

More filings for county elections

With just days left before the filing deadline, more contested races have emerged for next year's county elections.

County Clerk Fay Vargas has filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket, and Janette Gail Cox Wagner will seek that office as a Republican.

Three people are seeking to succeed Pct. 3&4 Justice of the Peace Ann Kennedy, who is retiring at the end of her term. Colleen Owens and Doug Wright have filed as Democrats, and Pamela Denise Bertrand will seek the Republican nomination.

Three Republicans are running for their party's nomination for County Commissioner of Precinct 4. Joe Hall, Dan Sawyer, and Bill Spier are each hoping to succeed Democrat Bob Trout, who is not running for re-election.

Other local officials who are seeking re-election have not drawn opponents at press time. Those include County Judge Jack Hall (D), County Treasurer Wanda Smith (R), Pct. 1&2 Justice of the Peace Connie Havens (D), and Pct. 2 Commissioner Donnie Hall (R).

Filing takes place in the county clerk's office in the Donley County Courthouse Annex and continues through January 4, 2010. Those seeking public office will be required to pay a \$750 filing fee or can present a petition to waive the fee.

The primary elections will be held March 2, citizens are reminded to register to vote in the motor vehicle office in the Courthouse Annex if they have not done so.

WT, CC partner to offer interactive education classes

CANYON — West Texas A&M University is partnering with Clarendon College, Frank Phillips College, and the Dalhart Community Foundation to bring undergraduate teacher certification courses to Panhandle communities via interactive television.

WTAMU will be offering the courses to students in Borger, Pampa, Clarendon and Dalhart. One course in the teacher certification sequence, Educational Psychology—EPSY 3341—will be offered during the spring semester from 6-8:30 p.m. every Monday beginning Jan. 11.

Students who wish to enroll in these courses must complete application requirements to WTAMU and qualify for admission to the teacher preparation program at the University.

For more information, contact Dr. Jan Ray, head of the Department of Education at WTAMU, at 806-651-2616 or jray@wtamu.edu.



Treva McKenney

Local girl receives master's from UT

Treva McKenney, the daughter of Mike and Linda Rowland of Howardwick, graduated Friday, December 18, with her Master's of Physical Therapy from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

She is a 2004 graduate of Hedley High School and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from West Texas A&M University in May 2007. She will continue at the University of Texas Medical Branch working on her Doctorial Degree.

She is also the granddaughter of Don and Treva Fulton of Howardwick and Betty Rowland of Roswell, Mexico.



Christmas spirit

The Donley County Child Welfare Board bought and wrapped gifts for 10 local foster children on December 13. Money used was from the Kash for Kids fundraiser. Shown here are Joe Hall, Markeeta Howard, Sarah Hatley, and Ann Huey

COURTESY PHOTO / BILL HUEY

Livestock show to be held January 9

It's time once again for the Donley County Livestock Show. This will be the first event to be held in the new Donley County Activity Center.

Volunteers are working hard to get the final touches done on the building by show time.

The livestock show will begin on January 8 with animals being moved in and weighed. The show will start Saturday, January 9, at 8:00 a.m. beginning with the sheep and goats, followed by the heifers, steers, gilts, and barrows.

The Buyers' Meal and Premium Sale will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Livestock Association would like for everyone to come out to support our local youth and also to come see the new facilities. Anyone wishing to donate to the livestock show may contact Larry Gray at 874-2095, Leonard Haynes at 874-2141, or Lon Adams at 856-5323.

Immunization clinic to be held January 12

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic in Clarendon on January 12, 2010, at the TDSHS office at 5 Medical Drive.

The clinic will be open from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The first ten clients in the morning and the first ten clients in the afternoon will be served.

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Howardwick Christmas dinner might begin a new tradition

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas. Ours continues as more children come in while others leave. Ten-year-old Ryan Fross kept repeating, "I believe, Santa, I believe," and kept the dreaded underwear gift from under the tree. He did ask for sushi for Christmas; but since Santa wasn't sure how to deliver raw fish, he didn't get it this year.

The Christmas dinner hosted by Dave and Linda Stout at the Baptist Church was very nice with about 25 meals served and food left to serve that many more. The music led by Nelda Grider and games and gifts added to the fun; and what could have been a quiet day became a day to remember. A tradition may have been born.

Happy birthday to Cora Bland who will be 90 years old December 30, but we celebrated her birthday Saturday with a big party. The room was full of family and friends.

There was a huge cake covered with red roses and a slide show revealing her life. Cora is a vibrant part of our community, and I am lucky to have her as a neighbor, so happy birthday, Miss Cora.

The lead story on last night's newscast told about a Safeway store in California that had been left unlocked and unattended for Christmas day, and although people had come in and shopped, they paid before leaving. When the store opened and the story broke, people being interviewed in the parking lot were amazed and called it a miracle.

This last week of 2009 many resolutions are being made to make

the new year better such as losing weight, getting more exercise, eating right, getting organized, or stop smoking high on the lists. About 80 percent of these resolutions are bound to fail because we expect a miracle. If you eat that pizza or ice cream or smoke a cigarette, you are a failure in your eyes. What would happen if, instead of expecting a miracle by changing a personal habit, we made a miracle by changing the world? The people that shopped at Safeway did the right thing by paying for their groceries. How often could you do "the right thing," make a phone call to a friend who is lonely, help your neighbor, or just give a friendly hello with a smile? So instead of making a resolution that won't be kept, try making one you can keep all year by doing "the right thing."



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| Tues | 22 | 72° | 29° | - |
| Wed | 23 | 60° | 32° | .03" |
| Thur | 24 | 44° | 23° | .27" |
| Fri | 25 | 32° | 10° | - |
| Sat | 26 | 38° | 12° | - |
| Sun | 27 | 41° | 19° | - |

Total precipitation this month: 0.41"
Total precipitation to date: 15.89"

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 1
Sunny
44°/22°

Saturday, Jan. 2
Sunny
49°/27°

Sunday, Jan. 3
Pt. Cloudy
48°/24°

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Community Calendar

December 31

VFW New Year's Party • Clarendon Community Building at Rodeo Grounds • 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

January 1

New Year's Day

January 2

Lady Broncos v. Holy Cross • 1 p.m. • at Bronco Gym

Broncos v. Holy Cross • 2:30 p.m. • at Bronco Gym

January 5

Lady Broncos v. Canadian • 6:30 p.m. • in Canadian

Broncos v. Canadian • 8 p.m. • in Canadian

January 9

Donley County Jr. Livestock Show • Donley County Activity Center

Menus

January 4 - 8

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Steak fingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, green beans, butterscotch pudding, wheat rolls
Tue: Beef stew with veggies, peas & cottage cheese, pecan bars, lime jello, cornbread/crackers
Wed: Red beans/ham, cole slaw, steamed broccoli, sliced apricots, brownies, cornbread
Thu: Beef fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit salad, Mexican wedding cake
Fri: Roast/brown gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, brownies, hot rolls

Hedley Senior Citizens

No Menu Available

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, wheat toast, fruit, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, wheat toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
Lunch
No Menu Available

