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Broncos to play for bi-district title Thursday Filing now open for local offices

Clarendon's Broncos face a rematch with West Texas High - a repeat of the two ball clubs' first game of the season - Thursday in a bi-district showdown in Pampa.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at the Pampa High School Gymnasium. The game will be broadcast live on KLSR 105.3 FM starting at 6:55 p.m., and complete coverage of the game will be in next week's *Clarendon Enterprise*.

The first time the two teams met, Clarendon prevailed 65-49. The Broncos trailed 13-12 after one quarter but took a 33-23 halftime advantage Nov. 18 in Stinnett. Senior Brent Gaines scored a team-high 25 points, while Kareem Abdullah made 15 and Scotty Elliott hit 11 points.

The Comanches (20-10) start 6-3 forward Aron Graves and 5-10 guard Brian Scott. Both are seniors and explosive scorers, head coach Jimmy Avery said.

"(Graves) and (Scott) are good players and

they play outside. Graves is their point guard who will either shoot or drive to the basket. He likes to do a lot of one-on-one," Avery said.

"We're just going to press and run and put a lot of pressure on them. They aren't real tall. They like to run, but I don't think they'll try to run with us because we're a little quicker."

West Texas High finished in a three-way tie with Canadian and Stratford and won the number two seed in District 1-1A after a two-game play-off. Even though the Broncos beat West Texas the first time out, much time has passed between the beginning of the season and now.

"They've improved a lot since the beginning of the year. Beating them (the first time) probably will give us a disadvantage because we may think we can beat them again easily. But they're a different team now."

"We'll just work hard and see what happens. We're taking it one game at a time. We're

not satisfied with a district championship," Avery said.

The winner advances to the area round next week against the champion of the Idalou-Lockney bi-district contest Thursday in Wolfforth. District 2-2A champion Clarendon improved to 23-7 following two warm-up games last week against Lazbuddie and Gruver.

The Broncos met Lazbuddie Feb. 16 in Silverton and led throughout the game before taking away a 64-51 win.

Senior Gaines made three baskets in the opening period en route to his 16 points for a 13-8 first quarter lead. Elliott and Abdullah hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second quarter as Clarendon outscored Lazbuddie 20-14 for a 33-22 halftime advantage.

The junior Elliott made a trey and a basket in the third quarter as Lazbuddie closed the Bronco lead to 46-40. Gaines made two baskets and Abdullah was 4-for-4 from the charity

stripe for an 18 point effort. Senior Pat Church hit a trey in the final period.

Scoring for the Broncos were Abdullah, 19; Elliott, 16; Gaines, 16; Jason Archuleta, 6; Church, 3; Keith Kidd, 2; and Nathan Sears, 2. Clarendon got off to a slow offensive start against Gruver Saturday in White Deer leading 8-6 after one quarter, but Gaines turned on the heat in the second period scoring four baskets and pushing the halftime lead to 25-15.

Elliott found his mark from behind the arc in the third period draining three 3-pointers four times for the afternoon to give the Broncos a 42-27 lead entering the final quarter. Abdullah hit a basket and four free throws, while Chris Bruce and Archuleta made a basket and two free throws for the 57-44 win.

Scoring for the Broncos were Abdullah, 14; Elliott, 14; Gaines, 8 (8 rebounds); Sears, 6; Archuleta 16 (6 rebounds); Kidd, 5 (5 rebounds); and Bruce, 4.

Now is the time for potential candidates to file for several local elected positions. Filing started on February 16 and runs through 5 p.m. on March 18, 1998. Early voting will take place April 15 - 28, and the elections will be held on May 2, 1998.

The following positions are open: **City of Clarendon:** three aldermen - positions currently held by Mac Stavenhagen, Kyle Hill, and Shawn Barker.

City of Hedley: mayor and three aldermen - positions currently held by Mayor Shauna Monroe, Janie Hill, Carrie Lindsey, and Abby O'Neil (appointed).

City of Howardwick: three aldermen - positions currently held by Margaret Petit, J.C. Barefoot, and Dean Arnold.

Clarendon College: three regents - positions currently held by Bobbie Floyd, Susie Shields, and Jiggs Mann (resigned).

Clarendon CISD: three trustees - positions currently held by Sandy Thornberry, Terry Ashcraft, and Gene Denney (appointed).

Hedley CISD: three trustees - positions currently held by Carole Ward, Mike Wallendorff, and Chris Downer.

Donley County Hospital District: The district also will be having elections on May 2, but the guidelines for the hospital district are different from the other entities. At presstime, there were still some unanswered questions regarding the filing deadline. Check next week's *Enterprise* for complete details.

Clerk's office to open for early voting Saturday

The County Clerk's office in the Courthouse Annex will be open this Saturday, Feb. 28, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for early voting in the March Primary Elections.

County Clerk Fay Vargas reminds everyone that you must bring your voter's registration card or proof of identity to the polling place.

Early voting continues during regular business hours at the Clerk's office until March 6, 1998.

U.S. HWY. 287 PROJECT UPDATE



Constructions plans for the week of February 22-28, according to Gilbert Texas Construction Company, will be to start finishing blade work from the Western Skies Motel to the west end of the job, and to pour curb and gutter from Hwy. 70 to the Western Skies Motel.

Other construction efforts will include pouring slabs in front of Sam Hill BBQ, The Grocery Store, and The Herring National Bank and to finish forming concrete in front of Sam Hill BBQ.

Chip sealing and paving with hot mix asphalt, from Harlan's Flowers to the east end of the project can be expected as well as sweeping chips and cleaning up from Harlan's to the east end of the project.

The contractor also expects to remove and re-pour various locations of curb and gutter.

If anyone has any problems or needs to discuss a particular situation with anyone please contact: Danny Brown in the Childress Area Office at 940/937-7249, Steve Smith or Larry Davis in the Donley County Maintenance Office at 874-3721, or Gilbert Texas Construction Co. at 874-9200. After hours call 874-3533.

Remember, local merchants are the bedrock of our local economy. They may be a little harder to get to during the construction, but they are still open and would appreciate your business.

Pick up a copy of next week's *Enterprise* for more Project 287 information.

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Local Weather Report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	16	46°	38°	0.38"
Tues	17	40°	35°	0.90"
Wed	18	52°	27°	-
Thurs	19	55°	33°	0.14"
Fri	20	58°	28°	-
Sat	21	63°	32°	-
Sun	22	47°	39°	0.23"

Total Precipitation For Feb. 203'
 Total Precipitation For Year 2.14'

Total precipitation for Feb. 1997 was 2.13'. The total YTD 1997 was 2.74'

College Night Held at CHS

Clarendon High School held its third annual Financial Aid and College Night last Thursday, Feb. 19.

High school students and parents were able to ask questions of area colleges about admission requirements and scholarships. Lending institutions were also on hand to field financial assistance questions.

Raymond Jaramillo (left) represented Clarendon College and visited with Mandy Weatherton, Kathy Bryley, Faye Bryley, and Dora Weatherton.

Enterprise Photo



City approves contract between Chamber, EDC

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Clarendon approved a contract between the Chamber of Commerce and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation during the aldermen's regular meeting on Feb. 10, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of City Hall.

The EDC is contracting for the services of the Chamber's Executive Secretary to do economic development work. In exchange, the EDC will pay half of the Chamber Secretary's salary. The contract will become effective on March 1, 1998.

"This agreement brings the city, the Economic Development Board

and the Chamber together to work for the benefit of us all," said Chamber Executive Secretary Linda Williams. "We're all working for the same thing — the betterment of Clarendon and Donley County."

The contract calls for the Chamber to provide professional services designed to assist the EDC in fulfilling its statutory mission of promoting economic development through the creation of new and expanded industrial, manufacturing, and commercial activity thereby serving the public purpose of expanding the base of taxable value and the creation and retention of jobs.

