland extended the contract of Superintendent Jarod Bellar during their regular The winning team, made up meeting July 16 and continued to fill of Libby Modisette, Scott Phillips, out the faculty roster for the coming accepted his resignation with regrets

Clarendon's Libby Modisette doors before returning to open sesalso took out the title of Champion sion and taking action on personnel

Bellar's performance was evaluated, and trustees voted to extend CC took out four of the six his contract by one year through

#### July 31, 2024

#### Former city employee facing felony charge

A former Clarendon animal control officer was jailed Monday on a charge of Cruelty to Animals after a puppy was reportedly killed by her

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 29-year-old Alexandra Armbrust turned herself in July 29 after a warrant for her arrest was for 20 years' service issued that morning.

tice of the Peace Sarah Hatley with (TxDOT) presented service awards bond set at \$10,000 for the thirddegree felony. She was released on day, Aug. 14. bond Monday.

NewsChannel Ten did their eve-said the puppy's owners went to City Hall on July 25 and paid a fee to get August 29, 2024 their pet back. At that time, Armbrust allegedly returned to the family to whom she had given the puppy, shot the animal in the head, put it in a trash bag, and returned to City Hall to give it to the owners.

#### **August 7, 2024** County gets not so good news from THC

It was good news and bad news for Donley County last week when type." the Texas Historical Commission awarded a \$2.3 million grant to help County Sheriff's Office last Thurs-Butch Murray was the winner fund preservation work on the 1890

importance of preserving the

The sixth annual Howardwick said the county had applied for a rescifically to address conservation of September 11, 2024 spalling sandstone and problems in one of the building's masonry walls.

The county had pledged a match which amounted to an overmatch of "It was the best one year," she 18 percent instead of the required

But when the THC made its A total of \$9,100 after expenses announcement last week, it awarded Donley an emergency grant, which requires a 50 percent match. In other words, the county would have to put up \$2.3 million of its own money to get the state's \$2.3 million to com- on that property caused a stir on plete the \$4.6 million project.

#### August 7, 2024 **Howardwick begins** street paving work

A major street paving project

Howardwick City Hall said Tuesday that G&G Operators of Dalhart will begin work that will see about seven blocks of hot mix asphalt paving laid down on Rick Husband Boulevard from Dawn Drive, just past the country club, to Dana Drive near the entrance of McMorries Memorial Park.

The project will be a major milestone for the community and will address long-time problems with the city's main thoroughfare.

"This is a big deal for Howardwick," City Secretary Sandy Childress said. "It's been long-awaited and hard fought for."

#### City appoints Word to **Greenbelt board**

The Clarendon City Council accepted resignations from two people and appointed a replacement for one during its regular meeting last Thursday, August 8.

Alderman John Lockhart submitted his resignation after ten years of service to the city. The council and agreed to wait until a future The board met behind closed meeting to name a replacement for Lockhart to serve until the next election.

The council also accepted the resignation of Ken McIntosh, who had just recently been appointed to represent the city on the Greenbelt Water Authority Board. McIntosh said he was not able to attend the Greenbelt meetings since he is working at that time.

Aldermen unanimously named Cameron Word to take the city's seat on the Greenbelt board. Word had expressed interest in the position and indicated his willingness to serve in that capacity.

### August 21, 2024 **TxDOT honors Miller**

The Childress District of the Armbrust was arraigned by Jus- Texas Department of Transportation to 11 district employees on Wednes-

Among those honored were Blackburn said according to his J.B. Covey – Hall County mainte-

### **Careless Snapchat** post leads to arrest

A Clarendon College student has been charged with a third-degree felony after a social media post caught the attention of the FBI last

"A girl is facing a felony now for putting something stupid on Snapchat," Sheriff Blackburn said. "People need to think before they

The FBI contacted the Donley day morning, and the agent reported discovering an image on Snapchat While county officials were that clearly showed the student and which was identified as Clarendon College. In the post, the student said she was "shooting up this school" because a big bug was on her.

The sheriff's office immediately County Judge John Howard contacted the college, located the student, and took her into custody for Terroristic Threat.

### **Disaster operations** facility considered

Donley County Judge John Howard addressed the county's plans for recently acquired property near the Courthouse Square as the featured program at the Clarendon Lions Club Tuesday.

