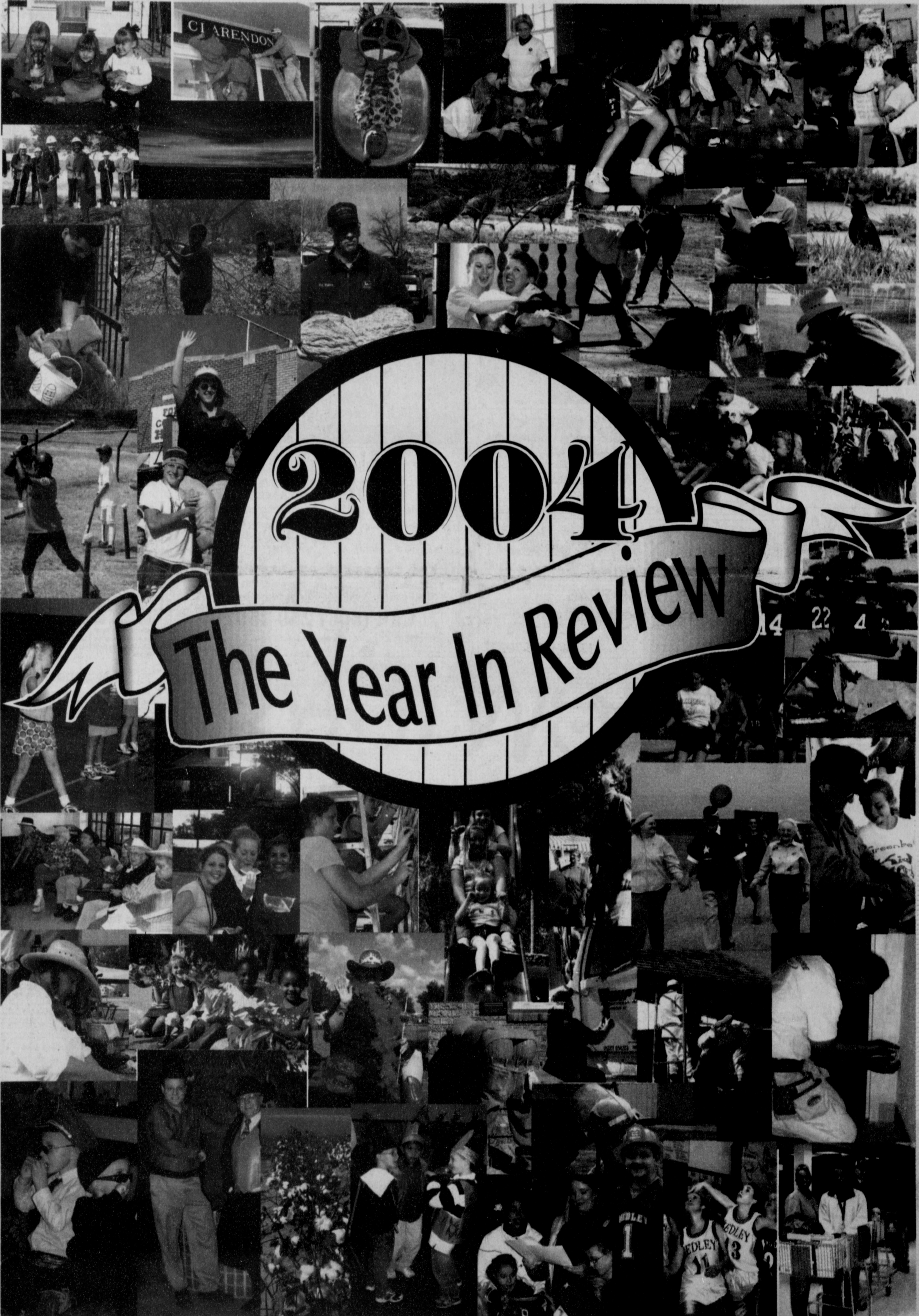


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## Chamber announces winners of contest

This week's Festival of Light winners were Saye's, business; Larry Kidd, 507 E. Browning St., Clarendon home; Ronnie Hawkins, Howardwick home; and Olin Castleberry, Hwy. 287, Hedley home. A special recognition was given to Katherine Ariola for her display.

The winners of the Christmas Cash drawing held during Late Night Shopping last week were Tommy Hill, Tyla Crawford, and Gina Archer.

## Immunization Clinic set for Clarendon

An Immunization Clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases is scheduled in Clarendon at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) office on January 11, 2005.

The clinic will be held 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the TDH Clinic, which is located at Medical Drive #5 by the Medical Center Nursing Home.

This clinic is free and open to the public.

## TxDOT workers busy fixing local roads

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Donley County Maintenance Section, has been busy repairing pot holes on various roadways.

"This type of work is necessary to keep the water from getting into the pavement and freezing," said Fu Benavidez, Donley County Maintenance Supervisor. "If this happens, the roadway can deteriorate and would have to be replaced."

TxDOT maintenance forces perform these types of operations

as preventive maintenance of our roadways and for the safety of the traveling public.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project should call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7145.

## Seniors Citizens hold successful bake sale

By Marlee Sharp

The bake sale went very well. We ran out of baked goods before noon and raised over \$200. The money will be used to help with our nutrition fund.

Our new exercise leaders are Linda Crump and Pat McCombs. Other new volunteers are Sue Leeper and Jean McAnear. Sue will be volunteering on Monday mornings, and Jean will fill in when needed. We are happy to have them volunteer their time to help out at the center.

We will be closed for New Year's Day on Monday, January 3. We will be open on Friday, December 31.

Those celebrating birthdays this week include Louise Horton, Robert Kuhn, Tom Shults, Bud White, Ismanell Gray, Kenneth Stone, Barbara Johnson, Pat Kuhn, Thelma Shields, Joan Kidd, and Doris Mills.

## Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminary set for Amarillo

COLLEGE STATION - Farmers, ranchers and other landowners can learn how to reduce their taxes and make effective estate planning decisions at a Texas Cooperative Extension farm and ranch estate planning seminar slated in February in Amarillo.

The seminar is scheduled for February 3-4 at the Ambassador Hotel. Each seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

"The program is designed to provide enough information on tax and estate planning to help participants make difficult estate planning decisions," said Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Texas Cooperative Extension economist and attorney. "We will go through a thorough analysis of new income and estate tax rules that affect families and agricultural businesses."

"We will examine some basic estate planning devices such as wills, living trusts, estate tax deferral, gifts and property titles, and fairness to beneficiaries. We will also discuss the use of corporations and partnerships, special farmland valuation, the family-owned business exclusion, rules for deferring estate tax

payments, the role of life insurance in estate planning, and tax valuation rules."

Registration is \$100 per person. The fee includes printed materials, refreshments, and lunch both days.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Wehring at (979) 847-9374 or s-wehring@tamu.edu.

## Rural Development to award funds for distance learning and telemedicine program

TEMPLE - Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced last week that USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program will have competitive grant funds to provide access to education, training, and health care resources for people in rural America.

Distance learning and telemedicine grants are specifically designed to provide access to education, training, and health care resources for people in rural America. Funds may be used to provide distance learning or telemedicine services to residents or entities in rural areas.

Applications must be completed and submitted no later than February 1, 2005, and will be scored and awarded on a competitive basis.

For more information, contact Francisco Valentine, Jr., Community Programs Director, at 254-742-9789 or visit the website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/telecom](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/telecom).

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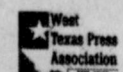
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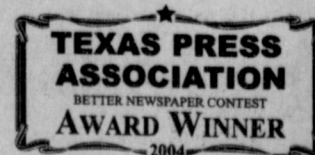
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# 2004: Thriftway owners announce sale of supermarket

**January 1**  
Firefighters responded to a house fire on the Tolbert farm Sunday night which left the contents of the house a complete loss.

The firefighters got the call at about 7:00 p.m. and in about twenty minutes firefighters had the blaze under control.

Robert and Barbara Tolbert were living in the house but were not home at the time of the blaze, according to a family member.

Due to heat and smoke damage, the contents of the house were probably a total loss, but structurally the house is ok. The loss was covered by insurance.

