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Nursing Home not sold yet

Board sets special meeting Jan. 6

The Board of Directors for the Donley County Hospital District did not sell the Medical Center Nursing Home when they held their regular meeting Tuesday night. But the board did vote to allow its members to gather more information on three buyout proposals that were presented.

All three proposals indicated that approximately 20 beds would have to be added to the facility, either through expansion or remodeling, in order for the home to be profitable. It was also discussed that the facility's mechanical equipment is in dire need of modernization. Each of the prospective buyers said a general remodeling of the facility is in order.

The board elected Don Thornberry and David Strange to fill the vacant seats of Bufford Holland and Billy Ray Johnson. A called meeting has been set for January 6, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of exchanging information about the district's options.

About 50 people attended Tuesday's meeting. Board members each took turns explaining their personal opinions on the increasing risks of liability lawsuits, the rising costs of indigent care to the district, and the need to get input from the community.

During the Open Forum, citizens' views were expressed on both sides of the issue of selling.

"If we've got any self-respect, we'll just keep on running it ourselves instead of turning it over to somebody who comes in here for the dollars," said local grocer Jack Clifford. "We may not make any money, but at least we can vote them [the board] out if they don't it to suit us."

Donley County Judge Jack Hall said the Medical Center Nursing Home is not just a matter of liability costs and indigent care.

"What you're talking about here is the welfare of the people who have spent a lot of time and hard-earned money to put this hospital district and nursing home together," Hall said. "You quote figures. But you're talking about people here. What the people of this county vote to do... that is the right thing to do."

David Strange, who is a three-year resident of Clarendon and works selling supplies to area nursing homes, said that sometimes private homes are more willing to spend money to have an excellent home than is a public home which is concerned over having to raise taxes.

"I think if the county owns this, they're going to have to sink some money into it and expand it and really get serious about it," Strange also said he wasn't opposed to selling the nursing home, and that if it did sell, local people would still be working there. "I don't think it would change much."

Jerry May said he moved his family to Clarendon in 1979, built a home here, and now everything he owns is in Donley County. "I just don't see a down side to some kind of orderly transition and getting out of the [nursing home] business. I think if we can make a transition to a reputable firm we ought to take advantage of it."

Another option put forth by citizens was the possibility of contracting out the management of the home to get out from under the liability.

Many citizens also addressed what they called the "gloom and doom" outlook of the board con-

cerning the risks of liability lawsuits. "I realize liability is not to be taken lightly," said local merchant Wes Henson. "But if we dwell on it, we couldn't go down and open any of our businesses on any day."

A fact sheet distributed by the board at Tuesday's meeting says they are prohibited from holding a non-binding referendum on the fate of the nursing home. The sheet cites an attorney with the Texas Secretary of State's office as saying the legislation governing the hospital district has an "absence of express authority" to hold such an election.

However, amid discussion with citizens, the board indicated that a citizens committee, through no action of the board, could be organized to hold a referendum on the issue. It was also mentioned that when the question of the sale of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo came up, their hospital district was hampered by the same "absence of express authority" to hold a referendum. In that case, the City of Amarillo paid to have the election held for the purpose of giving the board the input they needed.

Other ways for the citizens of Donley County to have more input included holding a bond election to see if the people are willing to financially support needed improvements and expansions at the Medical Center Nursing Home and to hold town hall meetings. Polling registered voters through the mail or via telephone was also mentioned.

Board members encouraged all citizens to contact them with any ideas or options for the future of the nursing home that they might have.



COTTON: Still The King
By Valerie Alvey

Production is down this year, but despite boll weevils and other problems, cotton remains Donley County's cash crop.

The hum of module trucks hauling stripped cotton into the Paymaster Gin in Lelia Lake is a constant sound as is the chatter of early morning coffee drinkers in the gin office this month.

As the farmer's work begins to wind down, the buzzing of activity at Donley County's cotton gin begins to reach a dull roar. "We are really busy," gin manager Earl Shields said. "Everything has gone extremely well."

Gin employees are moving the cotton from the field to the gin where it's weighed and identified and then waits to be ginned. The cotton is then put in bales and is transported to Memphis for storage. The county's only gin will produce about 9,000 bales of cotton this year. That's down from about 12,000 - 15,000 bales in past years because of the pesky boll weevil, Shields said.

"It's not great, but it could have been a lot worse. It turned out a little better than what we first anticipated. West of town was good; the boll weevils weren't as bad as they were east (of town). It gets worse year after year."

But relief may be on the way. Area farmers are working on the boll weevil eradication program. Panhandle farmers were blessed with several soaking rains this year, but "maybe we had a little too much," Shields said. "There was some (cotton) with too much growth on it, and it didn't develop. They looked like they were ready for a freeze. They got a lot of bolls a quarter- or half-open, and that won't make a quality cotton."

On the up side, the grade is better than what Shields anticipated. Of the 7,000 bales ginned, only one was below grade. "I'd like to attribute it to my gin," he said. The price is about 3 to 5 cents below what farmers normally expect, he added. The gin owned by Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM) serves about 70 Wheeler, Shamrock, Quail, and Donley County farmers and employs about 19 people during the height of the season. And there's no telling when work at the gin could be done. "We'll probably be through with the majority by the end of the year. That's about normal."

The first bale of cotton was ginned Nov. 1 by A.D. Youngblood, who farms north of Hedley. Cotton is king in Donley County — the crop is the county's major cash crop. Peanuts runs a close second. "We have a nice climate for cotton. We get our fair share of the moisture. We've just been fortunate. The sub-irrigated land around Lelia Lake is good, and we have good areas of irrigation. The water is shallow. It's not as expensive to pump as it is in other areas. "More irrigation is being implemented every year."

With cotton being the major cash crop in the area, the gin is an important part of Donley County. "We've had real good luck here," Shields said. "We're happy to be able to serve the farmers in Donley County."

Broncos win championship at Lockney Tournament

Senior Kareem Abdullah made eight straight free throws in the final period of the Broncos' semi-final game in the Lockney Tournament against Class 1A powerhouse Lorenzo to advance to a final round match-up win against Kress and the championship trophy.