The contract will be reviewed annually, and either party can terminate the agreement by giving not less than 30 days notice. The Economic Development Board still has control over the expenditure of EDC funds.

In other city business, Mayor Tex Selvidge issued an order for an election to be held May 2, 1998, for the purpose of electing three aldermen.

Ernie Johnston reported on the recycling program. Jim Roberts reported that the roller has been picked up and maintenance work completed. The low water crossing on Ayers Street has been completed also.

The board approved audit reports for the City and for the Economic Development Board.

Greenbelt Water Authority asked the city for a letter of support for more improvement to be done by a grant on the north side of the lake. The board approved a motion stating support for the project and authorizing use of a front-end loader up to 50 hours if needed.

'Honoring Our Heritage' program held Saturday

In observance of Black History Month, the Clarendon community held its first black history program with the theme "Honoring Our Heritage."

The program began with a musical on Saturday night, Feb. 21, 1998, at True Church of God in Christ. Among the 45 in attendance on Sunday at True Church was the Rev. Melvin Brooks, pastor of St. Stephens Baptist Church, students of the college, and the community.

Songs of yesterday were sung by the Youth Group under the direction

of Allen Newsome, assisted by Beverly Alexander, and Peggy Smith. Spirituals were sung by the "Dreamers." Louisa King narrated a skit, which portrayed how work was done before modern inventions such as picking cotton, washing and ironing clothes, baking bread, and sweeping floors.

Youth of the community performed readings entitled "Did You Know That..." which told of important contributions made by African Americans. The program concluded with an encouraging song entitled

"After all the things we've been through, we still have joy," followed by a delicious meal.

Program coordinator, Ann Alexander, appreciated everyone for their participation. Mrs. Alexander commended Pastor Roy Williams, Sister Barbara Williams, Beverly Alexander, and Jewel Austin for their hard work and dedication. She commented that by working together as a community, the program was a success and she that hopes this will be an annual event.

Thornberry plan would lower federal income tax brackets for middle class

AMARILLO — With President Clinton proposing 27 targeted tax cuts in his budget for the coming year, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) held a news conference Feb. 20 to talk about legislation he introduced last week that takes the opposite approach — it lets people keep more of what they earn by lowering the federal income tax rate on middle income Americans from 28 to 15 percent.

"As we debate the federal budget and many of the tax and spending

proposals being put forward this year," Thornberry state, "I think it's important that we keep in mind one basic question — who do you trust to spend your money? President Clinton has proposed a package of targeted tax cuts that essentially makes people jump through hoops set by the federal government to get money back that's rightfully theirs to begin with."

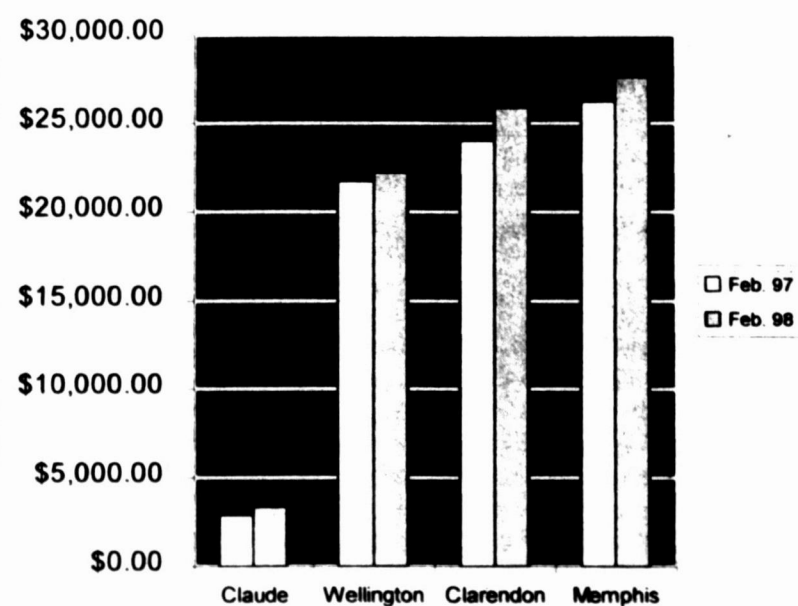
"I believe this approach is wrong. In fact, if the bill I've introduced says anything, it's that the American people

know better than Washington how to spend their tax dollars, and should be allowed to keep more of what they earn so they can do just that."

Thornberry's legislation is called *The Better Bracket Act*. Introduced last week, the bill would raise the income threshold under which the government applies the 15 percent income tax bracket. For people filing individual returns, the threshold would increase from its current level of

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Area February Sales Tax Rebates



SOURCE: State Comptroller John Sharp

Local cities see tax rebate increase

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered a total of \$290.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties, and noted that holiday shoppers kept cash registers ringing steadily for most retailers across the state.

This month's payments to Texas cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers at the height of holiday shopping in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and all yearly filings for 1997.

"Retail holiday sales statewide were projected to run well ahead of those for the previous year, and December sales surpassed even those expectations," Sharp said. "For the fifth consecutive year, Texas is experiencing strong economic growth, and consumer confidence is the highest in the nation."

Locally, Clarendon's sales tax rebate was up 7.99 percent over this time last year for a total payment of \$25,890.22. Hedley increased 12.37 percent to \$1,014.07, and Howardwick increased 68.07 percent to \$1,209.98

Readers write in opposing sale of Medical Center

Dear Editor,
This letter is to give more details about the sale of the Medical Center Nursing Home. The board voted to sell the building, but that does not absolve the people of Donley County from paying hospital district taxes. Until there is a vote by the Texas State Legislature to abolish the hospital district, it is my understanding that we are still obligated legally to pay taxes. It might be interesting to know what has already been done toward getting this placed on the ballot for a vote.
My first concern is for the ambulance service should the district be dissolved. I certainly did not want the ambulance service to lose its monetary support. In order to maintain the current support, the city and/or county will have to increase their support which will detract from the money already used for other services rendered for the city or the county. Mr. B.B. "Rabbit" Osburn assured the people attending the Feb. 17 meeting that the ambulance service should be supporting itself since we now have two paramedics and can charge more for their services.

My second concern is the indigent care for which we are liable and the affect it would have on the services rendered to the residents of Donley County. The county would be required to set aside 10 percent of its annual [gross tax revenue] for indigent care, thus taking that much money away from other needed services for the county. This leads me to believe that the county taxes would have to be raised to offset the indigent care needs.

Don Thornberry raised the very real issue of liability at the board meeting. Right now there is no liability insurance for the nursing home. I'm not sure they have ever carried any. I am not aware of any claim that has been filed against the district due to injury of a visitor, but I do know that they have had some employee injuries. There is always the chance that it could happen, but I have always felt that if you had qualified, caring, and competent employees it would be very unlikely that a suit would arise. As far as visitors being injured, I believe that if the place is kept clean, neat, and orderly with well lighted hallways, rooms, and lobby, it would be unlikely that someone would be hurt. If an injury did occur and all precautions had been taken, it would be hard to prove negligence. I would have hoped that once the rooms are full again, the board could purchase some type of liability insurance covering the possibility of injury since they are worried about a liability.

The current administrator and his staff seem to be doing a very good job running the nursing home. They are getting the expenses down to a manageable amount and they have made corrections in billing that has increased the income. I think they should be given the chance to show that they can make the nursing home pay its own way. After the last payment is made on the nursing home next year, the money can be used for other things.

The board talks about how much it would cost to replace the outdated heating and cooling and the needed renovation to make more rooms for residents, but to my knowledge they have not solicited bids or anything that would give us a picture of what the expenses would be. We know that there are needed repairs and replacements any time you own something. We, as homeowners, do repairs all the

time as we can afford them. If something major is needed, then we borrow the money and pay it back with interest. Therefore, I feel like this is something that we could do with the nursing home.

