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#### **Enrollment opens for EMT-Basic training**

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Class size is limited to 25 students, and Donley County residents receive enrollment priority.

For more information or to sign up, call Anita Aaron at 874-3139.

#### Chamber announces lighting contest winners

The Chamber of Commerce has announced the names of last week's lighting competition.

and Teresa Dronzek - Clarendon, Kristin Gray of Hobbs, New Mex. Lovita Howard - Hedley, and Wayne The award honors Bennett's service and Carla Carter - Howardwick. The to the nursing profession as well as business winner was Guys & Dolls

#### Holiday deadlines set for next two weeks

Deadlines for the next two editions of The Clarendon Enterprise have been changed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

All news, photos, ads, and clasat noon before the December 28 and January 4 issues. The office will be closed both holidays, and late copy will be held over until the next issue.

Deadlines will return to their regular schedule with the January 11 issue. We appreciate your cooperation and wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and

### Chamber makes plans

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is making plans for a New Year's Eve Celebration at the Bairfield Activity Center.

The schedule so far calls for music, entertainment, "preacher tag," and an armadillo drop at midnight Eastern time. See their ad in this week's ENTERPRISE for details.

#### SPC conferrs nursing degree on Hedley man

South Plains College Reese Center pinned 23 graduate vocational nurses on December 15. Three students were chosen for the Barbara Bennett Bedside Nursing Award. Pictured are bronze recipient Esther Perez of Littlefield, silver recipient Shane Mangelsdorf of Hedley, Residential winners were Dan Barbara Bennett and gold recipient her contribution as a nursing educa-

#### Salvation Army working in Clarendon area

The Salvation Army again worked this Christmas season to raise money in order to meet the needs of hurting people in Clarendon. The red kettles were out in larger towns and sifieds must be in the office by Friday cities across the nation, but here in Clarendon, they need your help too.

> The Salvation Army is so closely associated with the Christmas season; many people don't know that





#### Best chefs

The Donley County 4H Club Food Show was held recently, and the winners were: Nutritious Snacks -McKayla King, 1st, Jr.; and Sterling King, 2nd, Jr.; Fruit and Vegetables - Jayson Pigg, 1st, Intermediate; and Maci White, 2nd, Intermediate; Main Dish - Ryann Starnes, 1st, Jr.; Skyler White, 2nd, Jr.; and Alysse Simpson, 3rd, Jr.; Jacob Pigg, 1st, Intermediate; and Kenzie Perryman, 2nd, Intermediate; and Bread and Cereal - Taylor Perryman, 1st., Jr. Ryann Starnes advanced to the district level December 2 at Highland Park and placed there also.

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#### Late Night Winners

Chris Wilkinson (second from the right) was the winner of \$400 in Christmas Cash during the final week of Late Night Shopping last Thursday. Other lucky wheel spinners were Dakota Mayo, Lori Mays, Judy Inman, Nelda Lunsford, and Linda Gray.

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Enterprise

THE CLARENDON NEWS & THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER

weather report

January 5, 2006

Wildfire burns 21,000 acres of rangeland Dry conditions and high winds fueled a New Year's Day wildfire that scorched more than 21,000 acres of rangeland in Donley

Firefighters battled the inferno for approximately 26 hours before it was finally declared 90 percent contained at 3:30 Monday

The fire started before 1:00 p.m. Sunday near the home of Doyle Littlefield on CR I between eight and nine miles north of Clarendon. Driven by 50- to 60-mph winds, the fire raced eastward, threatening the Chris Ranch. Britten residence before heading to SH 70.

#### Accident causes three fatalities

Three people lost their lives in a two-vehicle collision on US 287 in Hedley last Friday. Jessica Schroeder, age 30, and husband

Curtis, age 31, died at the scene when their Ford F-150 crew cab pickup collided with an oncoming semi-truck at about 2:16 p.m., Department of Public Safety Trooper Chris

The Schroeders' 10-year-old son, Wolfgang, died Saturday morning at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Fourteen-month-old Augustus Schroeder survived the accident and is reported in stable

#### County bans fires, declares disaster

A burn ban is in effect in Donley County. and state and local officials are urging extreme caution as dry conditions persist.

Using executive authority, Donley County Judge Jack Hall instituted an emergency burn ban last Friday as the Texas Forest Service warned that the New Year's weekend would present the "worst possible wildfire

#### January 12, 2006

New Sonic could bring forty jobs A new Sonic Drive-in could bring as many as 40 new jobs to Clarendon later this

Gary Davis of Blanchard, Okla., told the Enterprise this week he intends to build the new restaurant west of the Pizza Hut on US 287 with construction to start in either March or April.

An opening date hasn't been set, but Davis said he anticipates closing on the property this month, and the business will open as soon as he can get the facility built.

#### Fire ban includes outdoor grilling

A ban on outdoor burning, which includes home barbecue grills and smokers, remains in effect despite snow that covered much of Donley County Monday morning.

Officials say the precipitation, while helpful, will not completely alleviate the dangerously dry conditions which resulted in the loss of more than 21,000 acres to a wildfire on New Year's Day.

#### January 19, 2006

Cobb, Goetze exhibit champion beef entries Sade Rae Cobb and Paul Goetze exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the Clarendon Community Center

Cobb's Grand Champion Steer was purchased by Clarendon Outpost, Clarendon Veterinary Hospital, Floyd's Automotive Supply, James T. Shelton Law Office, and Community Bank; and Goetze's Grand Champion Heifer was purchased by Herring Bank Buyer's Club, including the Herring directors and the Cooke

#### Aidermen considering seal coat project Clarendon aldermen last week began consideration of a seal coat project on at least ten blocks of streets.

The project came up as part of a roundta ble discussion at the board's January 10 meeting in which aldermen talked about items that need to be addressed in the new calendar year.

The seal coat project, as proposed by OJD Engineering, would involve several cities going together to get a cheaper rate per block. The project would protect and extend the lives of streets that are already paved. The work would be paid for with money budgeted for the vacant city administrator's position

#### January 26, 2006

Fox Sports honors Clarendon Broncos Years of hard work paid off Tuesday when the Fox Sports Network gave national recognition to the Clarendon Bronco baseball

team for its work to improve McClellan Field. A camera crew and Dave Knobler of "High School Spotlight" visited the team and interviewed senior Quentin West and talked to Coach Brad Elam. Lee Wikle of Discount Tires in Amarillo presented the team with a "Home Team" plaque, and the baseball program will receive a \$400 award.

#### **February 2, 2006** Robertson begins duties at MCNH

The Donley County Hospital Board unanimously hired Vicky Robertson as the new administrator of Medical Center Nursing Home during a called meeting Monday

Robertson, who passed her state and national administrative exams last week, brings a definite familiarity to the job, having served as the director of nurses at MCNH since June of 2000.

#### City may limit trucks on residential streets

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen last week drafted an ordinance that, if approved, would prohibit heavy trucks and vehicles from driving or parking on residential streets.

During last Tuesday's regular board meeting, the board first considered a ban on heavy trucks on all city streets, which they defined as weighing more than 20,000 pounds. But concerns about deliveries related agricultural production and deliveries to

#### local businesses caused the board to narrow February 16, 2006 sioners back sheriff's department

The ban as it is now proposed would apply only to the R1 and R2 residential zones, which includes most of south central and

#### CC receives donation from Dalhart woman Clarendon College has received a second gift from the Martha Christine Johnson Schuhart Trust, bringing contributions thus far

from the estate to approximately \$720,000. The college received the first distribution of approximately \$400,000 in November 2005. The second installment was distributed January 17 in the amount of \$320,000.

#### February 9, 2006

UIL realignment shakes up sports seasons The UIL realignment for the 2006-2007 on will add one more team to the play off road as each district is allowed three teams to

Clarendon ISD will be in a six-team district for football, but drops to a four-team district in basketball.

The 3-1A district will consist of Clarendon, Wheeler, Memphis, Shamrock, Wellington, and Quanah.

A Donley County man went to the Courte seeking satisfaction Monday morning but found none from county commissioners.

Doyle Littlefield addressed the regular sion of the commissioners' court and complained about a ticket he received for running a roadblock during the New Year's Day wildfire that destroyed 21,000 acres in the northern part

The fire started near Littlefield's residence on CR I; and as the fire raced to the east toward State Highway 70, he left his property to open gates for the firefighters. But when he tried to return to his home, he found a roadblock on the highway and a Donley County deputy refused to let him pass.

Littlefield said he went past the roadblock on foot once to close a gate to keep his cattle penned. He then drove around the roadblock to return to his home. Afterwards, acting on instructions from Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Littlefield was issued a citation for Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of Peace Officer and

County Judge Jack Hall said there was nothing the commissioners' court could do.

#### A Friday evening blaze destroyed 30 to

40 acres of grass and threatened several homes on the southwest side of Lake Greenbelt last

Fortunately, no structures were lost in the fire, but the incident highlights just how dangerously dry conditions are. Officials are urging caution and remind everyone that a countywide burn ban is still in effect,

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Departent was paged out to Greenbelt Way after 6: 30 p.m. for what was initially thought to be a house fire. The blaze was soon identified as a grass fire, causing concern about the number of homes located on the lakeshore near the waist-high grass.

