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Edes faces charges related to boy's death

A Clarendon man faces charges related to the death of a young boy. The incident occurred in the town of Clarendon, Texas, in late 2011. The boy, who was 4 years old, was found dead in a wooded area near his home. The man, whose name is Edes, is currently in custody and facing charges of capital murder. The case is being handled by the Clarendon Police Department and the District Attorney's Office.

Ag conference to be held here Friday

The annual agricultural conference for the region will be held in Clarendon on Friday, January 13th. The event will feature a variety of speakers and topics related to the agricultural industry. The conference is expected to draw a large number of attendees from the surrounding areas.

Higher focus to be placed on Feb. 4

The focus of the upcoming election will be on the February 4th primary. This election is crucial for determining the candidates who will represent the various political parties in the general election. Voters are encouraged to participate and make their voices heard.

A winning kiss

A young couple was crowned the winners of the annual kissing contest. The contest was held in Clarendon and attracted a large number of participants. The winning couple was announced at a ceremony held in the town square.

Cobb, Williams top exhibitors

The annual livestock show in Clarendon has concluded, with Cobb and Williams emerging as the top exhibitors. The show featured a wide variety of livestock, including cattle, horses, and sheep. The winners were awarded prizes for their excellent displays.

Fikes buys 63 Taylor Food Marts

A local businessman has purchased 63 Taylor Food Marts. The acquisition is expected to result in significant changes to the way these stores are operated. The new owner plans to improve the quality of the products and services offered at each location.

State to hold three

The state government is planning to hold three major events in Clarendon. These events are expected to bring a large number of visitors to the town and generate significant revenue for the local economy. The events will be held in the months of February, March, and April.

Baseball signs to be held Friday

The annual baseball sign sale will be held in Clarendon on Friday, January 13th. This is a popular event where fans can purchase new baseball caps and signs for their favorite teams. The sale is expected to be a success.

CC students must get things done

Students at the Clarendon Community College are being encouraged to get their assignments done. The college is offering various resources and support services to help students succeed in their studies. It is important for students to stay on top of their work to avoid falling behind.

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03.01.2012

Ladies make history

A group of ladies from Clarendon has made history by participating in a regional tournament. The ladies' team has performed exceptionally well and has earned a spot in the next round of the competition. This is a significant achievement for the team and the town.

Deadline nears for candidates

The deadline for candidates to file for the upcoming election is near. Candidates are encouraged to complete their paperwork as soon as possible to ensure they are eligible to run. The deadline is set for the end of the month.

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Meeting to discuss city's water wells

A meeting will be held in Clarendon to discuss the city's water wells. The meeting is open to the public and will provide an opportunity for citizens to voice their concerns and suggestions. The city is committed to ensuring a reliable and safe water supply for all residents.

Two local men take plea deals

Two local men have taken plea deals in connection with a recent case. The men are expected to receive reduced sentences as a result of their plea deals. The case involved a crime that occurred in the town of Clarendon.

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2012: CHS girls make basketball history

January 4, 2012

Merchants raise \$2500 for senior citizens

Clarendon merchants and their customers raised \$2,500 for the Donley County Senior Citizens last Friday, December 16.

Local shoppers were encouraged to visit ten local businesses that day, and the merchants in turn made donations to the senior citizens center based on that day's sale. The combined money was presented to the center Tuesday.

"The result was phenomenal," said Terri Floyd of Every Nook & Cranny. "We had several people come in the store who were specifically there to support the senior citizens. My first customer of the day, it was the reason he came in."

January 4, 2012

TV sparks late night house fire

A television set is being blamed for a late night fire that damaged a Clarendon woman's home last Thursday, December 29.

Brenda McConnell said she and her two granddaughters had been to the high school basketball tournament in Canadian when they came home to her residence at 602 E. Barcus and could smell something burning.

"We opened the door, and the smoke just boiled out on us," McConnell said. "We got to it right in time though. We called the fire department, and they were there in about five minutes."

January 5, 2012

Babcock's mother charged with felony in Jones case

The mother of accused child killer Robert Babcock is in the Collingsworth County Jail this morning facing charges related to the death of her grandson, Chance Mark Jones, one year ago.

Gayle Edes of Clarendon was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury yesterday, January 4, 2012, on the first degree felony charge of Injury to a Child by Omission, District Attorney Luke Inman told the Enterprise.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said he arrested Edes last night about 8 p.m., and she was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Connie Havens. Bond was set at \$50,000, and Edes was transferred to Collingsworth County for holding.

January 6, 2012

Hunter shot in Briscoe County

A 63-year-old Amarillo man was shot Wednesday night while hunting in Briscoe County.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn tells the Enterprise that Savas Garcia, Jr., was reportedly hunting on the Red River when he was shot in the shoulder and neck. Garcia walked for a great distance before collapsing and reportedly being found by Antonio Padilla, Jr., age 53 of Spring Lake. The two men were hunting together.

Padilla transported Garcia into Donley County where they were met by local EMS personnel about eight miles south of Clarendon. Garcia was then transported to Clarendon and airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he underwent surgery. Blackburn said Garcia was in stable condition Thursday morning.

January 11, 2012

Cobb, Williams show top beef exhibits

Trevor Cobb and Tylee Williams exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the new Donley County Activity Center.

A total of 62 young people from the Donley

County 4-H Club and local FFA chapters showed 98 animals. Last year 70 kids showed 105 animals.

January 11, 2012

Fikes buys 63 Taylor Food Marts

A Temple, Texas, company announced this week that it has purchased 63 Taylor Food Mart Stores from Taylor Petroleum Company based in Amarillo, Texas, two of which are operated in Clarendon.

January 18, 2012

Pit bull attacks Clarendon man

A Clarendon man is counting himself lucky this week after he was attacked by a neighbor's pit bull dog Sunday.

Bobbie Kidd says he was picking up trash in the alley behind his house with two of his grandchildren the morning of January 15, and his neighbor, S.J. Johnson, was also taking his trash out. Kidd said his granddaughter ran up to Johnson and he also started in Johnson's direction when the dog owned by a second neighbor, Steven Bento, hit him from behind.

"I had seen that dog earlier tugging on his chain," Kidd said. "He was probably loose for a little while because I hadn't heard him, and he would always go crazy when someone was outside."

January 25, 2012

Architect firm hired for Mulkey work

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation hired an architect to lead the next steps of rehabilitating the Mulkey Theatre during a called meeting Monday night.

The CEDC Board approved a \$5,900 proposal from Mason Rogers of Playa Design Studio in Amarillo for site investigation (measuring, documenting, and transferring to digital drawings) and the creation of schematic designs. Playa will also help facilitate developing a budget to move forward with the next phases of fundraising for the project.

Rogers said his work on the project would begin in three to four weeks.

January 25, 2012

CC, CISD managing cuts in funding

Cuts in state financing are having a big impact on the Clarendon Public Schools and Clarendon College, but officials at both institutions say they are trying to make the best of a difficult situation.

CC President Phil Shirley and Clarendon School Superintendent Monty Hysinger addressed the Donley County Retired School Personnel Monday night, and both men said they are trying to do more with less.

"We have learned that in a financial crisis, the Legislature can and will cut public education," Hysinger said. "It's going to take teachers and the public to make a change."

January 26, 2012

Hedley man dies in train collision

A Hedley man lost his life Wednesday afternoon, January 25, when the Donley County maintainer he was driving was struck by a train.

Randy Gene Woodard was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand, according to information from Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne.

February 1, 2012

Accident kills two with local ties

Two men from Donley County were killed in a two-vehicle accident in Wheeler County Satur-

day night, January 28, which also left a Lubbock man dead.

Randy Tolbert, age 43, and Brody Lockeby, age 25, were both dead at the scene of the accident by Wheeler County Justice of the Peace Rick Walden, according to Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne.

The DPS said Lockeby was driving southbound on FM 453 west of Shamrock in a 2007 Chevy Silverado when he cross the center stripe shortly after 8 p.m. A northbound 2005 Chevy Tahoe driven by 36-year-old Christopher Ryan Sanders of Lubbock attempted to evade Lockeby's vehicle but was struck in the front and driver's side door.

February 1, 2012

City to create new tourism/development position

The City of Clarendon will create a new position to guide tourism and economic development issues following a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday.

City Administrator Lambert Little proposed the idea of a paid position that would work with city and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation and give guidance to the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. Little said the city has \$20,000 budgeted for tourism promotion to help fund the position this fiscal year and said he expects the Clarendon EDC to help fund the position in the future.

The funds are the same money that the city has historically given to the Chamber of Commerce for tourism promotion, but the city cut funds to the Chamber last May. As envisioned, the new position would help get the Chamber better organized, and Little says he expects the Chamber would eventually contribute to the cost of the position.

February 8, 2012

CHS FCCLA students statebound

Clarendon High School FCCLA attended the Regional meet in Lubbock February 3 and 4 where eight local students competed and each are advancing to the state competition.

The state contest will be in Dallas this April. Those competing were Competitive Events: Krista Reynolds and Amber Keeling 3rd place in Entrepreneurship; and Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEO): Skyler White - Gold, Jerah Luna - Gold, Bryce McCary - Gold, Shaydee Brown - Silver, Audra Thomas - Bronze, and Rhonda Olivas - Bronze.

February 8, 2012

CC enrollment down but funding number up

Clarendon College officials are pointing to a silver lining in the cloud of this semester's enrollment report.