Hedley ISD

Mon: Chili cheese dogs, pizza, corn, tossed salad, fruit, milk
Tue: BBQ beef on a bun, chicken on a bun, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk
Wed: Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, potato/gravy, green beans, rolls, milk
Thu: Pizza, beef tacos, refried beans/rice, salad, fruit, milk
Fri: Hamburger, baked potato, salad, fruit, milk

Weddings

Beth Foster & Junior Newman
March 17, 2009

Elizabeth Simmons & Nathan Zongker
May 23, 2009

Tracy Hankins & Matt Gambill
May 30, 2009

Haley Shelton & Taylor Shelton
June 6, 2009

Angela Finebery & Jeremy Monroe
June 13, 2009

Jennifer Leach & Jeremy Noyes
June 20, 2009

Kristin White & Michael Henderson
June 27, 2009

Sarah Ray & Cory Bateman
July 18, 2009

Caitlan Hall & Chase Thornberry
July 25, 2009

Lacey Anderberg & Ryan Wilcox
August 8, 2009

Christina Wooten & John Newton
August 29, 2009

Dina Henderson & Gary Vance Norman
November 8, 2009

Dr. Courtney Doyle & Dr. Kevin Green
November 30, 2009

New Arrivals

Jaxon Wayne Robertson
February 6, 2009

Brayden Jay Youngblood
March 18, 2009

Addison Danae Havens
March 26, 2009

Meredith Rheann Artho
March 27, 2009

Aubrey Mae Stidham
June 23, 2009

Hagen James Newman
August 3, 2009

2008: State closes historic bridge

Dateline: January 8, 2009

State closes historic bridge

State officials have closed the Seventh Street Bridge at City Park, but the bridge's age and historical significance may save the structure from being replaced.

Clarendon City Administrator John Webb said the city barricaded the 100-year-old bridge after receiving a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) last month.

Dateline: January 15, 2009

Father, son drown at lake

A son and father from Amarillo became the 21st and 22nd drownings at Lake Greenbelt after a weekend hunting expedition turned to tragedy last Saturday.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Hotan Ahnood and his father, Bashir Ahnood, had come to the lake with two other men to hunt geese on Kelly Creek across from Kincaid Park.

Blackburn said the other three men saw the 17-year-old go under, and the boy's 46-year-old father stripped to his long underwear and tried to swim to him in water that was estimated between 36° and 41°F.

Dateline: January 15, 2009

Patten, Hommel top stock show beef division

Annie Patten and Tres Hommel exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the Clarendon Community Center.

Patten exhibited the Grand Champion Steer, and Hommel had the Grand Champion Heifer.

Dateline: January 22, 2009

Change comes to America

A historic transition of power occurred Tuesday, January 20, as Barack Obama was inaugurated as the first black president in the history of the United States.

Many believe that America has entered a new era as the 44th president promises to take the nation in a new direction as he faces many challenges.

Donley County citizens were largely in favor of Obama's Republican opponent, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, in the November election. Obama received only 291 votes while McCain led with a total of 1,370 votes.

Dateline: January 22, 2009

City raises water use charges

City residents will soon be paying more for water and sewer services following the Clarendon Board of Aldermen's 3-1 vote last Tuesday.

The board approved Ordinance 385 to amend the utility rates. While residential and commercial base rates for water will remain the same, the amendment reduces the 5,000-gallon minimum to 2,000 gallons and sets a usage rate of \$2.25 per thousand gallons over the minimum.

Dateline: January 29, 2009

Hawkins new head of WTAMU ag department

CANYON—Dr. Dean Hawkins has been named the new head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences at West Texas A&M University.

Hawkins begins his duties with the spring semester and comes to WTAMU from New Mexico State University (NMSU), where he served as professor of animal and range sciences with a general teaching area in reproductive physiology of domestic animals.

Dateline: February 5, 2009

Wind farm might be operational this year

Donley County's first wind farm could be online by the end of this year following the announcement of an agreement to develop an area along FM 2471.

Nacel Energy Corporation has entered into the agreement with members of the Naylor family on 636 acres to develop what it is calling Hedley Pointe.

Dateline: February 5, 2009

County to consider burn ban Monday

Donley County Commissioners will consider enacting a burn ban next Monday due to the dry conditions and the high risk of wildfires.

Local officials along with the Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross and the Texas Forest Service are urging everyone to use extreme caution with anything that might cause a fire.

Dateline: February 12, 2009

CC enrollment up 10 percent over 2008

Enrollment at Clarendon College has grown more than 10 percent from this time last year, and that growth has been rewarded by the state.

Following the 12th class day, CC had a total enrollment of 1,150 students, which is up from 1,043 in spring 2008. Enrollment is up 15.8 percent from 993 in spring 2007.

The most important figure though is the number of contact hours CC is

generating, which is a method the state uses to determine the college's funding. Preliminary data showed contact hours have increased 13.1 percent from Spring 2008 and are up over 16 percent from Spring 2007.

Dateline: February 12, 2009

District Court sentences two

Two criminal cases were inadvertently left out of a January 29 article about recent district court activity. Sentencing in both cases was handed down Friday, January 23, 2009, in Clarendon.

Clarence Pierce, Jr., was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—Institutional Division for the offense of Sexual Assault. Pierce pleaded true to all the State's allegations in its Motion to Adjudicate.

Pierce originally pleaded guilty to the offense of sexual assault on July 21, 2005, and received eight years deferred adjudication.

Ronald Eugene Henry was convicted and sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—Institutional Division for the offense of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more. Henry pleaded true to all the State's allegations in its motion to revoke defendant's community supervision.

Henry originally pled guilty to the offense of DWI 3rd on October 3, 2005, and received a five year sentence in the TDCJ, probated for five years.

Dateline: February 19, 2009

CEDC awards improvement grant

Osburn Appliance received the first cash award this year from the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's Façade Grant Program.

The CEDC Board at its February 2 meeting approved Shirley Osburn's improvements to her storefront at 319 S. Kearney and the adjacent storefront at 321 S. Kearney.

Both storefronts were constructed about 60 or 70 years ago to house Frank White's Clarendon Hatchery, which operated at that location for many years. Osburn said she can remember going in to see White's chicks as a girl and not knowing until years later that he was not just selling chicks in Clarendon but actually shipping thousands of them out of Donley County.

Dateline: February 26, 2009

County cracks down on illegal dumping

Two Hedley men were working to clean up county roads this week after pleading guilty to charges of illegal dumping.

Charlie Jaramillo, age 68, and Robert Jaramillo, age 51, were charged with a Class A Misdemeanor after they dumped more than 200 tires in four places along County Road X last fall, according to the Donley County Sheriff's Office and County Attorney Landon Lambert.

Dateline: February 26, 2009

CC eyeing wind farm on campus

Five electric wind turbines might be located on the campus of Clarendon College someday if contract negotiations now underway prove successful.

CC President Bill Auvenshine says the college is currently negotiating with US Wind Energy LLC concerning the possibility of locating the turbines south of the Livestock & Equine Center.

"We have about 50 acres that are being unused and have no plans for," Auvenshine said.