#### February 23, 2006

Fire burns grass off face of Greenbelt Dam A cutting torch is being blamed for a fire that burned the grass off the Greenbelt Dam

Sources say a workman with the crew in charge of dismantling the old bridge below the dam on State Highway 70 caused sparks that ignited the dry grass. Flames spread up the face of the dam, and a north wind drove the fire to the south. The blaze also jumped the highway at one point.

# 1.10"

weekend forecast

Total precipitation this month: 1.57" Total precipitation to date: 18.11" Total precipitation in Dec. last year: .08

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Sunday, Dec. 31 Partly Cloudy 43°/20°

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### Community Menus

January 1 - 5 **Donley County Senior Citizens** 

Mon: Closed. Happy New Year Tue: Ham and cheese sub sandwich, French fries, cottage cheese & fruit, fried pies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Wed: Catfish, hominy casserole, mixed greens, cole slaw, strawberry cake, hushpuppies, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Thu: Navajo tacos, Spanish rice, nite cap salad, Neiman Marcus cake, chips & salsa, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Fri: Ham, butter beans, fried potatoes, okra salad, butterscotch pudding, corn muffins, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens** Mon: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, black eye peas, carrotraisin salad, apricot salad

Tue: Beef Stew, potatoes, carrots, peas, onions, tomatoes, macaroni salad, cake

Wed: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, jello salad, pineapple whip Thu: Chicken spagnetti, fried

okra, green beans, pear & cottage cheese, rice krispie treats Fri: Catfish, onion rings, spinach, cole slaw, lemon pudding

#### 2006 **Marriages**

Miranda Baca and Darren May November 4, 2005

Megan Roberts and Billy Boone, II December 17, 2005

Shauna Monroe and Tim Herbert

December 19, 2005

Amy Stegall and Tommy Barbee April 1, 2006

Lacey Faulkner and Christopher Garrison April 7, 2006

Jamie Sawyer and Levi Jackson

April 8, 2006 Tammy Newman and John Tucker

April 29, 2006

Kelly Edwards and Corey O'Brien May 6, 2006

Jennifer Cooke and Chance Cargill May 13, 2006

MaryRuth Bishop and James Peacock May 19, 2006

Andra Helms and Joel Vaughn May 27, 2006

Sara Floyd and Jared Hartman

June 3, 2006 Clarita Rodriguez and Travis Woodard

June 10, 2006 Karen Helms and Cole Williams

June 16, 2006

McKinzi Woods and David Hall June 17, 2006

Anna Summers and Buddy Howard June 24, 2006

Kimberly Tolbert and Justin Johnson July 22, 2006

Alicia Roys and Aaron Hanes August 18, 2006

LaCenda Funderberg and Kal Hartman August 25, 2006

October 21, 2006

Laura Perrin and Tate Bennett

Stephanie Pokorny and George Naylor

# 2006: Accident injures Howardwick firemen

February 23, 2006 Bridge removal progressing

Work is progressing as scheduled on the project to replace the bridge below the Greenbelt Dam on SH 70 just north of Clarendon.

The first phase, to build a detour on the east side of the existing bridge, is complete. The detour has 12-foot lanes with no shoulders and is the same width as the 24-foot wide bridge. An advisory speed of 40 miles per hour will be posted on this detour.

#### March 2, 2006 Chamber honors Saye

Tommie Saye received the 2005 Saints' Roost Award for lifetime achievement last Saturday during the annual banquet of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Lon Adams and Larry Gray split the Man of the Year award, and Laura Hommel was named the Woman of the Year

Other awards presented at Saturday's quet included the Pioneer Man and Woman of the Year, Jiggs Mann and Roberta Pitman, and the Young Men and Women of the Year, Julie Funderberg, Ben Shaw, Caitlan Hall, and Calvin Edwards

#### Homemade explosive causes noise at CISD

No injuries were reported, and no criminal charges are pending following an incident in which a student brought an explosive device to school last week.

Clarendon High School Principal Larry Jeffers said the incident occurred about 1 p.m. last Monday, when a loud explosion was heard north of the CHS building. The noise was heard inside the superintendent's office, and a teacher discovered the remains of the device.

Some kind of drain cleaner had been mixed with aluminum foil and placed inside a plastic bottle, Jeffers said.

The principal would not release the name or classification of the student and would not say what punishment the school meted out. He did say that "appropriate actions were taken" and that "the student's education will

#### March 9, 2006

CC delivers major basketball upset

The Clarendon College Bulldogs delivered a stunning upset here last Thursday night when they defeated the team ranked number one in the nation and sent Howard College home with its first loss of the season.

The final score in Bulldog Gym was 86-80 in favor of the home team, and Coach Tony Starnes said he was just as surprised as everybody else.

#### City considers unique public pool proposal

The owner of the Western Skies Motel made an unexpected proposal to Clarendon Aldermen when the board met in regular session last Tuesday night.

G. Patel said he intends to build a new swimming pool in the grassy area in front of his motel office on US 287, and he offered to sell his current swimming pool to the city for use as a public pool.

Nothing is wrong with the existing pool, Patel told the board, but he said most travelers do not know it is there since it is hidden from makes it hard for him to monitor what's happening in the pool.

be easier for him to manage and more visible from the highway, Patel said.

The aldermen asked Patel to prepare a bring that back to the city. They also directed City Secretary Linda Smith to contact the city's insurance carrier to determine what the City turns down swimming pool offer liability would be to the city.

#### March 9, 2006

Donley County Democrats in Precinct

4 favored incumbent County Commissioner Bobby G. "Bob" Trout over challenger Brad Dalton by a 35 to 21 margin in Tuesday's primary election

Trout will now go into the November election with no opponent on the Republican

The only locally contested race in the general election will be for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precincts 1&2. Incumbent Republican Jimmy Johnson will face a challenge from Democrat Connie Havens.

#### Wilson family suffers tragedy in Amarillo A former Clarendon family was devas-

tated when a fire destroyed their home and caused the death of a six-year-old girl.

Shaniqua Wilson was killed in the fire, and her two-year-old sister, Tashonda, was sent to a Lubbock burns hospital, according to an article in Saturday's Amarillo Globe-News.

Their four-year-old brother, Christopher, returned to Clarendon to live with relatives and is now enrolled in Clarendon Elementary dent candidates for governor.

#### March 16, 2006

Wreck injures three Howardwick firemen Three Howardwick firemen were seriously injured, and one fire truck was lost during the fight to contain the Interstate-40 wildfire this past weekend.

Jeff Cook, Joey Garcia, and James McMorries were all still in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday morning.

Howardwick Mayor Pro-tem Marvin Elam said the firemen were fighting the fire north of the south safety rest area on I-40. The truck was moving along a ravine ledge on a fresh cut firebreak when the ledge gave way about 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The grassfire truck was full of water and was therefore top heavy, Elam said. It overturned with Garcia on the front and McMorries and Cook in the cab.

McMorries and Cook are reported to be suffering from the most critical injuries, and both men were in the CCU at press time.

#### Fires take heavy toll

Wildfires scorched the Texas Panhandle this week, destroying lives and property while stretching fire departments to their limits.

The greatest toll for Donley County came from the Interstate 40 fire, which burned

wick to be seriously injured

The fire started in Donley County near the intersection of County Roads B and 6 when a downed power line ignited dangerously dry grass about 11 a.m. Sunday

Unseasonably warm temperatures and winds gusting up to more than 60 mph fueled

#### Howardwick draws opponents for offices

Of the seven local governments scheduled to hold elections this year, only the City of Howardwick has contested candidates for

Six citizens are vying for three positions on the Board of Aldermen. Incumbents Lee Ann Cook and Sam Grider will be joined on the ballot by challengers Susie Langford, H.L. "Buster" Baird, Stanley Couch, and Milton

A horse race also developed to see who

Davis. Paul Bartlett and James McMorries have both filed to run for that office. Other local entities reported only as many candidates as they had positions avail-

will serve out the term of former mayor Nancy

#### March 23, 2006

Two injured firemen remain hospitalized One injured Howardwick fireman has come home, and two others remain hospitalized this week as their community continues to

hope for their full recoveries. All three men were injured March 12 when their fire truck overturned while battling the I-40 fire that burned 350,000 acres in an area 20 miles wide and 55 miles long in Donley, Gray, Wheeler, and Collingsworth

counties over a period of several days. Mayor Pro-tem Marvin Elam says 25year-old Joey Garcia is at home recuperating from surgery to fix a leg that was broken in two places and from burns to his hands.