Fire Chief Delbert Robertson said the fire probably started when Christmas tree lights were left on a tree that was too dry.

**January 8**  
The owners of B&R Thriftway this week announced the sale of the supermarket chain to Lowe's supermarkets.

Bill and Laquetta Wilfong and Ron and Ka Wilfong established B&R Thriftway in Tulia in May 1975 and expanded the line to seven locations in the last 29 years. They have owned the Clarendon store since 1987.

In addition to the Clarendon supermarket, B&R Thriftway has locations in Tulia, Fritch, Iowa Park, and Borger and two locations in Herford.

**January 8**  
A New Year's Day fire inflicted extensive damage to a metal building adjacent to the main Hedley public school building last Thursday morning. The building housed a weight room, concession stand, and men's and women's restrooms used during the football season.

Firefighters received the call at 11:22 last Thursday morning. Twelve men from the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department were called in to help the nine volunteer firefighters from Hedley fight the blaze.

The fire probably originated from an electric heater in the men's restroom, and the school's insurance company will cover all expenses to tear the building down and rebuild.

**January 15**  
Residents from northern Donley County asked for better road maintenance during the regular commissioners' court session Monday.

Brad Dalton said roads leading to his property are in serious need of repairs and are dangerous to both vehicles and the people in them.

Commissioners said that current conditions are too dry for much work to be done on the roads.

The court took no formal action on the issue; but commissioners generally agreed that Dalton's road is in bad shape. They also said there was no easy way to fix it.

**January 22**

Clarendon College Regents accepted a \$1.27 million bid for the construction of a new library when they met in regular session last Thursday.

Page & Associates of Amarillo will serve as the construction manager at-risk on the project, which is being funded by gifts to CC and the Clarendon College Foundation. The facility will be situated between the Administration Building and the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center and will be constructed to match the architecture of the rest of the campus with one main difference - the new building will sit at a 45-degree angle to its neighbors. That unique position will allow the building to fit neatly into the existing landscape.

The project should be completed by the end of this year, and it should be ready for use in the spring 2005 semester.

**January 29**  
THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE set a new record and bested all other entries in the Texas Press Association's Mid-Winter Special Section Contest during the 57th TPA Mid-Winter Conference & Trade Show last Friday in Houston.

The 125th Anniversary Edition of the ENTERPRISE, an issue that was three years in the making, took first place in its category and received

Best of Show honors, which put it above all other entries.

According to TPA officials, 153 votes were cast at the convention, and the ENTERPRISE received 111 votes or 73 percent, to win its category, thus setting a new record for the contest.

In the Best of Show tally, the Enterprise received 24 votes, and its closest competitor received 16.

Representing THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE at the convention and accepting the award were Editor Roger Estlack and Web Master Ashlee Kidd.

**January 29, 2004**  
Donley County's new agriculture agent has settled in and is encouraging local residents to call on his office to take advantage of the services of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Leonard Haynes started work January 1 in the Cooperative Extension's new office, which is located on Kearney Street behind the Post Office next to Panhandle Community Services.

Haynes transferred from Liberty County, where he served three years as the 4-H and youth development agent. He served a year as assistant agent before being promoted into the 4-H position.

Haynes is a native of Johnson City. He is married to Ronda, a Spearman native and registered nurse.

**February 5**  
Clarendon Aldermen cleared the way for an assisted living center to be built here last Tuesday by changing the zoning restrictions for residential areas.

The board voted unanimously to amend Ordinance 207 to allow state licensed assisted living facilities in the R1 and R2 districts.

The change follows a request by Sue Leeper to build a 16-bed center on three lots adjacent to her home on Taylor Street. Under the previous rules, such a facility could not be built on Leeper's property, which falls in the R1 district.

When constructed, Leeper said her Country Cottage Assisted Living Center will employ six to eight full time employees.

**February 12**  
A letter from the Medical Center Nursing Home to families of its residents has caused some confusion, but MCNH officials say nothing is really changing in the way they serve those in their care.

The letter, signed by Donley County Hospital District Administrator Alan Graham, says that effective January 26, 2004, MCNH residents will be charged 36¢ per mile plus hourly labor charges for transportation to special events.

The letter fails to specify that "special events" refers to weddings, family reunions, graduations, or other private special events which are not sponsored by the nursing home. Transportation to and from events sponsored by MCNH will not be subject to extra charges.

**February 19**  
Dr. Richard Sheppard formally announced Friday his intention to open a practice in Clarendon in mid-March of this year.

Sheppard will do general family dentistry and some orthodontic work such as braces.

Sheppard's practice will be located in the Community Services Building, which is located east of the Associated Ambulance Authority Building on the Medical Center Campus.

**February 19**  
A helpful tip from a citizen led to the arrests of two men after the February 12 break-in at Kidd's Texaco.

Daniel Curry, 20, and Andrew Winkle, 20, both of Clarendon, were arrested on February 12 and arraigned on February 13 by

County Judge Jack Hall. The two were charged with burglary of a building.

Following the arrest, all but about \$27 of the money stolen was recovered.

**February 19**  
The Clarendon Board of Aldermen last Tuesday narrowly approved the final engineering report for renovations to be done at the municipal airport.

Dwight Brandt of Brandt Engineering presented the report for the project, 90 percent of which will be paid for with a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Brandt's initial estimate for the work was \$831,000; but he said with the city doing some of the work and by eliminating certain items from the project, he believed the job could be done within the \$795,000 budget set

by TxDOT. Alderman Janice Knorpp moved, seconded by Alderman Bobbie Kidd, to approve the report.

Tibbets and Alderman Tommy Hill voted "no," and Mayor Tex Selvidge broke the tie by voting for the measure. (Alderman Mark White was absent.)

The board also considered a budget amendment for the city portion of the airport grant. Knorpp and Kidd voted in favor, Tibbets and Hill voted against, and Mayor Selvidge again broke the tie, voting in favor of the amendment.

**February 26**  
Susie Shields received the 2003 Saints' Roost Award when the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet Saturday night in the Bairfield Activity Center. Stan Shelton and Pat McAnear

### weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	20	61°	23°	-
Tues	21	73°	31°	-
Wed	22	48°	23°	0.08"
Thur	23	31°	8°	0.02"
Fri	24	21°	-3°	0.06"
Sat	25	30°	3°	-
Sun	26	58°	24°	-
Total precipitation this month: 0.32"				
Total precipitation to date: 24.65"				
Total precipitation in December last year: 0.00"				
Total YTD last year: 16.67"				

### weekend forecast

 Friday, Dec. 31  
Mostly Sunny  
59°/32°

 Saturday, Jan. 1  
Partly Cloudy  
57°/30°

 Sunday, Jan. 2  
Partly Cloudy  
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Kyla Jade Doyal Feb. 26  
Nathan Arlin Estlack May 11  
Hannah Brooke Gage June 13  
Zane Scott Hankins June 30  
Jesse James Burrow July 7  
Rance Kristopher Ham July 27  
Kaitlyn Brooke Davis Aug. 4  
Kinlea Michelle Ford Aug. 13  
Ethan Jase Bailey Sept. 3

**¿Qué Pasa?**  
Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

**January 1**  
New Year's Day

**January 4**  
CHS vs. White Deer, here, 6:30 (girls), 8:00 (boys)

**January 11**  
Immunization Clinic, TDH Clinic, 9:00-11:45 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**January 14**  
CHS vs. Quanah, Bronco Gym, 6:30 (girls), 8:00 (boys)

HHS vs. Valley, Owl Gym, 6:30 (girls), 8:00 (boys)

**January 17**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Clarendon College vs. New Mexico JC, Bulldog Gym, 5:50 (women), 8:00 (men)

**January 20**  
Clarendon College vs. Howard College, Bulldog Gym, 5:50 (women), 8:00 (men)

**January 21**  
CHS vs. Claude, Bronco Gym, 6:30 (girls), 8:00 (boys)

HHS vs. Silverton, Owl Gym, 6:30 (girls), 8:00 (boys)