Enrollment is down 171 students this spring when compared to last year, but college funding is based on contact hours, which is the time students actually spend in classrooms. Contact hours this spring are up 1.7 percent over this past fall.

"We thought we would be down, and we are in headcount," CC President Phil Shirley said. "But we're up in contact hours, and that's how we are funded. Anytime we have a better basis for funding, that is good for the college."

February 15, 2012

Senior citizens get good news on food

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center has good news to report for seniors who enjoy eating and socializing with friends - menus are

changing again but this time for the better.

Director Mary Shields says after struggling for the last few months with new Dietary Reference Intake (DRI) menus, the center will soon return to some of the delicious meals seniors like to eat.

February 15, 2012

Texas Warrant Round-Up to start arresting ticket holders

If you've skipped paying that speeding ticket that you stuffed in your glove box, you could soon find yourself wearing a pair of handcuffs when the Texas Warrant Round-Up begins next Saturday, February 25.

Donley County Justices of the Peace and more than 200 other jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies across the state will be participating in the round-up, and officials say it's best to pay your fine now before it starts.

"It's better to come in voluntarily than to be embarrassed by getting arrested in front of your friends or family," said Precinct 1&2 Justice Connie Havens.

February 22, 2012

Lady Broncos slam Sunray in Area round

The Clarendon Lady Broncos fought hard against Sunray in Amarillo on Friday night and deservedly earned the Area Championship with a big win over the Lady Cats at 52-41.

They handled everything, Sunray threw at them and were determined to go to the next level in the playoffs.

The ladies went on a scoring frenzy in the second quarter of play sending Sunray a statement of their determination. Holding a 13-point lead at the break gave the Lady Broncos a huge boost to continue on and stun the Lady Cats to get the win.

February 22, 2012

Citizens ask city to leave airport name

A proposal to rename Clarendon's Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport ran into heated opposition when the Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 14.

Extra chairs were set out to accommodate the unusually large crowd, and local resident Abby Patten took the floor during public comments to speak against removing Johnson's name from the airport.

"I remember going to walk at the airport with my grandpa and remember his oxygen tank bouncing up and down because the runway was rough and rocky," Patten said. "Then Smiley Johnson came to town. He poured his heart and soul in to the airport, got grants, and worked with his hands to improve it."

February 22, 2012

Greenbelt continues studying wells

Greenbelt Municipal Water Authority continues to investigate acquiring new sources of water following the regular meeting of the Greenbelt board last Thursday, February 16.

The authority is looking at two sources that could supplement the dwindling supply in the Greenbelt Reservoir. The first is a location downstream from the reservoir's dam, and the second is a series of wells formerly used by the City of Clarendon.

February 29, 2012

CHS girls make first trip to regional tourney in 50 years

The 2012 Lady Bronco team made history

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2012: Citizens discuss water

and gained valuable experience this season when they earned a trip to the Regional Tournament held last weekend in Levelland at South Plains College.

The final score of 28-52 was not indicative of the Lady Broncos' season and despite the loss to the Sudan Nettes, the ladies have a lot to be proud of and will be strong again next season.

The Lady Broncos got off to a great start with Sudan (who eventually won the Regional tournament over Panhandle) in the game Friday night with an impressive intensity in the first half of the game. Just before the buzzer to end the first half, the Nettes went on a scoring run that gave them the 16-7 lead at the break. They played hard against Sudan and stayed determined throughout, but their shooting went cold in the second half allowing Sudan to grab the momentum and the win.

February 29, 2012

City puts \$700k street project on May ballot

Let the people decide.

That was the unanimous decision of the Clarendon Board of Aldermen last night, February 28, as they voted to put a \$700,000 street improvement bond issue on the May 12 ballot.

City Administrator Lambert Little presented his street improvement plan to the board and said the city could pay the debt off in seven years.

"I'm going to have to earn the trust of the citizens, and that will be tough," Little told the board. "But this is our best shot to get something done."

March 7, 2012

Six file for three HISD positions

The Hedley Independent School District will hold the only contested local election in Donley County this spring, and five other governments will likely cancel their elections due to a lack of participation.

Six candidates - none of them incumbents - are vying for two open seats on the Hedley School Board. Those running are Michael Metcalf, Sr.; Dee Smith; Dana Bell; Mark Howard; Donnie Chambliss; Connie Wheatly.

The top two vote-earners will take the seats currently held by Lana Ritchie and Bobby Lindsey.

March 14, 2012

Citizens propose Ten Commandments marker

The Donley County Commissioners' Court listened to a proposal for putting a historical monument featuring the Ten Commandments on the Courthouse Square during their regular session Monday morning, but commissioners took no action on the matter.

Commissioners Andy Wheatly and Donnie Hall were absent from Monday's meeting, and County Judge Jack Hall said the proposal is in the early stages and that the court did not want to make a decision on the subject without having all its members present.

Don Hillis and Guy Ellis presented the plans at the meeting, but Hillis told the Enterprise Tuesday that his group doesn't want to discuss details of the monument until all the commissioners have a chance to see their proposal.

March 21, 2012

CC contest expecting big crowd

Clarendon will be bustling with people this weekend when the annual Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest is held Saturday.

The contest doubles the town's population and regularly attracts more than 2,000 high school FFA students and 4-H students from around Texas and nearby states and as of Monday afternoon more than 1,399 students had pre-registered. This number doesn't include the hundreds of parents and coaches who accompany the students to the contest.

According to the 2010 US Census, Clarendon has a population of 1,974.

March 21, 2012

City audit recovers \$53k

The City of Clarendon has recouped more than \$53,000 in overpayments to the State Comptroller's office after an annual audit discovered the error.

Auditor Denise Lambert of Foster & Lambert told the Board of Aldermen at their regular meeting last Tuesday, March 13, that the city's audit was otherwise very clean and that made the error stand out this year.

City Secretary Machiel Covey said City Hall had been double paying sales taxes collected on sanitation services since 2008 due to an error in entering figures on the comptroller's website.

With Ms. Lambert's help, the city asked the comptroller for a refund of the overpayments and received a refund of more than \$53,600 plus \$1,000 in interest.

March 21, 2012

Double honor

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Colt Floyd, of Durant, Okla., recently received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

Floyd, formerly of Clarendon, received a Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action on Sept. 15, 2011, and he received a Bronze Star for exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from March 30, 2011, to March 27, 2012.

Floyd is a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry and he has used the Oklahoma Army National Guard Tuition Fee Waiver to attend Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. This was Floyd's second deployment with his previous deployment to Afghanistan with the 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry in 2006-2007.

March 28, 2012

District court sentences local man on drug charges

A Clarendon man was convicted of drug-related charges when the 100th Judicial District Court met here on Monday, March 5.

Darrell Ray Thomas was convicted of the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Thomas was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ.

Thomas, a 45-year old resident of Clarendon, was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on January 4, 2012. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Thomas was required to pay \$443 in court costs to Donley County, \$140 restitution, and a fine of \$1,000.

March 28, 2012

Paving scheduled for Fourth

Clarendon residents along a five-block stretch of Fourth Street are being asked for their cooperation this week with improvements being undertaken on that street.

City Hall says vehicles will need to be off Fourth Street from Thursday through Saturday as Fuller & Sons put down a double layer tar and gravel seal coat.

Last Tuesday, March 20, the Board of Aldermen approved a \$44,500 bid from Fuller.

City Administrator Lambert Little says, weather permitting, Fuller will shoot primer on the street Thursday and then do tar and gravel on Friday and finish the job Saturday. The street should re-open Saturday afternoon.

March 28, 2012

CHS wins district UIL

Upholding their academic winning tradition, CHS students returned from their 2012 District UIL meet as champions for the eighth time out of the past 10 years.

Twenty-eight competitors either placed or brought points to their team events, which led to 323 points, 115 beyond their 2nd place competitors.

Students who placed are seniors Jordan Luna 2nd Number Sense, 2nd Social Studies; Nathan Dzidzie 4th Number Sense; Jayson Pigg 3rd Current Issues and Events; Mikayla Shadle 5th Current Issues and Events, 3rd Spelling; Kayla Elam 2nd Science, 1st Biology, 2nd Editorials; Kae Hewett 4th News; Marqueta Gaines 3rd Prose.

April 4, 2012

Jury finds Dickson guilty on 2 charges

A Hall County jury convicted 20-year-old Autray Ray Dickson of two counts of Class A Misdemeanor assault last Friday, March 29, after deliberating for three hours.

The State called five witnesses during the guilt innocence phase of the trial.

At the conclusion of the three-day jury trial, the Hall County Jury sentenced Dickson to one year in the Hall County Jail and a \$4,000 fine on both counts of Assault. This is the maximum punishment for a Class A Misdemeanor.

April 5, 2012

Local men arrested for threats

Two Clarendon men are out on bond this week facing charges of terroristic threats.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Jeremy Blake Jeffers, age 23, and Joshua D. Harrison, age 28, were arrested last Thursday evening, March 29, on Class B Misdemeanor charges.

Blackburn said Jeffers allegedly made public threats to kill peace officers, and Harrison is accused of making threats about burning county buildings.

Both men were arraigned the next day by County Judge Jack Hall and were later released on bond of \$1,500 each.

April 11, 2012

Two local men take plea deals

Two local men were among the defendants when the district court met in Clarendon on Monday, April 9, and heard five pleas resulting in one conviction and four deferred adjudications.

District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Greg Buckley, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding. A total of \$6,500 in fines was assessed

as a result of the pleas that took place on April 9. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,969 in court costs and \$121,185.90 restitution.

