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**SANTA LETTER DEADLINE:  
THURSDAY, DEC. 11, @ 5 P.M.**

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- All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!*

### Four incumbents file to run for re-election

Filing for next year's General Election is underway in the Donley County Clerk's Office, and already four incumbents have signed up for re-election.

Sheriff Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Jr., Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley, Commissioner Pct. 1 Ernest Johnston, and Commissioner Pct. 3 Henry "Buster" Shields have all filed to run for their respective offices. None had drawn opponents at press time.

Other positions up for election next year include District Judge, District Attorney, and Constable of Precincts 3&4.

The deadline for candidates to file is January 2, 2004.

### Wagon rides to return this Thursday evening

The wagon and team that proved popular last week will be back for the enjoyment of kids of all ages during this Thursday's Late Night Shopping in downtown Clarendon.

The wagon is being sponsored by a group of civic-minded businesses and organizations, and several local merchants on Kearney Street will be open late for your shopping convenience.

### Chamber of Commerce lists contest winners

The winners for the first judging of the Christmas lights by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce are Levi and Dorothy Harvey, Howardwick; Henry and Nancy Stephens, Hedley; Dan Hall family, Clarendon; Gwen's Daycare, business.

Remember to turn your lights on Thursday night so that they can be judged.

### Hedley choirs present Christmas programs

Each year the Hedley First Baptist Church and Hedley School present Christmas programs.

This year the church program will be during the Sunday morning worship service on December 14, 2003, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The church's family choir will be performing as well as the children of the church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to worship with them.

The Hedley School children, junior high, and high school choirs will be performing on Tuesday evening, December 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school's fine arts center.

Everyone is invited to attend this free Christmas concert.

### Bands plan concerts

The Colt and Bronco Band will present their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Colt Gym.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Hotel construction ahead of schedule

Construction of Clarendon's new \$1.8 million three-story Best Western hotel is ahead of schedule and could open as early as February 15, according to reports this week.

One of the hotel's owner's, Jimmy Sindha, said he is excited that the work is about two weeks ahead of schedule.

"I got a big surprise when the contractor told me we might be finished the middle of February," Sindha said. "Usually contractors are behind schedule."

Sindha reports most of the work

has gone smoothly and said he has several calls regarding the speed with which the building at US 287 and SH 70 North has gone up.

The exterior of what will be called the American Inn is pretty well finished although Sindha says he and his partners are considering repainting some of the accents around the windows to give them more contrast.

Finish work has begun on the third floor where wallpaper has been hung in some rooms and part of the corridor. Drywall work is continuing on the first and second floors.

The 50-bed hotel will be a showplace for Clarendon and the tourists who come here. The main entrance will feature a large front desk on one side and a spacious breakfast area on the other. Sindha said that the breakfast will be served in a buffet style and that the seating area will have dataports available for business travelers to connect to the Internet.

Business travelers will also be able to take advantage of a work center with a photocopier and Internet access. Twenty rooms will be set up as business rooms featuring a king

size bed, a sleeper sofa, and a partitioned desk area.

All guest rooms will have dataports and will feature granite tub surrounds, counters, and windowsills. Thirty rooms will be set up with two queen size beds; and some of those will have sleeper sofas, which will be the equivalent of having three beds. Two rooms will be fitted with Jacuzzis, and two rooms will be suitable for handicapped guests.

Vending and ice machines will be available on the first and second floors, and a coin-operated laundry

will be installed on the first floor. A fitness center and indoor swimming pool will also be located on the first floor.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation provided more than \$31,000 to assist with bringing hotel to this city. The new facility is expected to employ ten people including the manager.

Sindha, who also owns the local Western Skies Motel, says he will continue to keep the current motel operating even after the American Inn opens next year.



### Ho, ho, ho

Taylor Monroe sits on the lap of Santa Claus during the annual Late Night Shopping last Thursday on Kearney Street. The jolly old elf greeted kids at the Lions Hall during the Girl Scouts' lighting ceremony there and then relocated to the Burton Memorial Library to listen to the kids' Christmas wishes. *Enterprise Digital Photo*

## Extension service names new agent for Donley County

Donley County Commissioners gave their approval to the appointment of a new county agriculture agent during their regular meeting Monday.