**January 27**  
Clarendon College vs. Odessa College, Bulldog Gym, 5:50 (women), 8:00 (men)

**February 14**  
Valentine's Day

**February 21**  
President's Day

**Community Menus**

**January 3-7**

**Clarendon Schools**  
Breakfast  
Mon: No School  
Tues: No School  
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk  
Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk  
Lunch  
Mon: No School  
Tues: No School  
Wed: Corndogs, fries, black-eyed peas, fruit, milk  
Thur: Chicken tetrazzani, mixed vegetables, fruit mix, rolls, milk  
Fri: Barbecue sandwich, beans, salad, apricots, milk

**Hedley Schools**  
Breakfast  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Cinnamon toast, dry cereal, egg rolls, fruit juice, milk  
Wed: Egg, sausage, and cheese on toast, dry cereal, fruit juice, milk  
Thur: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk  
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, peanut butter and toast, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread sticks, corn, fruit Jell-O, salad, apple crisp, milk  
Wed: Tacos or nachos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, salad, chips and salsa, milk  
Thur: Burrito or corn dog, chili and cheese, corn, salad, sliced peaches, milk  
Fri: Cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, applesauce, mixed fruit, milk

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Closed for Holiday  
Tues: Barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad, peaches, butterscotch pudding, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Wed: Salisbury steak, parsley potatoes, asparagus, three-bean salad, chocolate cake, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Thur: Catfish, corn casserole, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, cherry salad, hushpuppies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Fri: Mexican casserole, green chili cheese potatoes, tossed salad, coconut cream pie, Mexican cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Roast beef with gravy, parsley potatoes, California blend vegetables, deviled egg, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Tues: Beef stew with peas, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, orange slices, pudding, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
Wed: Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, orange Jell-O with carrots, peaches and bananas and pineapple, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Thur: Baked ham, black-eyed peas, corn, pear and cottage cheese salad, cake, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Fri: Steak and gravy, baked potato, cucumber and onion salad, pudding, corn muffins, milk, tea, coffee

**2004: Alert citizens solve crimes, schools score well on TAKS**

also received top honors as Man of the Year and Woman of the Year.

Lloyd Benson was named the Pioneer Man of the Year and the Pioneer Woman of the Year was Gladys Sawyer. The Young Woman of the Year from Clarendon High School was Sandra Ramirez and Drew Sell was named to Young Man of the Year from Clarendon High School.

The Young Woman of the Year from Hedley High School was Treva Rowland and Joe Patterson was named the Young Man of the Year from Hedley High School.

**March 11**

Ashley Dossett, age 18, faces a felony charge for possession of ice methamphetamine after she and two companions were stopped for not paying for gassing up their truck at the Clarendon Allsup's convenience store Saturday night.

Deputy Mike Spier stopped the vehicle and returned Dossett along with Brett Bagwell, age 20, and Brandon Bagwell, age 18, to the store for identification.

A subsequent investigation uncovered a large amount of marijuana and a small amount of ice methamphetamine.

On Monday, the Bagwells pled to a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and were given a \$2,000 fine and two years probation.

Dossett also accepted the plea on the marijuana charge but still faces the felony charge.

**March 18**

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen unanimously selected 11 blocks of streets it wants paved and curbed this year during last Tuesday's city meeting.

City engineer Che Shadle of OJD Engineering addressed the conditions of city streets, and officials decided on two streets to pave based on water flow and traffic.

Aldermen voted to authorize Shadle to start doing survey and design work and to take soil samples in preparation to pave and install curb and gutter on Fourth Street between Koogle Street and Jefferson Street and on Seventh Street from Cottage Street to Sims Street.

**March 18**

Good luck and alert citizens have aided local law officers in making quick apprehensions of criminals.

Last Wednesday, the Donley County Sheriff's Office received a call about 10:30 p.m. from Nathan Floyd of Clarendon, who said his residence on S. Carhart Street had been burglarized. Floyd reported several items stolen including a tin full of change and a blue button-up shirt.

Shortly after taking Floyd's statement, Sheriff Butch Blackburn stopped at Allsup's for a Coke and noticed three subjects, one of whom was wearing a blue button-up shirt and another who was trying to convert change into currency.

Blackburn approached the subjects and noticed several other items Floyd had listed as being stolen.

Derrick Todd, 19, and Timothy Jackson, 18, both of Memphis, and Johnny Castillo, 20, of Amarillo all pled guilty Monday and received five years deferred probation and a \$2,500 fine, the sheriff said. All of Floyd's property was recovered.

On Saturday night, Laban Tubbs informed the sheriff's office that someone had just stolen his pickup from his residence southeast of Clarendon. Officers went into action, and a good citizen who happens to be the sheriff's son, Tanner Blackburn, reported seeing the vehicle.

Officers stopped the truck nine miles north of town on SH 70 and arrested Randy Keith Mason, age 23, of Clarendon for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He later posted a \$5,000 bond.

"Part of our success recently has been due to good citizens, and part of it is just due to stupid criminals," Blackburn said.

**March 25**

After months of anticipation and years of planning, the ribbon was cut on Clarendon's new three-story Best Western hotel last Saturday.

Jimmy Sindha and his family, who also own the Western Skies Motel here, worked for nearly two years planning the new facility.

The \$1.3 million facility is

a showplace for Clarendon. The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation provided more than \$31,000 to assist with bringing the hotel to this city.

Projections are that the new hotel will generate \$23,000 per year in additional Motel Bed Tax income for City Hall.

**March 25**

Clarendon College Regents enacted slight fee increases to keep up with higher costs of doing business when they met in regular session last Thursday.

The new \$4 per semester hour fee brings the cost of a semester hour at CC to \$55 for in-district (Donley County) students, \$70 for out of district, and \$85 for non-residents (out of state).

CC remains competitive with other area community colleges. Frank Phillips College in Borger currently charges \$62 in-district, \$79 out-of-district, and \$86 for non-residents. South Plains College in Levelland charges \$57 in-district, \$71 out-of-district, and \$87 for non-residents.

The Board of Regents also raised the price of board for students living on campus by \$40 per semester, bringing the cost of a meal plan to \$990.

**April 1**

The population of Clarendon nearly doubled last Saturday when 1,872 contestants representing 129 FFA and 4H chapters were in town for the Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest.

According to the 2000 US Census, Clarendon has a population of 1,974.

Local merchants feel that the students along with their coaches, families, and friends provided a boost to the community's economy over the weekend.

**April 1**

Results from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam are back, and feelings at Donley County schools are mutual: Students exceeded the expectations of the Hedley and Clarendon administrators.

Hedley School Superintendent Bryan Hill said that all ten of his school's third grade students tested passed the reading portion of the TAKS test.

According to Clarendon Elementary Principal Mike Word, thirty-eight of the forty third grade students tested passed the exam for a 95 percent passing rate.

**April 1**

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received nine first place plaques en route to winning the Panhandle Press Association's "General Excellence" award during the PPA's 94th annual convention Saturday in Amarillo.

The local paper swept the Division I category of the 2003 PPA Better Newspaper Contest, placing in 13 out of 15 categories.

THE ENTERPRISE received first place honors for Feature News Photos by Roger Estlack and Cheryl Johnson; Feature Stories by Estlack, Ashlee Kidd, and Carrie Helms; Front Page Layout; Headline Writing; News Writing; Online Newspaper; Society Section; Special Edition; and Sports Writing by Sandy Anderson, Tangelia Copelin, and Estlack.

THE ENTERPRISE also received the Ken Towery Community Service Award for its support of the proposed paving project and related bond election, which was narrowly defeated by city voters last September.

Attending this year's convention and accepting the awards on the ENTERPRISE's behalf were publisher Roger Estlack and Web master Ashlee Kidd.

**April 8**

If your child didn't like eating in the school cafeteria this year, chances are they'll be even less likely to want to eat there next year following mandatory changes handed down by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

New nutrition policies from Combs' office that take effect August 1 require schools to eliminate all fried foods and to limit the portion sizes and fat and sugar contents of other food items. In addition, portion sizes for food items such as chips, cookies, bakery items and frozen

desserts at elementary, middle and high schools are limited.