Jeff Cook, 45, remains in Northwest Texas Hospital with a broken neck and other injuries. Elam said Cook is doing well and is walking around visiting with other patients. He was scheduled to be released Monday, but Elam said as of Tuesday morning doctors were wanting to perform another surgery on

The third Howardwick fireman, 62-yearold James McMorries, remains on life support in Northwest Texas Hospital in very critical condition. Among other injuries, sources tell the Enterprise that McMorries has a broken back and suffered two strokes over the week-

#### Assistance coming in for wildfire victims

The Texas motto of "friendship" has come to life following last week's wildfires as numerous organizations have mobilized to assist those affected by the disaster.

Starting close to home, the Donley County State Bank is accepting donations on behalf of Amarillo National Bank to help defray the living expenses of three Howardwick firemen who were badly injured during the I-40 fire. Also to help those injured firemen, the

Silverton Fire Department is planning an allyou-can-eat Pancake Breakfast this Saturday. breakfast will be served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the cost is \$5 per person with the proceeds A new pool in front of the motel would going to the Howardwick firemen.

Community Bank in Clarendon is also seeking help for the Howardwick Fire Department by establishing a fund for donations to legal description of the property to be sold and replace the fire truck that was lost in that same

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen turned down a proposal to purchase a swimming pool during their regular meeting last

Western Skies Motel owner G. Patel had offered to sell the swimming pool west of his establishment to the city for \$35,000; but the mayor, the board, and other city officials all had concerns about the deal and the cost to turn Patel's private pool into one for public

Patel had earlier said his pool was hard to age and monitor since it was out of sight from his front desk and said he hoped to build a new pool in front of the motel that would be more visible to travelers.

Alderman Janice Knorpp said last Tuesday that the city would have to hire a lifeguard and a qualified person to maintain the pool and its equipment. Alderman Bobbie Kidd noted that the city would have to build a parking lot for the pool, which is located between the motel and the Dollar General, and he said, "I'm not real crazy about the location."

#### Kinky petition circulating The push is underway across Texas to get

Richard "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn on the November ballot as indepen-Friedman and Strayhorn must each

gather 45,540 signatures of registered voters who did not vote in either the Democratic or Republican primaries this year, and they must have those signatures submitted to the Secretary of State's office by May 11, 2006. Clarendon attorney Jerry Courtney is

heading the Friedman petition drive in Donley County, but no one has reported a Strayhorn petition being circulated locally. Voters can sign only one petition.

#### March 30, 2006

CC judging contest expecting large crowd The local population will more than double this weekend when the 25th annual Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest is held on Saturday.

The contest regularly attracts more than 2,000 high school FFA students and 4-H students from Texas and nearby states, but some officials say attendance at this year's contest may approach 3,000.

CC President Myles Shelton reported to the Clarendon Lions Club Tuesday afternoon that pre-registrations had already surpassed 1,700 and that figure was strictly FFA students and did not include 4-H members, sponsors, and parents as well as friends and other rela-

According to the 2000 US Census, ten times the area of the big New Year's Day Clarendon has a population of 1,974.

this year's contest will certainly increase that effect. Restaurants are typically packed for the event to the point of actually having to turn people away, and this year will likely be equally successful.

#### Hospital board answers ad from taxpayers

The Donley County Hospital Board met in regular session March 21 in the Conference m of the Medical Center Nursing Home.

Holly Eads certified the candidates for this year's board election as being unopposed, and the board approved a resolution declaring Onita Thomas, Carolyn Moffett, Gene Hommel, and Bright Newhouse as duly reelected.

Board Chairman Alan Fletcher discussed the "Time for a Change" advertisement printed in the March 16 edition of The Clarendon Enterprise, which in part calls for a petition to abolish the hospital district tax.

Members of the board agreed that many people are uninformed about the function of the hospital district, noting the number of people employed by the district, the presence of the nursing home and the ambulance service, and the necessity to pay for indigent

Administrator Vicky Robertson reviewed petition requirements and procedures with the

Fletcher and other board members said they intended to attend the taxpayers' meeting called for in the advertisement in order to answer questions about the tax. The board also voted to purchase an ad of equal size explaining the function of the hospital district.

#### April 6, 2006

Petitioners seek relief from property taxes A large crowd filled the Clarendon Lions Hall last Tuesday evening to find out more about three tax-related petitions being circulated and to vent their frustrations over

The petitions request local officials to put following topics on the ballot for a general election: the abolition of the Donley County Hospital District tax, the repeal of personal property taxes, and a freeze or cap on property taxes for elderly and disabled citizens

More than 100 people attended the meeting. Some readily signed and supported the petitions, some opposed one or more petitions, and some came just to listen.

#### City aldermen hear frustrations of firemen

Clarendon Aldermen last Tuesday got in earful from volunteer firemen who felt they ere not receiving the proper respect from

Fire Chief Delbert Robertson told the board that a city official asked a member of his department who would be paying for the water the firemen were using while the I-40 wildfire was being fought on March 12. He said the department only used 5,000

problem, the department would reimburse the March 14. city. But he said the comment made the depart-

ment feel like it wasn't being supported. upset that City Hall did not lower the United States flag to half-staff during longtime vol-

Alderman Michael Tibbets said he agreed the city should have lowered the flag Robertson also said his department was for McCord's funeral, but Mayor Tex Selvidge and other aldermen disagreed.

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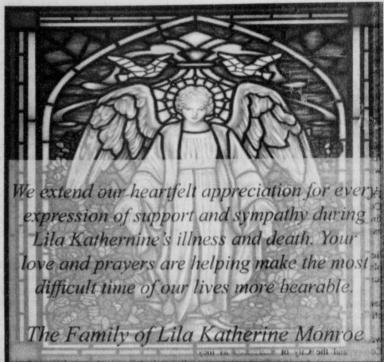
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# 2006: CHS wins district UIL contest

Clarendon High wins district UIL again

Twenty-one Clarendon High School students along with the advancing drama cast once again matched their academic abilities and talent against seven other 1A schools to claim their District 2 UIL academic championship for the fourth straight year.

The meet was held at Amarilio College March 29 and 30.

#### April 13, 2006

vardwick fireman succumbs to injuries Howardwick volunteer fireman James McMorries died Sunday morning in Amarillo at the age of 62.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 12, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo with uniformed members of the Howardwick and Clarendon volunteer fire departments in attendance with Johnny Blalack and Regi Fowler officiating. Burial was at 4 p.m. at the Masonic Cemetery in Seymour with arrangements by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

#### Claude donates truck to Howardwick

The Howardwick Fire Department has new ride thanks to the generosity of their brethren in Claude.

Even though the four-wheel drive Chevy fire truck isn't brand new, it's still a very welcome addition to the local volunteer department that lost one of its two grassfire trucks in a rollover that injured three firemen on March 12, one of whom - James McMorries, has

#### Wildfires burn more property last week Local firemen had their hands full again last week as parts of Donley County were consumed by flames.

Two separate fires destroyed two strucires and threatened several homes, according Clarendon First Assistant Chief Jeremy

An April 5 fire in Howardwick's Saints' Roost Division started about 1:30 p.m. and was caused by an electrical short on a power

pole, Powell said. The blaze burned a travel trailer, a ickup, and a storage building and consumed four to five acres; but it could have been much

The next day, the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department dispatched two units to Gray County in a mutual aid effort on a 1:30 p.m. fire south of Pampa and gave that community

assistance for about eight hours. The same afternoon, a downed power line started a wildfire on the Homer Hardin place near County Road K on SH 70 and even-

tually destroyed an estimated 5,000 acres. The fire consumed two barns, but Powell said two or three homes were saved by the

efforts of the firemen. Clarendon and Howardwick firefighters were joined by motorgraders from Donley County and the City of Clarendon as they worked for more than eight hours to bring the blaze under control.

Enterprise wins Towery Award from PPA The Clarendon Enterprise received five College Ex-Students Reunion.

Association's 2005 Better Newspaper Contest during the PPA's 96th annual convention Sat-

The local paper also received the Ken Towery Community Service Award in the Division I category for weekly newspapers for coverage of the 2005 Clarendon Street Project. The Enterprise has previously received the Towery Award in 2004, 2002, 2001, and 1999.

General Excellence in Division I went to the Canadian Record for the second year

#### **April 20, 2006**

City to crack down on illegal Dumpster use Bringing your trash to town may cost you \$2,000 if you're caught illegally using city Dumpsters following last week's regular meeting of the Clarendon Board of Aldermen.

In regular session April 11, the board cussed the problem of local businesses and residents having their Dumpsters filled up by people from outside the city.

City officials noted said a clock could be set by the regularity that some rural residents bring their trash to town, and the board agreed that it is unfair for city residents and businesses to pay for trash service and then allow county ents to essentially dump for free.

Aldermen noted that some residences outside the city do pay to have city sanitation services and felt others should do the same if they want to use city Dumpsters.

The board approved the first reading of Ordinance 361, which sets a penalty of \$2,000 for persons, corporations, or other entities, who dump waste material inside the city without paying a monthly fee.

The ordinance must pass a second reading on April 25.

#### Wildfire threatens Lelia Lake

Donley County burned again last Saturday when high winds slapped electric lines into tree branches near the old Chamberlain

Clarendon First Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Powell estimated 2,260 acres were lost in the latest blaze, which started about 3:30 p.m. near County Road 13.