The county acquired a quarter of a block at the southwest corner of Third and Jefferson across the street west of the county jail about a year ago. Recent demolition of the houses social media which resulted in misinformation being generated.

but would house the Donley County Sheriff's Office and serve as an Emergency Operations Center.

Federal grant funds could pos-

September 18, 2024

#### **Aldermen appoint Smith to vacant seat**

The Clarendon City Council named Mandy Smith to take a vacant alderman's position during their regular meeting last Thursday, September 12.

stepped down from the council last month, and city officials had received two letters of interest from local citizens.

After conferring in closed session for about ten minutes, the ney on the matter. council returned to open session and voted to appoint Smith to the vacant tor Brian Barboza posted a stateseat.

#### **September 26, 2024 Donley Co. jobless** rate dips in August

Jobless rates in the Texas Panhandle continue to be lower than the state average overall, but Donley and Hall counties continue to see higher

August unemployment data shows Donley County's jobless rate actually fell from 5.0 percent in July to 4.8 percent last month.

Seventy-one people were looking for work in Donley County compared to 74 in July, and the workforce decreased slightly from 1,469 in July to 1,465.

#### **October 2, 2024 Crosstimber Ranch** team wins cookoff

The Crosstimber Ranch wagon team from Mustang, Okla., claimed the championship of the Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last Saturday, September 28, beating out 12 other teams.

Competing in the Saints' Roost Museum's 30th annual cookoff, Crosstimber was first in Overall Cooking, second in Best Wagon & Camp, and placed in four out of five food categories to win the title of best Overall Wagon & Cooking.

The 17th annual Junior Cookoff the day before the big event drew 11 contestants, who were paired with experienced wagon teams to prepare dessert for the cooks' dinner Friday

First place was Matthew Newhouse cooking with DT Wagon, second was Connor Askew cooking with the J-D Wagon, and third was Brindle Ross cooking with the Break-Away Wagon. All the winning youth were from Clarendon.

#### October 2, 2024 Council pulls plug on water system study

The Clarendon City Council voted to discontinue any further exploration of developing an independent municipal water supply during a called meeting last Thursday, September 26.

The city had spent several months looking into the possibility of creating its own water supply separate from the Greenbelt Water Authority, including having an engineering firm study the availability of groundwater in the city and negotiating a limited escape clause in its agreement with Greenbelt to allow Clarendon to breakaway from the five-city system it has be a part of since the 1960s.

During Thursday's meeting, City Administrator Brian Barboza said after reviewing the advice of the financial advisor and considering the city's trouble with staffing, he did not recommend pursuing the project.

"My gut feeling is to not go this route because we're good where we are with Greenbelt Water Authority," Barboza said.

Alderman Ashlee Estlack said she had concerns about the financial impact of adding more salaries or higher salaries to the city budget to run a water supply.

"I don't feel we're in a position to take this on," Estlack said. "This would be a 40-year debt. I'd rather be in partners with other cities."

Estimates were that it would The facility would not be a jail cost about \$5 million to develop a water system, and that figure would become \$8 million with interest over time. The city would trade off payments to Greenbelt for payments on debt to become independent, but officials did not believe there would be savings to justify the added burden.

#### October 10, 2024

#### Clarendon council to discuss trash service

The Clarendon City Council will be talking trash during its regular meeting this Thursday at 5:30.

The city and residents have Alderman John Lockhart been grappling with issues of Dumpsters not being picked up in a timely manner, and this week's council agenda includes reviewing the city's agreement with Waste Connections as well as consulting with an attor-

Last week, City Administrament on the city website addressing citizens' complaints of overflowing trash bins. Barboza said truck maintenance issues and new truck drivers who were unaware of some Dumpsters have led to delays. He encouraged residents to notify the company directly when their trash is not picked up by going online. Click the "Missed Pickup" tab at https://www. wasteconnections.com/contact-us.