McKinney said that the deep fryer has to be removed from the school by 2006 and that all foods that once were fried must now be baked, including French fries, corn dogs, and burritos.

**April 8**

Organizers are lining up candidates to unwittingly fight it out to be Donley County's fourth Turkey King, but this year there is a twist. The candidates are all female.

"Leading the 2004 flock is the mayor of Howardwick and perennial candidate Nancy Davis, who is making her third appearance on the fowl ballot.

Other candidates ready to do battle with Davis include Tessie Robinson of Suna AutoMall, Martha Smith of Clarendon College, CC Librarian Jewell Houston, Andrea Coxey of Medical Center Nursing Home, Linda Thornton also of MCNH, CHS secretary Valerie Ashcraft, Associated Ambulance Authority directory Anita Aaron, paramedic Anna Summers, and Renee Betts of Greenbelt Water Authority.

**April 15**

The financial condition of the Medical Center Nursing Home has become a central issue as voters prepare to cast ballots in next month's hospital board election.

Board member Alan Fletcher

is raising concerns over the home's financial losses, the cancellation of the Donley County Hospital District's professional liability insurance, and the amount of debt the district has.

But district administrator Alan Graham says the district's books really look pretty good, and he says he's willing to discuss the matter anytime. He doesn't dispute Fletcher's numbers, just the interpretation of them, and he says the nursing home is on track to make a profit this fiscal year.

**April 15**

People who skip out on city water bills will soon find it more

difficult to get away thanks to a new alliance among regional cities.

The Panhandle Regional Recovery Association (PRRA), which became active on March 29, allows member cities to collect overdue accounts on behalf of other member cities.

"You can run, but you can't hide," Clarendon City Administrator Sean Pate said of utility debtors.

Under the new system, when a resident leaves Clarendon with a past due water bill and moves to Claude, for example, then that resident must pay the Clarendon bill before Claude will turn on his water service.

City Hall has about \$25,000 in

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# 2004: City renamed airport of Johnson, incumbents re-elected to board

delinquent accounts on its books, but only those accounts that have become delinquent since July 1, 2003, can be entered into the system.

## April 15

The Saints' Roost Museum's tenth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff is one of the first rural tourism events approved for matching reimbursement funds from a new Texas Department of Agriculture program designed to help rural communities leverage their tourism marketing dollars.

Hometown STARS (Supporting Tourism and Rural Success) funding for the September 26 Chuckwagon Cookoff will provide \$4,442 in matching funds for promotional packets, advertising, direct mail, posters, and signs. The cookoff annually attracts about 1,000 visitors to Clarendon, and funds raised by the event support the continuing operations of the Saints' Roost Museum.

The grant application was submitted on behalf of the museum by the City of Clarendon through the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

## April 22

The name of a former Clarendon city official will be permanently attached to the local municipal airport following action taken by the Board of Aldermen in a called meeting Monday night.

Clarendon Municipal Airport/Bass Field was officially re-christened Clarendon Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport/Bass Field in honor of former alderman Smiley Johnson.

"I think it's only appropriate we name it for Smiley," said Mayor Tex Selvidge. "While he was here, he was the airport."

City officials said Johnson was the minister of the First Presbyterian Church for five years and served as a member of the Board of Aldermen from May 2000 to October 2001. He now resides in Canadian, where he is in hospice care suffering from cancer.

"During his short time here, Smiley got involved in all aspects of our community," Selvidge said. "He gave his time and often spoke of how much he liked the people of Donley County. I think even now his heart is still here in Clarendon."

Perhaps Johnson's biggest contribution to the airport was his work in obtaining a state grant worth more than \$800,000 to make improvements at the facility. The former alderman did much of the legwork to secure the grant, and Selvidge said Johnson made several trips to Austin at his own expense on behalf of the city.

The name "Bass Field" will remain attached to the airport. John M. Bass was a former owner of the land acquired in the early 1990s to extend the runway.

## April 29

A Donley County jury sentenced two Childress County inmates to a total of 75 years in the penitentiary last Wednesday after finding them guilty of charges related to a 2003 jail break.

The 12-member jury returned a guilty verdict against Brent Allen Davis for the first-degree felony offense of escape with a deadly weapon and Jack Treymayne Sapp for the second-degree felony offense of escape.

District Court Judge David McCoy convened the jury on Tuesday, April 20. The trial was a result of a September 20, 2003, three-person escape from the Childress County Jail. The jury determined that Davis used a homemade shank to help in the escape plan.

After returning the guilty verdict, the jury reconvened and heard evidence on punishment. The jury returned with a sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary for Sapp and returned a sentence of 55 years for Davis.

## April 29

Renee "Broncho" Betts made history Saturday by becoming the first woman ever to be elected Turkey King as the culmination of the fourth annual Donley County Turkey Strut.

Betts left all other candidates behind by collecting in the neighborhood of \$295, although election officials with the Chamber of Commerce

have not yet revealed an official final tally. In fact, election judge Linda Gray reportedly fled the county this week to go on vacation.

Valorie Ashcraft was the first runner-up in the king's contest, followed by Nancy Davis, Jewel Houston, Tessie Robinson, and Martha Smith.

## May 6

David Allen Myer, 35, of Glendora, California, was taken into custody after he led law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase exceeding 100 miles per hour through Armstrong and Donley Counties.

DPS Trooper Lynn Mays clocked the vehicle speeding west of Claude, and Mays and two units from the Armstrong County Sheriff's Department then continued in pursuit of the vehicle east of Claude on Hwy. 287.

Two attempts to spike the vehicle failed, and it continued heading east on Hwy. 287.

The vehicle made aggressive moves towards police units and was finally brought to a stop five miles west of town after Sherrif Butch Blackburn nudged the vehicle with his pickup.

## May 6

A long-awaited assisted living center will take another step closer to reality this weekend with groundbreaking ceremonies being held Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Clarendon Country Cottage Assisted Living will be located at Seventh and Taylor, and manager Sue Leeper says the facility when completed will give local people the opportunity to stay in their hometown near family, and friends.

The Country Cottage will be a 17-apartment building available for ambulatory residents, who will be provided home cooked meals, a warm and loving environment, interaction with other residents, and assistance with medications as well

as medical needs. Leeper expects construction to start on the facility this fall and to be open for business sometime in 2005.

## May 13

A new ambulance will soon be added to the fleet of the Associated Ambulance Authority at no cost to Donley County taxpayers, thanks to a grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The foundation board voted April 27 to approve a grant from the Lawrence R. Hagy Fund in the amount of \$43,679 for the purpose of purchasing a new Type III ambulance.

The grant will be combined with a \$35,000 grant from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) that the authority received last November.

The district is already in the process of taking bids on the new ambulance. Those will be opened Monday for possible action by the hospital board on Tuesday.

## May 20

Local incumbents were returned to office in all races last Saturday when Donley County voters went to the polls.

Despite being the most talked about race, only 25 percent of registered voters cast ballots for candidates running for the Donley County Hospital Board, which was the only countywide election.

Three current members of the hospital board were re-elected. In Place 5, Carolyn Moffett defeated challenger Linda Kay Bell, 336-307. Place 6 director Onita Thomas won more votes than any other hospital board candidate in her 436-208 reelection victory over Don Stone, and Jim Douglas posted the narrowest win when he beat June Davis, 329-307, for the Place 7 position.

In the race to fill the Place 4 seat formerly held by the late Jerry May, Pat McAnear defeated Kelly Tunnell by a margin of 416 to 222.

A total of 652 votes were cast in

the hospital board election.

## May 20

Clarendon College will be better prepared to serve future students thanks to a \$50,000 grant awarded by the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation last week.

The funds will be used for technology purposes in the new CC Library & Learning Resource Center, which is now under construction. CC President Myles Shelton said the grant is a great gift for Clarendon's students.

Construction on the new library is reported to be about two weeks ahead of schedule. The \$1.3 million facility is being funded by gifts to the college and the CC Foundation.

## May 20

Clarendon taxpayers could save at least \$8,000 on airport renovations, according to information presented to the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday.