The Broncos started off the tournament with a 69-42 white-washing of Hart before moving onto Lorenzo, who narrowly edged Clarendon the previous week in the Floydada Tournament.

Clarendon was plagued by poor shooting in the first quarter as the first

seven shots failed to fall and Lorenzo ran to a 15-7 first quarter lead. The Broncos kept even with Lorenzo in the second quarter as both teams put in 15 points and Lorenzo entered the locker room with a 30-22 halftime advantage. The Bronco offense came alive in the third quarter as Brent

Gaines, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, put in four field goals and Abdullah, who was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, nailed two treys. But the play of senior Keith Kidd gave the Broncos a big boost. Kidd hit a trey

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GTE donates \$1,000 to CC

Christmas came early to Clarendon College when GTE awarded a \$1,000 scholarship gift to the Clarendon College Foundation on Friday, December 12.

GTE has annually supported the Clarendon College Foundation scholarship fund since 1991.

The scholarship gift is to help needy students, as determined by the college, according to James Wakefield, GTE Local Manager - Memphis PSA.

Wakefield and Henry Stephens, GTE Customer Zone Technician II, presented the scholarship check to Dr. Scott Elliott, Clarendon College President.

The Clarendon College Foundation was founded in 1990 to promote the interest of education at Clarendon College by providing scholarship and other financial support.

For more information about the Clarendon College Foundation, please call Christi Ross, CC Foundation Executive Secretary, at 874-3571.



Clarendon College President Scott Elliott receives a check for \$1,000 from GTE's Henry Stephens and James Wakefield on behalf of the Clarendon College Foundation.

Photo Courtesy Clarendon College Information Office

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Local Weather Report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec
Mon	8	39°	33°	0.01"
Tues	9	64°	37°	-
Wed	10	54°	26°	-
Thurs	11	35°	27°	-
Fri	12	34°	17°	-
Sat	13	42°	18°	-
Sun	14	55°	26°	-

Total Precipitation For Dec. 0.17"
Total Precipitation For Year 40.70"

Total precipitation for Dec. 1996 was 0.27". The total for 1996 was 22.40"

U.S. HWY. 287 PROJECT UPDATE WEEK #11



This week the contractor is expected to begin to form and pour curb and gutter. TxDOT officials say They will continue to haul base material and continue stabilizing base material.

Weather permitting the contractor will shoot asphalt prime in various locations. Care will be taken at the intersections and driveways to all for vehicles to drive safely. Care will be spread at these locations where needed.

During the peak holiday traffic period, the traffic signals will be placed in the flashing mode. This will minimize traffic being backed up on US 287. Following the Christmas Holidays, the flashing lights will be returned to their original setting.

Gilbert Texas Construction Co allows its employees to spend the holidays with their families. Work will be halted from Dec. 22 - Jan. 2.

Someone will be available locally to handle any traffic control or other miscellaneous problems that may arise during this time.

If you have any problems or need 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.

Angel Tree Project needs your help

Panhandle Community Services need HELP with their Angel Tree Project. They still have 35 angels to give out, and delivery date is drawing near.

PCS is asking you for help so that the angels left on the tree will have something under their tree on Christmas Eve. They will be making deliveries on Dec. 22 after lunch and will need the gifts back by noon of that day.

Fund established for McKinney Family

An account has been setup at Herring National Bank for Shirley McKinney to help with medical expenses. For more information, please see any of the tellers at Herring National Bank.

Wreck injures two

Two local young men were injured, one critically, when the car they were traveling in rolled over this past weekend.

DPS Trooper Jerry Morris said the men were southbound on Hwy. 70 about eight miles north of Howardwick when the driver swerved to miss a deer on the road and then overcorrected at about 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

The car slid across the highway and rolled at least four times ejecting both men from the car, Morris said.

Neither were wearing seatbelts.

The driver, 21-year-old Eric Lee, was treated for several cuts and bruises and was reported to be doing fine.

The other occupant of the vehicle was Clint Green, age 19. He sustained serious injuries including a broken back, a punctured lung, and broken ribs, a family member said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Green remained in the ICU at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Enterprise announces early deadlines

The Clarendon Enterprise deadline for next week's Christmas Issue have been set. They are as follows: articles and pictures - noon on Friday, Dec. 19 and 5:00 p.m. for all ads.

Due to the short amount of time The Enterprise staff has to work on the large issue, all material received after the deadline will appear in the following issue. The Christmas Issue with all the Santa letter will hit the stands on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The Enterprise office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but will return on Friday, Dec. 26. The office will also be closed on New Year's Day.

Deadlines for Jan. 1 issue of The Clarendon Enterprise will return to the regular deadline times of noon on Monday, Dec. 29 for pictures and articles and 5:00 p.m. for all ads.

OPINION PAGE

Reader sends open letter to hospital board:

Board has duty to consult the people

Dear Board Members:

I am writing concerning the proposed sale of Medical Center Nursing Home. I have not formed an opinion regarding the sale of the nursing home, but I do wish to urge you to proceed with caution. This is not a decision that should be made quickly, and it should not be made without taking the opinions of the residents of Donley County into consideration.

The nursing home is one of the foundations of the communities of Clarendon and Donley County. The people look at it with the pride of possession. It is OUR nursing home. Will this feeling of pride continue if the nursing home is in private hands? Many people are concerned that the quality of care will decline if a private company owns the nursing home. Many people are concerned that decisions concerning the operations of the nursing home will be out of their hands if the nursing home belongs to someone from outside.

As a self-governing body, the Donley County Hospital District has always been self-insured. The threat of liability has always existed. This is not a new issue. Certainly, the Hospital District has been fortunate so far, but they have always faced the issue of potential lawsuits. To me, this seems like an issue brought up to frighten the public and to justify a decision that has been made behind closed doors.

Certainly, private companies can often make a profit when publicly owned facilities cannot. For one thing, a public facility should not be in the business of making profits. Their purpose is to provide a service for the people who own it. Private companies are in business to make money. They do this in two ways. First, by reduc-

ing costs. I foresee layoffs, increased schedules, etc. which can mean a lower quality of care. The second way profits can be found is by raising prices. What assurance do the residents of Medical Center Nursing Home and their families have that they will not be hit with staggering increases? It is possible that Donley County residents will be faced with paying less for their money.