#### October 10, 2024 **Hunt underway after**

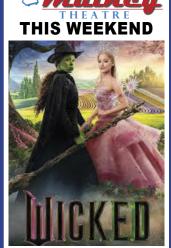
Memphis cop shot

A manhunt for suspect who shot the Memphis Police Chief entered its sixth day in Hall County Tuesday as the multiple agencies continued the

Authorities have been looking for Seth Altman, age 33, of Memphis on a charge of Attempted Capital Murder of a Peace Officer. The Memphis Police attempted to serve Altman with an arrest warrant for burglary about 10:51 p.m. at his residence on October 3. Altman reportedly pulled out a handgun and fired **POSITIVE FEED SALES** All-In-One 30% **Supplement for Cattle** 

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## 2024: HISD voters stop tax hike

multiple times, striking Police Chief Clarendon driver retired from WCN school's tax rate Tuesday. Rex Plant, before fleeing on foot. October 10, 2024

#### **Election to decide Hedley CISD tax**

Hedley school officials are hoping voters will approve a higher tax rate this November to help the district compete on faculty and staff October 31, 2024 salaries and keep up with maintenance and safety issues.

The Voter-Approved Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) will be is the same day as the presidential October 21 to November 1.

Voters are being asked to October 25. approve a 12-cent increase in the school district's ad valorem rate, which would bring it to \$0.7892 per \$100 valuation, and would bring in Jail with bond set at \$1 million. an additional \$257,394 to the dis-

"We don't have the money to to Memphis this week. compete with other districts, and we'd like to give just a little more November 6, 2024 for salaries and stipends," Superintendent Tracey Bell said. "We'd also like to put some back for maintenance and operations."

#### October 16, 2024 **CC** hosts Stampede

More than 850 contestants from 16 colleges and universities crowded onto the grounds of the Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center October 10-12 for the Stampede

The NIRA regional event was won by the following individuals Bareback Riding - Will Norstrom, Western Texas College; Saddle Bronc Riding - Waitley Sharon, Tarleton State University; Tie Down Roping - Chance Fleming, Cisco College; Break-Away Roping - Kaylie Garza, Tarleton; Steer Wrestling - Garrett Curry, Sul Ross University; Team Roping – Irvin Varela, New Mexico Junior College; Goat Tying - Jacee HISD tax increase Graff, Weatherford College; Barrel Racing – Aspen Adams, Cisco; and Bull Riding - Tanner Skene, Sul Ross. Tarleton State University had the best men's team, and Cisco College had the best women's team.

Clarendon College's men's team placed sixth, and the CC women's team finished seventh.

#### October 16, 2024 City consults lawyer on trash service

Garbage was high on the agenda of the Clarendon City Council when it met in regular session last Thursday.

With some residents continuing to report Dumpsters not being picked up, the council met in closed session with the city attorney for about 25 minutes to review the city's franchise agreement with Waste Connections for the collection, hauling, and disposal of solid waste.

After the council returned to open session, aldermen approved a motion to retain the Underwood Law Firm and direct them to send a demand letter to Waste Connections.

#### October 25, 2024

#### **Waste Connections** responds to council

Clarendon officials this week continue to work with Waste Connections to resolve issues with garbage collection in the city.

The city council responded to citizens' complaints about trash not being picked up by meeting with its attorney on October 10 and then authorizing an attorney to write a demand letter to Waste Connections.

City Administrator Brian Barboza said Monday the sanitation company contacted him after they read the Enterprise's online coverage of that meeting.

"I'm not sure the letter had even

been sent yet," Barboza said. Waste Connections Amarillo District Manager Bobby Fira sent a letter to Barboza referencing the ClarendonLive.com article and stating that the company strives to main-

tain good service. "We do acknowledge there have been some service issues over the last two months, and we want to apologize." Fira says in the letter obtained by the Enterprise. "There have been some extenuating circumstances though. Our long-standing

on 8/16/2024 which required us to employ a new driver in the city. We Tax Ratificiation Election (VATRE) have also experienced some truck would have increased taxes to pay for issues with a very old truck that was higher salaries, security upgrades, primarily being used in Clarendon. and other expenses to help deal with We have worked vigorously to resolve these issues."

### Ft. Worth police capture Altman

A Hall County man who eluded held Tuesday, November 5, which capture for three weeks after reportedly shooting the Memphis police election. Early voting will be from chief is in jail this week after he was grand opening of its new playground arrested in Fort Worth on Friday,

> Seth Altman, age 33, was returned to Memphis on Tuesday and was being held in the Hall County

Altman was held in the Tarrant County Jail until he was transported

### **Clarendon Lions** mark 102nd birthday

The Clarendon Lions Club held its 102nd anniversary Charter Banquet last Tuesday, October 29, and presented awards during the evening.