Leonard Haynes will assume the position vacated by Gary Rudolph on January 1, 2004, and will be in the local Extension office on January 2.

Haynes is a native of Johnson City and has been with the Texas A&M Cooperative Extension for four years. He is currently the county agent in Liberty County.

The new agent holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Science & Education from Texas A&M. He is a member of the State Quality Counts Committee and is active in both the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the Texas County Ag Agents Association.

In 2002, Haynes received the Texas County Agents "New Agent" Award.

Donna Brauchi with the Extension office in Amarillo said this week that the service is still seeking applicants for the County Family Consumer Science Agent's position in Donley County. The search is being conducted within the Cooperative Extension for the time being.

In other county business this week, commissioners considered a tax abatement for the new hotel being constructed in Clarendon but took no action.

Amber Ford was approved to take the place of former County FCS Agent Dawn Watson on the County Child Welfare Board.

The court rescinded a motion from an October meeting in which street names in the Saints Roost subdivision near Howardwick were renamed at the request of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

County officials said residents of the subdivision did not like the new names and requested different ones, which were approved Monday by the court.

Under the resolution Amarillo Lane will become Austin Lane, Pampa Lane will become Lakeview Lane, Plainview Lane will become Memphis Lane, Cooper Lane will become Houston Lane, and Ligon Drive will become Texas Drive.

Saints Roost Drive, Tascosa Drive, Mobeetie Drive, Lubbock Lane, and Clarendon Lane will all remain unchanged.

Local businessman Cal Thomas addressed the court regarding the division of wrecker calls dispatched by the sheriff's office among local services. Judge Jack Hall said Thomas felt he wasn't getting his fair share of the calls, but Hall also said that was a matter for the sheriff's office not the commissioners' court.

The court approved resolution.

**See 'County' on page 3.**

## Greenbelt Classic seeks sponsors

By Sandy Anderberg

Plans are continuing for the Greenbelt Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament December 29-31 hosted by the Greenbelt Water Authority and Clarendon Bronco Athletics.

It will include 16 boys' teams and 16 girls' teams. Both Bronco gyms and Clarendon College's Bulldog Gym will be used for the three-day tournament.

Several sponsorship levels are available, and the money received from the sponsors will be used to

offset the expenses of the tournament.

The Gold level of sponsorship is a \$200 donation and will list your name as a Gold Level member with a full-page ad in the program. The Silver Level is a \$100 donation and will list your name as a Silver Member and one half-page ad in the program.

The Bronze Level is a \$50 donation and will list your name as a Bronze Member and will allow a one-quarter of a page ad in the pro-

gram. Personal sponsorships are also being collected at \$10 per person.

This tournament will make a great impact financially for our community as well as will be a great start to a long-lasting tradition at CHS. Tournament organizers urge you to consider becoming a sponsor at any level, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information or to sign up as a sponsor, contact CISD Athletic Director Roger Hoeltzel at 874-2181.

## Better Business Bureau offers tips for giving

Every holiday season is filled with appeals to give to charitable causes. This holiday season will be no different, but one organization is urging caution.

Each year charity appeals increase in frequency and intensity, and the Better Business Bureau wants you to be prepared to give with your head as well as your heart.

"While you will receive many solicitations in the form of phone calls, mail pieces, and even door-to-door appeals, it's important to discern which calls for help are legitimate and which are not," said Janna Kiehl, Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau in Amarillo.

The majority of charities are

ethical, but some other organizations and individuals take advantage of the giving season by asking for donations that are not used to benefit a true charitable organization or a specific cause.

"Most Americans are generous by nature and want to help those less fortunate," Kiehl said. "It is important to evaluate which requests to respond to. You have a right to know exactly how your donation will be used, especially if the benefit to the charity is minimal."

The following tips are offered to help residents give wisely.

- Make a decision how much to give and who to give to before the calls come. This will allow you time

to check the organization's Standards of Charitable Solicitations with the Better Business Bureau. You'll also feel better when you have control over your giving habits.