Dateline: March 5, 2009

City considers street improvements

The City of Clarendon is considering a seal coat program to protect and improve streets following last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Roger Fields of Oller Engineering in Lubbock addressed the board and discussed the program that his company has. He said 21 cities currently operate under one contract and said the program has been around for about 15 years.

Fields said by having so many cities together on a program the unit cost to seal coat a street drops.

City Administrator John Webb favored the program and said he wants the city to start out small this year and then grow into the program.

Dateline: March 5, 2009

Court hears pleas

Three Donley County cases resulted in sentences in district court last month.

Naomi Tolbert pled true to all the State's allegations in its Motion to Adjudicate. Tolbert was convicted and sentenced to fourteen months in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—State Jail Division for the offense of forgery.

Willie Ballard pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for a period of three years for the state jail felony offense of forgery.

Mark Carroll Davis pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for a period of six years for the first degree offense of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Dateline: March 12, 2009

Deputy resigns after break-in investigation

A break-in at the historic Bugbee House last week turned out to be anything but routine mischief and has cost the Donley County Sheriff's Office one deputy.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a report of the security alarm going off last Thursday about 9 p.m. When authorities arrived, six college-age young women were at the house and were taken in for an investigation into the break in.

But as the investigation continued last Friday, new light was shed on the case.

"After a thorough investigation, it was decided no charges would be filed on the girls," Blackburn said. "Also through that investigation, it was learned that some of the policies of the sheriff's office had been compromised, which has resulted in the Donley County Sheriff's Office's being short one deputy."

Dateline: March 12, 2009

Man in jail after brandishing knife

A local man remained in jail this week after wielding a knife around Hedley last week.

The Donley County Sheriff's Office was alerted Friday night that Jeremy Blackwell was brandishing a knife.

After law enforcement arrived and investigated, a search uncovered Blackwell hiding in the back seat of a Chevrolet Tahoe at his grandmother's house. He was armed with a knife and an ax handle at the time of his arrest.

Blackwell was subsequently booked into the Donley County Jail for aggravated assault with bond set at \$5,000.

The accused was previously arrested on October 31, 2008, for aggravated sexual assault of child and jailed with a bond of \$50,000. He had remained in jail until last Monday when his lawyer petitioned the court and got Blackwell's bond reduced to \$25,000. Whereupon he made bail and was released.

Dateline: March 19, 2009

Fire burns 225 acres near Lake Greenbelt

Many departments joined together March 10 to fight a fire that threatened property southwest of Greenbelt Lake.

The fire was reported at 7:09 p.m., and the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responded and immediately called for mutual aid from Howardwick and Hedley, according to a report from First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell.

Soon after that, mutual aid was also summoned from Memphis, Groom, and Claude fire departments as well as the Texas Forest Service.

The fire, which is thought to have been ignited by a tree blowing into a power line, started near the Greenbelt Lake road that leads to the bluffs and swiftly traveled south/southwest.

Dateline: March 19, 2009

Aldermen table discussion on streets

Clarendon city officials tabled a resolution on a proposed street project last Tuesday after hearing from another engineering firm.

The Board of Aldermen had previously been considering a program from Oller Engineering of Lubbock and a possible \$10,000 plan to seal coat a few streets this year.

But Tuesday night the city's current engineer, Che Shadle of OJD Engineering, addressed the board and said the city already has a seal coat program in place and that it could partner with the college to get bids this year.

Dateline: March 19, 2009

First newspaper to be displayed in Canyon

Clarendon's first newspaper will be featured in a new exhibit at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, which opens this Saturday, March 21.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Amarillo Globe-News, the Museum will journal the life of the Amarillo newspaper with a special exhibition called "Extra! Extra! Read All About It" in the Mary E. Bivins Gallery.

This exhibit will relate today's Amarillo Globe-News as the lone survivor of more than 30 newspapers published in the city since its founding in 1887.

The exhibit will also touch on the history of journalism in the area, and among the items on display will be the first edition of Texas Panhandle's first newspaper, The Clarendon News, which was published on June 1, 1878.

Dateline: March 26, 2009

Superintendent's contract divides Hedley trustees

A divided Hedley school board voted Saturday to propose non-renewal of Superintendent Bryan Hill's contract.

Board President James Lee Potts told the Enterprise that the 4-2 vote was not a final act and that Hill has 15 days to request a hearing before the board of trustees can vote on his contract.

On the advice of legal counsel,

Potts would not comment on reasons for the board's vote or other matters related to the issue.

Hill said he was not given any reason for the action taken last Saturday, and he raised concerns about an evaluation the board did in January of his annual performance.

Dateline: March 26, 2009

Board members deny violating Open Meetings Act

An investigation will be opened this week into a possible violation of the Open Meetings Act by members of the Hedley school board, the Donley County Attorney's office said.

County Attorney Landon Lambert said Tuesday that he will ask the Texas Rangers to investigate allegations that four members of the Hedley Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees held an improper meeting last August.

A complaint by former board member Rex Morris was filed with Sheriff Butch Blackburn, who turned the case over to the county attorney.

Dateline: April 2, 2009

Winter blast cancels judging contest

Blowing snow and hazardous driving conditions forced the cancellation last week of the annual Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest.

CC Judging Coach Johnny Treichel said he and CC President Bill Auvenshine agreed to cancel the event early Friday afternoon because of schools and judges pulling out of the event and because of road conditions. Some area highways were closed by the state.

Dateline: April 2, 2009

Enterprise honored at regional press meeting

The Clarendon Enterprise received three first place plaques when the Panhandle Press Association announced the winners of its annual Better Newspaper Contest in Amarillo last Saturday.

Winners were announced at the close of the association's 99th annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel.

The local paper received first place for Feature Photos by Roger Estlack, which judges from the Gulf Coast Press Association called "the very definition of a feature photo."

The Enterprise also topped the field in the categories of Front Page Layouts and Special Sections with its annual Pioneer Edition of The Donley County Leader.

Dateline: April 9, 2009

Chamber honors top citizens at banquet

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Jean Stavenhagen with the 2008 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service to the community as an educator and civic leader during the chamber's annual banquet Saturday night.

Man of the Year recognition went to Dr. John C. Howard, and Kathy Hommel was named the Woman of the Year.

Dateline: April 9, 2009

Man charged with DQ heist

A Clarendon man is in the Donley County Jail this week after he allegedly stole \$1,200 in cash from the local Dairy Queen.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said an investigation of the March 14 crime resulted in the arrest of Christopher Harris, age 19, for burglary of a building and possession of marijuana.

Blackburn said Harris confessed to the crime and was being held in the jail on a \$2,500 bond, but that bond was put on hold because the accused was already on probation on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Dateline: April 9, 2009

Probation sentence reached for dorm burglar

The spring break burglary of several Clarendon College dorm rooms has resulted in one man confessing and being placed on probation.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office arrested 23-year-old Calvin Kirkendall on March 26 on a charge of making a false report to a peace officer. The charge was later changed to burglary.

Blackburn said an investigation resulted in the recovery of several stolen items, and he said eyewitnesses reported the accused had possession of stolen property.