Alderman Janice Knorp, who

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# 2004: Howardwick properties receive damage during late night storm

heads the committee overseeing grant-funded renovations at Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport, reported E.D. Baker had received the bid for the project and said the job should be about \$80,000 under budget.

City Administrator Sean Pate said Clarendon could ultimately save between \$8,000 and \$10,000 thanks to the project bid coming in under budget. The savings could also provide a cushion if workers run into anything unexpected during construction.

The project should start the middle of this summer.

### May 27

Donley County deputies subdued and arrested a Ft. Worth man last week after he assaulted a local family and then vowed he wouldn't be taken alive during a 34-minute standoff with authorities.

46-year-old George Wayne Weatherly was seen exiting the northeastern county residence of Larry and Alice Laroe at about 3:20 p.m. last Thursday when the couple returned home.

The suspect carried something to a white GMC pickup, approached the couple's vehicle, and asked them if they lived there, Blackburn said. The Laroes responded that they did, and the suspect then reportedly told them he had just robbed them.

Blackburn said Weatherly produced a hunting knife and tried to stab Mrs. Laroe, who was in the passenger's seat. The couple rolled up their windows, backed away from the suspect, and drove to a nearby hill in order to get cell phone reception to call for help.

Constable Mike Wallendorf intercepted the suspect on SH 273 who then fled down County Road 27, which is a dead end. The constable stopped the suspect and held him at gunpoint until backup could arrive.

Deputies loaded beanbag cartridges into their shotguns and disarmed the suspect after he was shot once in the torso and once in the hand. The suspect was then subdued.

Weatherly was booked into the Donley County Jail, where he remained Monday afternoon under a combined bond of \$1.4 million on charges of aggravated robbery and nine counts of aggravated assault.

### June 3

Mary Ruth Bishop of Lubbock will become the family and consumer sciences agent with Texas Cooperative Extension in Donley County effective June 2.

The appointment was announced by Donna Brauchi, district Extension administrator in the Panhandle, in cooperation with the Donley County Commissioners Court.

Bishop earned a Bachelor of Science degree in family studies from Texas Tech University, Lubbock. She pursued graduate study in higher education at College of the Southwest, Hobbs, N.M. She earned an associate of arts degree in home economics from South Plains College, Levelland.

Bishop served for two years as the 4-H agent and home economist with New Mexico Cooperative Extension for Lea County in Lovington, N.M. She was responsible for 4-H programs with 400 members and 18 clubs. Bishop developed a monthly newsletter and established advisement committees for the state and national 4-H alumni associations.

She also served as an adult volunteer for other 4-H clubs. Bishop has been active in civic activities and served as officer in a local Lions Club.

### June 10

A ten-year-old Clarendon boy drowned at Lake Greenbelt Sunday, and officials have ruled the death an accident.

Neal D. Harris and three young friends rode their bicycles from Clarendon to go swim on the north side of the Greenbelt Dam near Sandy Beach, according to information from the Donley County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Harris had asked his mother to take them swimming and she had told them no and said she would take them later. They boy and his friends then went without her knowledge.

Harris had told a friend that he

was able to swim but apparently got into trouble in an area where the depth of the lake changes quickly.

### June 17

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen voted last Tuesday to begin charging contractors and utility companies who bring tree limbs to the city's recycling center.

Commercial customers will be charged \$1 per running foot per trailer. A 16-foot trailer would cost \$16 to dump.

City Administrator Sean Pate said blades on the city's chipper are having to be replaced every couple of months and running the chipper is consuming 30 to 35 man-hours per month.

Residential customers can still haul their own tree limbs to the recycling center free of charge.

### June 17

Post Commander Dale Powers of VFW Memorial Post 7782 of Clarendon and Carol Holden District 9 Department of Texas VFW President presented Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Spier with the National Veterans of Foreign Wars of

the US National Life Saving Award.

Deputy Spier was honored for attempting to save the lives of two citizens of this community, one while off duty.

Spier was selected by the National Commander to receive this award.

### June 24

High winds gave Howardwick a beating Monday night, but residents there are giving thanks that no community members were hurt.

Residents say they received between 2.25 and 2.5 inches of rain in a very short amount of time and estimated winds were blowing between 75 and 90 miles per hour.

The major force of the storm appears to have hit about 11:30 p.m. when Greenbelt Electric Cooperative began losing service to some parts of the city. Three highline poles were broken down, and several tree limbs were caught in the lines, a Greenbelt official said.

Damage ranged from tree limbs being broken all over town to an entire trailer house being overturned.

At Lake Greenbelt, water authority officials said the parks and

other areas had no damage other than scattered tree limbs. The filter plant reported receiving 1.13 inches of rain. The lake had risen one inch to a depth of 60.58 feet by 10:30 a.m., and Carroll Creek was still running good at that time.

Clarendon experienced only broken tree limbs, and National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Tommie Saye reported an official rainfall of 1.21 inches.

### June 24

An Amarillo man was killed at Lake Greenbelt Monday night after high winds picked up his boat and dropped it on top of him.

Guadalupe Ortega, Jr., and his girlfriend, April Baca, were attempting to better secure Ortega's 18-foot aluminum pontoon boat on the shore near the north end of the Greenbelt Dam when the storm hit, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

Ortega was pinned with part of the heavy end of the boat on top of his upper chest. Baca also received a slight injury to her shoulder.

Sheriff Blackburn said unofficial reports said the wind was blowing

73 miles per hour at the time of the accident. The sheriff also said he had no idea how much Ortega's boat weighed but said it took seven men Tuesday morning to push it back into the water.

### June 24

The Clarendon College Board of Regents voted last Thursday to place the name of a Memphis woman on the college's new library.

The \$1.3 million facility, now under construction, will be known as the Vera Dial Dickey Library and is expected to be ready for use by the spring 2005 semester.

Dickey passed away in 1985 and bequeathed in excess of \$1 million to the college.

### July 1

A crowd of local and state officials, Donley County residents, and a sea of blue FFA jackets were on hand when Clarendon College held the grand opening of its new Livestock & Equine Center (LEC) last Tuesday.

The event was timed to coincide with the FFA area leadership conference held at CC last week, and speakers at the open house used that

connection to encourage FFA members to consider Clarendon when they go to college.

The \$1 million facility and its adjacent stalls and storage building is the home of CC's equine science and livestock and meats judging programs as well as the college's intermural rodeo team.

### July 8

A generally smaller crowd than last year attended the 126th anniversary Saints' Roost Celebration held at City Park last Saturday.

Warm July weather greeted celebration goers this year as friends and families gathered to renew acquaintances and to mark the anniversary of American Independence.

The Old Settlers Reunion got things started, and Melvin Housden of Houston traveled the greatest distance to be there. Willard Skelton and Roberta Adkins Pittman were the oldest man and woman present. Viola Barker Graham was recognized as the person who has lived in Donley County the longest - 87 years.

One visitor at the reunion was indeed a long ways from home. John Hyslar, of Deal, Kent, England was

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# Bronco Basketball

## 2004: Nursing home scores zero deficiencies, Hedley man injured in Iraq

visiting with the McElroy family.

The Kid's Parade saw a total of 47 entries. In the 0-4 year old group, Brooke Smith was first, Hannah Flowers was second, and Brandalyn Ellis was third. In the 5-8 year old group, Blaine Ellis was first, Kallie Hawkins was second, and Hannah Hawkins was third. In the 9-12 year old group, Andrew Tiedeman was first, and Summer Petrie was second. Prizes for the kids were donated by Donley County State Bank, Duckwall's, and Cornell's Country Store.

The annual Parade had 61 entries in four divisions this year with Grand Marshal Air Force Major Dave Clinton leading the way. Major Clinton is the son-in-law of Mike and Neva Spier of Clarendon and just finished a tour in Korea.

The Chamber of Commerce reports the Clarendon High School Cheerleaders' float won first place in the Float division for the fourth year in a row. Martin Baptist Church won second place in that division. In the Riding division, the Donley County Horse Club won first place.

In the Antique Vehicles division of the Parade, Redell Johnston won first place, and Wondell Luttrell took second place honors. In the Miscellaneous division, the Girl Scouts won first place, and Evan Baily won second.