I personally felt that the advertisement in the paper and the letters that were mailed out were very one-sided and that the card you were asked to vote on did not give a fair voting choice. I felt like there should have been a "No, do not sell" option listed just by itself. I also know that some people did not get their letters in the mail until after the due date.

Judi Synek did tell the people present at the board meeting that after the board announces a date to sale the nursing home, the people of Donley County have the option of collecting signatures for a petition that would force the board to have an election to get the voters opinion. The petition would have to be done within 31 days of the announcement of the sale date and would have to have 10 percent of the registered voters' signatures to force an election.

We are always going to have taxes to pay and I don't believe that our tax load would be lessened in the long run by the sale of the nursing home. I feel we would be better off staying just like we are now. Granted, we as a district might have more indigent care bills to pay than a county would, but the guidelines for indigent care are so strict that we really don't have a lot of people that do qualify. Our truly poor people are already on Medicaid and a lot of our working people have some type of insurance coverage.

I do hope that the citizens of Donley County will find out all they can about the nursing home issue. It is a place that we can be proud of and we have nearly paid for it, so why are we getting rid of it now?

Onita Thomas

Editor's Note: Mrs. Thomas' letter was co-signed by 26 other citizens.

Dear Editor,

I am against selling the Medical Center Nursing Home! (Yes, I mailed my card in.) Approximately 4800 cards were mailed out, and less than 25 percent were returned. Why? The choices were: Sell, or do not sell and support an increase in taxes for renovations, etc. Why did we not have another choice? Not sell, and use the current tax revenue to make repairs and renovations as we can afford to.

We have an excellent nursing home that has been considered one of the best in the area. My mother was in a home in another city. I had her name on the waiting list of non-district residents and waited over two years to get her in this home. Not only because I wanted her near me, but because I knew what kind of care she would get.

We have invested almost \$0.3 million in this home. What percent of this will we get if it sells? What will the money be used for?

To sell will be the first step, in the process of dissolving the Hospital District. What will happen to our excellent Ambulance Service? Will we pay less taxes? Will our loved ones get the same good care? Will the new owners expect to make a profit? Absolutely! Let's ask ourselves, who is to gain if we sell? Why not keep what we have, a non-profit home, and have a voice in its operation!

Opal James Ramsey



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Put Your Time Where Your Mouth Is We'd Never Reach Our Goals Without Community Volunteers

We all do it.

We all gripe and moan about projects, events, deadlines and a million other things. Some folks like to gripe about how another person is not doing their job or how they are running a special event. I have learned though that these people are usually not willing to try it for themselves or even pitch in and help.

I used to be like that until a close friend encouraged me to quit suggesting and help out. I took her up on the offer and have enjoyed volunteering for her organization ever since. Without her coaxing, I don't think I would have been able to "put my time where my mouth is."

Volunteering is not easy, nor is it glamorous. It doesn't pay worth a flip, nor does it gain you any special glory. You do it because it's good for

the community or organization, and it is most definitely good for you.

I'm lucky enough that I work with several wonderful volunteer boards and organizations. These men and women volunteer their time and money because they know they can make a difference. Without their support, these organizations would surely suffer and eventually die.

Volunteering has not come naturally to me. I admit it is something that I must remind myself to do. In 1994, I was asked to volunteer at the World Special Olympic Games in Old Lyme, Connecticut. Honestly, I didn't want to go because I had nothing in common with "those people." After spending two weeks sweating, laughing, and crying with the athletes and their families, I realized I had everything in common with them. The athletes were individuals who had feelings, dreams, and goals just like everyone else. On the plane ride home, I felt like the biggest stooge because of my premature judgment about the athletes and the

reasoning behind the game. Volunteering really opened my eyes and, more importantly, my heart. And to tell you the truth, I'd be the first one ready to go if I am ever invited to help out again at the World Special Olympics.

Talking about how volunteers should do a project or a special event and then not offering to help is a terrible crime. It is one thing to talk until you're blue in the face. It is another to work until your hands are red and chapped and you are physically, emotionally, and mentally exhausted.

Whether you are a little league coach, school board member, parents organization leader, or a Sunday school teacher, you are special for giving your time to help others. You must face criticism and scrutiny for doing a good deed. So, to all the volunteers out there — Keep up the good work. You are a benefit to the communities and organizations that you serve. Without caring people like you, we would not be able to reach our highest goals and dreams.



On The Mark
with Christi Ross



Capitol Comment
with Kay Baily Hutchinson

Texas To Commemorate Its Independence Day March 2

At the beginning of each year I look forward to March 2, a special day for Texans, a day that fills our hearts with pride.

On that day, 162 years ago, a solemn convention of 54 men meeting in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos signed the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The declaration stated: "We, therefore... do hereby resolve and declare... that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign and independent republic..."

At the time, Texas was a remote territory of Mexico, hospitable only to the bravest and most determined of settlers. After declaring our independence, the founding delegates quickly wrote a constitution for the newborn republic and organized an interim government.

My great-great grandfather was one of the signers of those historic documents.

As was the case when the American Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, our declaration only pointed the way toward a goal, the

price of which was enormous effort and great sacrifice.

While the convention sat in Washington-on-the-Brazos, 6,000 Mexican troops were marching on the Alamo to challenge the newly created republic. Several days earlier, from the Alamo, Colonel William Travis sent his immortal letter to the people of Texas—and to all Americans. He knew the Mexican Army was approaching, and he knew that he had only a very few men at arms to help defend the San Antonio fortress.

Colonel Travis wrote:

"Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna — I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man — the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken — I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall — I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is

neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country — Victory or Death. William Barret Travis, Lt. Col., Commander."

What American, Texan or otherwise, can fail to be stirred by Col. Travis' resolve?

In the battle that followed, 184 brave men died in a heroic but vain attempt to fend off Santa Anna's overwhelming army. But the Alamo was crucial. Because those heroes at the Alamo held out for so long, Santa Anna's forces were battered and diminished. General Sam Houston gained the time he needed to muster his forces and devise a strategy to defeat Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836.

The Lone Star was visible on the horizon at last.

We Texans continue to commemorate the heroic times during which we won our independence, existed as a republic, and finally joined the Union. Each year in March, I read Colonel Travis' letter to my colleagues in the Senate to remind them — and all of us — of the pride Texans share in their history, and in being the only state that came into the Union as a republic.

Controlling Weapons Of Mass Destruction Will Be A Great Challenge

To say we face a difficult situation in Iraq is an understatement. But I'm afraid that it is also an example of what we'll face for many years as the world's only superpower.

The fundamental fact is that Saddam Hussein's regime has weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them and that they are doing all they can to acquire more.

A number of countries have weapons of mass

destruction and many others are trying to get them. The thing that sets Saddam Hussein apart is that we know he won't hesitate to use them because he has used them before.

The President said his goal is to deny Hussein the ability to ever use weapons of mass destruction. That goal will be tough to achieve. Indeed, it is essentially impossible to destroy all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction without an enormous ground campaign and occupation of the country.

A large air strike can destroy some of the weapons, and it can set Iraq's efforts back a few years. That would be significant, but we should not over-kill how much air strikes can accomplish. To keep

him from rebuilding what we destroy, U.S. forces will have to stay in the region for an extended period and multiple strikes will probably be required.

Our defenses are already stretched thin because of 13 straight years of cuts and multiple operations in Bosnia and elsewhere. This crisis should help us to focus on the need to put more resources into defense and to reshape our military to meet the threats of the future.

Regardless of what happens to Saddam Hussein, the spread of weapons of mass destruction and missile technology throughout the world means that we'll have to face tough problems like Iraq for many years to come.



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with Mac Thornberry

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TA TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

CCISD trustees renew contracts of principals, purchase new buses

The Board of Trustees of the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District met in regular session at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12, 1998, in the Administration Building.

The trustees accepted a bid by Longhorn Bus Sales for the purchase of a 19-passenger bus.

An early release was approved for March 25 due to UIL activities.