Dateline: April 16, 2009

City evaluates administrator's performance

Clarendon Administrator John Webb received good marks and a raise following an evaluation of his first six months in office last Tuesday.

The Board of Aldermen met in closed session for about ten minutes to discuss Webb's performance before reconvening in open session. Webb told the Enterprise that each of the Aldermen had given him high marks.

The board also unanimously voted to increase Webb's salary from \$55,000 to \$60,000 effective April 15, 2009.

Dateline: April 16, 2009

CC alumni will honor two exes

The Clarendon College Ex-Students Association will recognize two former students this Saturday, April 18, during the association's biennial reunion.

The late Jewell Austin Houston and the late Jimmy Vonn Carter will each receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dateline: April 23, 2009

Kidnapper pleads guilty, gets 20 years

A Lelia Lake man was sentenced to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice last Thursday for his involvement with a kidnapping last summer.

James Michael Brinkley pled guilty to the first degree felony of aggravated kidnapping before 100th Judicial District Judge Stewart Messer in Clarendon in accordance with an agreement with the district attorney's office.

2008: Local GM dealership closes

Dateline: April 23, 2009
Clarendon wins area recycling trophy
 Clarendon is more "green" than ever this year.

Thanks to the support of local citizens and businesses, Clarendon has for the first time received the traveling trophy from Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) in Amarillo for being the top recycling community in the Panhandle.

Although Clarendon has been near the top of the list for the top recycling community in the Panhandle for the last five or six years, the community just didn't recycle the amount of material needed to surpass other cities competing, such as Canadian, who received the trophy five years in a row until this year.

Dateline: April 30, 2009
UIL suspends contests

The University Interscholastic League today postponed all athletic and academic competitions until May 11 because of the swine flu outbreak.

On the recommendation of Dr. David Lakey, Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and in consultation with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Robert Scott, the UIL altered all schedules.

Dateline: April 30, 2009
Howardwick wreck takes woman's life

A local woman was killed in a car accident in Howardwick on last Thursday, April 23.

According to Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Bobby Chambless, the wreck took place at approximately 8:03 a.m. on Swanson Street. Betty Hammock, 73, of Howardwick ran her 2004 Jeep Cherokee off the roadway into the west ditch and into a sign. Instead of rolling sideways, the vehicle rolled end over end half a turn and came to rest on its roof.

Chambless said Hammock was not wearing her seatbelt when the wreck occurred. She was rushed to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, and at 9:45 a.m. she was pronounced dead.

Dateline: April 30, 2009
Foundation deeds Pampa Center to Clarendon College

Clarendon College Regents received a nice surprise during their regular meeting April 16 — the deed to the CC campus in Pampa.

The board was scheduled to receive five undeveloped acres south of the existing M.K. Brown Academic Building on W. Kentucky Street. From the Clarendon College-Pampa Center Foundation; but when foundation president Don Lane addressed the meeting, he announced the college would be getting the 14-acre campus as well.

President Bill Auvenshine was very pleased with the foundation's gift.

"Clarendon College is extremely grateful for the work the Pampa Center Foundation has contributed through the years by taking the initiative years ago to provide higher education to the citizens of Gray County," Auvenshine said.

Dateline: May 7, 2009
Showdown

Voters will decide Saturday whether Alderman Tommy Hill or Mayor Chris Ford gets to lead the City of Clarendon for the next two years. Both candidates took time out of their day Monday to sit down with the Enterprise to discuss their campaigns.

Mayor Chris Ford has served Clarendon for two and a half years and says he wants to continue working for the city.

Dateline: May 7, 2009
Elections to be held Saturday

Voters will go to the polls this Saturday to determine several races in four local elections.

In the only county-wide election, voters will choose three members of the Donley County Hospital Board. Billy Ray Johnston and Jeannie Owens are running for Place One, Tammy Owen and Bright Newhouse III are running for Place 2, and incumbent Melinda McAnear is the sole candidate for Place 3. Voting for the hospital board will be in the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Voters in the City of Clarendon

will choose between incumbent Chris Ford and Alderman Tommy Hill for the mayor's position, and incumbents Terry Noble and Ann Huey are being challenged by Larry Hicks and Jeff King for two positions on the Board of Aldermen. Voting for this election will also be at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

The Hedley Consolidated Independent School District has five people running for two positions on the board of trustees, and none of them are incumbents. Travis Thomas, Shelby Shipp, Carole Ward, Gwynne Howard, and Lana Wallendorf Ritchie are all on the ballot. Voting for the Hedley school board will take place at the Hedley Lions Hall.

The City of Howardwick has only one candidate for mayor, Dell Essary, but there are three candidates for two positions on the Board of Aldermen: incumbent Gene Rogers, Norm Haygood, and Louise Popplewell. Balloting in this election will take place at Howardwick City Hall.

Dateline: May 7, 2009
Bill would preserve CC funding

Community colleges across Texas received good news last Friday when the state House of Representatives gave unanimous approval to a bill by Rep. Burt Solomons.

House Bill 2083 seeks to resolve the issue of "proportionality" for com-

munity colleges, a technical issue raised by Gov. Rick Perry two years ago when he vetoed state funding for community college health insurance costs. HB 2083 would preserve that funding and link future increases to increases in enrollment.

Clarendon College President Bill Auvenshine said the bill is good for all community colleges because it's a better guarantee for the future than a competing bill in the state senate, which would not guarantee health insurance funding but would give a special appropriation for rural colleges.

Dateline: May 7, 2009
West on probation after plea on theft

A local man is on probation following the acceptance of a plea agreement before the 100th Judicial District Court last week in Panhandle.

Quentin West pled guilty to a state jail felony and was placed on probation for a period of three years for the felony offense of theft, over \$1,500. West pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State for the state jail felony offense of theft.

Dateline: May 14, 2009
Stanley Automotive closes GM dealership

One of the largest private employ-

ers in Clarendon closed its doors Thursday morning.

A corporate official confirmed that Stanley Auto Enterprises had permanently shut down its General Motors dealership, which was known for decades as Chamberlain Motor Company.

"The rumors are true," Becky Enderbrock told the Enterprise. "We have shut down here due to the tough economic conditions."

The dozen or more employees by Stanley's are now out of work.

Dateline: May 14, 2009
Ford drives over Hill, 183-160

Clarendon voters handed Mayor Chris Ford a victory Saturday, defeating Alderman Tommy Hill's bid to be the city's chief executive by a margin of 23 votes.

Ford, who was appointed as mayor in December, beat the four-term alderman, 183-160.

Hill will remain on the city board since his term as alderman did not expire this year.

Joining the board as a new alderman is Larry Hicks, who got 202 votes. Alderman Ann Huey retains her seat on the board after getting the second most votes, 149.

A total of 345 people voted in Saturday's city election, the highest turnout

Drugs in the News

Drug Approved for Shingles Pain

Last month the FDA approved a medicated skin patch for the relief of pain (called post herpetic neuralgia) that often occurs following a bout of the shingles, an outbreak of rash or blisters on the skin. The drug is capsaicin (Qutenza), a compound found in chili peppers. A news release from the FDA indicates that although there are currently non-prescription products available that contain capsaicin, Qutenza is the first, pure, concentrated, synthetic capsaicin prescription product to undergo FDA review.