Boss Lion Richard Green announced Lion Ted Shaller as the Lion of the Year. Lion David Dockery was recognized by the club with a plaque honoring his term of service as club president from 2023-2024. Lauren Ceniceros was formally crowned as the club's Sweetheart for the current year. Lion Ashlee Estlack was recognized for her 15 years of service and Lion Chuck Robertson for 20 years. The club also received and approved and application from trash service talk our newest Lion, Benjamin Estlack.

#### November 6, 2024 Voters turn down

Hedley ISD voters said "no" to a proposed 12-cent increase in the

The HISD Voter Approved dwindling state funds, according to school officials. Voters narrowly rejected the proposal with 108 FOR the measure to 135 AGAINST it.

#### November 13, 2024 **Hedley celebrates** new playground

Hedley ISD celebrated the on Monday, November 11, with a fun-filled event for students, staff, board members, and the entire com-

After months of anticipation, students finally got to explore the new equipment that replaced the older structures. The event was marked by cupcakes and excitement as students explored the fresh outdoor space designed for both fun and fitness.

The journey to this playground began with the removal of the old equipment, followed by site preparation and the installation of the new equipment.

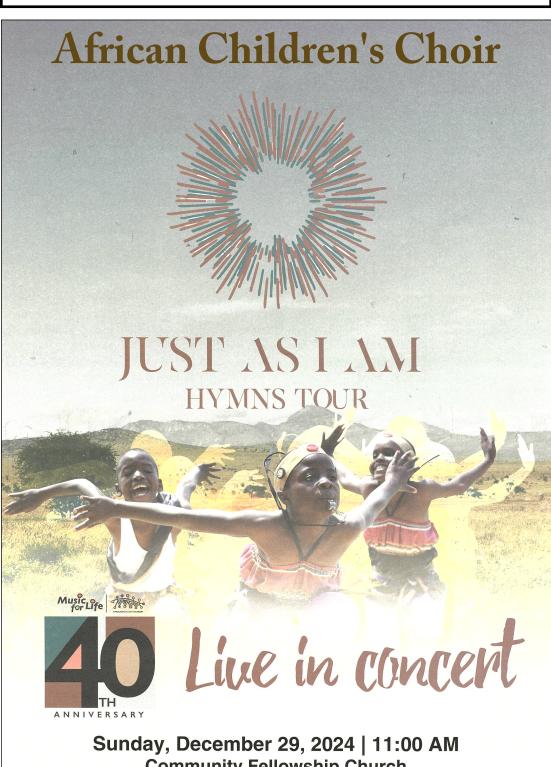
Thanks to the Stronger Connections Grant, which Superintendent Tracey Langford applied for in July 2023, the district could fund this playground, open a Community Closet, and launch a district-wide mental health program that benefits students, families, and staff members

### November 20, 2024 Aldermen continue

Trash service was front and center again when the Clarendon City Council held its regular meeting last Thursday, November 14.

Representatives from Waste Connections were present to discuss residents' complaints about trouble with trash pick-up in the city and

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## **2024:** Franks scores high at National Finals Rodeo in Vegas

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SH 70. The ensuing collision caused

the two vehicles to spin into a third

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Garbage collection was high on the

Things seemed to be improving

Waste Connections representa-

agenda of the Clarendon City Council

during its regular meeting last Thursday,

December 12, as aldermen again grilled

Waste Connections about its perfor-

when the council met in November; but

after tapering off, the number of missed

Dumpster complaints has started going

tive Christian Rios told the council the

company has had "some hiccups the last

couple of weeks" and said Waste Con-

nections was willing to refund \$3,000

to the city for its missed collections. The

company claims a 95 percent collection

Estlack agreed and pushed back against

more percent collections," Estlack said.

trash had not been picked up in three

and a half weeks and suggested a Waste

Connections supervisor come ride with

the local driver for a week to see what's

brought up needing Waste Connections

to allow the city to go out early for pro-

posals for trash service. "We're not going

to renew," Barboza said. To which Rios

responded, "We're not going to rebid."