An election was ordered for the purpose of electing three trustees on May 2, 1998.

The board voted, in separate motions, to extend the contracts of elementary principal Mike Word for one year, of junior high principal Donnie Carroll for one year, and of high school principal Larry Jeffers for one year.

The trustees approved employing Mark Howard as Athletic Director/Head Football Coach for 1998-99.

Administrative reports were given by Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Word, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Barefield.

On Feb. 7, 1998, the CCISD Board of Trustees met in a special meeting at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building. The board's sole action

was to approve a bid from Statewide Bus Sales, Inc., for a 71-passenger bus.

Fund for Tuttle's setup

A fund has been established at the Donley County State Bank for Giffert and Gail Tuttle who lost their home in a fire Feb. 13.

Your Hometown Newspaper
The Clarendon Enterprise

I want to thank the people of Donley County for the pleasure of renewing old acquaintances and making new friends while campaigning for Donley County Commissioner of Precinct 4. Your vote of confidence will be appreciated in the March 10th Primary Election. I will strive to do my best.

Bobby G. "Bob" Trout

For Donley County Commissioner Pct. 4

Pol. Ad Paid for by Bob Trout, PO Box 435, Clarendon, TX 79226

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\$25,350 a year to \$35,000. For married couples filing joint returns, the threshold would increase from \$42,350 to \$58,000. And for head of households, the income threshold would increase from \$33,950 to \$47,000 per year.

According to the Bureau of Census, the median household income in the State of Texas was \$32,039 in 1995. Census statistics also reveal that there are nearly 2 million Texans earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a year. Thornberry estimated that *The Better Bracket Act* would provide single and married filers in this income

group with a tax cut of roughly \$800 a year. For example, a teacher making \$32,000 a year who previously filed a single return in the 28 percent tax bracket would be able to file in the 15 percent tax bracket instead and receive an \$864 tax cut as a result. Likewise, a married couple earning \$48,000 a year who previously filed in the 28 percent bracket would be able to file in the 15 percent bracket instead and see their federal income tax bill slashed by \$734.

"Congress took a good step last year when it passed the first major tax relief bill since 1981," Thornberry

stated. "But Americans are still paying more in taxes that at any other time in our nation's history. Between income taxes and payroll taxes and taxes taken out by the state, it's almost painful looking at your paycheck anymore knowing how much you don't get to keep. And no group is being squeezed harder in this regard than middle income Americans."

"In fact, when you look at the current tax system and how much people really have to pay, those making between \$30,000 and \$60,000

a year are actually forced to pay higher marginal tax rates than any other income group in the country. The bill I've introduced will cut these rates and, in doing so, help put middle income Americans into a better tax bracket that lets them keep more of what they earn."

The CATO Institute, National Taxpayers Union, and Americans for Tax Reform have expressed their support for expanding the income threshold for the 15 percent tax bracket like this legislation does.

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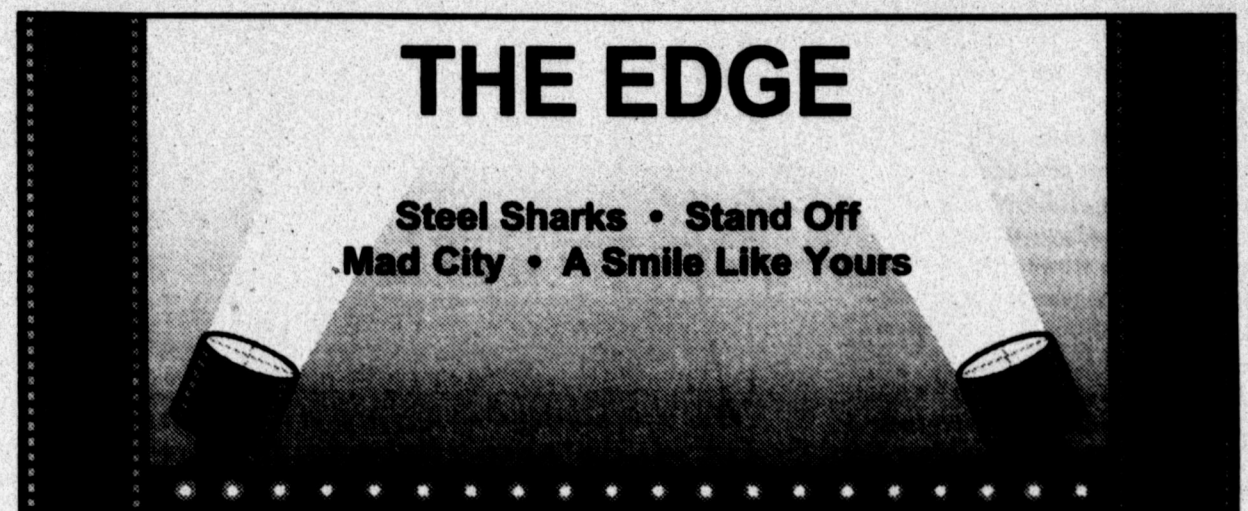
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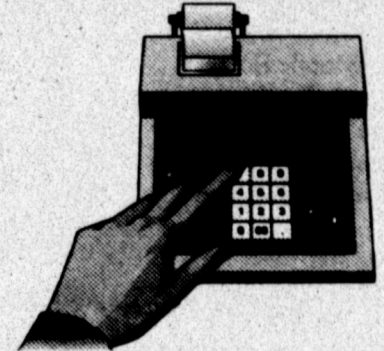
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Allen retires from Air Force, takes new job

A retirement ceremony was held for Lt. Col. James R. Allen on December 23, 1997, at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. A reception was also held at his home in Sumter.

Lt. Col. Allen is a former resident of Clarendon and the son of the late James Robert "Bob" and Della Allen. Allen graduated from Clarendon High School in 1962 and attended Clarendon College.

Rtd. Lt. Col. Allen has been hired by Lockheed-Martin and for the next few months will be living in St. Paul, MN.

Quilting Club meets

The Martin Quilting Club met at the Panhandle Community Center on Thursday, Feb. 19, with Betty Jean Williams, hostess.

One quilt was finished. Members present were Hazel Edens, Verdine Tipton, Pearl Hermesmeyer, Frankie

McAneer, Pauline Koontz, Barbara Helms, Ann Bunyan, Gay Cole, Melba Risley, Marylee Noble, and guest Billie Taylor.

Shadle named to Dean's List at Texas Tech U.

Tracy Nicole Shadle, daughter of Jim and Susie Shadle of Clarendon, was named to the Dean's List for the 1997 fall semester at Texas Tech University. Ms. Shadle is a senior human development major.

Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Local residents receive degrees from WTAMU

Degrees were officially conferred on 347 West Texas A&M University graduates at the Dec. 19 commencement ceremonies.

Karen A. Ford, BS Social Work; Colynn J. Harrison, BBA Business;

Tammie K. Johnston, BBA General Business, all of Clarendon; and Amanda D. George, BS Biology, of Hedley were the local residents receiving their degrees.

WTAMU's graduating class represented 7 states and 61 cities and towns in Texas.

Local residents named on Dean's List at WTAMU

Two hundred fifty-four West Texas A&M University students were named to the President's List, and 840 students earned mention on the Dean's List for the 1997 fall semester.

Kristi L. Tidwell of Alanreed; Thomas W. Justiss, Deana M. Nazworth, William J. Owens, and Kimberly R. Wootten, all of Clarendon were named on the Dean's List.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

PPHM exhibit to include works by Harold Bugbee

Two exhibits concerning the history of Taos, New Mexico, will open at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on February 27, 1998.

Taos: From Pueblo to Art Colony will trace the history of the Taos region from prehistoric times until the twentieth century using photographs and a variety of artifacts.

The items on exhibit will include a *carreta* or cart constructed at the Taos pueblo and presented to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society in 1930. Pottery, drums, and other items made by the Taos Indians also will be displayed.