April 11, 2012

Hedley Wins District Meet

The Hedley Owl and Lady Owls won the 2012 District Tennis Meet held in Lubbock on March 29 and 30.

In the boys' doubles division, Kyle Lindsey and Denver Chambliss made it to the semi-finals and beat Jayton for the 3rd place title. Bryan and Brandon Evans lost in the second round to Petersburg.

April 11, 2012

Meeting to discuss city's wells

Clarendon citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposal to let Greenbelt Water Authority have access to city-owned water wells next Tuesday, April 17, during a public meeting.

The gathering at the Bairfield Activity Center will serve to inform the public about the project as well as discuss the history of the Greenbelt Water Authority, the current drought contingency plans, underground aquifers, surface water supplies, and short- and long-term water solutions.

City Administrator Lambert Little says he knows citizens have concerns about the city's water supply and he feels a public meeting would be an opportunity for everyone to ask questions.

April 19, 2012

Bridge fate still unknown

The fate of a 104-year-old bridge near City Park will not be decided until later this year, according to information presented Monday night, April 16, in Childress.

At a Transportation Improvement Program meeting, Texas Department of Transportation officials said they are waiting on results of a "condition survey" that will determine the usable condition of the Seventh Street truss bridge and a similar bridge on Rosenfield Street.

April 19, 2012

CHS FFA takes first

The Clarendon FFA Livestock Judging Team competed this past weekend at the South Plains judging contest in Levelland and the Texas Tech Area Qualifier at Lubbock.

Friday at Levelland the team judged 9 placing classes and 3 sets of questions. They placed 10th overall and John Pigg was 8th high individual at the contest.

The contest on Saturday at Texas Tech was the qualifier to advance to state for Area I and Area II. There were 92 total teams and 335 total individuals participating. Clarendon FFA placed first overall at the contest which results in them being first at Tech, first in Area I and first in District.

April 25, 2012

Concert series to be held in City Park

The Clarendon Concert Series and second annual Battle of the Bands will be held in City Park this weekend, and organizers are expecting a big crowd for the three-day event.

Trevor Leeper of Digi-Pro Events says the first Battle of the Bands drew between 200 and 300 people to City Park last year, and he expects a much bigger crowd this time.

Activities will begin Thursday, April 26, with a citywide talent show at 6 p.m. Leeper said ten people are signed up for the talent show, but others can enter just by showing up at 5 p.m. The talent show winner will get a cash prize of \$100.

April 25, 2012

City's groundwater topic of public meeting

Almost 50 citizens attended a public meeting to discuss selling groundwater from the City of Clarendon to Greenbelt Water Authority last Tuesday night, April 17, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

City Administrator Lambert Little welcomed those in attendance and introduced Clarendon's representative on the Greenbelt board, Gary Campbell, who gave a brief history of Greenbelt and discussed the problems facing the lake as well as a possible solution.

May 2, 2012

Williams wins gold

Senior Wes Williams came on strong in the Regional track meet in Levelland to claim the gold medal in the men's long jump last week.

His effort of 22'1 1/2" bested the field by more than six inches. He is the only Bronco or Lady Bronco who earned the right to compete in the State meet May 11-12. Williams will compete in the long jump in Austin on Friday, May 11 at noon. He also competed in the 100-meter dash where he finished fourth with a time of 11.84. His preliminary time in that event was 11.28.

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December 27-29
Varsity Broncos & Lady Broncos compete in Canadian Tournament • TBA

December 31
New Year's Eve

January 4
Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Silverton

January 7
Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Frank Phillips • Girls 5:45 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

January 8
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v Kress • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 10
Colts & Lady Colts v Memphis • 5 p.m. • Clarendon

January 11
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Vega

Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Valley

January 12
Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Odessa • Girls 1 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

January 14
Colts & Lady Colts v Claude • 5 p.m. • Claude

January 15
Broncos & Lady Broncos v White Deer • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 18
Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 22
Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 25
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Claude • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Claude

Owls & Lady Owls v Kress • 6:30 p.m. • Kress

January 28
Colts & Lady Colts v White Deer • 5 p.m. • White Deer

Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v Midland • Girls 5:45 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

January 29
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Vega • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 31
Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs v South Plains • Girls 5:45 p.m. • Boys 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

February 1
Broncos & Lady Broncos v White Deer • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • White Deer

Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • McLean

February 4
Colts & Lady Colts v Panhandle • 5 p.m. • Clarendon

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Menus

December 31 - January 4

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Vegetable beef stew, corn bread, margarine, orange & pineapple cup, chocolate chip cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: CLOSED
Wed: Crispy chicken/bun, tomato, lettuce, pickle, carrot & raisin, potato wedges, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Hamburger steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, orange dream pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Crumb top baked fish, baker potatoes, margarine, raisin bread pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, tortillas, apricot halves, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken strips/gravy, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, tossed salad, wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, wheat roll, fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Beef stew, fried okra, tossed salad, corn bread, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, wheat bun, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.

2012: Babcock found guilty of capital murder

May 2, 2012
Storm batters county

Howardwick was also hard hit by hail with some vehicles there sustaining major damage, and Hedley received large hail also.

As the storm moved across the county, farm equipment was beaten by the hail, and Lelia Lake was hit heavily with vehicles taking heavy damage.

Sheriff Blackburn said sirens were blown because of intense rotation seen in the storm near the city and that he did see one funnel form north of Hedley but it did not reach the ground.

Clarendon officially received 1.32 of moisture from the storm, according to National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Tommie Saye; but unofficial reports of one inch to 2.5 inches were received. A Hedley resident reported 3.5 inches.

May 2, 2012
Clarendon names top students

Clarendon High School has announced its 2012 Valedictorian and Salutatorian are Kayla Elam and Jordan Luna.

This year's Valedictorian is Kayla Elam with a GPA of 96.7. Kayla is the daughter of Clifford and Mary Ann Johnson and the granddaughter of C. A. and Belinda Goins.

Kayla has received many academic awards while at CHS. She has received Honor C's in IPC, chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geometry, Algebra I, French I and French II. She is also a member of the local chapter of the National Honor Society. Kayla has been a member of the A Honor Roll for the last three years and has been nominated for the United States Achievement Academy Award all four years in high school. Kayla is also the winner of the District Voice of Democracy Contest.

May 9, 2012
Two women roll vehicles in separate accidents

Two women were injured last Thursday, May 3, when they rolled their vehicles in separate accidents near Clarendon.

Jaci Hatley McAnear, age 62, was traveling northwest on US 287 near CR 30 last Thursday, May 3, about 4:07 p.m. when she fell asleep and drifted onto the north side of the roadway and struck a delineator, according to an accident report filed by DPS Trooper Joe Cannon. McAnear then overcorrected and attempted to steer back onto the highway but lost control and began to slide toward the south side of the roadway where her 2000 Chevy Trailblazer rolled at least one complete time before coming to rest on its wheels facing north.

May 2, 2012
Amarillo crash kills local lady

A 77-year-old Greenbelt Lake woman died in Amarillo Saturday as a result of injuries from a crash on Interstate 40, police said.

Merlene Hooker Scott died after a car struck her SUV, which rolled over at least twice down the embankment and onto the access road, police said.

About 6 p.m., a blue Pontiac G6, driven by 18-year-old Edwin Ortiz, and a maroon car with an unknown driver were racing while westbound on I-40, witnesses told police. Ortiz struck Scott's Chevrolet Suburban on the passenger side, said Traffic Investigations Sgt. Warren Gross.

May 2, 2012
Hedley names Shelp, Allen as top students

Hedley High School has named its top honor students for the Class of 2012. The Valedictorian is Sierra Shelp, and Joseph Allen is the Salutatorian.

Sierra Shelp has a GPA of 93.8286 and is the daughter of Daron Shelp and Christina Henson

She competed in various activities such as: cross country, basketball, cheerleading, track, and tennis. She advanced to regionals in cross country three years, named All-District first team her junior year in basketball, advanced to area three years in track, and regionals her freshman year. She also competed in science UIL and advanced to regionals her sophomore and senior year.

May 12, 2012
Clarendon votes for bonds

Clarendon voters gave the green light Saturday to a \$700,000 bond election that will fund street improvements.

The election was marked by low turnout with only 12.6 percent of eligible voters participating, but 58.5 percent of those voting favored the bonds. The final vote tally was 79 in favor, and 56 opposed, and City Hall says it will begin getting ready for the work right away.

May 16, 2012
CC names top honor graduates for 2012

Clarendon College recognized

Martha Smith, Scott Cone, and Joys Gammage for their achievements at spring commencement on Friday, May 4

Martha Smith of Clarendon received the Walter B. Knorpp Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

Selected by the faculty, a student is chosen for the Knorpp Award on the basis of overall academic excellence, grades earned, scholastic papers and/or projects completed, and other indicators of scholastic achievement.

May 16, 2012
Williams jumps to bronze at state contest

Senior Wes Williams' suitcase was a little heavier when he came home from Austin last weekend where he participated in the State Track Meet.

For his efforts in the long jump, Williams brought home the bronze medal for third place in that event. His jump of 22' just missed the second place silver medal by one-half of an inch.

May 23, 2012
Memorial Day services planned in Hedley, Clarendon

The Adamson-Lane, Post 287 of The American Legion, Hedley, Texas will hold its annual Memorial Day service at the Rowe Cemetery, Monday morning May 28, 2012, at 10:00 that morning.