Finally, it is my understanding that [board president Vergil] Welch is leaving Donley County after the beginning of the year. To me, it seems unfair for him to participate in a process that will greatly affect the people of Donley County, and then to go on his way without seeing the results of his actions. There are also two vacancies on the board, and I believe these slots should be filled before any decision is made.

I suggest that you bring in legal advice from the outside, someone who is not affected by the proposed sale. Let them study the situation and give

their recommendations. If you have already done so, make this information public.

I also suggest that you propose a non-binding referendum on the proposed sale. Allow the people of Donley County to officially record their feelings about selling Medical Center.

I strongly urge Mr. Welch to completely remove himself from all discussion of the proposed sale.

One of the board members told a member of my family that the board can do anything they want with the nursing home and that the public has no voice in the matter. This member of the board, and all members of the board, should remember the nursing home and hospital district do not belong to the board members. Their power and trust is given to them by the people, and they have the duty to consult the will and wishes of the people, even if the law says they are not required to do so.

Cynthia Farris

Thunder Junction not soliciting 'donations'

Dear Editor:

Thunder Junction wants to advise the public that we do not solicit donations door to door. An irate older woman called to say "two men knocked at my door wanting me to donate money to Thunder Junction and I told them Clarendon won't even be here in 10 years!"

Whether this was a crank call or for real, we want everyone who we are a legitimate, duly registered corporation offering bona fide stock to investors — not donors.

Joan McAfee

P.S. If anyone has been asked for

donations, please call us. We have already notified the police about the above incident.

...Thanks for the letter, Joan. Clarendon won't be here in 10 years? Well, I'd like to point out there are exits from town to the north, south, east, and west. Anyone who sees no future for this town is welcome to make use of those exits and let those of us who do see a future for Clarendon (whether through Thunder Junction or other opportunities) to get on about the business of happiness and prosperity.

— Editor



Order In The Court

Gayle Hankins' and Renee Duncan's fourth grade classes held a mock trial last Friday at the Donley County Courthouse. Randall Sims directed the students in their trial and explained the different process of the trial.

Enterprise photo

CHS dinner theater production rescheduled

The Clarendon High School theater students has rescheduled their dinner theater production of *You Can't Take It With You* for January 24 at the high school. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, and the show begins 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Reservations for the dinner theater may be made by calling 874-2181 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reservations must be made by January 17. Tickets are \$10 per person.

The dinner menu consists of ribeye steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad, and cheese cake.

Residents are encouraged to come out and enjoy the production.

Menus Dec. 22-26

- Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Oven fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, carrots, Carolina salad, chocolate cake, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tues: Meatloaf, potato soup, green peas, mixed fruit, Jell-O cubes with topping, crackers, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Catfish, hominy casserole, turnip greens, pear half, key lime pie, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thur: Closed for holidays
Fri: Closed for holidays
- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, orange half, chips or crackers, milk, tea, coffee
Tues: Steak and gravy, baked potato, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee
Wed: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onion, and celery, macaroni salad, sliced peaches, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee
Thur: Closed for holidays
Fri: Closed for holidays

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Broncos win tournament: Continued from page one

and two field goals and sparked the Broncos.

"That was probably the best game (Kidd) has ever played," Avery said. "He really came on when we needed him. I was really proud of his poise. Lorenzo is a hardpressing team and (Kidd) did a great job."

Clarendon continued to work the ball in the fourth period hitting shots when they needed them. Lorenzo was forced to foul in the last minute, and Abdullah made all of his free throws for a 66-59 win.

"It was just a great game," Avery said. "After we got over our bad first quarter we really settled down and played smart."

Scoring for CHS were Abdullah.

22. Gaines, 20. Kidd, 11. Scotty Elliott, 8. and Jason Archuleta, 5.

Clarendon hummed in their first quarter match-up with the Kress Kangaroos putting in 22 points and holding Kress to eight points. "That was probably the best quarter of basketball I've seen in many years of coaching," Avery said.

Clarendon led 40-19 at halftime and began to substitute liberally in the third quarter as they held onto a 53-27 entering the final period. Kress outscored Clarendon 16-5 in the final period, but the Broncos pulled out a 58-43 championship victory with many great assists from Elliott and Gaines.

Scoring for CHS were Abdullah.

19. Gaines, 16. Elliott, 11. Archuleta, 4. Kidd, 4. and Blake Bass, 2.

The Broncos had little trouble with Hart in the opening round of the tournament leading 22-3 at the end of the first quarter and 34-15 at halftime. Abdullah was 5-for-5 from the charity stripe in the third quarter as the Broncos led 48-30 entering the final period. Kidd put in a trey and a basket and three free throws in the fourth quarter for the 69-42 win.

Scoring for the Broncos were Abdullah, 15; Gaines, 14; Kidd, 11; Derek Shields, 8; Elliott, 8; Chris Bruce, 5; Nathan Sears, 4; Bass, 2; and Archuleta, 2.

The 8-3 Broncos meet Highway 287 rival Claude Friday at 8 p.m. in Claude.

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CC Judging Teams place at recent contests

Clarendon College's livestock judging teams recently returned from contests in Kansas City, MO and Louisville, KY.

On November 16, the team placed sixth overall in the American Royal Junior College Livestock Judging Contest. The team earned ninth place honors in sheep judging, sixth place in swine judging, and fifth place in cattle judging, and eighth place in reasons. Sophomore Christin Davis earned the ninth place individual award for reasons.

According to Coach Jerry

Hawkins, the sheep judging division took the team out of the top three standings. Team members are Mick Clark, Christin Davis, Kelli Griffith, Clint McWaters, and Josh Putman.

Clarendon College also fielded a team for the North American Expo Livestock Judging Contest November 19, in Louisville, KY. The CC livestock judging team earned sixth place from a field of 22 teams.