The other exhibit, *Taos. The Panhandle Connection*, will spotlight Spanish expeditions, trade between

the Taos Indians and the Plains Indians who ranged in the Texas Panhandle, and two Panhandle artists who studied under members of the Taos art colony. Several works by the artists, Harold D. Bugbee of Clarendon and Lloyd L. Albright, will be on display.

Both exhibits will occupy the space between Indian and Ranching halls on the first floor of the Museum.

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Obituaries

Gloria Lavon "Bonnie" Kennedy

Funeral services for Gloria Lavon "Bonnie" Kennedy, age 62, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 1998, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, and Rev. Johnny Hoggatt, nephew of Hedley, officiating. Interment was in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Clarendon.

Mrs. Kennedy died at 12:35 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at her residence near Hedley following a lengthy illness. She was born May 18, 1935, at Paden, Oklahoma, and was a resident of Skellytown for 15 years before moving to Hedley in 1956. She married James Roland Kennedy on December 12, 1953, at Pampa. She had been employed at the Memphis Sheet Factory, Steve Owen Grocery in Wellington, Lancer Mobile Homes in Memphis, and at the Hedley Senior Citizens Center before her retirement in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Kennedy of Hedley; two sons, Jimmy Earl Kennedy and Bill Dean Kennedy, both of Hedley; one sister, Norma McGee of Olton, Oklahoma; and one brother, Virgil Wilson of Borger.

Casket bearers were Delbert White, Connie DeBord, Don Buckley, Gary Humphrey, Bill Daniel, and Gene Hill. Honorary bearers were Anthony Knowles, Leon Ward, Terry Collins, O'Neil Weatherly, and Joe Poole.

The family requests that memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 South Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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LOOKING BACK

15 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, February 24, 1983

- Shirley Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wise, received her Master of Library Science from Texas Women's University at its December ceremonies.
- Ava Naylor and George McKee were named the Queen and King of the Medical Center Nursing Home for 1983.

25 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader, February 22, 1973

- The Clarendon High School Speech Department under the direction of Mrs. Jean Stavenhagen will present a program next Thursday, March 1, 1973, in the form of a Gay 90s melodrama titled "Sage of the Sagebrush Saloon."

50 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader, February 26, 1948

- Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Derrick, prominent ranch couple who make their home on the R.O. Ranch, received painful injuries about 5 p.m. Thursday afternoon when their car collided head-on with another car.

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Issued this 11 day of February, 1998
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Guns Up!

Edwin Campbell (left) and Melisse and Jan Campbell (far right) visited with members of Texas Tech University's New Student Relations Office during Clarendon High School's third annual Financial Aid and College Night last Thursday, Feb. 19.

High school students and parents were able to ask questions of area colleges about admission requirements and scholarships.

Representing Texas Tech were Trey Hattaway, Rebecca Stevens, Stacey Reed, and Emily Meyers.

Enterprise Photo



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Movement of JA bison herd nearing completion

The transfer of the historic Goodnight bison herd from the JA Ranch in Armstrong and Donley Counties to Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque in Briscoe County is near completion according to Danny Swepton, District Biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Canyon.

All animals are healthy and tested negative for both TB and Brucellosis. Genetic testing of those captured

indicated at least a sixth of the 33 bison still contain traces of domestic cattle. The presence of the cattle genes are the result of Charles Goodnight's efforts to cross bison and cattle. They were referred to as beefalo or cattalo.

"Department personnel have removed all of the bison that they are aware of on the JA," Swepton said. "However, there may still be a few animals left. It is not unusual for small groups or a single bison to leave the

main herd and travel several miles from the JA. These animals are often difficult to locate because they move frequently and are often in the canyons and heavy brush."

If anyone knows the location of a bison from the JA herd, Swepton would appreciate them contacting him at (806) 655-3782.

Construction of the facilities at Caprock Canyons State Park are nearing completion. The majority of

the thirty-three bison are adapting to captivity, and their first calves should arrive in the next few months. This herd has been designated the official state bison herd, and the offspring will be used to establish other herds on selected TPWD properties.

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SUBJECT TO ACTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Hedley school board holds regular meeting

The Hedley CISD Board of Trustees met in a Regular meeting on Feb. 17, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the Hedley School Home Economics Room.

The board voted on separate motions to extend the contracts of Superintendent Gene Sheets for two years, Principal Bryan Hill for one year, and Business Manager Nancy Mullins for one year.

The board voted unanimously to approve two full days and two half-days as waiver days for student holidays to be used for teacher in-service training on the use of the Internet on March 15, April 13, one-half day on May 6, and one-half day on May 13.

A school board election was called for May 2, 1998, to elect three trustees.

The board approved the purchase of a 19-passenger school bus.

The administration reported that the Texas Successful School Award of \$500 given to HCISD will be used to purchase library books.

In other school business, the board approved the contract with the Collingsworth County Appraisal District, tabled the appeal of the property value study performed by the Texas Comptroller, and approved the two-year performance goals for 1998-2000.

The Lion's Tale
By Allen Estlack



Clarendon Lions Club met Tuesday, Feb. 24, at noon with Boss Lion Pro Temp Todd Knorpp at the helm.

We voted to accept Gail Tuttle as our newest member. Lion Barefield gave a report on activities at the school. The boys play bi-district basketball at Pampa on Thursday night against West Texas High School. The Young Historians club went to West Texas A&M University last Saturday and seven of our nine participating students qualified to go to the state meet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The art and jewelry provided by Kenneth Wyatt and shown by his son, Mark, were enjoyed by everyone that attended. The winner of the print was Dick Bode, of Alanreed. The bronze bust was won by Genella Eads, and Mary Lynn Bills won the necklace.

A special thanks to the Fab Five Band, Creative Catering for the good food, and Harlan's Flowers and Gifts for providing the roses. We would also like to thank all our friends and business associates for the beautiful plants and flowers given to us. The overwhelming response in attendance of the community was greatly appreciated.

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Recording artist Alvin Crow to visit Clarendon

The towns of Clarendon and Claude are gearing up for a week-long visit from traditional fiddler and recording artist Alvin Crow, from March 2-7. Crow will discuss and present traditional Western Swing music for local schools, senior centers, Lions Clubs, medical centers, and other sites throughout the communities.

He will visit the following locations in Clarendon:

March 2: 12:15-12:50 p.m., Show Choir Class, Fine Arts Bldgs., Clarendon College; 3:30-5:00 p.m., Public Jam Session, Bairfield Activity Center, Clarendon College.

March 3: 9:00-11:30 a.m., Clarendon ISD; 12:00-1:00 p.m., Clarendon Lions Club; 1:45-3:15 p.m., Hedley ISD

March 5: 11:30-2:30, Donley County Senior Citizens program; 7:00-9:00 p.m. Public dance and jam session at CC's Bairfield Activity Center.

At the age of four, Alvin Crow began learning to play fiddle while he sat on his grandfather's lap in Oklahoma. He later moved to Amarillo and started his own band when he was only fourteen years old. He has now been a band leader for more than 20 years. He has since moved to Austin and has

played all over Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and toured Europe several times.

With the discussions and mini-performances, Alvin Crow will underscore the importance of Western Swing music to the region and demonstrate why his fiddle was influential in the creation of the sound we know today as swing. The week of activities will be the sixth of 20 Community Residences scheduled throughout Texas until June.

This residency celebrates one of the core traditions of Texas country music, Western Swing, while growing up in the Texas Panhandle, Alvin Crow mastered the Western style on his fiddle, which he plays well enough to earn compliments from Bob Wills' widow. Alvin Crow is a superb entertainer, playing lively, varied, Texas dance music to appreciative fans worldwide.

Other Community Residences will feature such traditional music masters as fiddlers Johnny Gimble and Valerie Ryals Bates, blues artists W.C. Clark and Carol Fran and Clarence

Holliman, conjunto accordionists Mingo Saldivar and Santiago Jimenez, Jr. Each musician will spend seven days in a community, in a variety of small settings, performing, jamming with local musicians, and teaching classes, all to demonstrate the connections between his or her music and the local musical heritage.