The Post members will place American Flags on the graves of 227 Veterans buried in the Rowe Cemetery. The Flags will be placed on the graves on Friday May 25, 2012 and remain till the end of the day Monday. In Honor of those departed comrades that have served this Country.

The Memorial Day program will be conducted by members of the American Legion that will include the raising of the colors, the National Anthem, Pledge to the Flag and the ceremony honoring the missing in action and the prisoners of War still unaccounted for.

May 23, 2012
Greenbelt okays groundwater contract with city

The Greenbelt Water Authority Board of Directors last Thursday unanimously approved a contract with the City of Clarendon for the purchase of groundwater from the city.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said the contract includes a price of 45 cents per thousand gallons that the authority will pay the city. The price will be renegotiated every three years.

"It's a pretty simple contract, and it's written in the city's favor," Kidd said. "Our board really didn't have any problems with it."

May 23, 2012
Babcock trial to begin May 30 in Memphis

The Capital Murder trial of Robert Babcock is scheduled to begin next week in Memphis with jury selection beginning on Wednesday, May 30.

District Attorney Luke Inman's office said the state is not seeking the death penalty in the case. The maximum punishment range will be life in prison without parole.

The case is expected to last several days, and the court has calendared the trial until June 8.

Babcock is accused of beating his four-year-old son, Chance Mark Jones, who died on January 5, 2011.

May 23, 2012
Man accused of luring children into van

Local parents are being reminded to be alert after three small children were reportedly lured into a van at the Clarendon ballpark Saturday morning.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a report that Joe Bryan McCary had been seen in a plumber's van during the youth ballgames and that he had lured children into the van. The sheriff said parents retrieved the kids, and McCary left the area.

"This should show parents that they should know where their kids are at all times and who they are with," Blackburn said. "Even in Clarendon, they are not safe."

May 30, 2012
CHS students do well at State UIL contests

Clarendon High School students were very successful at state UIL academic meet this spring.

The Number Sense team of Hyungmo Jung, Jordan Luna, Nathan Dziedzic, and Jerami Johnson placed 3rd at the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin. Jung was 8th place overall and Luna 9th.

This completes a historic year for the team as they qualified for their first trip to Austin after winning district and regional competitions. Jung also finished a stellar year in Mathematics competition by winning the bronze medal in that event. His score would have made him a state champion in 2A classification, and the contest director said he'd never seen scores this high in 1A state math competition before.

May 30, 2012
First witnesses take stand in Babcock case

Jurors meeting in the Hall County Courthouse in Memphis spent the morning and part of the afternoon hearing the testimony of Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn as he recalled going to Babcock's residence on the morning of January 4, 2011, after the defendant called 911 and reported his four-year-old son was non-responsive.

Blackburn testified that the boy had been severely beaten, and jurors listened to more than two hours of a recording of the sheriff and Chief Deputy Randy Bond interrogating Babcock, who admitted to them that he had struck the boy in the head and stomach to discipline him but maintained that the boy's most severe injuries were self-inflicted.

June 2, 2012
Jurors see photos of boy's fatal injuries

Prosecutors showed photos of a bruised and battered four-year-old Chance Mark Jones at day two of Robert Babcock's capital murder trial in Memphis Friday, June 1.

The pictures were presented during testimony from Texas Ranger Jamie Downs, who had gone to see the boy in the Northwest Texas Hospital emergency room in Amarillo after he was contacted by Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn that Tuesday morning on January 4, 2011. When he arrived at the hospital, Downs witnessed the condition the boy was in.

"It looked, from my time in the highway patrol, like someone had been in a car wreck," Downs testified. "His injuries to his head and abdomen looked severe."

June 5, 2012
City approves Greenbelt deal

The City of Clarendon will sell groundwater to the Greenbelt Water Authority, and the \$1.2 million project will be financed with bonds issued in the city's name but paid for by the water authority.

Clarendon Aldermen in their regular meeting May 29 unanimously approved the contract to sell groundwater to Greenbelt.

The agreement was approved by the Greenbelt board of directors on May 17.

Officials say the contract includes a price of 45 cents per thousand gallons that the authority will pay the city. The price will be renegotiated every three years.

June 5, 2012
Landroop, King in runoff

The hotly contested race to represent Donley County and the rest of District 88 in the State House will go to a

runoff after none of the four Republican candidates secured a majority of votes in last Tuesday's primary.

Incumbent Jim Landroop was the top vote-getter district-wide with 34.44 percent, but he fell short of the 50 percent plus one needed to avoid a July 31 runoff. Now he will face Canadian school board president Ken King later this summer. King received 30.17 percent of the district vote, followed by Mac Smith with 18.24 percent and former representative Gary Walker with 17.13 percent.

Donley County Republicans saw the race a bit differently. Locally, King led with 189 votes, Smith had 116, Walker was third here with 106, and Landroop was last with 90 votes.

June 6, 2012
Woman remembers Jones

A Lubbock woman broke down on the stand Tuesday, June 5, during Robert Babcock's capital murder trial as she remembered the four-year-old boy whom she had considered her son.

Heather Hill was a friend of Chance Mark Jones' family who had known him his whole life. But circumstances caused Jones to come to live with Hill when he was two years old, and her house was his home until Child Protective Services facilitated placing Jones with his biological father, Babcock, in Clarendon.

Through tears during part of her testimony, she asked the court to take down a larger than life-sized photo of Jones, which had been situated in front of the witness stand.

June 7, 2012
Babcock gets life in prison for murdering son

Robert Monroe Babcock will go to prison for the rest of his life after a Hall County jury found him guilty of capital murder Thursday afternoon in the death of his son, Chance Mark Jones.

The jury of six men and six women deliberated for nearly an hour and a half before returning their unanimous verdict, and District Judge Stuart Messer pronounced the sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

"This verdict screams out justice for Chance," District Attorney Luke Inman told the Enterprise. "It closes a very important chapter in Chance's life and for the people who truly loved and cared for Chance."

June 13, 2012
State will pick spot for marker

The location of a Ten Commandments marker on the Donley County Courthouse Square will be left up to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) following Monday's regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court.

County officials listened to two proposals for locating the monument on the east side of the court and also considered a third option closer to the Courthouse Annex before going outside to look at each location.

Guy Ellis told the court that similar monuments in other counties are "fairly close" to the courthouse and that a new Ten Commandments marker in Carson County is "right in the middle" of the sidewalk leading to that courthouse's main steps.

June 13, 2012
Juveniles face charges in car theft cases

The Donley County Sheriff's Office has cleared up several cases after recovering a stolen car Monday morning.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Brit Patten reported his car had been stolen, and it was recovered crashed into a tree on South Kearney Street. Officers followed shoe tracks, and the investigation resulted in two juveniles being arrested. One other person was later arrested, and two more arrests are expected.

Blackburn said by Monday afternoon officers had cleared up three cases of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one theft of a motorcycle, and two bur-

glaries of a vehicle.

In all, the sheriff said five suspects have been identified in the cases, four of which are juveniles.

The investigation was continuing at press time.

June 20, 2012
Conatser quits post at Hedley

Hedley City Secretary Jason Conatser unexpectedly resigned during a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Thursday, June 14.

Conatser told the Enterprise that the time was just right for him to leave City Hall.

"I've decided, with my family, that it was time to step down and move on," Conatser said.

Alderman Tonya Metcalf said she couldn't speak much about what happened at the meeting since most of it was held in closed session, but she did say she had not been expecting Conatser to resign.

June 20, 2012
Aldermen tap Waldrop as new city judge

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen named Tommy Waldrop as the city's new municipal judge during a called meeting Monday night.

Waldrop, a retired school administrator with several years of experience in Shamrock schools, began his duties on Tuesday morning and will soon set hours for his office inside City Hall.

Waldrop succeeds Municipal Judge Bob Watson who resigned last month due to health reasons.

Also Monday night, city leaders tapped new Alderman Abby Patten to serve as Clarendon's Mayor Pro-tem, which is a one-year appointment.

June 27, 2012
Clarendon prepares to welcome visitors

Clarendon is getting ready to roll out the red carpet for visitors to the 135th annual Saints' Roost Celebration, which will be held next week July 4, 6, and 7.

Downtown will be the site of the first activities this year with all the happenings on Wednesday, July 4, at the Courthouse Square. The Craft Fair begins at 9 a.m. with the Kids Bicycle Parade starting at 10 a.m. followed by the Shriners' Barbecue at 11 a.m.

The afternoon of the Fourth will see the Western Parade at 2 p.m. and the Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo.

July 3, 2012
Hawkins receives state 4-H alumni award

A Clarendon native was recognized during the statewide Texas 4-H Roundup held recently on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

At the event, the Texas 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Amy Jarmon, formerly a 4-H member in Travis County, and Dr. Dean Hawkins, formerly a 4-H member in Donley County.

July 3, 2012
Sandell even better with new projector

The Sandell Drive-In has gone digital this season with the purchase of a new \$68,000 projector that eliminates the need for film.

Movie-goers will notice that the picture at the Sandell is much clearer and brighter than ever before thanks to the higher wattage of the new system, and the Drive-In also has many other new things it can do with the upgrade.

July 3, 2012
Aldermen approve \$25k water system study

The City of Clarendon will conduct a professional study of city waterlines to try to determine the best way to improve the aesthetic quality of the water and how it's distributed.

The Board of Aldermen at last week's meeting on June 26 approved

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hiring KSA Engineers to conduct the Water Distribution System Study after a spirited debate that included a shouting match between two aldermen.