The fire burned across County Road 14, nped FM 1260, and also jumped part of County Road 17 before being contained about one-half mile from the Lelia Lake community at 11:30 p.m.

In addition to help from Hedley and Howardwick fire departments, mutual aid was brought in from fire departments in Claude, Groom, Memphis, Shamrock, Wheeler, Allison, Pampa, and Mobeetie. Donley County motorgraders and local ranches also assisted.

The Texas Forest Service dispatched two tanker planes and one helicopter to help douse the flames. Powell also noted that Evans Fertilizer, Larry Helms, and Chancey Cruse gave assistance is fighting the fire.

Spivey to deliver keynote at CC reunion Former Texas State Bar president Broadus A. Spivey will be the featured speaker this Saturday during the 68th annual Clarendon

A CC alumnus, Spivey was president of the State Bar in 2001-2002 was born in Hall County, and attended schools in Lakeview, Friendship, Memphis, and Goodnight before coming to Clarendon High to play football. He was president of his senior class and president

of the student council at CHS in 1954 He married the former Ruth Ann King after they completed two years at Clarendon College, and the couple moved to Austin to continue their education at the University of

Spivey is the son of the late Claude C. and Mary E. Spivey, both of whom were longtime Clarendon residents. Spivey's fatherin-law, the late R.Y. King, was a lawyer in Donley County from 1913 to 1958 and was a tutor and moral inspiration for Broadus during law school and his early years of law practice

The CC reunion is open to all current and former students, faculty, regents, and supporters of the college. Classes being recognized this year are 1956, 1966, 1976, 1981, and

#### April 27, 2006

CC recognizes two distinguished alumni

The Clarendon College Ex-Students Association bestowed its Distinguished Alumnus Award on two former students during the 68th annual Alumni Reunion last Saturday in the Bairfield Activity Center.

Austin attorney Broadus Spivey and the late Hazel Cole Brandon were each recognized for professional and personal achievements, civic responsibility, and continuing support of Clarendon College.

#### May 4, 2006

Paving project could be finished next week It will all be over soon.

Weather permitting, that is. The 2005 Street Project, which was originally scheduled to be completed last November, should be finished next week if the weather permitted, according to city engineer Che Shadle

But as the Enterprise was going to press Tuesday evening, the clouds opened up, dumping rain and hail on the city, and more was forecasted for this week.

#### Aldermen okay penalty for illegal dumping Using a city Dumpster without permis sion could cost you \$2,000 following last week's regular meeting of the Clarendon Board of Aldermen.

The board approved Ordinance 361 on its second and final reading, making it a crime to dump garbage or waste materials in city trash bins for individuals and corporations who do not pay a monthly fee for that service.

#### Howardwick gets grant for new firetruck

Howardwick has been approved for a Texas Forest Service grant to get a new truck to replace the one that was lost battling the I-40 fire on March 12.

Fire Chief Robert Cole said his dep ment was notified Friday that the state agency had given the go ahead for the \$108,000 award. Ten percent of that must be matched

The chief said he estimates that more in \$3,000 has been donated to the fund at Community Bank to help the city replace the

The forest service has also given the department a 2.5-ton flatbed truck, courtesy of the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) equipment program, through which military equipment is loaned to qualifying departments at no cost for as long as the equipment is in

Businesses promoting citywide garage sale Mark your calendars and get ready for big citywide garage sale in Clarendon on urday, June 17.

The Clarendon Enterprise and A Fine Feathered Nest, Inc., have teamed up to spon sor "Trash To Treasures," the first of what they hope will become an annual event to coincide with Father's Day weekend.

#### May 11, 2006

Storms bring end to burn ban Fire up the barbecue grills. The burn ban

General rains fell over the area last week, soaking most of Donley County and slaking the thirst of fields and pastures. With

#### 2006 **New Arrivals**

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# 2006: White takes office as mayor

missioners on Monday rescinded the ban on outdoor burning that had been in place since New Year's Day weekend.

But commissioners still urged people to use caution with outdoor flames.

The heaviest rain and most damaging storm came Tuesday, May 2, when 1.10" was recorded locally by Tommie C. Saye, Cooperative Observer for the National Weather

About 4:30 p.m., hailstones the size of tennis balls pounded homes, cars, and other property on the west side of Clarendon, doing substantial damage. Some reports said the hail was the size of baseballs.

Hail and high winds were also reported around Lake Greenbelt, and officers with the Donley County Sheriff's Department spotted potential tornadoes forming - one west of the lake and the City of Howardwick and another east of the Greenbelt Filter Plant. Fortunately, the funnels were short lived.

Additional rains fell Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and totaled 0.84

Howardwick election being held Saturday Howardwick voters will go to the polls Saturday to select three members of the Board of Aldermen and a new mayor for that city.

Early voting was brisk; and with about four hours of early polling time left Tuesday, 75 citizens had cast their ballots.

Six people are vying for three positions on the Board of Aldermen, Incumbents Lee Ann Cook and Sam Grider are joined on the ballot by challengers Susie Langford, H.L. "Buster" Baird, Stanley Couch, and Milton Brown.

But perhaps the most interesting race is that for the title of mayor, which has been vacant since Nancy Davis did not run for reelection a year ago. Voters have two choices for the job - Paul Bartlett and the late James McMorries, who passed away from injuries suffered while fighting the I-40 fire on March

McMorries filed for the office but passed away after the deadline to remove a name from the ballot.

City officials say ballots cast for McMorries are legal and will be counted. If he wins, it will be up to the Board of Aldermen to appoint someone to serve in his place.

#### Clarendon High names top students

Clarendon High School has announced top two students in the graduating Class of 2006 - Samantha Myatt and Carmen

With a GPA of 101.3, Samantha Myatt has been named the valedictorian at CHS. She is the daughter of Steven and Darla Myatt.

Carmen Hamilton has been named salutatorian at CHS with a grade point average of 99.65. She is the daughter of Ray and Roxanne Hamilton.

#### May 18, 2006

Howardwick elects fallen fireman as mayor Howardwick voters on Saturday chose their new mayor a man who lost his life in

The late volunteer fireman James McMorries was elected 94-34 over his oppo-

McMorries died April 9, 2006, from uries he sustained while helping battle the I-40 wildfire on March 12. The vehicle he was driving overturned, sending him and two other volunteer firemen to the hospital.

McMorries had filed to run for mayor but passed away after the deadline to remove a name from the ballot.

The Howardwick Board of Aldermen met Tuesday night to canvass the election and declare a vacancy in the mayor's office. They will meet next Tuesday to appoint someone to serve McMorries' term.

Aldermen outline rules for rural dumping Clarendon Aldermen took up the issue of trash service for rural residents during their regular meeting May 9.

Last month the board made it illegal for any unauthorized person or corporation to use a city Dumpster without paying a monthly fee to do so. The action was aimed at some rural residents who bring their trash to town and fill up Dumpsters that are being paid for by city

Aldermen at Tuesday's meeting noted that many rural residents were upset with the city but said that anger is misplaced.

City officials agreed that it would not be practical to extend the municipal sanitation service to all rural residents but felt something should be done to meet their needs.

The board agreed with Kidd and approved a motion to allow county residents to bring bagged household trash to the recycling center for the monthly fee of \$13.60 plus tax.

The board also voted to have the school, college, and TxDOT pay the posted charges for using the center.

#### June 1, 2006

Clarendon aldermen name new leaders Alderman Mark White was sworn in as

Clarendon's new mayor during last Tuesday's regular city meeting. The former mayor pro-tem stepped up

to preside after Mayor Tex Selvidge presented his resignation part way through the meeting as had previously been announced. White conducted the meeting as the board accepted Selvidge's resignation with

regret, and each member expressed his or her appreciation for his service. Alderman Tommy Hill nominated and the board elected Alderman Michael Tibbets as the city's new mayor pro-tem. Then Tibbets presided briefly as the board nominated and elected White to succeed Selvidge, and White

#### received the oath of office. June 8, 2006

Clarendon graduates receive \$212k Clarendon High School has recognized a total of \$212,000 in scholarships for this year's

graduating seniors. Individual awards and scholarships were announced during CHS commencement exercises May 26 at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium and released to the media the following week.

Residents are lining up as Friday's deadline approaches for the first ever "Trash To Treasures" citywide garage sale slated for next Nevada. Saturday, June 17.

planned in Clarendon and nearby communities, and more are expected to sign up this

The Clarendon Enterprise and A Fine Feathered Nest, Inc., have teamed up to sponsor "Trash To Treasures," and the organizers say they are pleased with the response so far.

#### Services held for longtime merchant

Services were held Tuesday for a longtime Clarendon merchant who had called this community his home and supported it his

John Thomas "Jack" Clifford died here Friday, June 2, 2006. He was 70 years old. Services were at 10:00 a.m. on June 6, 2006, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Terry Tamplen of Midland and Rev. Tom Garmon, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery, and services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral

#### June 15, 2006

County bans fireworks

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There will be no rockets' red glare or mbs bursting in air during the Fourth July in Donley County this year... not without a hefty

County commissioners banned the sale and use of all fireworks during their regular meeting Monday. Continuing dry conditions and the ever-present threat of wildfires were cited as the reasons for the ban.