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the company's collections claim.

"That's an insult," Alderman Eulaine McIntosh said. Alderman Ashlee

"There's no way we're at 95 or

Alderman Tommy Hill said his

City Administrator Brian Barboza

up again, city officials said.

that was waiting to get on SH 70.

**December 19, 2024** 

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**City Council grills** 

trash service rep

their company's efforts to improve the home. the situation.

doing better?" Waste Connections District Manager Bobby Fira asked.

City Administrator Brian Barboza said complaints from citizens has slowed down considerably and said most issues now seemed to stem from Dumpsters not being picked up at some rural locations.

Alderman Eulaine McIntosh pushed for improved communications between the city and Waste Connections, and Alderman Mandy Smith said the communications as been a lot like "playing telephone."

Alderman Ashlee Estlack said she thought the citizens deserved some kind of consideration, especially considering the recent garbage rate increase.

"We have paid for a service we didn't receive," Estlack said.

#### November 26, 2024

#### CHS student qualifies for for state contest

Clarendon High School's Hunter Caison is bound for state after CHS participated in the 2A Regional Congressional Debate meet in Amarillo November 5.

Also participating were Zane Cruse, Ronan Howard, and Kennedy Halsey. Caison, a sophomore, won the 2A Regional Congressional Debate championship.

his spot at the UIL State Congressional Debate meet which will be held on January 7-8, 2025 on the University of Texas campus. Sophomore Zane Cruise placed tenth in the meet.

#### **December 4, 2024**

#### **CVFD** responds to house fires Saturday

Department was kept busy Saturday evening in the midst of the celebrations downtown.

Shortly after the festivities began on the Courthouse Square, a call went out to house fire on Collinson Street at the Regina Wootten residence.

Items set on the stovetop caught fire and were discovered by called 911 to make sure the fire was out and because of all the smoke in

Later that evening, an electrical "We want to know, are we fire broke out in the home of the late attempted to turn left on to Rick Hus-Lucy Saye on Wood Avenue. Tim Saye discovered the blaze at the back of the house and called 911. Firemen responded quickly, and damage was contained to the immediate area where the blaze started. The house was heavily smoked but was saved from major damage.

#### **December 4, 2024 Small Town Christmas** declared big success

Small Town Christmas was a huge success last Saturday, November 30, with big crowds turning out for activities downtown and supporting local merchants on Small Business Saturday.

Event organizer Denise Bertrand said she has received many compliments and "only three complaints," and she considers that a

"We were planning to meet in January to decide if we want to do it again next year," Bertrand said, "but now we're meeting in January just to talk about what to improve."

#### **December 4, 2024** Ashtola cutting horse wins world title

Ashtola, Texas, is now home to a world champion after last week's With the win, Hunter secured cutting horse competition in Fort

> RJ Sanny Squared finished out her career by scoring 229 points in the first go at the National Cutting Horse Association World Finals on November 23 and then continued to perform over the next three rounds on November 24, 28 and 30 to secure

The mare is owned by Johnny, The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Janet, and Shannon Cooper of Ash-

#### **December 12, 2024** H'wick accident

A three-vehicle accident on Saturday evening at Howardwick

DPS Sgt. Cindy Barkley said

an underage, non-licensed driver December 26, 2024

#### African choir to sing

The Community Fellowship Church will host the internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir on December 29 at 11 a.m. Founded in 1984, the choir as performed all over the world.

#### December 26, 2024

**Weathers to perform** The Mulkey Theatre announced country music singer Josh Weathers and

his band will perform in Clarendon on January 31.

Weathers is well known in in the Texas country music scene at performed for the inaugration ball of President Donald Trump in 2017.



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sent three people to the hospital but resulted in no serious injuries the owner, who put out the fire but according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

#### **December 19, 2024** Franks wraps up another good NFR

Clarendon's Cole Franks had a fantastic run at the National Finals Rodeo. He led the aggregate standings most of the way, only to be surpassed on the final night by world champion Dean Thomp-

He finished second in the average, worth more than \$70,000, and placed seven times, earning \$156,340 in Las Vegas and finished the campaign sixth in the world standings with balcony or first three rows on the floor



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