Texas Folklife Resources is a statewide non-profit cultural organization that serves both Texas folk artist and their audiences by helping to present and promote a diverse and living artistic heritage for all Texans. Statewide Community Residences are made possible in part with funding from the National Endowment for the Folk Arts Program, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and the Lila Wallace-Readers Digest Fund administered by The Fund for Folk Culture.

All performances are free to the public and are sponsored by Clarendon College, the Armstrong County Museum, and Texas Folklife Resources.

For more information, or a complete schedule, please contact

Clarendon College's Christi Ross at 874-3571, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For interviews or information on

Texas Folklife Resources, contact Debbie Fant, Coordinator of the Community Residency program at (512) 320-0022.



Kelley Lemley and Cody Watson were named Miss and Mr. Clarendon Jr. High School recently.

Photo by Helen Estlack

Clarendon Menus March 2-6

Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Swiss steak, parsley potatoes, green beans, pear half, pistachio pudding with topping, dinner roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Tues: Butter beans with ham, fried okra, applesauce, pumpkin pie with topping, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Wed: Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, spinach, pickled beets, rice cap dessert, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Thur: Catfish, hominy casserole, green peas, coleslaw, apricots, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
 Fri: Roast beef, mini baked potato, carrots, purple plums, cinnamon crisps, wheat roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
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Hedley Honor Roll

'A' Honor Roll

First Grade: Nikki Burnam, Skylar Conatser, Elizabeth Garcia, Peter Howard, Shandy Koetting, Cristin Roberts, Archie Sharp, and Kelby Shields.

Second Grade: Jesse Cariveau, Destin Chambliss, Shye Downer, Jonathan Edmonson, Erin Holland, Sam Lovely, Frank Saunders, Danielle Smith, and Julie Woodard.

Third Grade: Brayden Bennett and Jaci Copelin.

Fourth Grade: Meagan Downer, Julie Funderberg, and Ben Shaw.

Fifth Grade: Roper Copelin, Stephen Howard, and Heaven Welch.

Sixth Grade: Brittny Bennett, Treva Rowland, Lacey Wallendorff, and Kasi Woodard.

Seventh Grade: Lauren Hill.
 Eighth Grade: Josh Collins, Dustin Knowles, and Lora Llewellyn.

Ninth Grade: Lana Wallendorff.

Tenth Grade: Lowell Ellerbrook, Rachel Howard, and Hollie White.

Twelfth Grade: Kenneth Dishong and James Lee Potts.

'AB' Honor Roll

First Grade: Amber Burnam, Erick Holland, Quaid Miller, and Evan Thompson.

Second Grade: Autumn Dillman, Lauren Glover, Jody Hinton, Elizabeth Hrbacek, Jessica Miller, Brandon Montgomery, and Isaias Ramirez.

Third Grade: Justin Dillman, Katie Gregory, Ruth Howard, Seth Koetting, Devonia Monroe, and Callie Wynn.

Fourth Grade: Jindy Gregory, Megan Hall, and Wesley Shields.

Fifth Grade: Emily Edmonson, Courtney Ellerbrook, Luis Garcia, Matthew Glover, Allison Hill, Justin Johnson, Jerrad Marcum, and William Wallendorff.

Sixth Grade: Cathleen Hommel, Rebecca Howard, Joe Patterson, and Layne Sheets.

Seventh Grade: Lisle Rowland, and Tommy Wells.

Eighth Grade: Sam Howard, Jared Patterson, Amber Solis, and Marissa Wells.

Ninth Grade: Rachel Bennett, Jeremy Holland, and Larae Shaw.

Tenth Grade: Ashley Hill and Hollie Sheets.
 Eleventh Grade: Jymmie Deatrage, Cody Graves, Lynnette Jett, and Penny Longan.

Twelfth Grade: Jeremy Monroe and Josh Talley.

Enterprise Sports

Lady Broncos lose bi-district contest to Stratford, 49-41

Clarendon's Lady Broncos took their last lead (41-40) Friday at the 2:21 mark when senior Kasi Ashcraft made a free throw, but Stratford would go on a 9-point run to finish Clarendon's season at 20-9.

The Lady Elks outlasted Clarendon 49-41 Friday in a bi-district contest at Amarillo High's Activity Center.

Missed opportunities characterized Clarendon's final 2 and 1/2 minutes of play, while Stratford made baskets and put in their free throws when Clarendon was forced to foul. "Free throw shooting killed us (8-for-17)," head coach Steve Schmidt said.

"Big games, close games often come down to that, and we had our opportunities. Of course it's easy to sit in the stands or even on the sidelines and think, 'Wow, how can they miss those?' but that's big pressure on 15-, 16-, and 17-year olds and believe me those kids were trying with all their hearts. Sometimes, it's just not meant to be."

The defensive struggle began in the first quarter as both teams had trouble finding the basket. Stratford led 7-2 with 3:12 remaining

in the opening period, but senior Lindsey Eads hit a trey and a bucket at the buzzer to trail 9-7 after one period.

The Lady Elks made the first bucket in the second period, but Kim Alexander closed the lead to 16-9.

Clarendon's press began to hurt Stratford as the Lady Broncos made sudden spurt.

"I was surprised that we were able to bother them with our press as much as we did," Schmidt said. "I think our speed and athletic ability really intimidated them. But we had too many mental breakdowns throughout the game and especially during crucial times that allowed them to eventually overcome us."

Stratford made 5 more points and led 16-10 with 3:51, but the Lady Broncos would not play dead.

Senior Melisse Campbell hit three free throws and then stole the ball and dished it to Kim Alexander who hit a bucket and closed the gap to 16-14. Both teams were tied at 16 apiece before Stratford hit the last basket of the first half for an 18-16 half-time advantage.

Stratford pushed the lead to 20-16, but

Clarendon responded with four unanswered points to knot the score at 20 with 6:55 remaining. The Lady Elks led 25-20 with 5:46 remaining but the Lady Broncos were just getting warmed up.

Clarendon scored 9 unanswered points as Campbell hit several shots, free throws, and stole the ball for a 29-25 lead with 2:57 left in the third quarter.

The Lady Broncos closed out the quarter with a 34-30 lead with a shot at the buzzer. Clarendon led 36-32 with 6:41 when Campbell (10 assists) fed Alexander, but Stratford scored six points and led 38-36 before Clarendon would find the basket again.

"I was very proud of the effort the team gave," Schmidt said. "I thought there were times when we had a chance to take the momentum and break away from them, but give credit to Stratford. They hung in there and wouldn't let us slip away."

Ashcraft tied the score with two free throws before scoring with 3:37 remaining and tying the score at 40.

Scoring for the Broncos were Ashcraft, 13

(12 rebounds); Campbell, 13; Alexander, 10 (4 steals); and Eads, 5.

"I hurt for the kids," Schmidt said. "They've really worked hard and been a great group to work with. I hurt for them because they wanted to keep on playing, but I'm sure not disappointed in the effort they gave."

"We'll really miss our seniors (Kasi, Melisse, Lindsey, and Kathy Bryley). It's been a wonderful three years with them. And they've won a lot of games together. And three straight play-off appearances is something many athletes would be quite envious of. I've told the underclassmen they have some big shoes to fill, especially in the area of leadership. These are four fine young ladies who will go on to do great things with themselves."

"I certainly want to recognize Michelle (Schmidt) for her non-stop love and support; Coach (Katie) Vanzee - the number one assistant in the state; and a great bunch of parents who've stuck with us through thick and thin. You senior parents don't get to graduate with your daughters. You'll always be a part of the Lady Broncos."

Bulldogs looking to finish season with a win in Leveland

The Clarendon College Bulldogs finish up their season Thursday with a 7:50 p.m. tip-off with South Plains College in Levelland.