Shingles is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, which is the same virus that causes chickenpox, a condition many people encounter when they are a child. Once a person has chickenpox, this same virus becomes dormant, but may re-emerge in the skin when a person is older. The rash usually occurs on one side of the face or body and may last for 2 to 4 weeks. A vaccine (Zostavax) is available to help reduce the risk of shingles. In clinical trial, the vaccine reduced this risk by 50 percent. The vaccine is recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control for adults 60 years of age and older.



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| 10 | Jill Luna | Sr. |
| 11 | Danielle Ford | Jr. |
| 12 | Kia Bryley | Sr. |
| 12 | Lydia Howard | Fr. |
| 20 | Lauren Shelton | Sr. |
| 23 | Haley Hall | Sr. |
| 24 | Trevela Dronzek | Sr. |
| 25 | Domnique Mason | Sr. |
| 33 | Caitlyn Christopher | Sr. |
| 40 | Deidre Lewis | Sr. |
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| 3 | Josh Krumwiede | Sr. |
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| 10 | Justin Shillbaker | Jr. |
| 12 | Johnny Gaines | Jr. |
| 15 | Brayden Phillips | Jr. |
| 23 | Stephino McCarty | Sr. |
| 24 | Forrest Yelverton | Fr. |
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2008: Hill settles with Hedley ISD

since 2003 when 376 people voted in a city bond election.

The Donley County Hospital District also had a close race as Billy Ray Johnston defeated Jeannie Owens, 189-182, for the Place One seat on that board, and Bright "Bubba" Newhouse III won the Place Two seat, 191-175, by beating Tammy Owen. Melinda McAnear, the only incumbent on the ballot, received 342 votes for her Place Three position.

Voters in the Hedley Independent School District elected two new members to that board with Lana Wallendorf Ritchie and Shelby Shipp each getting 111 votes. Also on the ballot were Gwynne Howard, 72; Carole Ward, 69; and Travis Thomas, 7.

Howardwick's Del Essary was unopposed for mayor and got 65 votes. Alderman Gene Rogers was the top vote getter in his reelection bid with 47 votes, and Norm Haygood secured the other open seat on the board with 46 votes. Louise Popplewell came in third with 36 votes.

Dateline: May 14, 2009

New electric lines possible for county

Representatives of a firm that plans to build, own, and operate electric transmission lines in the Panhandle addressed the Donley County Commissioners' Court Monday afternoon about possible lines coming through the county.

B. Cameron Fredkin of Cross Texas Transmission told commissioners at their regular meeting that his firm was selected by the Public Utilities Commission to build some of the lines that will connect the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) electric grid with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid to bring power from future Panhandle wind farms to the rest of the state.

The boundary between those grids comes through Donley County, Fredkin said, and one of the proposed transmission lines coming from the south could pass through part of the county en route to a new substation in Gray County.

Dateline: May 21, 2009

Hedley superintendent settles with district

Hedley School Superintendent Bryan Hill is looking for a new job following a called meeting of the Hedley CISD Board of Trustees last Thursday.

After meeting in closed session for over an hour, the board voted to "accept

the voluntary employment agreement and release between Bryan Hill and Hedley CISD effective June 30, 2009," according to unofficial minutes obtained by the Enterprise.

"Basically, they renewed my contract, I resigned, and they paid me one year's salary," Hill told the paper.

Dateline: May 21, 2009

Stanley closure impacts community negatively

Workers at Stanley Automotive Enterprises in Clarendon found themselves unexpectedly out of work last Thursday when the General Motors dealership suddenly closed its doors.

Former employees said corporate officials with the Dallas-based firm called a staff meeting for 9 a.m. and told them as of that moment they were shut down.

Stanley's Chief Operating Officer Becky Endebrock told the Enterprise that morning that the decision was made due to "tough economic conditions" and indicated the decision was Stanley's and not that of General Motors.

Dateline: May 21, 2009

Childress man pleads on kidnapping

A Childress man was placed on deferred adjudication this week after accepting a plea agreement for charges related to a kidnapping last summer.

John Edward Arbuckle pled guilty to the felony offense of aggravated kidnapping before District Judge Stewart Messer in Clarendon on Monday. He could face 99 years or life in the state penitentiary if he violates the conditions of his ten-year probation.

Arbuckle was one of three people arrested in July 2008 in connection with the kidnapping of a McLean man in Amarillo. The man was bound and put in a van and was later being driven through Clarendon when the suspects stopped at Lowe's Family Center. There the victim managed to get loose, make his way into the store, and seek help.

Authorities soon located the suspects' vehicle at a residence on County Road 19 near Lelia Lake. James Michael Brinkley was placed under arrest there. Arbuckle was stopped by a Donley County Deputy for a traffic violation the next day and arrested on outstanding warrants.

Brinkley pled guilty on April 16, 2009, to the first degree felony charge

of aggravated kidnapping. Brinkley was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Dateline: May 28, 2009
Weather-watchers descend on Clarendon

Clarendon was abuzz Monday when more than 100 weather-watchers descended upon the community.

Dozens of specialized vehicles sporting radar and other equipment lined up at the roadside park at US 287 and SH 70 during the day, before they caravaned down the highway late in the afternoon.

Paul Markowski with the National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) told the Enterprise that the diverse group was

collecting data on thunderstorms and said they were headed to Estelina where they were hoping to see a big storm. He said the group chases storms in the plains between Canada and Mexico.

The group was part of the Verification of the Origins of Rotation in Tornadoes Experiment 2 (VORTEX2), which is the most ambitious field experiment in history to explore tornadoes.

Dateline: May 28, 2009

Clarendon, Hedley name top students for Class of '09

Clarendon and Hedley High School officials have announced their top graduates for the Class of 2009.

CHS valedictorian Amelia Taylor and salutatorian Niki Roberts will deliver separate addresses during commencement.

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If your answers to the above questions are positive, then you had an excellent year! If we must make a New Year's resolution, let us all resolve to follow the Savior's footsteps a little more closely. Let us all resolve to help our neighbor, see after the elderly, and over all be a better citizen in 2010. Acts 17:27 tells us that God is never very far from us. We can either keep God at "arm's length" or allow Him to abide within us. There's a New Year's resolution that you and I will never be sorry for!

2009 has been a great year for my family. Clarendon is a special place for us. I believe that Clarendon has many God-fearing folks and that makes this town much better than most places. I want to be a better citizen and representative for Christ in 2010 than '09. I pray that all of us would seek that goal. Our families would be better for it and so would our community.

The Church of Christ in Clarendon has been wonderful for my family. Do you have a regular place of worship? We would love to extend an invitation to everyone to come and worship with us. Or maybe you would like to come and join us at 2:30 p.m. every Sunday at the nursing home. We have a worship service there from 2:30 until about 3:00-3:15.

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2008: Lightning destroys home

ment exercises this Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center at Clarendon College.

At HHS, Skyler Conatser is the valedictorian for the senior class, and Peter Howard is the salutatorian. They will be recognized this Friday night at 7:30 in the Owl Gym.