July 12, 2012

City celebrates grand Fourth

A fun and patriotic crowd gathered on the Courthouse Square last Wednesday, July 4, and enjoyed the festivities of the 135th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

The Kids' Parade started the day with the youngsters peddling or driving from Henson's around the block in front of the Courthouse. In the 0-4 age group, Kyndall Shields was first, Meredith Artho was second, and Elliott Frausto was third. Braxton Gribble won the 5-8 age group with MaKenna Shadle second and Molley Davis third. The 9-12 age group was won by Keeden Moody, Davis Conklin was second, and Jaxon Robertson was third. Ethan Babcock was also recognized as having the first place bicycle.

July 12, 2012

Wilson Cattle repeats win at Ranch Rodeo

Cowboys from Wilson Cattle made a repeat performance as they took top honors for the second year in a row during the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday.

Wilson Cattle's scores beat out 19 other local and regional teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 135th annual Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of Rody Wilson, Tyler Rice, Ky Finck, Jason Thomas, and Jessie Valdez.

July 18, 2012

Blackburn selected to represent Hedley

Chris Blackburn, 2012 graduate of Hedley High School has been selected to represent his school in the upcoming Texas Six Man Coaches Association all-star games.

The Division II football game will be played Saturday, July 21, at Friendship in Wolfthor at 7:30 p.m..

During Chris's football career, he has been honored with several awards such as All District Defensive end, and All District 2nd Team utility back his sophomore year, All District 1st Team Full Back, All District First Team Defensive End, All Region 1st Team Defensive End-Region 1, All State Honorable Mention Defensive End, and the HHS Fighting Heart Football Award all during his junior year at Hedley.

July 18, 2012

Firemen contain house fire

Quick action by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department saved a local residence from destruction Monday night.

Officials say an electrical extension cord is the cause of the blaze at the Jim Thornton residence located at 518 W. Third.

The house was reported to be on fire about 8:17 p.m., and firemen were on the scene within about five minutes and could see fire through a window on the northeast corner of the home.

July 25, 2012

Adams receives Lone Star FFA Degree

Austin Adams of the Hedley FFA chapter was awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree at the 84th annual Texas FFA Convention held July 9-13 in Corpus Christi. The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA.

The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least two years, complete at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, maintain a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrate their leadership skills and show a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above. Adams was one of more than 1,500 FFA members receiving this esteemed degree.

August 1, 2012

City okays financial lifeline to Chamber

The City of Clarendon agreed to throw a financial lifeline to the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday to keep the organization afloat as it continues to restructure.

City Administrator Lambert Little told the Board of Aldermen that the Chamber is incurring expenses of about \$300 a month to maintain its office. He said the city and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation anticipates having a new director of tourism and economic development on board by August 15 and that office along with Chamber functions will be housed in the Mulkey Theatre barber shop. But he said that move will likely be about three months away and the Chamber needs help now.

"It's going to be easier to keep the Chamber hanging on than it would be to start it again," Little told the board.

August 1, 2012

Collection systems can provide water for many uses

Capturing rainwater is one way people can learn to live through drought conditions and meet the need for water, according to speakers at a conference here Saturday.

About 35 people from Donley County, as well as Amarillo and Canyon, attended the seminar that started at the historic Lowe House owned by Sara SoRelle, where volunteers helped install a 1,000-gallon rain collection system.

Billy Kniffen, a water resources specialist from Texas A&M University, led the session and also oversaw the installation of the system that will collect water from 500-square-feet of roof on a garage apartment and divert it for landscape uses.

August 1, 2012

King defeats Landtroop

Canadian School Board President Ken King will represent Donley County in the Texas House of Representatives after he defeated incumbent Rep. Jim Landtroop of Plainview in yesterday's Republican Primary Runoff Election.

King received 53.99 percent of the vote across District 88 compared to Landtroop's 46 percent. Locally, the margin was much wider with 77.35 percent of Donley County Republicans sup-

porting King.

August 8, 2012

Hedley ISD names new superintendent

The Hedley ISD school board named the lone finalist for the vacant superintendent position in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night, August 6. Bill Sanders was selected to be the next superintendent, and will take office after a 21-day mandatory waiting period.

Mr. Sanders is currently the principal of Poolville Junior High School, in Poolville, TX. He has been a coach, teacher, and principal in a career lasting 19 years, in districts ranging from A to 5-A. Mr. Sanders also has taught special education in high school.

He has earned a BS in Education from Mary Hardin Baylor University, an M.B.A. from the University of Texas Permian Basin, and a Masters in Education Administration from Tarleton State University.

August 8, 2012

CEDC launches phase one of Mulkey work

A gleaming new face on the Mulkey Theatre should be completed in a few months as the Clarendon Eco-

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June 25, 2012
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Drugs in the News
Aspirin May Reduce Liver Cancer Risk
A recent study reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute indicates that aspirin alone or when used with other non-aspirin drugs, called NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), resulted in a greater than 40 percent reduction in the risk of persons in the study developing liver cancer and an even greater reduction in the risk of death from liver cancer. Aspirin appeared to lower the risk of liver cancer to a greater degree than did the other NSAIDs that were evaluated. Cancer of the liver is often linked to viral hepatitis B and C infections.
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conomic Development Corporation takes the first steps in a \$123,000 refurbishment of the building's façade.

The CEDC Board approved soliciting a general contractor for the project after architect Mason Rogers presented his proposal for Phase One of the Mulkey project Monday evening. Proposals from contractors will be reviewed by the board on August 20 with the hopes of completing this phase before the end of the year.

CEDC President Sherol Johnston said she glad to be moving forward with the Mulkey and said the money is on hand to complete this part of the renovations.

August 15, 2012

Local kids meet new standards

Clarendon ISD students exceeded the new testing targets required by the federal government, but local school trustees are still calling for the Texas Legislature to revamp the accountability system.

Only 44 percent of school campuses and 28 percent of districts in Texas met the standard, but Clarendon and Hedley both did. Scores were based on student performance on the TAKS exam, which has now been replaced by the STAAR test.

"Our kids and teachers worked extra hard and meeting the standard makes us feel good," CISD Superintendent Monty Hysinger said. "But the stats ratchet up every year."

August 15, 2012

Local man seeks to bring people to Christ

Making Clarendon a lighthouse for the Lord is the mission of one local man as he erects white crosses and signs with inspired messages for all to see.

Jim Griffin says all his efforts are to be a witness for Jesus Christ and to plant seeds that people need in order to find their way to the Lord because the time is short.

"It's not for anyone's glory but God's," Griffin said, "and seeds are all the Holy Spirit needs to work with."

August 22, 2012

Divided city board okays \$700k tax notes

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted 3-2 to authorize issuing \$700,000 in tax revenue notes for water and sewer improvements during a called meeting Monday night.

The funds will be used to replace utility lines under several blocks of city streets that are scheduled to be repaved following a May bond election in which voters authorized borrowing a separate \$700,000. The total project is now expected to cost about \$1.4 million.

The streets were to have been paved this summer, but aldermen expressed concerns about the utility lines, causing City Administrator Lambert Little to come up with a plan to replace the lines. Little presented the project and the idea of using tax notes (a form of bonds that does not require voter approval) to pay for the extra work last Tuesday during the regular city meeting, but board members objected to issuing that much debt with citizen input.

August 22, 2012

Pioneer to lead work on theatre

The Mulkey Theatre project took another important step forward Monday when the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation selected a contractor-at-risk for Phase One of the rehabilitation of the downtown landmark.

Pioneer General Contractors of Amarillo will conduct the bid process and lead the construction team that will implement the renovation of the 1946 theatre's façade.

August 22, 2012

State approves site for Ten Commandments marker

State officials notified Donley County Judge Jack Hall last week that they have approved a site location for the proposed Ten Commandments marker on the Courthouse Square.

The Texas Historical Commission approved locating the marker east of the Courthouse Annex in the second tree line from the street, placing it on the opposite side of the sidewalk from a 1976 Liberty Tree out of the main view of the 1890 Courthouse.

Backers of the marker had asked for it to be placed in front of the east face of the Courthouse in the same tree line, but the state preferred the Annex location that was proposed by Commissioner Donnie Hall and agreed to as an alternate site by the project's supporters.

August 22, 2012

CC, CISD complete \$680k in projects

School and college facilities in Clarendon are completing about \$680,000 worth of summer improvements as students prepare to return for classes next week.

Clarendon College is wrapping up the most ambitious agenda with most

work centered in residence halls that are about 40 years old. Upgrades to Vaughan, Phelan, and Knorpp halls are running about \$400,000 and are expected to be completed by next week.

All three dorms received new doors on each room at a cost of about \$30,000, and the college also renovated 22 bathrooms in Knorpp Hall with new showers at a cost of \$89,000.

August 29, 2012

Sandell to have free movie Sunday night

The Sandell Drive-In Theatre is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its re-opening this weekend, and Sunday, September 2, has been dedicated as Customer Appreciation Night with the showing of a free movie.

The Sandell was opened in 1955 by Gary Barnhill and named for his two daughters, Sandra and Adele. It closed in 1984 and was re-opened in 2002 by John Morrow.

"The Hunger Games" will be the feature presentation and donations will be taken to help support the renovation work of the Mulkey Theatre. Everyone is encouraged to come celebrate the Sandell's anniversary and help "Bring Back the Mulkey" at the same time.

August 29, 2012

Clarendon firemen save house

Quick action by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department saved a house on West Third Street from being a total loss Tuesday morning.