- Keep your emotions in check while making your giving decisions. Be careful of appeals that are long on emotion but fail to tell you what they will do to help or who specifically will benefit from your cooperation.
- Exercise caution when asked to give immediately. Legitimate charities are always willing to take donations and rarely practice a sense of urgency. The needs of the victims will not go away when the holiday season is over.

**See 'Tips' on page 3.**



### Book 'em

Cub Scout Brandon Harien gets fingerprinted by Deputy Mike Spier Monday as fellow cub Trajen Johnson looks on. Den 2 is working toward their Bear Rank and visited the Donley County Sheriff's Department as one of their achievements. Other cubs attending were Joey Lawson and Chance Rowland. *Enterprise Digital Photo*

**WARNING:** The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

## Health Nazis are gunning for your beer

The Health Nazis and their lackeys in the legal profession are on the march again with yet another assault on freedom.

Following in the footsteps of the successful shake-down of the tobacco industry, a class action lawsuit has been filed in the District of Columbia against most of the nation's largest makers of alcoholic beverages. The sin of Big Alcohol in this case is that industry's marketing to (...all together now...) the children.

Oh, yes, the children. That is the innocent, snot-nosed segment of our society the protection of which is so important that liberals think consumers should give up all our rights to the pursuit of happiness and corporations should give up all their rights to free enterprise and free speech.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's check out the merits of this case.

AdAge.com is reporting that the lawsuit seeks to claim "billions of dollars in ill-gotten profits" from brewers and distillers who "denied" they were marketing to underage drinkers.

The suit says the defendants "engage in active, deliberate, and concerted efforts to maximize their profits by attempting to establish brand loyalty among underage consumers and encouraging them to buy their products."

The plaintiffs - who are parents of those too young to drink - claim Big Alcohol targets advertising toward teens through sponsorships of college activities, product placements in movies, and the use of cartoon characters, which the Cato Institute's Robert A. Levy says is "the same way that MetLife uses Snoopy to hoodwink all those gullible adolescents into buying insurance policies."

The lead attorney in this case is no stranger to the organized suppression of liberty. He is David Boies - the lawyer who was employed by the Clinton administration to persecute Microsoft for being successful and who represented presidential loser Al Gore in his quest to overturn a legitimate election in Florida.

The suit targets Coors Brewing Co., Heineken, Mark Anthony Brands (maker of Mike's Hard Lemonade), Bacardi USA, Bacardi Group, Brown-Forman, Diageo, Kobrand, and the Beer Institute.

The two largest brewers in the world - Anheuser-Busch and Miller Brewing Co. - are not mentioned in the case. This seems odd given those companies' use of marketing tools such as the Budweiser frogs, old Spuds MacKenzie, and the Miller Girls. But then I suppose it might have something to do with the fact that those two companies are clients of the esteemed Mr. Boies.

The alcohol industry for its part refutes the plaintiff's claims, and it has several solid facts on its side. The Beer Institute defends college-oriented advertising by citing Nielsen Media Research, which says "88 percent of persons that watch college football and 87 percent of those that watch college basketball are age 21 or older." The Institute also reports "underage drinking has steadily declined for the past two decades."

And a Cato Institute article by Levy says a 2003 Federal Trade Commission investigation "found no evidence of [alcohol marketing] targeting underage consumers" and further states, "studies from other sources have concluded that liquor advertising doesn't affect aggregate consumption. The purpose of ads for alcoholic beverages, like ads for automobiles, is to encourage brand shifting, not to convert non-drinkers into drinkers."

The most predominate factor in underage drinking is now and has always been peer pressure, and that can only be countermanded by mothers and fathers and other responsible adults. This lawsuit, like the tobacco suit before it, is only about two things: the enrichment of trial lawyers and the restriction of freedom.

This whole story is straight out of the "I Hate To Say I Told You So" Department. This column warned that lawsuits aimed at the tobacco industry would eventually spawn other attacks on any number of life's pleasures - namely junk food and alcohol.