Dateline: June 4, 2009

CHS scholarships exceed \$290k

Twenty-two Clarendon High School graduating seniors were awarded a combined total of more than \$290,134, according to announcements made during the school's annual commencement last Friday night.

CHS Principal Larry Jeffers made the following announcements of awards that the school had been made aware of prior to Friday night. He said this year's class has received more than any other in his time as principal.

Dateline: June 4, 2009

State starts overlaying project on Hwy. 70

The Texas Department of Transportation recently hosted a pre-construction meeting to discuss the upcoming project for a 5.980 mile overlay project on SH 70 in Donley County.

This overlay project will begin at Howardwick and continue south to the intersection with US 287 and SH 70.

The \$1.5 million contract was awarded to contractors J. Lee Milligan of Amarillo. Construction efforts began May 26, 2009. Weather permitting, the completion date for this project is July 8 or 35 working days.

Dateline: June 11, 2009

Clarendon clinic welcomes new physician's assistant

Clarendon Family Medical Center is proud to announce the addition of a new member to their staff, Sarah Burcham, who has been working as a Physician's Assistant at the clinic for about three months.

Burcham was born in Logan, Utah. When she was six months old, she moved to the small town of Bayville, Colorado, where she was raised on a farm and eventually graduated from high school.

"Bayville is about the same size as Clarendon. There is actually two more people there than in Clarendon when you look it up," Burcham says. "Since I don't have a lot of experience in the center of big city or anything like that, the small town field is what I am used to and what I consider as home."

Dateline: June 11, 2009

Four arrests result from burglaries

Carelessness on the part of four suspected crooks led to their capture last week after the burglary of a Hedley residence.

According to Sheriff Butch Blackburn, the home of Rex Fish in Hedley, which is the former Security State Bank building, was burglarized on May 27 and again on June 3.

The investigation of the crime pointed to Memphis, and as the sheriff headed down US 287 he found debris along the highway that resembled items that had been stolen from the Fish residence.

Four subjects were detained and questioned. Amber Morris, 22; Kyle Murray, 17; and Timothy Wilson, 22, were all arrested on June 3. The fourth subject, Michael Henderson, 17, was arrested on June 7. All have been charged with Burglary of a Habitation.

Dateline: June 11, 2009

Hedley hires interim superintendent

The Hedley School Board selected a former Hartley administrator as interim superintendent during a called meeting Sunday afternoon.

Board members met behind closed doors for seven minutes before voting in open session to hire Jimmy Hoyle at a rate of \$375 per day, five days per week with a housing allowance.

"I'm looking forward to working at Hedley," Hoyle told the Enterprise. "It will be a challenge, but there are good things happening here, and we just need to just need to shift the focus a bit."

Dateline: June 18, 2009

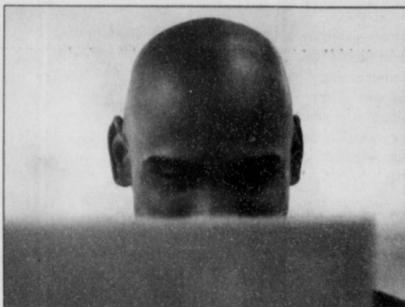
Lightning starts blaze, destroys home

Tragedy struck Mary Vorheis on Wednesday, June 10, when a fire devoured her home southeast of Clarendon.

According to Jeremy Powell, Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department First Assistant Chief, the fire was called in at 12:28 p.m. by a passerby who spotted the smoke. The fire is thought to have burned from 45 minutes to an hour before it was even noticed.

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2008: Hedley Baptists mark centennial

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Dateline: June 18, 2009
Hedley Baptists reach centennial milestone

The First Baptist Church of Hedley will celebrate 100 years of ministry on Father's Day, June 21, 2009, and the public is invited to join the festivities.

The Reverend Cecil Matthews of Weatherford, Texas, is credited with organizing the church in 1909; but interestingly, he is not considered the church's first pastor and is not listed among the 28 charter members.

The church's first pastor was Reverend Hensley, the first of 31 pastors the church has had in its century of service.

Dateline: June 25, 2009
McClellan Creek Trails re-opening after fires

The Black Kettle Ranger District of the USDA Forest Service, Cibola National Forest, will be opening the OHV trails at McClellan Creek National Grassland, located in Gray County just north of Interstate 40, for the 4th of July weekend.

These public trails have been closed since the March 2006 wildfire swept through the area, resulting in extensive damage to the recreation area. The wildfire resulted in damaging and killing 1000s of cottonwoods at McClellan Creek.

The Forest Service has been working since that time to first reopen the recreation area, including the camping and day use area at Lake McClellan, and now to reopen the OHV trails.

Dateline: June 25, 2009
Aldermen move up Molder

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen tapped a longtime employee to fill the vacant position of city superintendent during a called meeting last Monday.

John Molder brings 18 years of experience with the city to the job.

City Administrator John Webb said he thinks Molder will do the job well.

The position also has a new title with officials opting to use the more modern Director of Public Works.

"City superintendent is a term that is outdated," Webb said. "It really went out in the 1970s."

Dateline: July 2, 2009
City welcomes visitors to celebration

The plans are set, the streets downtown are swept, and Clarendon stands ready to welcome visitors to the 132nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 2-4.

In recent days a few minor changes have been made to the printed schedule, but nothing that will take away from the enjoyment of the festivities.

The action starts Thursday, July 2, with the Downtown Merchants' Western Days Sale, which will run all day long. There will also be a Trade Show in the Community Building starting at 6:00 p.m. (not 5 p.m. as previously reported), which will take place all three days.

Dateline: July 2, 2009
CC leases facilities downtown

Clarendon College will offer new vocational classes downtown this fall after the Board of Regents accepted a lease agreement for facilities on First Street at its June 18 meeting.

The one-year one-dollar lease is between the college and the Donley County Industrial Foundation represented by Walt Knorpp for the buildings formerly owned by Clarendon Manufacturing & Distributing Company. CC President Bill Auvenshine said under the agreement the buildings will be donated to the college when the lease expires.

Dateline: July 9, 2009
Alcohol leading cause of problem at lake

Is it time to consider a ban on alcohol at Greenbelt Lake? That's a question being raised by Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn after a series of calls received by his office over the July Fourth weekend.

Blackburn says 90 percent of the 911 calls from Greenbelt are alcohol related, and he also says those calls are getting rougher.

"We're getting more calls with guns or other types of weapons involved," Blackburn said.

Dateline: July 9, 2009
Wilson team wins annual ranch rodeo

Wilson Cattle took top honors 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 132nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of Rody Wilson, Tyler Rice, Jason Thomas, Jesse Valdez, and John Wilson.

Dateline: July 9, 2009
Large crowd celebrates July Fourth

The Courthouse Square was packed with familiar faces and visitors from all

over eager to celebrate this year's 132nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration on Saturday, July 4.

The celebration started off with the annual Craft Fair on the square. The Al Morrah Shrine Club served 812 plates of barbecue this year, which is up from 750 last year. Funds from the annual barbecue are used in conjunction with the Khiva Temple of the Shrine in Amarillo to help pay for the transportation of kids to the Shriners' burns and crippled children's hospitals.