#### Citizens' questions prompt discussion

An appearance by more than 30 concerned citizens sparked a lengthy discussion about salaries and other issues when the Donley Appraisal District Board met in regular session Monday night

Brad Dalton spoke for the group, which calls itself the Donley County Concerned Citizens, and went through a list of questions for the board to answer.

Board Chairman Dan Hall and Chief July 13, 2006 Appraiser Paula Lowrie answered some of the questions on the spot and said other information - such as data on delinquent taxes, collection rates, etc. - can be compiled and made

#### 44 garage sales for Trash to Treasures

Bargain shoppers will be in for a treat during the first "Trash to Treasures" citywide garage sale to be held in Clarendon and nearby nunities this Saturday, June 17.

Forty-four individual garage sales are scheduled to be held. A complete description of each sale is printed in this week's Big E Classifieds, and a map of the sales is on the last page of this week's Enterprise.

The Clarendon Enterprise and A Fine Feathered Nest, Inc., have teamed up to sponsor "Trash To Treasures," which was the idea of Ashlee Estlack and Chriss Clifford.

The organizers had hoped to get 15 sales the first year, but were happy to have more than 20 by last Tuesday. That number doubled by

#### June 22, 2006

City purchases land for potential landfill Clarendon Aldermen voted to purchase land for a potential new city landfill during their regular meeting last Tuesday.

Alderman Michael Tibbets located the land southeast of the city and said the land would be the perfect location.

Tibbets also reported that the caliche and gravel found on the site would make it worth the purchase price even if the city did not

Mayor Mark White had also visited the property and supported the idea of having the city's engineer look at the site and develop a plan to open a landfill, rather than paying to haul trash to Memphis and paying Memphis for the use of its landfill.

The board approved a motion to purchase the 160-acre tract at a cost of \$700 per acre.

#### June 29, 2006

Greenbelt enacts drought contingency plan Greenbelt Water Authority officials this week are asking all residents to conserve water wherever and whenever they can due to continuing dry weather and low reservoir levels.

General Manager Bobbie Kidd said Monday that Greenbelt Lake had fallen to a depth of 56.5 feet - its lowest point since 1974 - and that the authority had implemented stage

one of its drought contingency plan. Stage one seeks a voluntary ten percent luction in the daily demand for water, which Kidd says will not be hard to achieve.

#### County clarifies ban on fireworks Donley County residents and visitors are

reminded to exercise extreme caution due to the continuing threats of wildfires in the area.

There is no ban on burning in Donley County, but the sale and use of certain fireworks has been prohibited, including all skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins. Small or "Class C" fireworks are legal for sale

#### July 6, 2006

Hedley accident claims lives of two women A three-vehicle accident claimed two lives in Hedley last Friday afternoon and left emergency crews wondering for a time if a baby might also have been injured.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said Anginette Barajas of Longmont, Colo., was driving southbound on US 287 headed out of Hedley about 2: 20 p.m. when she attempted to pass a 2003 Freightliner 18-wheeler driven by 52-year-old

Luther Carnahan of Mart, Texas. At the same time, Carnahan changed anes.in an unsafe manner in front of Barajas' 1999 Honda Accord, causing her to veer to the left to avoid colliding with the truck. The truck moved back to the right, and Barajas overcorrected to the left, started sliding, overcorrected to the right, and slid sideways into oncoming

the path of a 2006 Volvo truck tractor semitrailer driven by Lester Valentine of Las Vegas,

more than 100 people assembled in Clarendon

College's Bairfield Activity Center as he

criticized the 88 combined years of experience

Fun, laughter, and Texas hospitality were

The world's largest regional press

hallmarks of the 76th annual West Texas

Press Association's summer convention in

association gathered here Thursday, Friday,

and Saturday with a registered attendance

that surpassed last year's convention in San

Angelo and boasted more attendees than any

other regional press convention held in Texas

registered, and some events drew more than

100 people. More than 30 attendees had never

been to a WTPA convention before, and the

Texas Panhandle convention site helped draw

new members to the association, boosting its

membership from 86 newspapers last year to

Clarendon and all it had to offer and repeatedly

praised the community during the convention.

Enterprise wins top award from WTPA

WTPA members were impressed with

The title of the best small weekly news-

er in West Texas went to The Clarendon

erprise, following the results of the West

The Sweepstakes Award was presented

The Clarendon paper received first

Texas Press Association's 2005 Better News-

to the Enterprise during the WTPA's 76th

annual convention held here last Saturday. The

local paper received three first place plaques

and one second place certificate in Division

D (weeklies with circulations of 1,800 and

place in the General Excellence competition

with judges from Texas Tech University's

College of Mass Communications saying the

"consistently good writing joined by clean,

consistent layout make the Enterprise a plea-

Feature Writing with judges calling Ashlee

Estlack's article about Tristen Miller a "great

story" with "great structure" and also praising

honors in Photography for work by Cheryl

Johnson and Roger Estlack, and second place

honors were awarded to the Enterprise for

CISD completing remodel of classrooms

While students are enjoying the remain

All the woodwork in the 1961-era

ing days of summer vacation, Clarendon ISD

is wrapping up improvement projects that

have spruced up the interior of junior high and

buildings on campus has been stripped and

refinished after 45 years of wear and tear.

Countertops have been replaced throughout

those buildings, and large cabinets in the

elementary D-Wing have been put on wheels

been repaired, repainted, and, in some places

Lockers in the A- and C-Wings have

August 3, 2006

elementary classrooms

for more mobility.

Roger Estlack's story about L.L. Wallace.

The paper also received first place in

The Enterprise also received first place

sure to read."

Editorials.

The convention had more than 90 people

held by his opponents.

Clarendon last week.

Clarendon impresses WTPA

Valentine could not avoid the collision More than 20 garage sales are already as he struck the Honda broadside, ripping the car into three pieces, crossing the southbound lanes, and coming to rest in a field.

Donley County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson pronounced Barajas, age 26, and her passenger, Kathleen Harman, 49, dead

#### Celebration attendance up slightly

Attendance was up slightly when the 129th annual Saints' Roost Celebration was held on the Courthouse Square Tuesday.

Comments generally favored the celebration's return to the square this year after it was held in City Park for the last five years due to the restoration of the Courthouse. People said this year's celebration "felt" more like the Fourth of July because it was held in its traditional location

#### City reverses course regarding landfill idea The idea of a city landfill southeast of Clarendon became short-lived after neighboring landowners voiced their opposition last

More than 20 citizens attended last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen to protest a landfill that had barely been proposed. The board first discussed and voted to purchase a 160-acre tract for \$112,000 at its June 13 meeting; but by the end of last week's meeting, city leaders were having second

#### Ranger Bradley Ranch takes top honors The Ranger Bradley Ranch took top honors during the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo

last Friday and Saturday. Ranger Bradley's scores beat out 16 other local and regional teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 129th anniversary Saints' Roost Celebration. The team was made up of J.B Miller, Johnny Miller, Jim Tackett, Dewey Hill, and

Benton Easter.

MCNH future to be topic of meeting The Medical Center Nursing Home is financially sound and ended the last fiscal year with a projected budget surplus. But officials with the Donley County Hospital District say the good news may not last if plans aren't

made now for the future. And to get input from the taxpayers for that future, the district has called for a town hall meeting on Tuesday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarendon Lions Hall.

#### Hedley begins drought contingency plan Hedley residents are being asked to cut back on their water consumption after the Board of Aldermen implemented the first stage

of that city's drought contingency plan when they met in regular session, July 6. City Secretary Randy Shaw said Tuesday

that stage one of the plan does not have any Shaw said water usage in Hedley has

fallen and noted that Monday's consumption half of what it normally is. The city's goal with stage one is to re-bolted to the walls. Ten or so handles still

reduce water usage by ten percent.

#### Enterprise wins state award for editorials

The Clarendon Enterprise received one first place plaque and came in third for a Sweepstakes Award June 24 during the Texas Press Association's 127th annual summer convention in The Woodlands.

The local paper was awarded first place in Division 10 (Small Weeklies) in Editorials and showed strength in most other categories by garnering two second-, two third-, and one fourth-place honors.

#### July 20, 2006

City backs out of land purchase contract

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen backed out of a deal to buy 160 acres southeast of the city during a called meeting Monday afternoon, putting to rest fears of neighboring landowners that a new landfill might be opened there.

The board first discussed and voted to purchase the 160-acre site for \$112,000 at its June 13 meeting, but two weeks later more than 20 citizens attended the aldermen's next meeting to protest the idea that a new landfill might be located there.

City leaders said they were only trying to keep money - more than \$40,000 per year plus time and fuel to dump in the Memphis landfill - in the community, but those in attendance questioned why more public input was not sought and said they feared what having a landfill nearby would do to their property values and their groundwater.