"The Expo was a real tight contest, where only 19 points between the third and sixth place teams," Hawkins said. "We competed against

teams all the way from Oregon to Indiana and from Wyoming to Texas."

Members of the team are Joel Bennett, Jay Cortese, Ross Dalby, Jason Hoffman, and Drew Jeffers. The CC team placed fifth in sheep judging, second in swine performance, eleventh in swine, and eighth in both cattle judging and reasons. Sophomore Drew Jeffers of Clarendon earned sixth place individual honors in the sheep judging event.

For more information, please contact Jerry Hawkins at (806) 874-3571.



CC fielded a team for the North American Expo Livestock Judging Contest Nov. 19, in Louisville, KY. The CC livestock judging team earned 6th place from a field of 22 teams. Members are: (front) Joel Bennett, Des Moines, NM; Jay Cortese, Ft. Sumner, NM; Ross Dalby, Aspermont, TX; Jason Hoffman, McArthur, CA; Drew Jeffers, Clarendon; (back) second from left Jerry Hawkins, coach; Josh Putman, Corsicana, TX; Clint McWaters, Okeechobee, FL; Mick Clark, Ardmore, OK; and Kelli Griffith, Pavillion, WY.

Photo courtesy of Clarendon College

College favorites announced at Winter Ball

Markeeta Schnelle of White Deer and Ryan Ross of El Paso have been selected by the Clarendon College student body to be the 1997-98 Mr. and Miss Clarendon College. Schnelle is a sophomore and is active in Student Senate, Student Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa, and Block and Bridle. She was also named CC's Sophomore Favorite Girl.

Ross, a sophomore, is a member of CC's men's basketball team. He is active in Student Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa, and Young Republicans.

Clarendon College's annual favorite awards were given out at the Winter Ball on December 2. Sponsored by CC's Student Senate, the honors range from Most Academic to Most Mischievous. Honor categories and winners are as follows: Most Academic Girl - Clayton LeCompte, Tucumcari, NM; Most Academic Boy - Stephane LeJan, Clarendon; Most

Spirited Girl - Dodie Morris, Matador, TX; Most Spirited Boy - Josh Dean, Hutto, TX; Most Dependable Girl - Becky Soto, El Paso, TX; Most Dependable Boy - Tobe Haught, Young, AZ; Best Dressed Girl - Ginger Teague, Childress, TX; Best Dressed Boy - Kree Kelley, Happy, TX; Most Congenial Girl - Donna Davis, Channing, TX; Most Congenial Boy - Daniel Owiti, Nariobi, Kenya; Most Athletic Girl - Andrea Watson, Kingston, Jamaica; Most Athletic Boy - Ross West, Blanco, TX; Best Looking Girl - Clayton LeCompte, Tucumcari, NM; Best Looking Boy - Steven Browning, Miami, TX; Most Mischievous Girl - Brianna Sperry, Quitaque, TX; Most Mischievous Boy - Will Jordon, Lueders, TX; Most Talented Girl - Donna Davis, Channing, TX; Most Talented Boy - Jeff Henry, Borger, TX; Cowgirl of the Year - Kasey Parks, Roaring Springs, TX; Cowboy of the Year - Darryn

Perryman, Matador, TX; Freshman Favorite Girl - Dodie Morris, Turkey, TX; Freshman Favorite Boy - Daniel Owiti, Nariobi, Kenya; Sophomore Favorite Girl - Markeeta Schnelle, White Deer, TX; Sophomore Favorite Boy - Will Jordan, Lueders, TX.

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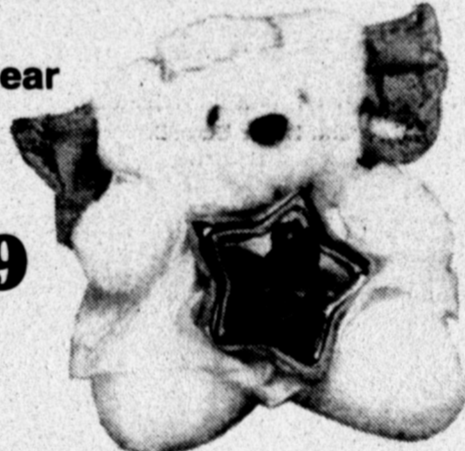
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Donley County Judge

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I would like to announce that I am seeking the position of County Treasurer. I appreciate the opportunity and it has been an honor serving you these past several months.

I was there for the citizens of Donley County when you needed me and now I need your vote and support. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Donley County Treasurer

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Donley County Senior Citizen News

The Donley County Senior Citizens will be having a Holiday Bake Sale at B&R Thriftway on Wednesday, December 24. The bake sale will start at 8:00 a.m. It will be a perfect time to get delicious baked goods for Christmas company. All of Donley County know that the people who bake for us are wonderful cooks. Bicycle tickets will also be on sale. The bicycle will be given away at noon that day.

We send our condolences to Sharon Grady, John Judd, Hazel Campbell, Neil Vitarelle, Luceil Jones, Dub Tyler, Ginger Stone, and their families. They all lost family members recently. Tommie Saye and Joan Kidd won the holiday cookies baked by Onita Thomas. Ismanell Gray won the pillowcases donated by Gail Tuttle.

The DCSC staff held a Christmas Party for our board members and volunteers on December 11. Forty-three people attended. Each volunteer generously gives of his/her time, money, talent, and hard labor. The assistance of these volunteers is vital to the operation of the Senior Citizens Center, and they are greatly appreciated. The people of Donley County are very fortunate to have these caring and willing volunteers in

our community. Delicious snacks were enjoyed by everyone. Entertainment was provided by a wonderful group of fifth grade singers led by Joberta Helms. Door prizes were won by Virginia Christie, Buster Wortham, Billy Powell, and Joan Kidd. Gifts were exchanged.

Cennet Rhode has donated a red 20" Rand Track Racer bicycle to the Senior Citizens to use as a fund-raiser. Tickets are available here at the Senior Citizens Center, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be selling tickets at B&R Thriftway on Saturday, Dec. 13; Wednesday, Dec. 17; and Wednesday, Dec. 24. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. We will give the bicycle away at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at B&R Thriftway. All proceeds from the bicycle ticket sales will benefit our nutrition program.