There have since been attempts to sue fast food restaurants, the government is busy trying to keep candy and soft drinks out of our schools, and now this bunch of busybodies is suing the alcohol industry. And all of it comes down to the same basic premise: we have to protect the children from the evils of Big Tobacco, Big Food, and Big Alcohol.

In this case the term "children" also applies to otherwise legal adults age 18, 19, and 20; but the absurdity of our drinking laws is a topic for another time. What's important to note is that if the Health Nazis are successful, we will all be considered as children and none of us will have any rights at all.

America can simply not allow every aspect of our personal and commercial lives to be reduced to what is appropriate for a 10-year-old.

Underage drinking is a problem that can be successfully tackled by aggressive prosecution of those selling alcohol to minors and by the positive influence of parental involvement.

If some parents fail in their duties to raise their children properly or some lawmakers fail to enforce the law, that is not the fault of the adult beverage industry. It is certainly not the fault of any advertisement or sponsorship. It is rather a matter of personal irresponsibility, and no lawsuit will ever change that fact.



**editor's commentary**  
by roger estlack

## Pretty rough week takes its toll on Lola

There is nothing as sad as the end of an era... unless that era has been a particularly trying play in one act.

The play is over. It was a student-directed show, and it only ran two nights.

It seems somewhat anti-climactic to work for 15 hours a week on a show that runs an average of 50 minutes for two nights. You put all of your heart and soul into something, and you expect nothing short of a parade, a marquee, and a Tony Award.

My stomach has settled down now that I am a free woman. I have also stopped clenching my jaws and grinding my teeth.

It has been a pretty rough week, especially for my car, Lola.

It really is all my fault. I'll explain.

I live across the street from the theatre, so it's an easy walk to rehearsal. Monday night, however, I was driving in from my dance class a few minutes behind schedule. I parked behind the theatre like I usually do on Monday night.

We were in rehearsal until almost midnight. I walked home.

Wednesday afternoon. I'm walking

behind the theatre on my way to class when I spot yet another gold-toned Malibu. Chevy only makes Malibus in three colors, and they all look gold.

Cars say a lot of things about the kind of person you are. I like to find out what kind of people have the same things I do. I find it helps me to understand myself... a full-time job in itself.

I noticed that the driver was a second year student. You know how long a person has been at HSU by the number of parking permit stickers on their back window. I have two as well.

It had a cute little silver fish on the trunk. That's nothing unusual. On the campus of a Baptist university that near to the School of Theology, fish on trunks are common.

The coincidence that was just too much to be coincidence was the Chamberlain Motor Company nameplate. "That's



**life's lessons**  
by carrie helms

Lola!" I exclaimed to the person with whom I had been walking.

Lola had three \$8 parking tickets flapping in the breeze. I drove her to the appropriate parking lot.

In revenge, she refused to start Thursday night after the show. I had had a pretty rotten day, and the show had not gone its best. I sat there and cried for a while.

I gave Lola a pep talk. I asked her how long we had been together. The best 18 months of my life, too, I said. I neglected her once. I took her for granted, and I was sorry. Now, please start! Please!

No dice.

I called my mother and cried to her. Then she handed the phone to Dad, and I cried some more. Then I talked to Mom one more time. More crying.

I went upstairs and cried to my roommate. We turned on *Steel Magnolias* and sat there and cried together. I felt better.

It turns out that Lola has a faulty fuel pump. To replace it requires complete removal of the gas tank and, among other things, \$500.

I had another good cry.



### Local youths win VFW essay contest

Clarendon VFW Post 7782 and the Ladies Auxiliary has announced the winners to this year's Youth Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

Morgan Hysinger won first place and will receive a \$50 Savings Bond and prizes from the local VFW. Amanda Mendez won second place and will receive a check for \$15 and prizes. Cortnee Thornberry won third place and will receive a check for \$10 and prizes.

Each student was asked to write an essay of 300 words or more not to exceed 400 words on a topic selected by the National VFW organization. This year's topic was "My Dream for America."

Several students from the Clarendon Junior High School participated, and the top three winners were selected.