At the annual Henson's Turtle Race, 187 turtles competed, which was down from last year's 230 turtles. Branson Cruse of Turkey won the 0-4 age division. Jami Lindsey of Memphis and Brandon Anderson of Clarendon tied for first place in the 5-8 division. Zach Christenberry of Ft. Sill, Okla., won the 9-12 division.

Crow Hollow Cattle Feeders was the winner of the utility trailer given away by the local FFA and 4-H groups.

Justin Ham was the lucky winner of the Las Vegas trip given away by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

### July 15

A southwest Clarendon home was lost to fire after it was hit by lightning early Friday morning.

Lightning struck a second story addition to a railroad caboose that was attached to the south side of the three-story home of George and Dixie Howard at 702 S. Leroy Street.

The 911 dispatcher received the call of the fire at 5:44 a.m. and fifteen firefighters responded to the call and had the blaze largely under control by 8 a.m., but they were unable to save the structure.

Fireman Jason Christopher was one of the first to respond and had to be taken by ambulance to an Amarillo hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion. He was released the same day.

### July 15

A Clarendon man was arrested last week following an investigation of a rash of residential burglaries.

Shane Klinnert, age 36, remained in the Donley County Jail Monday, facing charges of burglary of a habitation and violating probation.

Klinnert was arrested last Thursday and arraigned the following day. Bond was set at the \$25,000 for the burglary charge, but no bond was set for the probation violation.

Blackburn said the arrest cleared ten cases, four of which had happened the day of the arrest.

Prescription medications were the primary items stolen during the burglaries, Sheriff Blackburn said, but some meat, a fan, and a television were also taken.

Klinnert also reportedly stole a radio from a volunteer firefighter's home and used it to keep track of local law enforcement personnel.

All the missing property in the cases, other than the pills, have been recovered.

### July 22

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE was named a winner in the National Newspaper Association's 2004 Better Newspaper Contest by NNA officials in Columbia, Missouri, last week.

The ENTERPRISE will receive a second place plaque for Best Special Issue among newspapers with circulations under 3,000 for its 125th Anniversary Edition, which was published last summer.

Winners will be recognized

during the 118th Annual Convention and Trade Show, September 15-18, in Denver, Colo.

On Saturday, the 125th Anniversary Edition also received first place from the West Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

### July 22

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen tabled a resident's request to close the alley behind her house during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

Jewell Judd addressed the board and requested the official closing of the alley beside her house in Block 182B.

Judd said the alley was not open but that it was not officially closed either and said only one of her neighbors was using the alley. She said she wanted it closed because use of the alley was disturbing the gravel she had put in for her driveway.

Aldermen tabled Judd's request until they could look at the property.

### July 29

The total value of property in Donley County has increased 5.06 percent over last year, according to a report this week from the Donley Appraisal District.

The 2004 appraised value for property in the county's jurisdiction totals nearly \$160 million, an increase of \$7.7 million over 2003 figures. The average home in Donley County is valued at \$29,240.

Chief Appraiser Paula Lowrie said the appraisal district looks at all the known sales that have occurred in the last year and bases increased valuations on that information. Local taxing entities use the property valuations when setting their tax rates for the coming year.

Although some sources cite higher property valuations as a sign of a growing economy, many local residents don't like seeing their valuation increase because it results in a higher property tax bill even if a taxing entity does not increase its tax rate.

This year more than twice as many property owners filed to appeal their valuations than the year before.

Lowrie said 98 people filed protests, and ten of those settled their disputes before the Appraisal Review Board met July 8-9. Forty-nine of the remaining 88 presented their cases before the Board, and of those only nine were granted an adjustment.

### August 5

The City of Clarendon last week rejected the only bid for its proposed 2004 paving project after the price came in at almost twice the expected amount.

The Board of Aldermen directed city engineers to advertise the project again to try to generate more interest and get more reasonable quotes.

City Administrator Sean Pate said the city expected to pay about \$180,000 to pave 11 blocks on portions of Fourth and Seventh streets. That estimate was based on work the city had done last year in the southeast part of town under a disaster grant.

City Hall begins advertising for new paving bids this week. Those will be opened on August 19 for possible action by the Board of Aldermen on August 24.

### August 12

A Clarendon man was arrested last week in connection with a 2001 house fire that officials say was arson.

Larry Wilson, age 48, was indicted July 15 and was arrested last Friday, August 6. County Judge Jack Hall set bond at \$100,000.

Two other local men have previously been arrested and sentenced in connection with the fire.

Allen Turner, age 26, was arrested July 15, 2003, and sentenced to the Department of Corrections in December. Two months ago, Jimmy Reese, age 49, also faced an arson charge in the case. He received probation July 1.

Wilson is accused of employing Reese and Turner to burn the old Saye house at the southeast corner of Sixth and Kearney streets in order to get the insurance money.

### August 19

Connie McKinney has good news for Clarendon Elementary stu-

dents. They can still eat French fries in the school cafeteria.

But before a celebration gets out of hand, McKinney, who is the director of the CJS D cafeteria, notes that kids in Kindergarten through the fifth grade can only have fries once a week and the servings must be limited to three ounces.

"That's about five or six fries," McKinney said.

Still, that represents an easement in a string of changes handed down earlier this year by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs in her crusade against what she has called a "childhood obesity epidemic." Nutrition policies, which took effect August 1, require schools to eliminate all fried foods and to limit the portion sizes and fat and sugar contents of other food items.

### August 26

Donley County officials are considering slightly lowering the total county tax rate, according to the proposed 2004-2005 budget filed in the clerk's office last week.

The proposal uses savings in health insurance expenses and increased revenue due to higher property valuations to produce a \$1.77 million budget that provides for raises for employees without a higher tax rate.

Last year's combined county tax rate was \$0.50645 per \$100 valuation. This year's proposed rate is \$0.4993.

### September 2

Clarendon College filed suit in District Court last week against the contractor which oversaw construction of the school's new residence hall.

According to the petition, CC claims that Reynosa Construction, Inc., of Amarillo performed faulty and defective work and "failed to construct the building specified in the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents."

CC President Myles Shelton said Monday that problems have been evident with Regents Hall since the summer of 2003 and that Reynosa was supposed to have addressed those issues.

"This is a very expensive problem to correct," Shelton said. "It needs to be corrected, and the college should not be responsible for it."

At press time, Reynosa had not yet filed its response to the suit.

### September 2

Disaster grant costs more than expected

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen tried to sort through unexpected charges related to a 2002 disaster grant during a final public hearing last Tuesday.

Grant administrator Kay Howard, who was responsible for the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) portion of the joint state-federal project which funded drainage and street improvements in southeast Clarendon, reviewed the scope of work done under the grant.

City officials had been told from the beginning that the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) would put up 75 percent of the funds and that the supplemental ORCA grant would provide the city's 25 percent match. But with the project completed, the city has been charged by NRCS approximately \$35,000 for certain "100 percent items" related to improvements on Thurman Avenue.

"I don't know how, but there were documents presented to you with both 25 percent and 100 percent items, and you signed them," Howard told Mayor Tex Selvidge during the hearing.

"Well where the hell did they come from?" Selvidge inquired, noting that he thought he had only signed agreements based on Howard's recommendation.

"If I had created this problem, I would fess up and do what I need to do to clear this up, but I did not," Howard said.

### September 9

A split Board of Aldermen ended the City of Clarendon's relationship with its longtime grant consultant last Tuesday in the wake of a disaster grant that cost the city \$30,000 more than expected.

With two divisive votes during a called meeting, the board rescinded its agreement with Kay Howard of Lubbock for her to prepare the city's upcoming Texas Community Development Project grant application and took action to have the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) provide future grant consulting.

"I like Kay, but I think she made an error on the last grant, and I think we need to make a change," Alderman Bobbie Kidd said.

Howard had provided grant consulting services to the city since at least 1985, according to Kidd; and replacing her with PRPC upset Alderman Michael Tibbets.

"I don't remember Kay ever calling a member of this council a criminal, and PRPC did," Tibbets said. "I haven't received an apology."