There is no birthday anniversary supper scheduled during December, December and January birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated at the January 27 supper.

November Facility Use: Senior Citizens Dance Club
November Love Donations: Goldie Barber
November Memorial
In memory of Tom Patman by Helena Catoe and Mr. and Mrs. Ike O'Neal
In memory of Willard Hudson by Cennet Rhode, Thelma Behrens, and Jerry Behrens
In memory of Clayton Maren by Onita Thomas
In memory of Beulah Mares by Onita Thomas, Nina Meador, and the Senior Citizens Dance Club

Reminders:
Wed. Dec. 17 Kindergarten Classes in sing. 10:45 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 18 Hearing Aid Clinic by Golden Spread Hearing, 10:30-noon
Wed. Dec. 24 Bake sale at B&R Thriftway at 8 a.m.
Thurs. & Fri. Dec. 25-26 Closed for the Christmas Holidays



On Nov. 25 the Jesus First singers were at the DCSC birthday/anniversary supper. Members of the group are: Mariene and Benny Wyant (sound man), singers, Phillip Eisehmer, Charlie Wagoner, Kim Butler, and Rhonda Gill. The group members are from Miami, Pampa, and Follett.

Photo courtesy of DCSC



Local residents recently enjoyed a few rounds of dominoes at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. The players pictured are Ismanell Gray, Vada Morrison, Betty Thomas, Joan Davis, back table: Helena Catoe, D.W. Swain, Thelma Rudder, and L.C. Keith.

Photo courtesy of DCSC

OBITUARIES

Velma Gertrude Lemons

Graveside services for Miss Velma Gertrude Lemons, age 88, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 1997, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, with Rev. Truman Ledbetter, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Justin Lemons, family member from Ft. Worth, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Miss Lemons died at 7:20 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 1997, in Sachse, Dallas County, Texas, and had lived in Brice much of her life before moving to Clarendon in 1981. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include one sister, Virginia Slaughter of Amarillo, and several nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were nephews and great nephews of Miss Lemons.

The family requests that memorials be to the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

LOOKING BACK

15 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press

December 16, 1982

Eight members of the Broncho football team have been named to the District 2-AA All-District Team. They were: Brad McGuire, Ken Dorris, David Weatheron, Arlis Thomas, Richard Gaines, Kelly Hill, John Smith, and Creed Wright.

25 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader

December 21, 1972

Most likely it will be a lonesome day in Clarendon Friday as a host of Clarendon Boosters will be on their way to Brownwood to help boost the Bronchos on to state honors as they tangle with the Schulenburg Shorthorns. Head Coach Clyde Noonkester and Assistants Bob Lemmons and George Byerly report the Broncs ready in every department.

The Coronado Motel was damaged by fire which apparently started in the laundry room at noon yesterday. An electrical short was believed responsible.

50 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader

December 18, 1947

Santa, that grand, popular fellow known by youngsters and grown-ups alike, will arrive at Clarendon Airport Monday morning at 10:15 to hand out bags of candy and nuts to the youngsters who are there.

Grady Henson and Herb Davis, local farmers, narrowly escaped death Saturday afternoon when the Henson car was struck by a troop train at the Kasota Switch about seven miles east of Washburn.

Clarendon First Baptist Church presents the Christmas Musical

"Behold That Star"

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Sunday, December 21
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The public is invited to also join us for Christmas Eve Candelight Service
December 24 at 6:00 p.m.



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Bivens honored for work as Mentor

Georgetown Independent School District recently notified Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bivens that their son, Stephen Bivens, was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in Project Mentors.

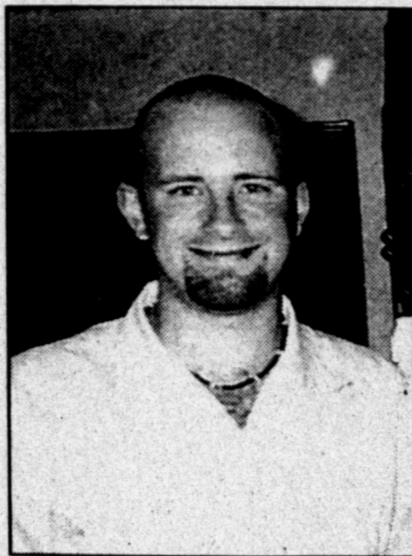
Stephen was a mentor from Southwestern University, where he is senior education major, and his student was from a Georgetown Elementary School.

The certificate reads: "May it be known to all that Stephen Bivens has touched and enhanced the life of a student. His presence will be

remembered and appreciated." Judi Hollenbeck, the project coordinator, praised Stephen for his ability to encourage the student to do his best work and enjoy the learning experience.

She also stated that he has a great future ahead in the teaching field and that motivational teachers are in demand.

Stephen is the son of Paul and Elmonette Bivens of Clarendon and the grandson of Florita Branigan of Memphis and Grace Bivens of Seiling, Oklahoma.



Stephen Bivens

4-H Clothing Project Is Sew Much Fun!

by Sue Church, County CEA-FCS Agent

Thursday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m. young people interested in participating in the 1998 4-H clothing project are invited to come to an orientation meeting at the Courthouse. Participants may choose either to construct a garment or purchase an outfit using comparison shopping.

Through this project, individuals will learn about fabrics, construction, appearance, fit and fashionability of garments. These are all important consumer skills whether constructing or purchasing clothing items.

This is an opportunity area young people won't want to miss. To sign up for the project or for more information, call the Donley County Extension Office at 874-2141.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperate in providing the extension services.

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Holy Eucharist 11:30 p.m.



CISD Board of Trustees holds regular meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District met in regular session at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Dale Swan, CPA, presented (via speaker phone) to the board and those in attendance an in-depth analysis of the 1996-97 CISD Audit Report. The board approved the report.

Carlton Turvaville, Transportation Manager, asked that the board consider the purchase of a new 16-passenger bus.