Dateline: July 16, 2009
City finishes park project

Summer fun has just begun at the Clarendon City Park. Thanks to the cooperation and combined efforts of citizens and organizations, a shared vision of building a park that Clarendon can be proud of has been fulfilled.

Improving the park was definitely not a walk in the park. It took a total of three years for the park to appear as it does now; one full year of research, paperwork, approvals and disapprovals, and two years of labor. The city received a grant for almost \$40,000 towards the project. This covered costs for necessities such as new playground equipment, picnic tables, grills, trees, plants, shrubs, tree and telephone pole removal, and new lights.

Dateline: July 23, 2009
Wellington man leads officers on high-speed chase

A Wellington man is in the Donley County Jail this weekend after he led sheriff's deputies and state troopers on a high-speed chase into Clarendon Saturday evening.

Carl Franklin Bedwell III is facing charges of Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant, Evading, and Resisting Arrest, according to Chief Deputy Randy Bond.

Donley County dispatchers began receiving multiple 911 calls at 7:08 p.m. Saturday with reports of someone driving erratically - going on the left and right shoulders, eastbound on US 287 west of Clarendon - at speeds in excess of 100 mph.

Bond said a trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety got the suspect stopped at the turn off to FM 3257 about three miles west of Clarendon. A local deputy arrived on the scene; and as the trooper spoke with a witness, the suspect started his vehicle and fled despite warnings and three gunshots fired by the deputy.

The suspected crossed the west city limits at approximately 85 mph, and the trooper and two deputies boxed in his vehicle as he neared the intersection of Allen Street and US 287. The suspect stopped, exited his vehicle, and put up a brief struggle as he was arrested, Bond said.

Dateline: July 23, 2009
City of Clarendon awards water tower bid

The skyline of Clarendon will soon be changing when the city's west water tower is replaced by a new, taller water standpipe this summer.

City aldermen awarded a \$335,882 bid to Tank & Vessel Builders of Baird, Texas, during the regular city meeting last Tuesday. The company will build the 120 feet tall standpipe about 75 feet north of the present water tower.

Dateline: July 23, 2009
CC faculty to receive 4% raise

Clarendon College faculty will be getting a pay increase following the regular meeting of the CC Board of Regents last Thursday, July 16.

CC President Bill Auvenshine said the board approved a one percent step grade raise and an additional three percent raise for all faculty for a total raise of four percent.

Auvenshine said he will recommend at the board's next meeting a four percent raise for all other college employees as well.

Dateline: July 30, 2009
Stimulus money comes to CISD

Teachers at Clarendon CISD will be getting a raise this coming school year thanks to federal stimulus money received by the state.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger said the public school should receive about \$60,000, which will be used to give each teacher an additional \$922 on top of their state step raise.

"The stimulus money is only good for this coming school year," Hysinger said. "It dries up after that, but we will guarantee that a teacher won't make less in 2010-2011 than they did in 2009-2010."

The money also is just for teachers and cannot be used for staff pay raises, Hysinger said.

Dateline: July 30, 2009
District court delivers two sentences

Sentences were handed down in two Donley County cases last Friday when the 100th District Court was convened in Childress, according to information from District Attorney Luke Inman's office.

Jeremy Matthew Blackwell pled

guilty to a second degree felony offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Blackwell was arrested for the second degree felony offense on March 6, 2009. Blackwell was indicted on three second degree felony counts by the Donley County Grand Jury on June 22, 2009.

Dateline: July 30, 2009
Proposal improves CC arena

Clarendon College Regents will consider a proposal to enclose the college's Livestock & Equine Center during a called meeting today at the Clarendon Country Club.

CC President Bill Auvenshine said the \$113,964 proposal from Arena Design Consultants of St. Justin calls for installing eight-foot steel panels at the top of the unfinished south and east walls of the center with roll-up screens mounted below the panels.

The proposal also includes the mounting of four roll-up overhead doors and the installation of four Big Ass fans to circulate air in the arena.

"That's actually the brand name," Auvenshine said of the industrial type ceiling fans, the blades which will span a diameter of about 20 feet.

Dateline: August 6, 2009
HISD names finalist for superintendent

Hedley ISD has named Eric Hough as the lone finalist to be the school's next superintendent.

Hough is currently the elementary principal in the Tom Bean School District, where he has worked since 2002.

Interim Superintendent Jimmy Hoyle said Hough previously held principal positions at Cleburne and Palmer and was a computer technology teacher in Cedar Hill prior to that.

Dateline: August 6, 2009
Elementary gets top TAKS rating

The state's accountability system has once again rated the Clarendon Independent School District as Academically Acceptable this year.

Clarendon Elementary was rated Exemplary, up from Recognized from about three miles west of Clarendon. Clarendon Junior High went up from Academically Acceptable to Recognized. Clarendon High School maintained its level as Academically Acceptable for the third year in a row.

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Shirley Gibbs Roberts

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Paul Vosco "Froggie" Stewart

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Charles Allen Patman

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Vernon Moore

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Jimmy Vonn Carter
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Mary Lee Longan
S.J. "Shorty" Smith

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Luke "Pa" Hagood

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Clayton Wayne Ferris
John J. "Junior" Hill
Paul James Baker
Martin Dewey Hendrix

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Betty Jean Grider Hammock
Mike Murff
Karen Ann Stafford Simmons
Gladys Daly Metcalf Sawyer
Mary Alice Wilkinson

Dateline: May 7, 2009
Thomas William "Tom" Stephens

Dateline: May 14, 2009
Boyd Leo Baxter

Dateline: May 21, 2009
Dennis Stewart

Dateline: May 28, 2009
Jackie Glen Clawson

Dateline: June 11, 2009
Doyle Clendennen
Bennie "Pete" Wortham

Dateline: June 18, 2009
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Frank Phelan, Jr.
Ronald Charles Lamberth
Carolyn DeLois "Tooter" Kindle
Latham
B.D. Rhea

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Cloyd Monroe Burton
Rebecca McMahan Mendoza

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Nora Ariene Jackson Milham
Glen Homer "Bud" Day

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Raymond King
Juanita "Nita" Graham
Opal Dickson Thomas

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James Dale Glass

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Oscar Lee Ferguson

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Dateline: October 15, 2009
Greenbelt REC donates 10k to activity center

The Donley County Activity Center received a boost last week when Greenbelt Rural Electric Cooperative donated \$10,000 to help with the construction of the facility.

Greenbelt REC Member Services Manager Randy White said he believes the center will be good for Donley County.

"We try to do all we can to support our communities, and I believe this will be an important asset," White said.

Dateline: October 15, 2009
CC breaks ground on \$4 million project in Pampa

Clarendon College officials broke ground last Thursday on a \$4 million project to construct two workforce education buildings at its Pampa Center.

The facilities to be located southwest of the M.K. Brown Academic Center on CC's 55-acre Kentucky Street campus will house the college's wind energy, welding, nursing, nail technician, heating and air-conditioning, cosmetology, and EMT classes in Gray County.