Dispatchers paged out firemen at 8:26 a.m., and they were on the scene five minutes later. A total of five trucks and 11 firemen responded.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said fire fighters noticed smoke coming from the attic vents and then saw flames coming from the kitchen window at the back of the house. The blaze was under control in about an hour.

The Josh Allred family was moving into the home this week and had part of their belongings there. Powell said boxes were on top of the kitchen stove when the electric company turned power onto the home Tuesday morning. No one was home at the time of the blaze.

August 29, 2012

Eggemeyer to lead economic development, tourism office

Chandra Ford Eggemeyer has hit the ground running as Clarendon's new Director of Tourism & Economic Development, and the Donley County native says she's ready to start helping local businesses.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation board confirmed Eggemeyer's position last Monday, August 20, after she was selected by a committee consisting of CEDC board member Steve Hall, Chamber of Commerce President Bonnie Campbell, and City Administrator Lambert Little.

September 6, 2012

CC Regents adopt \$9.2 million budget

The Clarendon College Board of Regents adopted a \$9.2 million budget for fiscal year 2013 during a called meeting last Thursday, August 30.

The new budget is an increase over last year's approved budget of \$8.9 million. CC Dean of Administrative Services Annette Ferguson said the college adjusted some of its fees to make the budget work and said it deals with a loss of about \$200,000 in state appropriations.

Board members said forward thinking helped make this year's budget easier to prepare.

"We started in better shape this year because we were planning a year ago," Regent Jerry Woodard said.

September 6, 2012

Donley County sees rise in percent of college grads

Donley County has experienced a brain gain in the last 40 years, joining the rest of the country in what has been a massive increase in the number of adults who have earned college degrees.

In 1970, 6.7 percent of those over 25 years of age had college degrees in Donley County. By 2010, 16.6 percent of adults here had completed college.

The percentage of adults with college degrees in Donley County was less than the national average of 27.9 percent in 2010. The college-educated rate here was less than the Texas average of 25.8 percent.

September 6, 2012

CC plans regional rodeo competition

One of the new faces at Clarendon College plans to make a big impact on the community this fall with a rodeo that is sure to be full of entertainment.

Cody Heck is no stranger to rodeos. Growing up in Perryton he started riding cutting horses when he was ten years old at the urging of a neighbor. His love of the competition would stay with him

right up through the collegiate level.

Now in his first year as the rodeo coach at CC, Heck is busy preparing to host the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) competition here this October 25-27, and he says he is up to the task.

"This event will really boost our community and bring money to our town," Heck said. "It will also provide our students an opportunity to interact with the community."

September 6, 2012

City aldermen divide over taxes, spending

Members of a divided Clarendon Board of Aldermen aired their differences as they struggled with taxing and spending issues at their regular meeting last Tuesday, August 28.

A project to lay new water and sewer lines under streets that have been targeted for paving was the first issue to cause rifts at the meeting. In May, city voters approved issuing \$700,000 in bonds to pave the streets, but city aldermen later decided to replace the utilities first.

City Administrator Lambert Little presented the board with a professional agreement with KSA Engineers for design work on the utilities and said he hopes to have pipes in the ground by the end of next June. Aldermen accepted the agreement with one nay vote, that of Alderman Tommy Hill.

Little also asked the board to rescind a resolution that was passed earlier last month that authorized both the voter approved \$700,000 street bonds and an additional \$700,000 in tax notes for the utility replacements. The board had amended that resolution to require that any revenue the city gets from the sale of groundwater to Greenbelt Water Authority be applied to the debt. But Little said City Hall had discovered that it is improper to bind future councils in that way, and that such a requirement would be a budget decision from year to year. Aldermen Will Thompson, Terry Noble, and Abby Patten agreed to rescind the resolution, and Aldermen Hill and Jesus Hernandez voted against the measure.

September 13, 2012

County tax increase called for

If you're an average home owner in Donley County you will likely be paying almost a dollar a month more in taxes to support the county's budget for fiscal year 2013.

That tax increase will help support a \$2 million budget that is \$61,879 less than the one approved by Donley County Commissioners last year.

The new budget will require a total property tax rate of \$0.598656 per \$100 valuation, which is up from \$0.573253 last year. The proposed rate would levy taxes of \$299.33 on a \$50,000 home. The Donley Appraisal District reports the average county homestead is valued at \$32,717 this year.

The budget does not include any raises for county employees but does anticipate a 3.7 percent increase in health insurance premiums for employees.

September 17, 2012

Edes pleads guilty to injury to a child

A Clarendon woman pled guilty today to a felony charge related to the 2011 death of her grandson, Chance Mark Jones.

Gayle Edes will serve 90 days in the Donley County Jail, and a ten-year state jail sentence was probated as a condition of her plea agreement. If she had been found guilty by a jury, Edes could have faced up to 99 years or life in prison.

In January, Donley County Grand Jury indicted Edes for the first degree felony of Injury to a Child by Omission, and court records alleged that on January 3, 2011, the accused intentionally or knowingly, by omission, caused serious bodily injury to four-year-old Chance Mark Jones by her failure to get medical attention for the boy and that she had assumed care, custody, or control of the child at that time.

Edes son, Robert Babcock, had custody of Jones for just a few weeks before, according to local authorities, he began abusing the boy on December 24, 2010, and continued abusing him until January 4, 2011. On that date, Babcock called emergency personnel to his residence near Clarendon where they found Jones unresponsive.

September 19, 2012

CC enrollment slips but growth projected

Enrollment is down for the fall semester at Clarendon College, but CC officials say they are already making plans to address changing student demographics for the spring semester.

Following the 12th day of class last Thursday, CC's enrollment was at 1,253, down 6.4 percent or 95 students compared to the fall 2011 semester.

The semester credit hours, or the total number of hours students enroll in,

however, are up from 13,107 to 13,118. This increase in credit hours shows while the college may have fewer students those who are taking courses are enrolled in a greater number of hours.

The college is also down by 3.6 percent in the number of contact hours this semester - a figure that determines CC's state funding.

September 19, 2012

Accident claims life of local woman

A Donley County woman lost her life in a tragic ranch accident last Tuesday, September 11.

Trista Shipp, age 63, was unloading cattle panels from a stock trailer after 11 a.m. near County Road I off State Hwy. 70 when the load shifted and pinned her against the trailer, Sheriff Butch Blackburn said.

The sheriff said there were nine panels in the 16-foot stock trailer, leaned against the left side.

"It appears that she got in to start unloading and they shifted, pinning her to the right side of the trailer," Blackburn said. She was found by her son later that afternoon. Emergency personnel were called to the scene about 3 p.m., and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

September 27, 2012

Three businesses robbed

The Donley County Sheriff's Department is investigating three break-ins that occurred at local businesses early Tuesday morning, September 25.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn says West Texas Gas was broken into about midnight and WootWick's PitStop and Country Bloomers Flower Shop were also hit.

At West Texas Gas and the flower shop, the crooks broke out a glass door and took the cash registers from the businesses. At WootWicks, a glass door was shattered, but nothing was found to be missing.

The sheriff said the crimes took place before 3 a.m. and were discovered when Amarillo Globe-News carrier Ruby Calloway saw one of the broken doors.

Blackburn urged all local businesses to leave their cash drawers open to show crooks that there is no money inside, and he asked anyone with information about these crimes to call his office at 874-3531.

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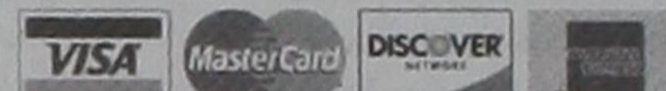
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September 27, 2012

Cookoff draws big crowd

A new bar has been set after the 18th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff attracted a huge crowd of participants and attendees last Saturday, and last year's winning cookoff team left again with the bean pot.

Officials with the Saints' Roost Museum, which sponsors the event, said Monday they fed more than 700 people, which is among the highest – if not the highest – in the cookoff's history. By comparison, the museum fed 550 last year. The number of wagons was also up with 18 registered and 17 showing up to compete at the event.

"As far as I recall this is the best we've ever done," said Museum Board Member Lindy Craft. "We had a lot of people from out of town, particularly Amarillo and Pampa, and we had a bigger trade show."

September 27, 2012

City holds line on taxes in proposed budget

A divided Clarendon Board of Aldermen threw the brakes on a proposed tax increase for city property owners and eliminated an expansion of health benefits for city employees last week following two contentious public hearings held earlier.

City officials were meeting again as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday night where they were expected to formally adopt the budget for fiscal year 2013 and maintain the current ad valorem tax rate of 65 cents per \$100 valuation. Visit www.ClarendonLive.com for the latest information.

In a budget workshop on September 20, Mayor Larry Hicks told the board it was time to make their final decisions about the tax rate and the budget so city officials could draft the final document that was to be considered this week.

September 27, 2012

City puts Little on probation

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen placed City Administrator Lambert Little on probation for three months following an evaluation of his performance last Tuesday, September 25.

The board met behind closed doors for more than an hour and a half to conduct the administrator's annual evaluation before calling Little into their meeting on the second floor of City Hall. Citizens left downstairs could hear yelling from Alderman Tommy Hill and later from Mr. Little before the board reconvened in open session after another hour and 15 minutes.

When the board reconvened, Mayor Larry Hicks asked if the aldermen wanted to take action following the closed session discussion. Alderman Abby Patten said she expected to see the city be run more effectively in terms of finances, employees, and resources.