Clarendon (11-13, 2-11) played a close contest with SPC the last time the two squads met.

"It was pretty close," Bulldog head coach Joe Mondragon said. "We're playing pretty well. We had a chance to win (Monday against Howard College). We're going to tighten it up a little and finish the season with a win."

Mondragon said the team has decided not to enter any post-season tournaments. "We have declared not

to go." Clarendon trailed Howard College Monday 40-32 before losing 80-77.

"It was a great game to watch," Mondragon said. "Both teams played really hard and well. At times it was a defensive struggle. We hit nine threes. We shot the ball well. They hit some free throws at the end, and we only made 10-for-13. They were 17-for-24."

The Bulldogs had a chance to win the game by trapping the ball in the corner and going for a 3-pointer in the waning seconds.

"We felt Tony (Williams) was

knocked down, but they called the game."

Scorers in double figures were Kendrick Monson, 18; Ryan Ross, 17; Brent Hillary, 10; Williams, 10; and Snapper Hunnicutt, 10.

Clarendon got off to a sluggish start Feb. 19 at home against New Mexico Junior College trailing 47-22 before losing 86-69.

"We were having a hard time coming out of the gate, and New Mexico came out. We were really flat," Mondragon said. "Then we made a big run and outscored them 47-39 in the second half. But it was too much of a deficit to make up."

High scorers were Hillary, 23; and Monson, 14.

The Bulldogs pulled in a victory against Redlands College Saturday at Redlands.

Clarendon trailed 35-25 at half but rallied and took away a 68-55 win.

"We were real cold early on," Mondragon said. "Redlands plays nothing but zones, and our kids, we got some free throws but didn't knock down some shots to make it closer. They hit four threes and that was 12 points we didn't match up with."

"In the second half, our guys really stepped it up. And we just locked them down on defense and especially

the last 10 minutes, our kids played great."

High scorers were Williams, 16; Ross, 15; and Monson, 12.

CC women to finish season at SPC Thursday

Clarendon College lost a conference game to New Mexico Junior College in the final second Feb. 19 at home.

They finish off their season against South Plains College in Levelland. Tip-off is set for 5:50 p.m.

The ladies lost to Howard College Monday and beat Redlands Saturday in Redlands.

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34	Chris Bruce	Sr.	6-0	P
40	Pat Church	Sr.	5-11	P
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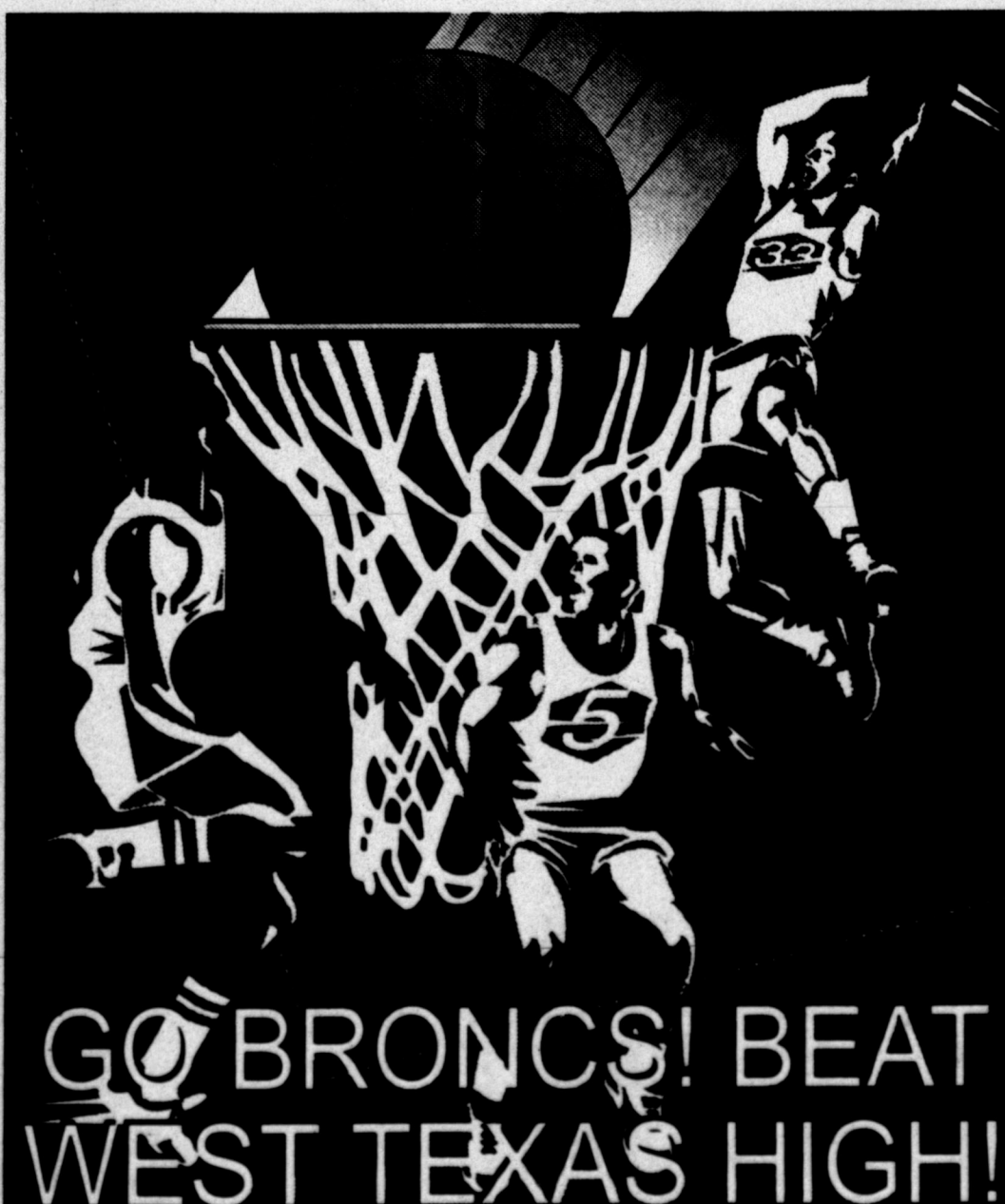
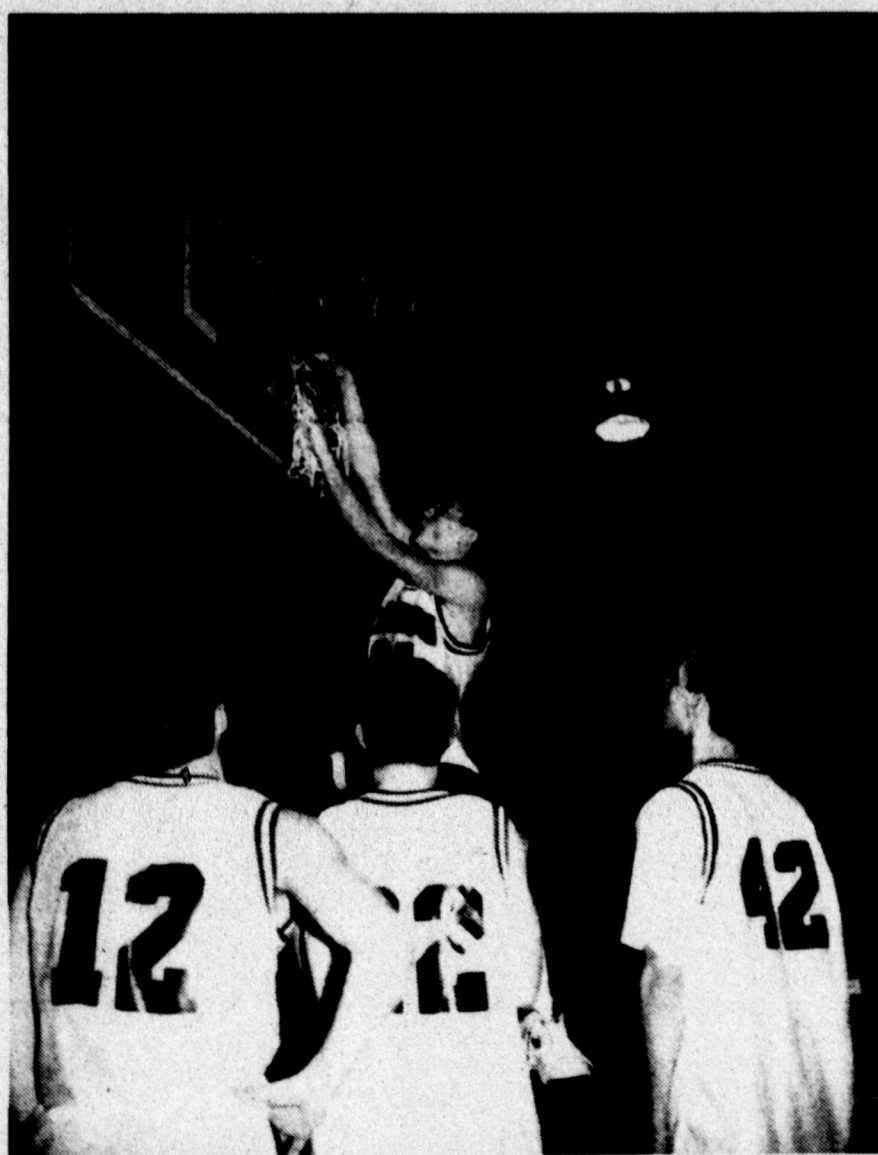
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Museum Messenger by Saints' Rooster