The board quickly bvacked away from the idea of locating a landfill on the property but was still left to deal with the contract already in place to purchase the land.

During last Tuesday's regular meeting, Aldermen debated whether to continue with the purchase and use the land for materials or try to sell it later to break even or make a profit. The meeting ended with the board agreeing to seek the advice of City Attorney James Shelton on how best to get out of the deal altogether.

#### Clarendon welcomes WTPA newspapers

Clarendon will welcome more than 90 registered attendees during the West Texas Press Association's 76th annual convention

Convention chairman and WTPA First Vice President Roger Estlack and the staff of The Clarendon Enterprise are hosting the event, which has been designed to showcase Donley County and leave a positive lasting impression on the members of the state's largest regional group of newspapers.

#### July 27, 2006

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Friedman outlines education ideas Texas' most unique candidate for gov-ernor was in Clarendon last Friday to address local residents and members of the press during the 76th Annual West Texas Press Association Summer Convention

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# Drugs in the News

#### **Medicated Heart Stents Being Evaluated**

A stent is a metal tube or scaffold-like device that is inserted by heart surgeons into patients' coronary (heart) vessels after balloon angioplasty procedures to keep these vessels open. Since the first stents were used, researchers have developed stents that were more flexible and easier to deliver to coronary vessels. Even though stents helped keep coronary arteries open, many became clogged again, a condition called restenosis. In more recent years researchers began testing drugs that could be placed on these stents as a possible way of dealing with the reclogging of heart vessels. These are referred to as coated or medicated stents. Medicated stents are in the news because in some instances blood clots have formed and clot dissolving drugs may have to be taken indefinitely. Some studies have shown that stopping the clotting dissolving drugs early has increased the risk of blood clots, heart attacks and death. The Food and Drug Administration is further investigating this situation with a called meeting to discuss clotting risks and other issues related to the use of



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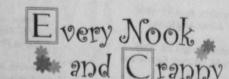
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The cost to the district comes to a total of \$90,000, Hysinger said, with more work still to come

Sixty to 70 percent of the school's roofs will be replaced - those on the B-, C-, and D-Wings - at a total cost to CISD's insurance carrier of about \$700,000.

This summer's renovations come on the heals of a \$500,000 abatement and renovation project last year during which all the floors and ceilings in the 1961-era buildings were replaced, all lights were replaced or retrofitted with new high-efficiency fixtures, all classrooms were repainted, and all the old green chalkboards will be replaced with new marker boards. The remnants of the school's old boiler system were also removed last year.

#### City mulls banning disturbance of peace

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen will funding consider an ordinance prohibiting disturbing the peace when they meet next Tuesday

The board approved the language of the draft ordinance at their regular meeting last week. If the measure becomes law, it would be illegal to "intentionally or knowingly disturb the peace within the city limits."

The draft defines disturbing the peace as creating any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises and also includes all the acts considered disorderly conduct under the Texas Penal Code, which covers several offenses such as abusive or profane language in a public place, fighting in public, lewd acts, creation of unreasonable odors, and offensive gestures among other acts.

Anyone who violates the ordinance, if roved, would be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a substantial fine.

#### Hospital district to hire consultant

The Donley County Hospital District will contract with an outside consultant to do complete analysis of the Medical Center Nursing Home following last week's town hall meeting about the future of the facility.

More than 100 people attended the meeting, which was called by the hospital board to get input from taxpayers. Hospital board president Alan Fletcher led the discussion about the home, which is financially sound currently but faces an uncertain future with regards to state funding and ever increasing expenses.

Fletcher fielded several questions about

the finances of the nursing home, but the most striking questions came from local resident Lisha Ralston, who is employed by The Arbors, a nursing facility in Canyon operated by Baptist Community Services.

Ralston asked about alternative ways to generate revenue at the nursing home and wondered why more local people weren't utilizing the home for rehabilitation services, and then she asked if the district had done a

complete operational evaluation. This week Administrator Vicky Robertson said she has contacted Ralston's boss. Arbors Administrator Robert Smith, and he has agreed to perform an operational analysis of the nursing home.

#### August 10, 2006

se of discolored water undetermined The cause of discolored water appearing at some residences in Clarendon is not easily explained and could have a variety of causes, but it is safe to drink.

That's according to city officials and Greenbelt Water Authority, who say they don't really know what is causing the trouble that has been appearing in the south parts of town, some of which has been going on for several

John Molder with the City of Clarendon said the problem first appeared on South Parks Street and in the southeast part of the city and then moved west. Most recently, city workers opened a fire hydrant at Seventh and Collinson Streets on Monday and let it run for 20 minutes before it ran clear.

Several things could cause the water to be discolored, including any damage and repairs made to the waterworks during the street paving, any big leaks, and just the fact that many of Clarendon's waterlines are old and need to be replaced.

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August 1 by the Texas Education Agency per \$100 valuation this coming fiscal year, says the lockers will serve students for a long ognized school district rating for the second next year.

The ratings are partly based on Texas citizens' petition.

#### August 17, 2006

'Concerned Citizens' present petition The Concerned Citizens of Donley County continued their quest to abolish the Clarendon Independent School District during the board's regular meeting last Thursday.

Representatives from both groups said they thought the meeting was cordial and informative, and the citizens had kind words for the efforts of CISD Trustees in improving

The taxpayers' group presented a petition the school board calling for the abolition of the personal property tax. Dalton said his group understood CISD needed the money and would be willing for the district to raise taxes on real property to make up the difference.

Using current budget projections, Hysinger said CISD will collect approximately \$180,000 from the personal property tax in the next fiscal year, which is about 11.64 percent of the school's local tax income. But local taxes are a determinant of state funding, and the funds raised by the personal property tax generate an additional \$270,000 in state

But the school board did have some good news for the Concerned Citizens. A new means CISD's tax rate will drop by 11.5 cents Medal of Valor for their heroic efforts during

worn off, but Superintendent Monty Hysinger show that Clarendon ISD has earned a Rec- and another mandatory reduction is expected

CISD Trustees took no action on the

#### Aldermen okay tax abatement for Sonic

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen approved a five-year graduated tax abatement for the new Sonic Drive-In being constructed on US 287 during their regular meeting last

The 2-1 vote by the aldermen overrode a June 26 recommendation by the Clarendon Economic Development Board, which had voted 4-3 against an abatement for the prop-

CEDC President Will Thompson, who favored the abatement, said his board's vote was the closest in years and came only after lengthy debate on the question. He said the CEDC was split on the issue between wanting to attract new businesses and trying to protect existing businesses.

#### August 24, 2006

President sends letters to local firemen Three hometown heroes of the March 12 I-40 Wildfire received letters of commendation from President George W. Rush this week, and the wife of one of those heroes got an even bigger surprise

Lee Ann Cook wrote the president about a month ago in anticipation of last Friday's "Firefighters' Night" at the Howardwick Friendship Club. There her husband, Jeff Cook: Joev Garcia: and the late James mandatory tax rate reduction from the state McMorries were going to be honored with the

She went on about her business and hoped for some kind of response. It came August 11 while she was going about the daily chores of life and in a frazzled mood. She was not particularly happy when her cell phone rang and considered not answering it, but she

did and the president was on the line. The president explained that he had received her letter but, because of the situation in the Middle East, he wouldn't be able to attend on August 18. He would, however, send the men something, which he hoped would

Cook kept the news to herself and waited. Nothing arrived by last Friday, but on Monday she received three personal letters one for her husband, one for Garcia, and one

for McMorries' widow, Tanis. Friday's Friendship Club meeting recognized all the firemen of Donley County as heroes. In addition to the three Medal of Valor presentations, two other Howardwick firemen were given the Medal of Honor for their lifesaving efforts on behalf of Garcia and McMorries. Kenny Bridges started unprotected CPR on McMorries to revive him and keep him alive, and Stan Couch held traction on Garcia's leg for 20 to 30 minutes to keep him from bleeding to death.

#### CC Regents approve \$6.9 million budget

The Clarendon College Board of Regents approved a \$6.9 million budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 during their regular meeting last

The total budget is about \$400,000 above the current budget with additional revenues coming from an expected higher enrollment and higher tuition and fees. The budget also

and transportation fuels.

Ad valorem taxes by residents of the Clarendon College District, which is Donley County, accounts for an estimated \$350,000. Of that, \$34,099 is collected from a tax levy on personal property, such as cars, boats, and

#### August 31, 2006

Petitions put tax freeze initiative on ballots A tax freeze for citizens over the age of 65 and disabled citizens will go on the ballot this November for three local taxing entities.

Donley County, the City of Clarendon. and the Clarendon College District have all received petitions in recent days from the Concerned Citizens of Donley County bearing the required number of signatures to force the

A petition for a fourth entity, the City of Hedley, was delivered to Moffitt Hardware instead of City Hall and will be considered next Thursday, city officials said.

Each entity will hold separate elections during the General Election on November 7 the Department of Public Safety contributes this year. If the proposition passes, the dollar to the county. amount of ad valorem taxes on qualified homesteads would be frozen on January 1, 2007.