September 27, 2012

Goodnight house to be opened Saturday

The Armstrong County Museum Board of Directors is celebrating the restoration of the Goodnight House with a Public Open House this Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to tour the 125-year-old home and grounds of Charles and Marianne Goodnight. The cost is \$5 per adult, children are free. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Cookies and lemonade will be served.

On Highway 287, turn south near the town of Goodnight into the property. Come see the home that now emulates much of its 1887 original exterior as well as interior decor and furnishings. Visitors can walk the grounds, tour the bunk house, well house, Playa Lake, bird watching station, and more. Visitors may also see the Buffalo Gold Herd Wear store that is being completed at the entrance.

September 27, 2012

Clarendon woman gets five years for theft

A Clarendon woman will spend five years in the state prison after she stole tens of thousands of dollars from her employer over one and a half years.

Laura Hommel King pled guilty to the third degree felony of Aggregated Theft and agreed to let District Judge Stuart Messer determine her punishment. She faced jail time from two to ten years and a possible fine of up to \$10,000.

District Attorney Luke Inman's first witness during the punishment hearing was Johnny Floyd, owner of Floyd's Automotive Supply and 287 Tire & Tube, who had employed King as a bookkeeper beginning in August 2010.

Floyd said he slowly noticed cash missing and then noticed more money missing as time went on. He eventually got a new bookkeeper and his former bookkeeper and they spent 30 days unraveling a pattern of theft that they believed totaled nearly \$75,000. Of that amount, \$51,902.81 was verified beyond a doubt.

October 11, 2012

Sheriff investigates report of vandalism

Vandalism to a Clarendon residence on Carhart Street continues to be investigated by the Donley County Sheriff's Office this week after it was first discovered last Monday, October 1.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the residents of the home called his office about 7:30 that morning to report a derogatory and threatening message was on their porch. The sheriff said the message appeared to have been hand painted.

Blackburn said his office has not received any other reports of similar vandalism, which is being investigated as a hate crime due to the sexual orientation of the victims.

"There have been no other reports of anything along these lines in several years," Blackburn said.

October 11, 2012

Phase One Mulkey work begins this week

Renovations to the exterior of the Mulkey Theatre began this week after the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation approved a \$128,000 contract last Thursday, October 4.

The CEDC Board reviewed a base bid with five alternative suggestions presented by Pioneer General Contractors before settling on the major scope of work and incorporating three of the alternate scopes.

"I am thrilled to see the official start of Phase One," said Clarendon's Director of Tourism & Economic Development Chandra Eggemeyer. "With the completion of the exterior renovation in a few weeks, the Mulkey Theatre will once again light up Kearney Street."

October 18, 2012

Aldermen set performance goals for administrator

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen gave City Administrator Lambert Little several goals to work towards if he is to get back in their good graces last week.

Following a closed session that lasted more than an hour, aldermen gave the administrator suggestions about his job during last week's regular city meeting on Tuesday, October 9.

Little had asked for "measurable goals," but aldermen led by Abby Patten and Tommy Hill mostly discussed subjective areas for improvement, such as wanting the city to be "run more effectively and efficiently" and asking for better "day to day operations."

October 18, 2012

Officials warn about cases of distemper

Local veterinarian Dr. Guy Ellis reports that there have been several cases of neurologic disease in raccoons recently in and around the Clarendon vicinity that has been diagnosed as canine distemper.

Dr. Ellis urges everyone to reduce exposure to wild animals and vaccinate pets to prevent this deadly disease.

Canine distemper is a highly contagious and sometimes fatal disease that is seen in dogs worldwide. Though its incidence has diminished greatly due to vaccination, distemper cases and outbreaks are still seen sporadically.

Canine distemper is caused by the canine distemper virus. This virus can also infect several other species including ferrets and wild animals such as coyotes, foxes, wolves, skunks, and raccoons. Animals usually become infected by direct contact with virus particles from the secretions of other infected animals (generally via inhalation). Indirect transmission (i.e., carried on dishes or other objects) is not common because the virus does not survive for long in the environment. The virus can be shed by dogs for several weeks after recovery.

October 18, 2012

City sales tax revenue increases

Clarendon's sales tax revenue ticked up for the second month in a row when Texas Comptroller Susan Combs delivered September allocations last week.

The city showed an increase for the month of 10.21 percent for a total of \$26,327.62 compared to \$23,886.43 for the same period one year ago.

The September allocation keeps the city just slightly ahead for its year-to-date figure with \$274,415.32 collected since January, which is up 0.97 percent from this same point in 2011.

Howardwick, which increased its sales tax rate last fall, posted an increase of 26.28 percent for the month with an allocation of \$1,555.09; and that city is running 25.22 percent for the year-to-date at \$14,134.31.

October 25, 2012

Beaux Arts Club to host festival this weekend

The fourth annual Clarendon Arts Festival will be held this week October 25-28 at the Donley County Activity Center located one mile north of the city

on State Hwy. 70.

The event, sponsored by Clarendon's Les Beaux Arts Club, continues to grow each year and was recognized by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce last year with the prestigious Golden Nail Award.

This year's festival begins with the Preferred Buyers Reception held Thursday evening, October 25, where buyers will be delighted with the variety being offered at the Clarendon Arts Festival this year.

Many art works were checked in this week at the Clarendon Arts Festival. Anyone is welcome at Thursday's reception; and if you haven't already pre-paid as a preferred buyer, you can pay that night at the door.

October 25, 2012

Clarendon welcomes NIRA rodeo Oct. 25-27

Get your cowboy hats and boots and get ready for the Clarendon College Stampede this week as CC welcomes more than 400 contestants to its NIRA rodeo.

With contestants from 16 colleges and universities in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association involved, qualifying events will be held all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 25-27, with nightly performances being held at 7 p.m. each evening.

Tickets for evening performance are \$5 in advance from either Cornell's Country Store or the Enterprise and will be \$8 at the gate. All activities will be held under the roof of the CC Livestock & Equine Center.

November 1, 2012

Election is next Tuesday

Donley County voters will head to the polls next Tuesday, November 6, for this year's General Election to cast ballots for federal, state, and county offices.

Polling will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and voters can cast ballots at the following precinct locations: Box 101 – Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center, Box 102 – Howardwick City Hall, Box 201 – County Courthouse, Box 301 – Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, Box 303 – Hedley Lions Club, and Box 401 – Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center.

Voters should check their voter's registration card to determine where they should vote.

Early voting continues through this Friday, November 2, by personal appearance at the Donley County Courthouse Annex during regular business hours.

Local candidates running unopposed this year include US Rep. Mac Thornberry, State Sen. Kel Seliger, State Representative candidate Ken King, District Judge Stuart Messer, District Attorney Luke Inman, County Attorney Landon Lambert, County Sheriff Butch Blackburn, County Tax Assessor/Collector Linda Crump, County Commissioner Pct. 1 Mark White, County Commissioner Pct. 3 Andy Wheatly, and Constable Pcts. 3&4 Doug Wright.

November 1, 2012

Clarendon EDC presents its 13th storefront grant

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board awarded its 13th cash award under its Façade Grant Program this week to Marilyn and Peter Odima.

The most recent award from the CEDC was for more than \$5,000 worth of improvements the Odimas made to the building at 312 S. Kearney, which formerly housed Morrow's Tax Office. Under the terms of the grant, the work qualified for \$2,000 from the CEDC.

Mrs. Odima said she and her husband plan to open a 24-hour fitness center called Sky Fitness in early 2013 that will cater to customers over the age of 30. The interior of the early 20th century building has also been completely remodeled, and the original pressed tin ceiling has been restored to its former beauty. The business will feature a variety of fitness machines, and access will be controlled through a thumbprint scanning device.

November 1, 2012

City Aldermen discuss water system issues

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen discussed issues facing the city's water distribution system when engineer Clayton Scales presented early findings of a \$25,000 study.

Scales, representing KSA Engineers, found several causes of concern including the east side of town being fed only by one eight-inch line connected to Greenbelt's main 14-inch line. Scales said a long forgotten plan from 1981 would have addressed that and other issues but was never acted upon, possibly due to a lack of funding at the time.

KSA's assessment includes a computer model that can run the city's waterworks through a variety of simulations. Scales said the model shows that under peak flow situations, some parts of town do not have the proper water pressure.

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Greenbelt awards contracts for wells

Greenbelt Water Authority has awarded contracts worth about \$890,000 to drill wells on the north side of Clarendon and build a 14-inch pipeline to carry groundwater to the authority's filter plant.

General Manager Bobbie Kidd said the Greenbelt Board awarded the final contracts last week after the authority received confirmation that \$1.5 million in bond funds had been deposited in Greenbelt's account.

Bids on the project came in well below estimates that OJD Engineers had projected. The pipeline was expected to cost \$770,000 and came in at \$588,481 and will be built by Amarillo Utility Construction. 4M Drilling from Claude will dig the wells at a cost of about \$130,000, which was expected to be \$152,000. And electrical work will be done for \$170,000 by Ray Electric of Amarillo.

With the extra funds available Kidd said the authority will consider increasing the size of some piping connecting five new wells to the new 14-inch line, and the authority is also exploring securing some water resources in addition to the city's groundwater.

November 8, 2012
Lions celebrate 90th anniversary

The Clarendon Lions Club celebrated its 90th anniversary during its annual Charter Banquet last Tuesday, October 30.

Boss Lion Russell Estlack was named Lion of the Year by his fellow members, and Samantha Sanderson was crowned as the Club Sweetheart for the 2012-2013 year.