Dateline: October 29, 2009
Probation visit yields multiple felony charges

Two Clarendon residents are facing multiple felony charges after a drug bust here last Wednesday.

David Burrow, 29, was already on probation for Possession and Transporting Anhydrous Ammonia when adult probation officer Mark C. White visited his home accompanied by Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn October 21.

Blackburn said that during the visit, it became apparent that illegal drug activity was going on. A search of Burrow's home and garage revealed an air tank that had been converted to hold anhydrous ammonia and also turned up methamphetamines and crack cocaine.

Burrow and his companion, 39-year-old Dondra Simpson, were arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and booked into the Donley County Jail.

Dateline: November 5, 2009
CEDC awards to storefront grants

Old fashioned hand-crank awnings are shading two properties on Kearney Street thanks to a project funded by the Clarendon Economic Development Corp.

The CEDC Board on Monday night awarded its seventh and eighth cash awards under its Façade Grant Program to Salon 306 and T&J Properties, Inc. for the restoration of the neighboring buildings' antique crank-type canvas awnings.

Dateline: November 5, 2009
Lions Club celebrates 87th year

The Clarendon Lions Club celebrated 87 years of service during its annual Charter Banquet last Tuesday night, and one of its members was recognized for 60 years of Lionism.

Lion Bill Lowe joined the club on June 12, 1949, at a time when the club at about 60 members he said.

The Lions Club met for many years in the basement of the First Christian Church, Lowe said. But by the time he joined, the club had moved to its present building, which was one of three buildings that came from the POW camp in McLean.

Dateline: November 12, 2009
Broncos to face Nazareth in Bi-District

The Broncos played their last regular game of the season at Bronco Stadium Friday night, and it was a contest that was much closer than the score revealed.

Clarendon lost to the Sky Rockets 7-28, but not before giving Wellington a huge test. Despite the loss, the

Broncos have earned a spot in the playoffs and will play in the Bi-District game against Nazareth Friday, November 13 in Amarillo at Highland Park High School at 7:30 pm as the home team.

Dateline: November 12, 2009
Donley voters reject two propositions

Donley County voters opposed two of eleven proposed amendments to the state constitution last Tuesday, but voters across the state approved all the propositions.

By a margin of five votes, Donley County voters did not agree with Proposition 4, which would provide funding to emerging research universities.

Local voters also disapproved of Proposition 5, which would authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

Dateline: November 19, 2009
Broncos to play for Area title Friday

They have made the playoffs three years in a row and now the Broncos have added one more trophy to the case with a huge Bi-District win over Nazareth at Highland Park on last Friday night.

The 25-18 win gave the Broncos the right to play in the Area game this

Friday, November 20, against Stratford, which is the defending state champ.

Dateline: November 19, 2009
Weatheron pleads guilty to felony DWI

The District Court heard five pleas took place which resulted in four deferred adjudications and one conviction last Monday in Clarendon.

David Leon Weatheron pleaded guilty to a third degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated and was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, but the sentence was probated for a period of five years.

Dateline: November 26, 2009
Authorities investigate abuse case

A local woman is out on bond this week after being charged with felony injury to a child.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said officers were dispatched to a residence on McClelland Street on November 9 to investigate a possible sexual assault of a child.

A warrant was obtained for the girl's mother, 29-year-old Kristina Johnson, and she was arrested by the Childress County Sheriff's Office on November 13 and placed in the Childress jail.

Dateline: December 3, 2009
Suspect sought in church break-in

Authorities are on the lookout this week for a man suspected of breaking into the First Baptist Church in Clarendon Sunday night.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said church members had been decorating for Christmas and left the building between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Pastor Lance Wood then returned to his church office about 11 p.m.; and when he turned on the light, he discovered a man standing in his office. Wood quickly exited the building and called the sheriff's office.

Dateline: December 10, 2009
District court hands down sentences

The district court recently delivered sentences in two Donley County

cases. In Wellington on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, the court heard two pleas which resulted in two convictions against Travis Ray Smith.

Smith was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading true to the allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt of Defendant. Smith is required to pay \$598 in court costs to Donley County and \$7,500 in restitution.

Smith originally pleaded guilty on February 16, 2007 in Donley County to the second degree felony of burglary of a habitation and received ten years deferred adjudication and had to participate and successfully complete the SAFF program.

Travis Ray Smith also was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the offense of possession of a controlled substance, a second degree felony.

Dateline: December 17, 2009
Sawyer, Wright file for offices

Local candidates continue to throw their hats in the ring this week for next year's general election.

Dan Sawyer has become the third Republican to file for the Pct. 4 Commissioner's position. He joins Joe Hall and Bill Spier in the quest to succeed Commissioner Bob Trout, who is not seeking re-election.

Doug Wright has filed as a Democrat for the Pct. 3&4 Justice of the Peace office and will face Colleen Owens in that party's primary as they vie to follow

in Ann Kennedy footsteps. Kennedy is also not seeking re-election.

Dateline: December 17, 2009
City wins second recycling award

Through support and participation from many citizens, the City of Clarendon received the PEP (Partners for Environmental Progress) Recycling Award in the region for the second year in a row.

In one year, the city's community recycling program diverted 388,878 pounds of trash, which is 197 pounds per citizen.

Dateline: December 24, 2009
Merchants give away 'gold'

The Clarendon Merchants Association has announced the winners of its Clarendon Gold drawing that was held last Saturday.

Sidney Shipp of Hedley and Justin Dickey of San Angelo were the lucky winners. Each received \$400 in Christmas Cash and \$600 worth of gift certificates to local businesses.

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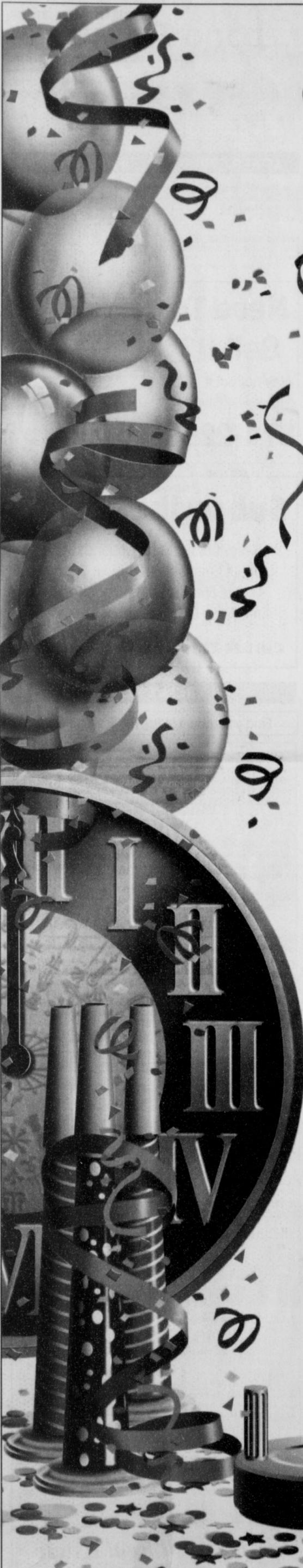
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