#### CC president in running for Odessa job

Clarendon College President Myles Shelton confirmed Monday that he is a candidate for the presidency of Odessa College.

Shelton and asked him to participate in their application process.

With an enrollment of 5,000 students. Odessa is about five times bigger than CC.

Odessa's president, Vance Gipson, is retiring Shelton said.

The Odessa Board of Regents last Tuesday approved Shelton as one of three finalists to succeed Gipson. New Mexico Junior College President Steve McCleery and Western Texas College President Greg Williams are also finalists.

The interview process will be set up in September, and Shelton says he thinks a decision will be made in the next 30 to 45 days.

#### September 7, 2006

Citizens review county's proposed budget The Donley County Commissioners' Court fielded questions about their 2006-2007 proposed budget during a public hearing Tuesday morning.

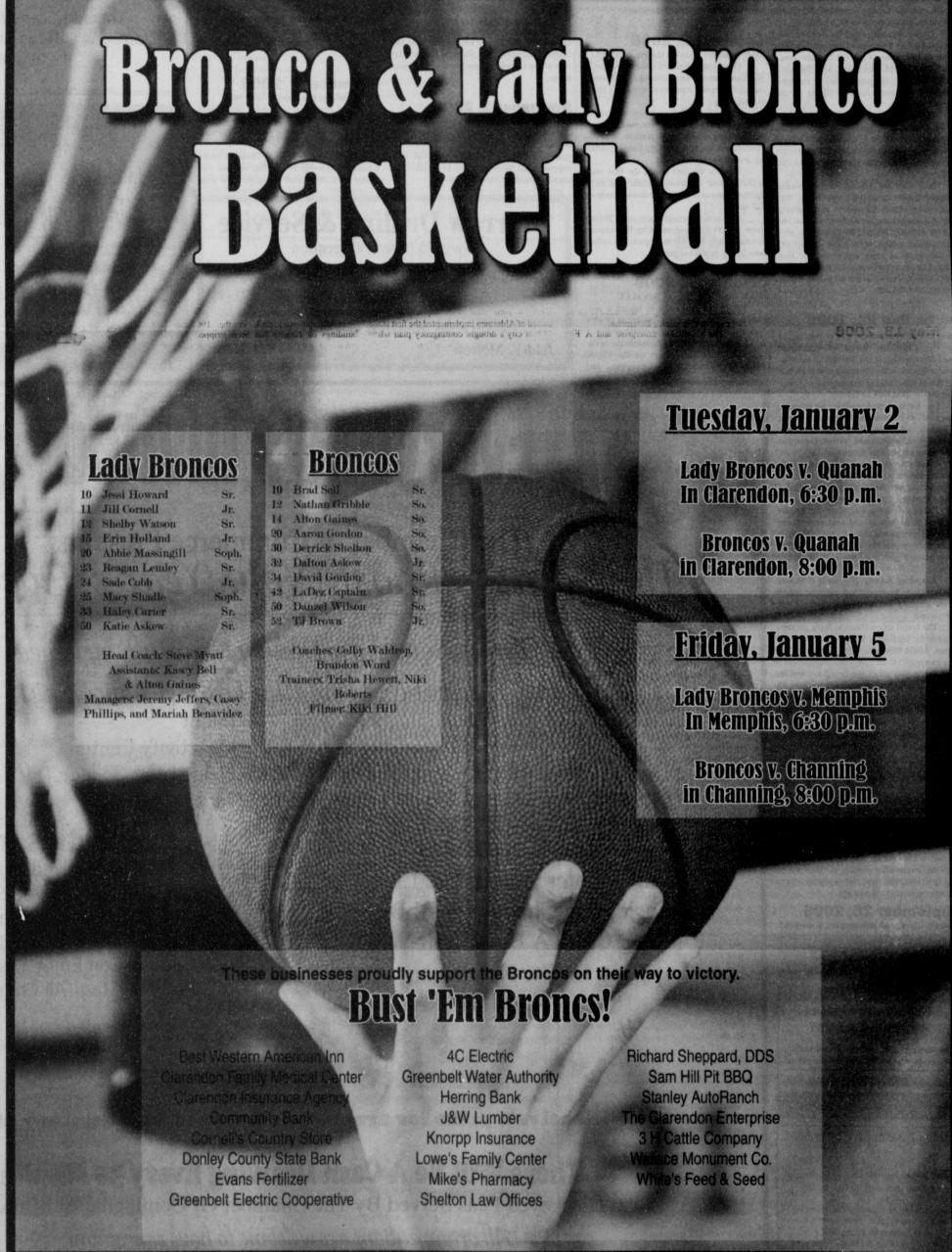
County Judge Jack Hall opened the meeting, and commissioners approved a motion equalizing the salaries for the secretaries in both Justice of the Peace courts at \$8.308.11 each.

In comments from the public, Billie Shaffer inquired about the amount of fines

Claude DeBord asked regarding the property tax collected by the county how much of it was from the tax on personal property.

Hall said it amounted to about \$90,000. DeBord also asked how much the county budgeted to run the appraisal district. County officials said that they pay a portion of the Odessa's search committee contacted expenses of the appraisal district and that amount is determined by what taxes they collect. This year the county has budgeted

\$45,000 for this purpose. Enterprise publisher Roger Estlack



# 2006: Voters okay freezing taxes

inquired why the sheriff's department's employment taxes were budgeted lower than last year when the budget for salaries went up. After some figuring, officials realized they had not calculated the employment taxes for budgeted overtime wages.

The difference amounted to \$2,296.38, and moved the overall proposed budget from a \$97.66 surplus to a \$2,198.72 deficit. Officials said after the meeting they would look over the budget and try to figure how to make up the shortfall.

The commissioners' court will hold another public hearing on the proposed budget this Friday, September 8, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse. Approval of the budget will come at a called meeting on September 15.

#### Sheriff cracks down on under age drivers

Several Clarendon High School students were surprised last week when local sheriff's deputies began issuing warnings for unlicensed drivers.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the crack down came after his office received several complaints from citizens about students parking illegally and blocking driveways.

Unlicensed CHS students cannot park on school grounds and so have been parking on side roads near the campus. Blackburn said that this has gone on for years but the number of complaints has never been so high.

Blackburn also said his office will issue no warnings for lack of liability insurance. Those violations will be ticketed.

#### September 14, 2006 Supporters seek funds for activity center

A new activity building is being planned by the Donley County Junior Livestock Association, but the facility's uses would go far beyond the annual stock show, backers say.

The association, which has become fully incorporated as a non-profit organization, has acquired four acres of the old Thunder Junction site north of Clarendon, and President Larry Gray says his group wants to put up a new Donley County Activity Center on the vacant land.

The county stock show is currently held in the Clarendon Community Center, which is maintained by the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association; but Gray says the livestock association has simply outgrown that facility

Gray said the Friends of the Donley County Junior Livestock Association has been raising money for several years to help with this project and recently purchased the land for \$10,000. He said the county has also been putting money toward the project for the last couple of years, and now \$20,000 is on hand to go toward construction. The final cost is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

#### September 21, 2006

Clarendon aldermen deny two requests

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen turned down a request last Tuesday to put two modular homes in the R1 residential zone but told the person making the request to bring more information back to the city.

Loy Davis wanted to place two modular homes on lots he owns on the northeast corner of Eighth and Leroy. Davis said he would remove the old trailer house on that property to make room for the new structures.

Board members expressed concern about what the homes would look like and noted that Davis did not provide any drawings or pictures of the exteriors of proposed structures.

Davis said he would place the houses

Davis said he would place the houses on slabs if he had to and said they would look like permanent homes, but Alderman Janice Knorpp said two other modular homes Davis has at Eighth and Johns look like trailer

Alderman Tommy Hill made a motion to allow Davis to put the new modular homes on the property, but the motion died for lack of a second.

The board asked Davis to bring pictures of what the outside of his proposed modular homes would look like when finished to the next meeting.

Davis also asked the board to consider closing the alleyway that runs from Seventh to Eighth streets between Leroy and Johns. The alley has never been opened, but the city maintains an easement to do so in the future. The board felt there was no compelling reason to give up that easement and took no action.

#### **September 28, 2006**

JL Wagon wins Chuckwagon cookoff

Top honors went to the JL Wagon from Abilene during the twelfth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff last

Under the direction of Johnny and Leonna Adkins, the JL Wagon won the Overall Cooking award after placing in three out of four food categories and had enough points to win the entire cookoff outright.

#### September 28, 2006

Historic Clarendon newspapers discovered
Clarendon's first newspaper has found its
way home and is revealing new details of the
town's pioneers to local historians.
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inquired why the sheriff's department's Clarendon papers recently turned up with a employment taxes were budgeted lower than last year when the budget for salaries went up.

Clarendon papers recently turned up with a Pennsylvania dealer of rare books and newspalast year when the budget for salaries went up.