Clarendon CISD campuses and district were given the "Recognized" rating from the state. John Taylor gave a detailed explanation of the Accreditation Report to the board. Superintendent Phil Barefield congratulated the teachers for their great effort.

No action was taken on the athletic lettering policy. It will be placed on the Jan. 15, 1998, agenda.

After an Executive Session, it was announced that Mr. Barefield had accepted the resignation of Darrell "Tooter" Draper effective Dec. 31, 1997. Larry Jeffers will assume the role of High School Athletic Director, and Donnie Carroll will assume the role of Junior High Athletic Director effective immediately.

Enrollment for CISD was reported as Elementary, 259; Junior High, 106; and High School, 166.

Among other items of district business at last week's meeting, the board approved one state Math credit and one state Elective credit for Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B; exempted students not taking part in TAAS testing until 10:35 a.m. on set date; ap-

proved 1/2 high school credit for health in eighth grade; and approved board membership in TASB and TASB Legal Assistance Fund.

The next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998, at 7 p.m.

WT's Beta Beta Beta inducts Hedley resident

Twenty-three West Texas A&M University students were inducted into the West Texas A&M University Delta Xi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the biological sciences honor society, including Hedley resident Amanda Dawn George. Amanda is a senior biology major and is an associate member of the society.

Beta Beta Beta has three levels of membership: active, graduate, and

associate. Qualifications for active members include completion of four biology courses, 45 semester hours, and a 3.0 grade point average (GPA). Graduate members must have six graduate-level semester hours at WTAMU and a 3.0 GPA. Students applying for associate membership must be currently enrolled at WTAMU and express interest in the biological sciences.

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Local judge attends seminar in Tyler

Judge Jimmy B. Johnson was certified at the recent 20 hours Justice of Peace Seminar held December 2-5, 1997, in Tyler, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Death and Dying: How to Process the Emotion, Justice of the Peace and Constable Relations and Duties, Emergency Mental Commitments, Cultural Diversity, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues, Legal Research, Court Costs and Fees, Disposition of Stolen Property, Advanced Civil Law, and Trial Procedure.

Bereavement support group to meet in Amarillo

The Supportive Care Division of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Pathways," a four part support series for those who have lost a loved one, Tuesday, December 23 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The topic of the meeting is "Looking Beyond the Season." The purpose of the support group is to help

people through the holidays after losing a loved one.

The support group will meet in the amphitheater of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard.

To register, please call Gerry Kelly at 359-4673 or 1-800-274-4673, Ext. 235.

The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack



Clarendon Lions Club met Tuesday, December 15, for our regular noon meeting under the direction of Boss Lion Walt Knorpp.

We discussed our Christmas basket project. To date, we have received some cash donations and some food. The people who wish to help with either cash or food donations, please have it to the Lions by Monday, Dec. 22.

We had 15 members and one guest today. Our guest was Gary Sutherland, guest of Lion Darrell Leffew.

There being no program and no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Chamber of Commerce News

by Linda Williams

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HallAnne McGee of Claude portrayed Imogene Herdman's interpretation of the Virgin Mary in last Saturday's presentation of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*.

The play was put on by the joint effort of the Gem Theatre of Claude and the Clarendon College Dept. of Continuing Education.

About 100 people turned out for the production which told of the rag-tag Herdman family's discovery of the true meaning of Christmas.

Enterprise Photo



Howardwick City Council holds meeting

The Howardwick City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997, at 7 p.m. in the Howardwick City Hall. Mayor Protem Margaret Pettit presided.

The city audit for 1996-1997 was given by Gordon Maddox, and the council voted to approve the report.

Tommy Gray reported on the Fire Department and told the board that Truck #17 had been repaired.

The possibility of selling the dump truck was discussed and tabled. The board approved a motion to

check into what the cost would be to replace the copy machine and printer and purchase a new program for the computer and the cost of a new computer with modem, scanner, fax, and programs.

Friendship Club to meet

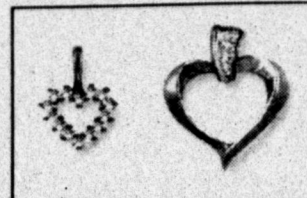
The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet on Friday, December 19. Ham and turkey will be furnished. Santa will be at the meeting, and he will hand out Christmas sacks.

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Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			TOTALS (Memorandum)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	500-599 DEBT SERVICE FUND	98 AUGUST 31 1997	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	1,345,071	53,791	121,129	1,519,991
5800	State Program Revenues	2,350,601	25,020	-	2,375,622
5900	Federal Program Revenues	476	241,354	-	241,831
5020	Total Revenues	\$3,696,149	\$320,165	\$121,129	\$4,137,443
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,963,154	196,806	-	2,159,960
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	216,878	5,200	-	222,077
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	347,754	223,638	-	571,392
0040	Administrative Support Services	220,527	2,450	-	222,977
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	501,178	3,815	-	504,994
0070	Debt Service	-	-	100,441	100,441
0080	Capital Outlay	673,029	64,750	-	737,779
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	67,087	-	-	67,087
6030	Total Expenditures	\$3,989,607	\$496,659	\$100,441	\$4,586,707
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(293,458)	(176,493)	20,688	(449,264)
7020	Other Resources	92	19,554	20	19,666
8030	Other (Uses)	(149,821)	(20)	-	(149,841)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(443,187)	(156,960)	20,708	(579,439)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,400,632	158,222	(20,708)	1,538,146
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$957,445	\$1,262	-	\$958,707

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Seventh grade Colts suffer first defeat of season

The Clarendon seventh grade boys basketball team suffered its first defeat of the season, 38-34, Dec. 8 at the hands of White Deer in White Deer.

White Deer led 12-10 after one quarter, but Clarendon pulled ahead at halftime 20-16 behind Jacob Mondragon's 12 points. James Williams scored two baskets and Judge Smith nailed a bucket and was 2-for-2 from the charity stripe. Mondragon added four points in the third quarter as White Deer pulled ahead 28-26.

The Bucks continued to stay ahead of the Colts outscoring Clarendon 10-8 in the fourth quarter.