The members of the Post and Ladies Auxiliary appreciate the teachers and administration for participating in this contest. These students will be eligible to compete for the Commander Jack McCoy War Memorial Scholarship during their senior year in high school.



Clarendon Junior High's All-Region Band qualifiers. Photo courtesy CJH Band

### Band students compete at All-Region tryouts

Clarendon Junior High Band students competed in the All-Region Band Tryouts held Tuesday, December 2, at Highland Park High School.

There were 26 students that competed from Clarendon for 90 spots in the band.

Eleven Clarendon students made the All Region Band, which will perform a concert in Amarillo on January 17, 2004, at the Civic Center at 2:00 p.m.

Those students who made the band were Audrey Jones, Jill Cornell, Trevor Leeper, Randy Adams, Caitlin Clark, T.J. Brown, Stormie Garrison, Allison Garrard, Austin Howard, Sade Faas, and Erin Holland.

### Tips:

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- Always make your check payable to the charity and not to an individual. Never give cash. When giving items, such as clothing or food, check with the charity first to find out what kinds of donations are needed.

- Ask how much of your donation will go directly to the cause. Many charitable organizations use professional fundraisers or telemarketers to raise money. Legitimate charities must disclose this information when asked. Your deduction may not be entirely tax deductible.

- Be cautious of cause-related marketing promotions. When asked to buy a product from XYZ company because it will benefit ABC charity, ask questions. This type of marketing is acceptable as long as disclosures are made as to how the charity benefits. In most cases, less than ten percent of the proceeds actually benefit the charity.

For additional information on giving wisely, call the Better Business Bureau at 379-6222 or log on to [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

### weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	1	73°	29°	-
Tues	2	58°	36°	-
Wed	3	66°	40°	-
Thur	4	63°	25°	-
Fri	5	65°	26°	-
Sat	6	47°	14°	-
Sun	7	54°	23°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"  
 Total precipitation to date: 16.67"  
 Total precipitation in December last year: 1.71"  
 Total YTD total last year: 25.68"

### weekend forecast

	Friday, Dec. 12 Partly Cloudy 60°/27°
	Saturday, Dec. 13 Rain/Snow 45°/28°
	Sunday, Dec. 14 Mostly Sunny 48°/22°

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### Goodnight Community Chili Supper & Dance

Saturday, December 13  
at 6:00 p.m.

Music provided by the Horny Toads!

Goodnight Community Center  
FM 294 & US 287

Chili: \$1.50 per bowl  
Dance: \$5 per person

Partial proceeds go to the building fund.



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### CC offers EMT Training

Clarendon College will offer intermediate emergency medical technician (EMT) training beginning January 19, 2004.

Classes will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights at the Associated Ambulance Authority building located at 3 Medical Center Drive in Clarendon. Cost for the 21-week course is \$250, which includes the textbook and insurance. Continuing education credits are earned upon completion of this course.

To register for the class, contact Tex Buckhaults at 874-3571.

### Hedley Aldermen meet

The Hedley Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 1 at 6:35 p.m.

The board approved a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the city's participating in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's FY03 Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Project and pledging the pro-rata share of matching resources needed to facilitate the city's involvement in the same.

The board also reviewed and approved a monitoring plan for the city's public water system.

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tion casting the county's votes to elect Becky Jackson and Anthony Knowles directors for the Donley Appraisal District for 2004-2005.

The court approved the contract with the Donley Appraisal District for calendar year 2004.

A resolution supporting the need for a state constitutional amendment to prohibit unfunded mandates from the state was approved.

The court also voted to remit \$100 from the Jury Duty Donation fund to Child Protective Services.

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Prints - both signed and unsigned - are now available from the Donley County Historical Commission of the original acrylic painting of the courthouse by Rev. James Ivey Edwards.  
Call 806-874-3905 or 806-664-8832 for details.

Lovely weather for **Wagon Rides** during Late Night Shopping  
Thursday, December 11  
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The Clarendon Enterprise	Jason Green - 3G Hay Co.	Signs Plus
Clarendon Family Medical Center	Herring National Bank	Kelly Tunnell Contracting
	Mike's Pharmacy	

*We invite all our customers and friends to come enjoy refreshments and lunch during our annual*

## Customer Appreciation Days

December 18 & 19  
Thursday, 9:00-3:00  
Friday, 9:00-3:00

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## ¿Qué Pasa?

Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

### December 11

Late Night Shopping • until 8 p.m.

### December 12, 13

CHS performance of "Annie Get Your Gun" • Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center • 7:30 p.m.

### December 13

Lady Bulldogs v. Oklahoma Baptist • Bulldog Gym • 2 p.m.

### December 14

Christmas Cantata • First Methodist Church • 9 a.m.

Christmas Singing • Hedley First Baptist Church • 11 a.m.

CHS performance of "Annie Get Your Gun" • Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center • 3 p.m.

CHS & CJH Band Concerts • Colt Gym • 1 p.m.

### December 15

Christmas Candy Cooking Demonstration • CHS Home Ec. Room • 6:30 p.m.

### December 16

Hedley Choir Christmas Performance • HHS Auditorium • 6 p.m.

Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m.

### December 18

United Christian Men's Breakfast • Methodist Fellowship Hall • 7 a.m.

Late Night Shopping • until 8 p.m.

### December 21

Christmas Cantata • First Baptist Church • 6 p.m.

### December 25

Christmas

### December 29 - 31

Greenbelt Holiday Basketball Tournament • Broncho, Colt, & Bulldog Gyms • Times TBA

## Community Menus

### December 15-19

#### Clarendon Schools

**Breakfast**  
 Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk  
 Tues: Pancakes, fruit, milk  
 Wed: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk  
 Thur: Rice, toast, fruit, milk  
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
 Mon: Hamburger and rice casserole, peas, salad, rolls, fruit, milk  
 Tues: Enchilada casserole, beans, salad, chips, fruit, milk  
 Wed: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, cake, rolls, milk  
 Thur: Ham and cheese rolls, French fries, black-eye peas, fruit, milk  
 Fri: Hot turkey and cheese sandwich, French fries, salad, beans, fruit, milk

#### Hedley Schools

**Breakfast**  
 Mon: Cheese toast, dry cereal, toast and jelly, fruit juice, milk  
 Tues: Eggs and sausage, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk  
 Wed: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk  
 Thur: Blueberry pancake on a stick with syrup, cereal, juice, milk  
 Fri: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, peanut butter and toast, fruit juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
 Mon: Beef or cheese enchiladas, bean and rice, salad, fruit, chips and salsa, milk  
 Tues: Frito pie or chili cheese dog, chili beans, salad, mixed fruit, milk  
 Wed: Corn dog or burrito, chili and cheese, Mexican corn salad, fruit, cookies, milk  
 Thur: Barbecue on a bun or chicken on a bun, shredded lettuce, tomato and pickles, fries, milk  
 Fri: Lunches to go - ham and cheese sandwich, salad, apple, chips, milk

#### Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stroganoff, green beans, tomatoes, peas with cottage cheese, butterscotch pudding with topping, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Tues: Oven fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Wed: Pinto beans with ham, Harvard beans, sliced onion, coleslaw, blueberry sour cream pie, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Thur: Turkey dressing with gravy, green peas, cranberry salad, pumpkin brownies, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Fri: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, winter mix vegetables, nutty fruit square, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

#### Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Catfish, onion rings, mixed greens, coleslaw, bread pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, milk  
 Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, German cabbage, beet and onion salad, apricot halves, roll, coffee, tea, milk  
 Wed: Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, beans, tossed salad, pudding, chips and crackers, coffee, tea, milk  
 Thur: Chicken spaghetti, vegetable sticks, peas, Waldorf salad, pie, garlic bread, coffee, tea, milk  
 Fri: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, cookie, roll, coffee, tea, milk

## Year-end activities abound around town

Christmas is sneaking up on us, in case you've been living in a cave and haven't noticed all the decorations or ads in the newspaper or on television. And it's sneaking faster every day.