Plans and progress being made at local museum

A 'Prime' Donation

The Texas Cattle Women's Association of Clarendon made a donation of nearly \$1,000 to the Saints' Roost Museum recently. The organization, sadly, is disbanding. It was decided that the Museum would benefit the most when the books were closed out. The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledged the gift.

"It was a mighty handsome gesture on the part of the Clarendon Cattle Women," said director Willard Skelton. "I might even throw a stone Oprah's way on their behalf."

A Vintage Flivver

Doctor Keith Hudson is considering the long-term loan of a 1923/24 Model-T Ford Coupe to the museum. The automobile originally arrived in Clarendon by rail. It was shipped in a wooden crate and was equipped with kerosene headlamps. The automobile cost \$437 new.

The Saints' Roost Board of Directors was enthusiastic about the possibility of receiving the vintage automobile and discussed displaying it in the same railroad depot where it was first taken off the train 75 years ago.

A Saints' Roost Whodunit?

Two members of the Panhandle Professional Writers Association visited the museum recently and are considering it as a backdrop for a mystery novel. Virginia Christie and Connie McAnear toured the museum and took photographs of the museum and surrounding area. It is hoped that the project works out, and we are looking forward to reading about ourselves at some future date.

New Directors

Two new members were added to the Saints' Roost Museum Board of Directors at the February meeting of the board. Linda Williams and Lester Myers received a unanimous vote and are now officially members of the board.

Welcome aboard!

Future Events

The 1998 Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26 and Board President Helen Ann Parker has been selected as chairman of the extravaganza. Plans are already underway to make the Cookoff a "must see" event.

Jean Stavenhagen will be in charge of the annual Saints' Roost Fourth of July dinner and Mu-

seum open house, one of the major museum events of the year.

Pardon Our Flakes

It finally came down to the unpleasant task of scrape and seal. Slowly but surely 80 or so years of paint is coming off the walls of the lobby. No matter how often we painted the entry way, the paint flaked off because of the buildup of old paint on the walls. The answer was evident, the old paint had to be scraped off. It is slow work. Sometimes it seems that the layers of old paint come off one dime-size flake at a time, but the work is getting done. Please excuse the stray paint flakes and dust for now, it will be much more pleasant to look at in the near future.

Visitors

In January, 61 visitors came by and so far in February more than 30 have signed the guest register. One visitor was Gayland Ward from Hereford. Mr. Ward reported that he is currently restoring an old chuckwagon and hopes to have it ready in time to enter it in the Chuckwagon Cookoff. "I'm not real confident of my cooking, but I know I have a winning chuckwagon," Ward commented.

Hedley Menus

March 2-6

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Meatloaf, macaroni and tomatoes, fried okra, coleslaw, apricot cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Tues: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, peaches and bananas, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Wed: Baked ham, Harvard beets, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Thur: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, pea salad, apple cobbler, roll, milk, tea, coffee
 Fri: Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, apricot halves, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee

Hedley Schools No menu was available.

Tues., Mar. 3: Blood pressure and blood sugar clinic by Olsten Health Services, 10:30-noon.

Thur., Mar. 5: Alvin Crow, Texas fiddler, will be at the DCSC from noon until 2:30 p.m.

Thur., Mar. 12: Bean Soup and ham supper, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 16: Board meeting, noon.

Tues., Mar. 17: Board meeting, noon.

Thur., Mar. 19: Hearing Aid Clinic by Golden Spread Hearing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tues., Mar. 31: Birthday/Anniversary Supper, 6 p.m.



Onita Thomas is holding the beautiful 16" cowgirl doll that she made and donated to the Donley County Senior Citizens.

joy some good fiddle music.

Clara Mae Carter was the lucky winner of the pie that was given away on Friday, Feb. 20. Jonnie Stout, D.W. Swain, Marie McCracken, Emma Shannon, Betty Kramer, and Alene Eads have all had recent hospital stays. Vada Morrison and Marie Hill have had eye surgery. We hope each one gets well soon. We send condolences to Oneta Sanders who lost a sister.

Some of the residents from the Medical Center Nursing Home came to eat with us on Feb. 17. They stayed to play cards and dominoes after lunch.

We will be serving bean soup and ham, tossed salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, and tea or coffee at our fund-raiser supper on March 12. We will served from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost will be \$4.00. Carryouts will be available. We invite the public to attend.

February Volunteers: Jean Baten, Murle Butts, Clara Mae Carter, Helena Catoe, Virginia and Nelson Christie, Tammy Christopher, Sharon Grady, Hazel Guy, Judy and Bill Hodges, Cora Hamilton, Patsy Hill, Joan and Bob Kidd, Helen and Bill Land, Nita Meador, Al Musgrove, Billy Powell, Lucy and Tommie Saye, Margie and Mike Suiter, Onita Thomas, and Freida Tucker.

Reminders: Mon., Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30: Senior Citizens Dance Club, 7-9 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center selling chances on handmade doll

Our volunteers did a wonderful job with our Chili Supper. Helen Land made the delicious chili. Homemade pies were brought by Nita Meador, Willene Judd, Murle Butts, Clara Mae Carter, Joan Kidd, Jeanette Stephens, Ruby Jewel Hardin, and Tammy Christopher. Cornbread was donated by Virginia Christie, Lucy Saye, and Judy Hodges. Our kitchen crew consisted of Tommie and Lucy Saye, Bill and Helen Land, Nelson and Virginia Christie, Bill and Judy Hodges, Ruby Jewel Hardin, and Karen Wortham. We really appreciate all the helpers and everyone who came to our Chili Supper.

We are now selling chances on a beautiful 16" cowgirl doll that Onita Thomas made and donated to the Center. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six chances for \$5.00. The doll will be given away July 4.

It looked like we were having a party here at the DCSC Center Wednesday, Feb. 11. The Community Bank sent over red and white balloons and red roses from their open house.

Texas fiddler Alvin Crow will be here at the DCSC Center on Thursday, March 5, to discuss and play Western swing fiddle music from noon until 2:30 p.m. Alvin Crow has been a band leader for over twenty years. Mr. Crow invites area musicians to attend and take part in the jam session. The public is invited to come by the Center to visit with Mr. Crow and en-

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The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

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Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

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La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

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