Tibbets was referring to a November 6, 2003, article in The Clarendon Enterprise, in which a PRPC employee and former Clarendon board consultant was cited in classifying an October 28, 2003, action by the board of aldermen as spot zoning, which is illegal under state law.

"Pending an apology by them [PRPC] for a public assault by them, I can't imagine that this is occurring," Tibbets said.

His comments drew sharp criticism from Alderman Janice Knorpp, who said, "It's time to get over it and do something good for the city."

In other city business last week, the board rejected all bids for the 2004 street paving project since all of them came in higher than expected.

### September 9

Donley County Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley this week released a statement denying a rumor that she is planning to retire.

Lindley, who is running for re-election, says she appreciates citizens who have come to her to learn the truth and says she fully intends to serve another four years if re-elected.

"If I had any plans of retirement, I certainly would not have paid a filing fee of \$750 to have my name on the ballot," Lindley said.

### September 16

Medical Center Nursing Home officials have something to strut about after a state team found no deficiencies for the second year in a row.

The Texas Department on Aging & Disability Services gave the facility a clean bill of health during an annual review late last month, and the final report was received Monday.

Donley County Hospital District Administrator Alan Graham said state personnel were impressed with MCNH.

"One surveyor told me in all his time he had never seen as happy and as content residents as he did here," Graham said. "He told me there were no complaints, and that was a first for him."

MCNH officials say it's rare for a nursing home to have zero deficiencies given the broad scope of the inspection, and to have zero deficiencies two years in a row is even more rare.

### September 23

Clarendon College this month has posted its highest fall enrollment in the last 15 years - and possibly the highest in the history of the institution.

CC President Myles Shelton released information Monday showing the total headcount for the current semester is 1,033 - approximately seven percent above last fall's total and a 32.1 percent increase since 1998.

The total includes 402 students attending the home campus, 239 at the CC Pampa Center, and the remainder enrolled at classes held throughout the college's service area and enrolled in distance learning or online classes.

The enrollment figure counts students in academic and vocational classes and does not include continuing education classes.

### September 23

An ambulance bill sent to a Clarendon volunteer fireman raised the hackles of city aldermen during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

Fireman Jason Christopher was treated for smoke inhalation while fighting the July 9, 2004, blaze that destroyed the home of George and Dixie Howard, according to City Administrator Sean Pate. Christopher was transported to Amarillo, was treated and released, and was back at his regular job as a city employee the next day, Pate said.

Christopher has since received a bill from the Associated Ambulance Authority for \$1,214. Of that, Christopher's health insurance through the city paid \$521, leaving him with a balance of \$693.

Alderman Tommy Hill, who also volunteers for the ambulance service, urged his fellow board members not to take any action on the issue until authority director Anita Aaron, who had been out of town, could look at the issue.

### October 7

A Hedley High School graduate was seriously injured in Iraq last Wednesday when the convoy he was traveling in was ambushed near Kirkuk.

Army PFC Aaron Bugg's condition had stabilized by Friday, but he was still suffering from multiple wounds and could lose part of his left leg, his mother, Connie Dalton, told the Enterprise. He was scheduled to be transported from Germany to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Virginia on Saturday.

"I'm just thanking God that he's alive, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed on that leg," she said. "I thought we were going to lose him. Now I'm just happy he's alive, and I can't wait to see him."

Bugg's mother says she understands why America went to war in Iraq, but she thinks the US doesn't have any business being there now.

"It's just senseless - all these kids dying," she said. "But as far as [my son's] service, I have a lot of respect for him and everyone over there. I'm just like every other mother."

### October 14

Organizers of the 53rd annual Cotton Festival in Hedley have deemed this year's event a success. The streets were filled with residents and visitors who enjoyed all the festivities.

The Lioness Club kicked the festival off with their Chili and Stew Supper on Friday night. The Lioness Club also hosted a Quilt Show on Saturday.

A Tractor and Car Show started the events on Saturday.

The Lions Club served about

240 plates of barbecue for lunch and the Hedley Senior Citizens also served hamburgers during lunch.

The parade was very successful with more entries that they have had in many years. The annual Hedley School reunion proceeded the parade at the school.

### October 21

If you thought last winter's natural gas bill was high, you ain't seen nothing yet.

GreenLight Gas General Manager Brent Wheeler says because of uncertainty in an unregulated market, consumers need to be prepared to pay an extra 12 to 17 percent for natural gas this winter.

Wheeler says his company has no control over the rising cost. A consumer's gas bill is made up of three components, and only two are regulated (the pipeline transportation and local distribution cost). The actual commodity cost is unregulated and varies according to market conditions.

"I don't believe these high natural gas prices are just a temporary phenomenon," Wheeler said. "I believe for the next two or three years at least, we're going to see very high natural gas prices until there is a reasonable supply available."

### October 21

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen held a public hearing on proposed changes to the rates the city charges for building permits when it met October 12.

Ordinance 353 would amend Ordinance 143 and set the price for building permits at \$10 for all construction costing between \$250 and

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\$1,000. The city would also charge \$1 for each additional thousand dollars or fraction thereof.

If approved, a building permit for a \$50,000 home would cost \$59.

Under the existing ordinance in Clarendon, building permits cost \$1 for the first \$250 to \$1,000 and 25 cents for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

### October 28

Donley County residents will go to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in local races as well as voting for state-wide offices and choosing electors for president of the United States.

The General Election will be held November 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting by personal appearance continues through Friday, October 29, in the Courthouse Annex.

As of early Monday afternoon, at least 350 people had cast early or mail-in ballots, according to the Donley County Clerk's office. That number is up from the same point in the 2002 general election, in which 247 people had voted eight days before the election.

According to Deputy County Clerk Kim Layton, there are 2,670 county citizens registered to vote.

On the local level this year, incumbent Democrat Wilma Lindley is facing Republican challenger Vicky Tunnell for the office of County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Precinct 3 voters will have the opportunity for a rematch as Democratic incumbent Commissioner Henry C. "Buster" Shields is pitted against former commissioner Andy Wheatly, the Republican he unseated four years ago.

Voters in Precincts 3 and 4 have also seen a horserace develop between Democratic incumbent Constable Mike Wallendorff and write-in challenger Tony Sellers.

### November 4

City Hall stinks. Literally. That was the message delivered by City Secretary Linda Smith and City Clerk LeAnn Marcum when the Clarendon Board of Aldermen met in regular session last Tuesday.

"This place is falling apart," Smith said, noting that the 1918 municipal building is leaking badly every time it rains.

"It smells like dead bodies," Marcum added.

City Administrator Sean Pate said this week that an insurance adjuster for the Texas Municipal League (TML) had examined City Hall following last week's meeting and is expected to issue a report soon about the building.

"There are several maintenance issues that need to be addressed," Pate said. "The roof needs a lot of work, and water is leaking in through windows on the top floor."

Pate said stagnant water about one foot deep is standing in what was once a swimming pool in the basement, and he said simply, "It's stinking."

Pate said a foundation expert has said that part of the building is in good shape for its age, but the administrator noted that water causes a lot of damage if left unchecked.

"It is kind of ironic that this place was built in 1918, and now the Red Sox have won the World Series," Pate said. "Maybe the curse of the Bambino has gone from Fenway to Clarendon."

In other city business, the Board of Aldermen held a final public hearing on Ordinance 353, which would increase building permit fees in the city. The ordinance was approved unanimously on its second reading and took effect October 26.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation presented a contract to the board. Under the terms of the contract, the CEDC would pay the city \$200 per month for light clerical duties, such as collecting the CEDC mail, paying bills, posting agendas, and reconciling financial statements. The CEDC Board believes the contract will allow CEDC to pursue its goals without incurring the expense of hiring a director. The aldermen approved the contract.

### November 4

Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley successfully fended off a challenge by Republican Vicky Tunnell by a margin of 1,085 to 657 when Donley County voters cast

their ballots Tuesday.

Lindley's was the only county-wide race to be contested this year, but races in two precincts did produce some drama for the evening.

Former Republican county commissioner Andy Wheatly managed to reverse his fortunes from the 2000 election, successfully ousting the Precinct 3 Democratic incumbent, Henry C. "Buster" Shields, 280 to 135.