Scoring for the Colts were Mondragon, 20; Williams, 10; and Smith, 4.

The eighth graders had trouble out of the gate as White Deer ran to a 13-3 lead. Jared Lax scored a basket, while Cody Watson was 1-for-2 from the free throw line. Watson and Antonio Wilson both scored free throws in the second period for a White Deer 23-5 halftime advantage.

Watson scored all of Clarendon's five points in the third period as White Deer led 25-10. The Colts scored 18 points in the final period - six from Anthony Jaramillo - for a final of 38-28.

Scoring for the eighth graders were Watson, 11; Jaramillo, 6; Lax, 6; Wilson, 4; and Kelly Linquist, 1.

The seventh grade Colts' next contest will be Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. against Wellington in the Clarendon Gym. The eighth graders' tip-off is slated for 6 p.m.

Eighth grade Lady Colts demolish White Deer, 54-18

The eighth grade Lady Colts scored like a varsity basketball team in their Dec. 8 contest vs. White Deer in Clarendon rattling off 20 points in the first quarter in their 54-18 win.

They are 1-2 on the season. The Lady Colts dismiss for Christmas break until Jan. 5 when they travel to Wellington for a 6 p.m. tip-off. The seventh graders begin play at 5 p.m.

The eighth graders led 20-4 after one quarter behind Kelley Lemley's three baskets and three free throws.

They increased the lead to 32-6 at halftime and 45-10 after three quarters.

Scoring for the Lady Colts were Lemley, 14. Kristen Glover, 13; Claire Rodriguez, 13. Tamika Hearn, 5; April Bryley, 3; Carrie Helms, 3; Meqan Roberts, 2; and Candice Hall, 2.

The seventh graders kept their winning streak alive with a 27-24 nailbiter against White Deer on Dec. 8. The two teams were tied 4-4 after one quarter behind points by May

Butler and Lacey Anderburg. Anderburg put in two baskets, and Butler was 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the second quarter as they led 13-7. Christine Holden and Butler scored two baskets apiece in the third quarter as they increased their lead to 23-15.

The seventh graders missed 10 free throws but squeaked out the 27-24 win.

Scoring for the Lady Colts were Butler 12; Anderburg, 10; and Holden, 5.

JV girls grab runner-up spot at tourney

The Clarendon Junior Varsity Girls basketball team went 2-1 last week, evening their record to 5-5, and grabbed a runner-up spot in the Clarendon J.V. Tournament.

Clarendon opened up their week with a 42-23 drubbing of Silverton Dec. 9 in Clarendon. Tonya Wilson paced the Lady Broncos with 10 of her team-high 16 points coming in the opening period. Courtney Newhouse added a trey and a basket in the second quarter for a 23-9 halftime advantage.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Wilson, 16; Newhouse, 10; Lindsey Shelton, 5; Sarah Kidd, 4; Jamie Sawyer, 2; Jamie Sparks, 2; Rye Webster, 2; and Lindy Helms, 1.

Clarendon opened up their J.V. Tournament with a 48-31 win against the Panhandle ninth grade team. They ran to a 14-5 first quarter lead and extended it to

34-15 at halftime. The sophomore Wilson scored 21 of her team-high 23 points in the first half.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Wilson, 23; Shelton, 10; Newhouse, 9; Cooper, 4; and Helms, 2.

The Lady Broncos led the Panhandle J.V. 8-6 in the first quarter behind Shelton's four points but were unable to break the Panhandle press in the second quarter scoring six points to Panhandle's 17. Panhandle led 23-14 at the intermission. The Pantherettes extended their lead to 38-20 before pulling out the 63-25 win.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Shelton, 11; Julie Turbeville, 6; Johnnie Sparks, 4; Shannon Cooper, 2; and Jamie Sparks, 2.

The Lady Broncos meet Claude in Claude at 4 p.m. Friday.

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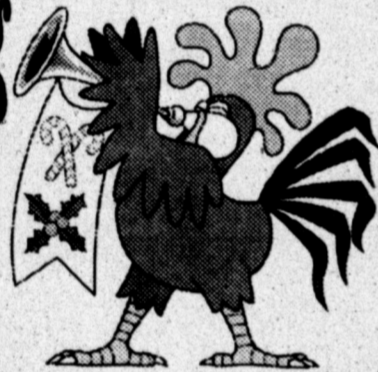
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Lady Broncs defeat Silverton girls for second time

Clarendon's Lady Broncs survived a fourth quarter rally by the Silverton Lady Owls and handed them their second loss of the season with a 42-40 win Dec. 9 in the Bronco Gym.

Silverton has lost only two games this year — both at the hands of the Lady Broncs.

The 7-4 Lady Broncs outscored Claude 12-6 in the first quarter and were ahead 19-17 at halftime behind two treys from America Santos and six points from frosh Geri Butler. Clarendon held onto that lead at the end of three quarters (33-27) despite poor shooting (24 percent). The Lady Broncs managed only nine points in the fourth period, while Silverton scored 13.

"It was a thriller of an ending," Schmidt said. "(Silverton) has probably been averaging over 70 points a game, so they're no slouch." Scoring for the Lady Broncs were Lindsey Eads, 11; Kasi Ashcraft, 10; Butler, 10; Melissa Campbell, 6; and Santos, 6.

Clarendon drew 1997 Class 1A state champion Whiteface in the opening round of the 1-27 tournament Dec. 11 in Abernathy. Whiteface continues its strong tradition this year ranked number one in two Texas high school hoops polls.

Whiteface raced to a 15-12 lead and increased it to 31-20 at halftime. Eads was the big scorer for Clarendon

with eight points, while Ashcraft and Catherine Chamberlain went 2-for-2 from the charity stripe. Whiteface increased the lead to 48-34 after three quarters, but Clarendon wouldn't quit despite being in foul trouble. The senior Ashcraft was plagued with four fouls for most of the second half, and Alexander and Butler fouled out of the game.

The Lady Broncs pulled within eight a few times in the final period and outscored Whiteface 17-16 before Whiteface won the contest 64-51.