Last week, the college choir gave their annual Christmas concert on Thursday with a collection of beautiful, very familiar music - songs like "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "The Little Drummer Boy." The beautiful results are all the more impressive, I'm told, because a number of the choir members had never (or rarely) sung before. The audience sing-a-long was boosted from last year's "singing alone in a cave" sound by the addition of most of the cast of the high school musical who'd come to the concert. They

added both to the overall audience numbers and to the numbers in the audience actually willing to open their mouths and sing along.

And when the concert was over, they stayed for their practice on the Harned Sisters Auditorium stage, where the musical will be performed this coming weekend. I've gotten a real kick out of the advertising flyers posted around town. They look like an old Wild West show poster, with the face of leading lady Vanna Holton superimposed on the drawn Annie Oakley. First show is Friday night. Y'all come.

The Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party at the Community Center was last Saturday evening, and I know everyone had their usual good time. At least a few folks who

usually attend didn't make it because of one of the various bugs making its way through town, but overall, it went well. Janet Cooper, Anita Aaron, Logan Mays, Dale Adams, and Neal Bellah all split the grand prize.

All region high school band troupes were Monday of this week. Twenty students traveled to Panhandle to audition and eight made the cut. Accepted into all-region concert band were Andra Helms, Vanna Holton, Branson Carter, and Destiny Weatherston. Laura Dziedzic

made the all-region symphonic band on trumpet, as did Robert Shelton on baritone, who is also an alternate for all-area auditions. Two Clarendon High School students were qualifiers for the area band and made first chair in symphonic band: Ottis Scrivner on oboe and Lydia Hartman on percussion. If you see these eight students around town, be sure to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Don't forget the community choir performances this coming Sunday morning at the Methodist Church and next Sunday evening at First Baptist. You should be able to make at least one of them. And the band concert is this Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m., so there's plenty of time to make both the concert and the musical. Hope to see you there.



around town  
by gail shelton  
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## Frye wins local, district VFW oral essay contest

Blake Frye, son of Linda Frye of Clarendon and a senior attending Clarendon High School, has won the local and district Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US Voice of Democracy contest.

The VOD contest is open to all high school age students throughout the US. Each student is asked to produce an audio essay on a topic selected by the National VFW organization. This year's theme was "My Commitment to America's Future."

Frye will receive a \$200 Savings Bond from the VFW Post 7782 and the Ladies Auxiliary in Clarendon along with other prizes. Frye advanced to the district contest and won. He received a \$650 scholar-

ship from the District 9 Department of Texas VFW that covers the Texas Panhandle. Frye's essay will advance to the state's contest.

Lydia Hartman, daughter of Earl and Julie Hartman of Clarendon and a senior attending Clarendon High School, has placed second in the contest and will receive a \$100 Savings Bond from the VFW Post 7782 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Clarendon.

A student from Hedley High School submitted an application but did not provide an essay for judging.

All of these students are eligible to compete for the local VFW Commander Jack McCoy's War Memorial Scholarship where they can win a \$500 scholarship.

## Local VFW recognizes CHS band director

VFW Post 7782 and the Ladies Auxiliary of Clarendon has recognized Clarendon High School band director Todd Baker as their entry for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US Teacher of the Year Award in the high school category.

By his selection, Baker will

receive a steak dinner for two at "Sam Hill" Pit BBQ courtesy of the VFW.

Baker advances to the Department of Texas VFW's contest where he could win a free trip to Washington, DC and \$1,000 for himself and his school.



## Annie Oakly to take stage

Clarendon High School drama students will present "Annie Get Your Gun" on December 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and December 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The story is about Annie Oakly, the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, and falling in love. Come out and support the Clarendon High School Drama Department.

Photo courtesy CHS

## Books document Christmas history in Texas

Is Christmas a relatively new Texas celebration? According to Elizabeth Silverthorne's *Christmas in Texas*, Texas Indians were introduced to Christmas pageantry as early as 1599.

During the 1800s, Anglo-Americans' main concern was survival. However, when possible, they held Christmas religious observances followed by community parties. "These newcomers gave Texas geography a Yuletide touch." Seven towns were named Bethlehem. New Year Creek in Washington County, Christmas Mountain in Big Bend area, Egg Nog Stream in San Augustine County, and Christmas Creek in Limestone County also reflect early unknown travelers' Christmas awareness.