In Precincts 3&4, Constable Mike Wallendorff, a Democrat, won the right to keep his job, tallying 449 votes. He easily defeated the write-in candidacy of Tony Sellers, who garnered 153 votes.

Sixty-eight percent of registered voters in Donley County went to the polls this year. That's a total of 1,792 ballots cast and is up just slightly compared to the last presidential election in 2000 when 1,759 people voted.

### November 11

The Donley County Commissioners' Court will appoint a five-person board to study a disputed road after a public hearing was held during their regular session Monday.

A protest regarding a proposed county road map was filed by attorneys representing Precinct 3 resident Terry Crofoot regarding an extension of what is currently labeled as County Road 18.

The protest says that the road, which crosses Crofoot's property, has never been maintained with public funds and that the road is a private ranch road with no dedication by the owner that it can be used for public purposes.

An affidavit attached to the protest and signed by J.B. Lane notes that in the past the property owners "have allowed Jack Craft, a neighbor, limited access to the ranch road" but further notes that no easement has been granted to Craft.

County Judge Jack Hall said the road is the only access Craft has to the property which includes his residence.

The court will appoint a five-member Jury of View to study the problem and make a final decision. The jury, which must consist of citizens with no interest in the situation, will be appointed during the court's next regular meeting on December 13, and their decision must be returned within 90 days from November 8.

### November 18

Duckwall's Variety Store closed here Monday after losing the lease on the building it had occupied for seven years.

The closure of the Clarendon store has been common knowledge for several weeks, but parent company Duckwall-ALCO of Abilene, Kansas, only made the official announcement this week.

Lowe's supermarket, which earlier this year purchased the building previously occupied by Duckwall's, has not publicly announced what it intends to do with the space. A Lowe's official said an announcement would be made after the first of the year.

### November 18

Last week, officials with the Donley County Gin in Lelia Lake were calling the 2004 cotton crop one of the best in decades; but several days of cold, wet weather could threaten that assessment.

The lack of freezing temperatures has kept the damage from being as bad as it could be, but producers now need a lot of dry weather to get the crop out of the fields. Folks at the gin say they are still optimistic about this season's prospects.

As of last Wednesday, 700 bales had been ginned already, and estimates were pointing to 10,000 to 12,000 bales for this season. Shields said some producers were pulling two bales per acre before the rain fell, which measured 1.5 inches through Sunday night and was still falling on Monday and Tuesday.

### November 25

The City of Clarendon will hold a public hearing at the Clarendon High School Auditorium next Wednesday at 7 p.m. to discuss park improvements.

According to City Administrator Sean Pate, city officials are consid-

ering applying for a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant and are seeking to gather input from the public.

Discussions so far have centered on rehabilitation or reconstruction of the existing McClelland Field and Hart-Moore Field, currently used by the high school and Little League; development of a new softball field south of Hart-Moore Field; and enhancement of facilities associated with the ball fields and City Park.

Officials have discussed looking at the park and fields as one recreation complex with a central restroom and concession facility, a walking trail encompassing the entire area with benches in several locations, and new playground equipment. Improvements would be done in phases.

### November 25

With the construction phase complete, the Clarendon College Board of Regents toured the interior and exterior of the new library building and accepted the structure during regular session last Thursday.

The 10,500 square-foot library is named in memory of the late Vera Dial Dickey, life-long resident of Memphis. The building features improved amenities such as a computer research lab with access to 45 computers, three study/reading areas, improved office and workspaces and special display cases for items such as the Texas Collection.

The official dedication and grand opening for the Vera Dial Dickey Library is slated for Thursday, February 3, 2005, at 11 a.m.

### December 2

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen may crack down on chickens and propane tanks in the city limits following the board's regular meeting last Tuesday.

Complaints about chickens and ducks running loose at a residence on McLean Street prompted the city's animal control officer to request that the board review ordinances governing livestock in the city limits.

Administrator Sean Pate reported that the problem had been rectified by enforcing Ordinance 25, which requires that chickens, ducks, turkeys, and other fowl be kept confined in pens. But some aldermen questioned why such animals were not included in the city's livestock ordinance.

The matter was tabled until the December 14 meeting when aldermen will consider amending the livestock ordinance.

Pate also reported that some citizens were in violation of city ordinances regulating propane tanks in the city limits. Current municipal law prohibits propane tanks within 500 feet of a street or alleyway.

Aldermen discussed the need to allow tanks for backyard barbecue grills and travel trailers and for commercial sales; but the board worried about the danger of large residential propane tanks.

The board directed Pate to draw up an ordinance limiting tank sizes in residential areas to not more than 10 gallons and requiring that they be kept 100 feet from any residence or business. This item will also be discussed at the next meeting.

### December 2

An afternoon fire cost a Howardwick family their home last Friday.

The Donley County Sheriff's Office received the call of the fire at 4:01 p.m., and members of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responded to the blaze at the home of David Perry in the 200 block of Billy Street.

Clarendon Fire Chief Darbert Robertson said the fire began when an electric heater plugged into a wall outlet started sparking. The breaker for that circuit was quickly shut off, but the fire had apparently gotten into the wall by then, he said.

Two trucks and seven firemen arrived on the scene and had the fire out in less than an hour, Robertson said. The front half of the singlewide trailer house was burned up, and the remainder suffered smoke damage.

No one was injured in the fire, but the Perry family lost most of their possessions. They are now staying with Perry's mother, and donations for the family are being accepted at the Howardwick City Hall.

### December 16

The 1890 Donley County Courthouse will be featured in a documentary airing on PBS stations in Texas sometime next year.

Texas Foundation of the Arts President Jim Bailey and a cameraman were in Clarendon last Friday to film the Romanesque Revival style structure, which was the subject of a \$3.9 million restoration between 2000 and 2003.

Bailey said a colleague at Texas Tech University had recommended he visit the local building and had called it "one of the finest courthouses in West Texas."

### December 23

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen tabled discussion on ordinances governing chickens and other domestic fowl and propane tanks in the city limits.

The board's discussion was moving in the direction of requiring local poultry owners to obtain a livestock permit and limiting the number of fowl to 25 birds per enclosed pen. But the discussion hit a stumbling block and was tabled after questions were raised about how big a pen could be and whether the same rules could be fairly applied to small birds, such as bantam chickens, and larger birds, such as turkeys.

The board's discussion about propane tanks in the city limits met a similar fate with Alderman Janice

Knorpp saying it was pointless to proceed on that issue until the city could learn more about the subject. Aldermen tabled that issue.

At the same meeting, the board directed city engineer Che Shadle to proceed with plans from earlier this year to pave Fourth Street from Koogle to Jefferson and to pave Seventh Street from the west city limits to Sims. City officials hope to open bids on the project in February.

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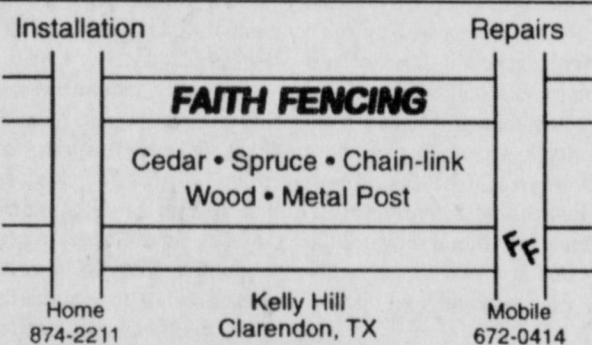
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NPO: 15082. State Office: Constr/Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, Phone: 512-416-2540. Dist/Div Office(s): Childress District, District Engineer, 7599 US 287, Childress, Texas 79201-9705, Phone: 940-937-2571. Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 1-2tc

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Clarendon CISD will hold a public hearing for discussion of the school districts **2003-2004 Academic Excellence Indicator System Report** on Monday, January 10, at 8:15 p.m. in the Functional Living Center Building located at the corner of 4th and Patrick Street, Clarendon, Texas. This hearing will be combined with the regularly scheduled meeting of the local Board of Trustees. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. 2-1tc

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