"We did a lot of good things but we didn't get many breaks our way. We didn't take advantage of the opportunities we did get," Schmidt said. "The girls didn't quit. Hopefully, we learned we can play with the best, but we can't have any mental letdowns."

Scoring for Clarendon were Ashcraft, 14; Eads, 14; Campbell, 9; Alexander, 8; Santos, 4; and Chamberlain, 2.

Clarendon faced Wall in the second round of the tournament in Idalou Dec. 12 and trailed 12-9 after one quarter. "We started off the game horribly, giving Wall an 8-0 lead right off the bat," Schmidt said.

The Lady Broncs gained a 17-16 halftime lead and held on for a 26-24 advantage entering the final period.

Clarendon held Wall to seven points in the fourth quarter and scored 16. The final was 42-31.

"We really woke up in the fourth quarter to put it away," Schmidt said. "It was an ugly win, but we'll take it over a loss any day."

Clarendon capped the three-day tourney with a Saturday re-match with Tulia. Eads paced the Lady Broncs with 11 of her time-high 19 points in the first period as the two teams were tied 14-14. Clarendon led 28-26 at halftime and were ahead 41-32 after three quarters.

"Our stamina and physical shape came through in our big third quarter. That's where we really put it away."

Clarendon put 13 points on the board and held Tulia to 11 for a 54-43 win. Scoring for the Lady Broncs were Eads, 19; Ashcraft, 16; Campbell, 7; Alexander, 4; Santos, 3; Chamberlain, 3; and Butler, 2.

Clarendon next meets Class 1A power Claude Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Claude Gym.

"Claude is a (Class) 1A giant with as much winning tradition as anyone around, so it will take an excellent game to beat them," head coach Steve Schmidt said. "We'd sure like to fill up the stands in Claude with our fans. It's a tough place to play."

JV Maroon and White teams play each other in tournament

Clarendon's Junior Varsity Bronco Maroon team won the championship trophy Saturday in the Clarendon J.V. one-day tournament against a familiar opponent - the Clarendon White team.

The maroon team rattled off 20 points in the opening period and held the white team to eight points. Khalil Abdullah hit two treys and a basket to pace the maroon team, while Jr. Rodriguez scored a 3-pointer for the white team in the first quarter.

The maroon team increased the lead to 30-17 at halftime. Hunter Spier scored two baskets for the white team, while Nathan Floyd scored two for the maroon team.

Both teams scored 12 points in the third period for a maroon team 42-29 lead. Greg Leeper was 3-for-3 from the free throw line, and Rodriguez scored a trey and a basket for the white team. It was all maroon team in the final period as they scored 15 points and held the white team to 7 points.

Scoring for the maroon team were Sam Holton, 14; Abdullah, 10; Nathan Floyd, 8; Dee Thompson, 7; Williams, 4; Edwards, 4; Zack Butts, 3; Brandon Word, 3; Colt Floyd, 2; & Carey Thomberry, 2. Scoring for the white team were Rodriguez, 10; G.J. Martindale, 9; Scotty Ailport, 6; Spier, 6; Leeper, 3; and Cael Shields, 2.

The maroon team held Wellington scoreless in the first period and rattled off 16 points as everyone scored in the

Broncos 61-19 win in the opening round of the J.V. tournament.

Scoring for the Broncs were Williams, 12; Holton, 11; Word, 8; Linquist, 8; Thompson, 5; Thornberry, 5; Edwards, 4; Abduliah, 4; Nathan Floyd, 2; Colt Floyd, 1; and Butts, 1.

Ailport scored a team-high 14 points in the white team's 45-35 win over the Panhandle ninth graders in the opening round of the tournament.

Clarendon led 13-5 after the first period and held onto a slim 22-19 advantage at halftime. They increased the lead to 32-25 entering the final quarter.

Scoring for the white team were Ailport, 14; Aaron Kidd, 11; Martindale, 8; Rodriguez, 5; Josh English, 5; and Spier, 2.

Holton was high scorer with 13 points Dec. 9 in the maroon team's 55-41 win over Silverton. Holton started the scoring rampage in the first quarter putting in eight points as Word scored seven. They increased the lead to 31-19 at halftime as Chris Linquist made four baskets and a free throw.

Scoring for the Broncs were Holton,

13; Linquist, 9; Williams, 8; Word, 7; Edwards, 5; Colt Floyd, 4; Abdullah, 4; Thompson, 2; Nathan Floyd, 2; and Butts, 1.

The Bronco Junior Varsity White Team sailed past the White Deer freshman 49-24 Dec. 8 in White Deer. The Broncos led after all three periods behind Martindale's 14 points and Shields' 12.

Scoring for the Broncs were Martindale, 14; Shields, 12; Ailport, 9; Rodriguez, 8; Kidd, 2; Rolly Valdez, 2; and Spier, 2.

Clarendon suffered two losses in the Childress Junior Varsity Tournament Dec. 5-6. They opened with a 63-27 loss against Class 3A Childress. Childress ran to a 29-16 halftime lead before tacking on 22 points in the third quarter and holding the Broncos to four.

Scoring for the Broncs were Ailport, 11; Rodriguez, 7; Martindale, 4; Shields, 3; and English, 2.

Quannah opened up with a 23-19 halftime lead against the Broncos in the second round of the tournament, but Clarendon passed the Indians after three quarters with a 38-35 advantage behind

Martindale's two 3-pointers. Quannah outscored Clarendon 20-7 in the final period for the 55-45 win.

Scoring for the Broncs were Martindale, 19; Rodriguez, 7; Spier, 6; Ailport, 4; Shreds, 4; and English, 2.

The Panhandle Panthers outscored Clarendon 11-6 in the fourth quarter Dec. 1 for a 32-31 win. The Panthers converted 3-of-4 free throws for the win. Clarendon led 11-0 after the first quarter and 19-9 after two quarters behind six points from Ailport. The Panthers chipped away and trailed 25-21 entering the final period, when Kidd scored four points and Rodriguez nailed a basket.

Scoring for the Broncs were Ailport, 8; Kidd, 6; Shields, 6; Rodriguez, 4; Martindale, 3; Leeper, 2; and English, 2.

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