Other members receiving recognition were Lion Tex Buckhaults, who received a 10-year membership chevron; Lion Don Smith, who was honored for being a member for 30 years; and Lion Steve Hall for his service as president last year.

November 8, 2012
Donley Co. Pregnancy Center to open this weekend

After three years of planning and praying, the Donley County Pregnancy Center will officially open its doors this Sunday, November 11, with an Open House from 2 to 4 p.m.

The center, located west of Clarendon at 12105 FM 2362, be open regularly on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 for walk-ins and appointments and on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4 p.m. for appointments only.

November 15, 2012
Local vote favors GOP candidates

Donley County residents followed most of the rest of Texas in preferring Mitt Romney over President Barack Obama during last week's general election, but Mr. Obama won several other key states and secured enough electoral votes to win another term in office.

November 15, 2012
Ceremonies honor service of local veterans

Randall County Judge Ernie Houdashell capped off a weekend of local Veterans Day observations Monday night before a crowd of about 200 people in the Clarendon College Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium.

Houdashell, a Hedley native, praised the number of college students who are veterans of the American armed forces and talked about the sacrifices that veterans have made.

Bringing the speech closer to home, Houdashell related the story of Adrian Youngblood, another native of Donley County, and his service during the Vietnam War.

Men and women like Youngblood are heroes, Houdashell said, despite the fact that many of them rarely or never talk about their time in combat.

November 21, 2012
City okays 5 percent trash hike

Garbage rates will soon be going up after the Clarendon Board of Aldermen approved Ordinance 420 during last week's city meeting on November 13.

City Administrator Lambert Little said the rate hike will be a five percent increase on all accounts and will generate about \$10,000 per year for the city.

Little said the sanitation services ought to be a net revenue stream for the city but should at least break even. Maintenance costs are rising in the sanitation department, he said, due to aging equipment that is breaking down at the same time.

"We cannot maintain our equipment right now," Little said. "Last year we bought and re-built a used truck with grant money. We desperately need two more trucks, but they cost about \$200,000 each and have life spans of about 10 years.

November 29, 2012
Thanksgiving meal draws 233

Organizers of the fifth annual Community Thanksgiving dinner at the Clarendon School Cafeteria say the event fed a total of 233 people with no charge this year.

Attendance was slightly down this year in terms of participants and helpers, volunteer Laura Paul told the Enterprise, but everyone still had a good time.

December 6, 2012
City aldermen debate hiring, firing powers

Raised voices and pointed fingers were the order of the evening when the Clarendon Board of Aldermen met last Tuesday, November 27.

Of the six items on the board's agenda, five items were discussed, and one was acted on - accepting the resignation of Alderman Terry Noble, who is moving to Pampa.

Issues with the city's employee policy manual took up much of the discussion for the night with Alderman

Tommy Hill opening by disagreeing with Estlack and saying he believed "seven heads are better than one" and said the city's hiring record "isn't worth a flip."

December 13, 2012
City battles water line breaks

Quick action by city employees repaired a broken water line last Tuesday, December 4, but a loss of pressure during the repair resulted in a "Boil Water Notice" being issued temporarily for Clarendon residents.

A contractor rehabilitating a city water well site struck a six-inch line while digging a slush pit just before 5 p.m., and the City of Clarendon Public Works Department responded immediately by notifying employees that they were needed, arranging for the necessary equipment and parts and making the necessary "line locate" call to DIG-TESS (Texas Excavation Safety System), the organization which locates all underground utilities before excavations start.

City officials said the pipe was so damaged that removal and replacement of a section of the line was necessary. Because the city's water system has only a few isolation valves, fire hydrants in the area had to be opened to relieve the water pressure. When pressure was reduced, the excavation around the damaged pipe could be pumped out and the repair completed.

December 14, 2012
Aldermen vote 3-1 to fire Little

City Administrator Lambert Little was fired by the Clarendon Board of Aldermen on a 3-1 vote last night.

After a heated discussion regarding Mr. Little's job performance, Aldermen Tommy Hill, Jesus Hernandez, and Abby Patten vote to terminate him immediately. Alderman Will Thompson opposed the measure.

The board tabled discussion of appointing a replacement for former alderman Terry Noble, who resigned November 27.

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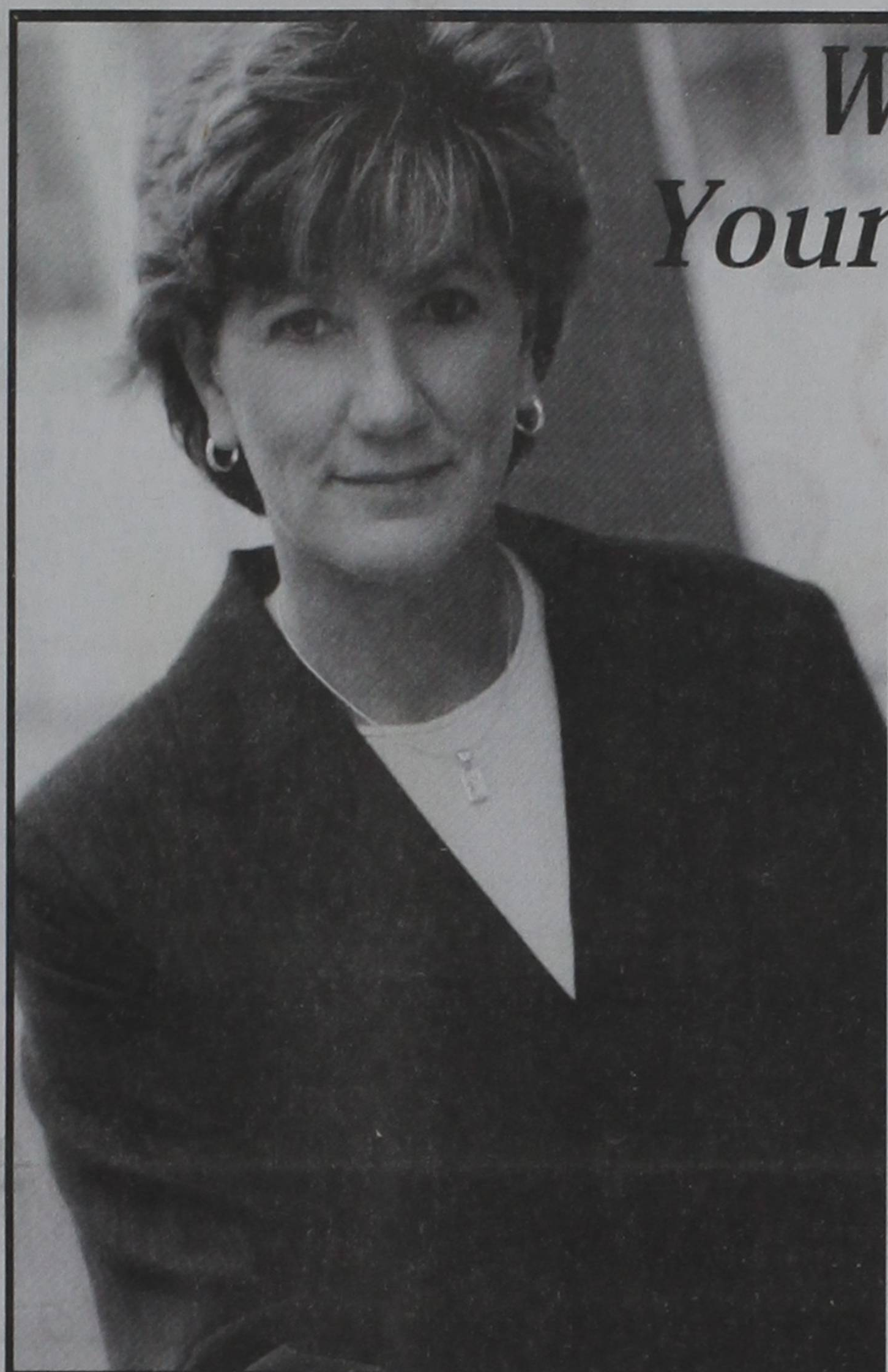
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3 BEDROOM - 4 BATH - WITH NEW ROOF - large tress & lots of shrubbery - deer, turkey and wild birds enjoy this place and so will you - West side of lake on Lease Lots #27 - for \$145,000. REDUCED TO 137,500.

4 BEDROOM - 2 LEVEL HOME - all electric - 2 b/r up and 2 b/r down - galley kitchen with breakfast nook - 2 living areas - decks both up stairs and down - 2 baths - 9 ceiling fans - 25' X 36' building with 10' doors for shop, boats, ATV & RV @ 110 Dana Dr. for \$134,900. REDUCED TO \$122,500.00.

FULL TIME OR SUMMER HOME - near Country Club and recently remodeled for inside and outside enjoyment @ 251 Dawn for \$160,000.

3 BEDROOM - 2 BATH - MODULAR HOME - PLUS ADD ON - includes cellar with inside entrance & large shade & fruit trees on @ 318 Grouper - PRICE REDUCED TO \$50,000.

2 BEDROOM - 2 BATH - plus add-on - shop building - concrete cellar - includes 7 lots @ 350 Sailfish for \$20,000.

HEDLEY

GILES COMMUNITY - 3 b/r - 2 baths on 1.27 acres with abundant deer & turkey @ 3606 CR 29 for \$69,500.

FARM & RANCH LAND

(sold out - need listings)

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