Brent Snyder of Crinkley Bottom Books in Gap, Penn., said he had obtained the papers from an antiques dealer who had in turn purchased them from an auction house. Synder contacted The Clarendon Enterprise through its Web site last Tuesday to see if the local paper would be interested in purchasing the collection. Estlack and Snyder quickly agreed on terms for the papers, and the issues arrived back home last Friday.

The centerpiece of the collection is Volume One, Number One, of The Clarendon News dated Saturday, June 1, 1878. The paper, which eventually evolved into The Clarendon Enterprise, was edited by Rev. L.H. Carhart with the assistance of James H. Parks.

#### October 5, 2006

Aldermen to review mobile home rules

The City of Clarendon will review zoning regulations in the R1 residential zone next week following a second request by Loy Davis to place two modular homes at Eighth and Leroy streets.

The Board of Aldermen had initially turned down Davis' request because the homes fall under the description that bans trailer houses in the southwest part of town. But during last Tuesday's city meeting, Davis showed pictures of what his modular homes would look like and pointed out that exceptions have been made to the zoning rules in the past.

Alderman Janice Knorpp recalled that the board had allowed Davis to put two modular homes at Eighth and Johns streets a few years ago and said the homes were not what the city anticipated. She said the structures look like doublewide mobile homes.

#### October 12, 2006

Hedley freezes taxes on elderly, disabled Elderly and disabled citizens in Hedley

Elderly and disabled citizens in Hedley got their property taxes frozen last Thursday during the regular meeting of that city's Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Janie Hill said city leaders had discussed the tax freeze for two or three months after receiving a petition from the Concerned Citizens of Donley County, calling for an election on the issue.

"We just decided it was the best thing

to do because an election would cost us so much money, and we have a limited budget," Hill said.

An election would have cost Hedley

An election would have cost Hedley about \$2,000, Hill said; and City Hall expects to receive only \$17,500 in property tax collections in this year's budget.

#### October 12, 2006

PEAK would pay tuition, fees at CC Efforts are underway to launch a program that would give every student in Donley

County paid access to a college education.

Clarendon and Hedley schools are working with Clarendon College on the PEAK
(Promoting Education, Achievement, and

Knowledge) Scholarship plan, and the two schools are preparing to raise money to fund the program.

"We need to raise \$1.5 to \$2 million over the next five years to make it happen," said Clarendon Superintendent Monty Hysinger. "Right now we just need one big contribution from an individual or foundation to really get it kick started."

#### October 19, 2006

West Nile suspected cause of illness
Family members of a Donley County
woman have reported that she is in an Amarillo

woman have reported that she is in an Amarillo hospital suffering from the West Nile virus, but state and local health authorities as of Tuesday morning had not been notified of the case.

The elderly woman, whose identity

cannot be published due to privacy concerns,

lives just outside the northern city limit of

Clarendon and was reportedly being taken off

life support Tuesday. She had been hospitalized since October 2, a family member said. The woman's husband is also exhibiting symptoms that may indicate the disease, but the family was still awaiting the results of his tests, the Enterprise was told.

#### October 26, 2006

MCNH passes rare federal inspection
The Medical Center Nursing Home passed a rare federal inspection last week with

only two minor deficiencies.

MCNH Administrator Vicky Robertson said five percent of nursing homes are randomly selected each year to be reviewed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and this is the first year anyone can remember

the local home having such an inspection.

"We were told to expect as many as 10
deficiencies," Robertson said. "They didn't
leave a stone unturned."

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408-275.

But after searching from October 16 to October 19, the federal team found only two items of concern – one for some reports that weren't up to date and another for medication times.

#### November 2, 2006

Hedley math/science teams win in Lubbock
Hedley's first chance to show what their
mathematics and science teams can do this
year turned into a rousing success as they
competed last Saturday in the Coronado Invitational Academic Meet in Lubbock.

The Calculator Applications team won first place among competing 1A-3A schools and came away with four medals.

In the senior division, Ruth Anne Howard placed second, and Betty Cruz placed third; and in the sophomore division, Amber Burnam placed second, and Skyler Conatser placed third.

#### November 9, 2006

Voters approve freezing taxes
Residents in three separate local elections voted to freez taxes for elderly and

disabled citizens Tuesday.

Donley County voters overwhelmingly froze taxes at the county level and for the Clean College Pictria.

Clarendon College District.

The freeze passed at the county ballot by a margin of 758 in favor to 420 against, with 49 percent voter turnout.

The vote at the college district was closer but still a clear majority with 371 ballots in favor of the freeze and 259 against it. That election drew only 24 percent of registered voters.

In the third election, the margin was even closer as voters in the City of Clarendon approved freezing taxes in that jurisdiction by only 11 votes. There were 193 in favor of the freeze, and 182 against it.

#### November 9, 2006

Trout, Johnson win re-election Tuesday
In the only two locally contested races
Tuesday, Donley County voters in Precincts 1,

and 4 returned the incumbents to office.
 Justice of the Peace for Pcts. 1&2 Jimmy Johnson (R) fended off a challenge from Democrat Connie Havens and won re-election, 408 235.

Precinct 4 voters gave their commissioner, Bob Trout (D), another term in office and chose not to write in the name of his challenger, Claude DeBord, by a margin of 181 to 79.

#### November 9, 2006

State confirms two cases of West Nile

West Nile virus has caused one human
death in Donley County, state health officials
reported this week, urging people to take necessary precautions.

Family members of a Donley County woman had previously said that she was suffering from the disease in an Amarillo hos-

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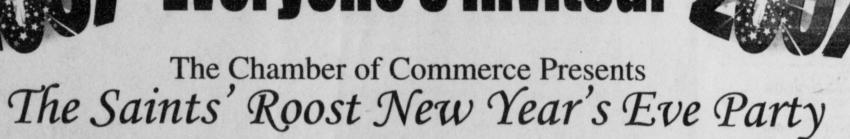
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the Texas Department of State Health Services devotion to his students had confirmation of her case.

slips in, but they aren't specific to West Nile the 2 p.m. service, and overflow seating and and we have to wait for additional results," said Karen McDonald with the TDSHS Bairfield Activity Center. Robertson Funeral

regional office in Lubbock. McDonald said the local cases were confirmed on October 30.

#### November 16, 2006 Services held for former CC instructor

Services were held Sunday for one of the most influential figures to ever work at Clarendon College.

Jerry Hawkins died Tuesday, November taught at CC for 35 years and was remembered of property taxes.

**MEETINGS** 

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"Our biggest problem is that we get lab Fine Arts Auditorium was filled to capacity for a broadcast of the service were set up in the Directors said more than 750 people attended.

#### November 23, 2006

CPV eyes Donley for wind farm Donley County could become home to a

new multi-million dollar wind farm if a Maryland company's plans become reality.

Representatives of Competitive Power Ventures, Inc., (CPV) met with several local boards last week to outline their project and 7, 2006, in Arlington at the age of 71. He had lay the groundwork for requesting abatement

The project will cost between \$125 and December 7, 2006 lion of that being invested in Donley County. The Clarendon College Harned Sisters The farm is expected to create 10 fulltime jobs for electricians, turbine engineers, and power plant management

#### November 30, 2006 Clarendon makes 'best schools' list

Clarendon Elementary School has been named one of the "Best Public Schools in Texas" in a listing published in the December issue of Texas Monthly.

Using data from the National Center for Educational Accountability in Austin, a research arm of the University of Texas, the magazine compiled lists of elementary, middle, and high schools that consistently score higher in any or all of four basic subjects - reading, writing, math, and science.

#### Pre-dawn fire destroys garage

An early morning blaze destroyed a garage and cost a Clarendon family two vehicles and countless tools December 1.

Dispatchers received the report of the fire at 4:35 a.m. at Fourth and Parks, and the tenants of the property learned their garage was on fire when the call went out over the

The family lost two vehicles in the fire, one of which was very valuable.

"We lost our '99 GMC Sierra pickup that was all decked out to go to (car) shows," Somer Ballard said. "It had everything - the wheels, the stereo, you name it."

The other vehicle was not insured. "That was his old Volkswagon Tinker Toy, and I am not sorry to see it go," she said.

**HISD** investigating allegations

A called meeting of the Hedley school board left some citizens unsatisfied Monday night, and they made their feelings known to officials afterward.

At issue is an ongoing investigation involving Hedley Superintendent Bryan Hill and an allegation of misusing a school com-

The board first met in an emergency meeting December 1 when the allegations came to light and called in the Region 16 Education Service Center of Amarillo to conduct an investigation. The results of that investigation were given to the board in closed session December 5.

The board unanimously voted Monday to continue the investigation after a 45-minute closed session during which they conferred

#### December 21, 2006

HISD board clears Hill

Hedley School Trustees on Monday night cleared Superintendent Bryan Hill of recent allegations against him regarding inappropriate computer usage.

Bringing a close to its investigation, the board's only action was to formally issue Hill a letter advising him to turn off his computer when he leaves his office and to change his password on a regular basis.

A ten-page report from Mandry Technology Solutions concludes that the company "Could not prove the user in question (Hill) was searching and viewing the inappropriate material" because the "Username and password (were) not secure.'

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