Protestant churches could not be organized in Texas under Mexican law. Therefore, Christmas celebrations followed Catholic traditions. By 1845, Texas' Independence year, citizens were free to celebrate the holiday season with any kind of religious or secular ceremony desired. Texas was a nation. Festivities lasted from Christmas Eve through

New Year's Day with turkey shoots, exuberant dinners, dances, and parties. Only few German immigrants had Christmas trees in their homes. Santa and reindeer were not yet well known. The Christmas tree was introduced into the White House by President Franklin Pierce in 1856. By 1880, trees were the "rage."

As Texas developed, so did Christmas traditions. Different cultures contributed aspects of food, parades, decorations, fashions, and cooking. The wealthy displayed elaborate decorations, giving their children china dolls and fancy rocking horses. The less wealthy decorated with berries, moss, cotton, colored cloth, popcorn, and red pepper garlands. Dolls of rags and corn shucks, handmade toy wagons, willow whistles, socks with nuts and fruit, and sometimes, a dime in the toe provided more common children's gifts.

"By 1864, homemade clothing, food, drink, and gifts were essential. Gold was \$5,000 a pound; flour \$600 a barrel; sugar \$2 an ounce; butter \$40 a pound; firecrackers \$5 a pack;

and real tea \$100 a pound. Merchants had little of anything to sell. For what they did have, they refused to accept worthless Confederate money, insisting on gold or silver."

The Civil War ended before the 1865 holiday season. Merchants advertised supplies of "candy, raisins, whiskey, tobacco, coffee, and dry goods in time for Christmas." A sad postscript on the horrors of war were advertisements for "metallic artificial legs for \$100 to \$125, cheaper and more lasting than wooden legs."

Coming of the railroad, 1871, provided more available goods. Newspaper advertisements categorized Christmas celebrations under titles such as "List of Church Activities" and "Christmas Doings in Saloons."

By the end of the 19th century, 2000 people attended midnight Mass

at San Fernando Cathedral, quite different from the first starlit and moonlit Christmas Mass held by lonely Spanish soldiers on Texas soil in 1599.

German, Jewish, Italians, Poles, and French in Texas celebrated their own traditional rituals. Traditions of other heritages brought to Texas by Scandinavians, British, Czechs, African-American, and Wendish will also interest readers.

Our Frontier heritage includes excerpts from letters and colorful descriptions of activities on Jackson, Goodnight (JA), Matador, King, and XIT Ranches. J. Frank Dobie shares one of his Christmas recollections.

Typical Christmas cards and wonderful recipes from various cultures contribute additional interest to this outstanding book. Why not include a delicious dish from another culture with your own traditional Panhandle holiday dinner?

*Christmas in Texas* offers readers fascinating, historical insight to integrated cultures which have contributed to our state's greatness. Why not check it out?



check it out  
by mary beth nelson

## Don't let foodborne 'bug' spoil holiday festivities

COLLEGE STATION - Unexpected guests can ruin holiday festivities - especially when those "guests" are preventable foodborne illnesses. Good food safety practices, from storage to cleanup, are the best way to keep these 'bugs' at bay, said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist.

Harmful bacteria, which cause foodborne illnesses, grow best in moist, protein-based food, such as meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, dressing, gravy and dairy products. These bacteria also thrive at temperatures between 40° F and 140° F, which is designated as the "danger zone," she said.

Unfortunately many favorite holiday foods are exactly the ones most likely to contain foodborne illness-causing bacteria. That's why perishable foods should be kept

in this danger zone for no longer than two hours. To keep meals safer during the holidays, or any other time, Van Laanen said:

- Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator. Food thawed in a microwave should be cooked immediately.
- Make sure foods are cooked to the proper internal temperature. For whole chicken and turkey, that's an internal temperature of 180° F and 170° F for poultry breasts; ground poultry and stuffings, 165° F; beef, veal or lamb, 170° F for well done; ground beef or pork dishes, 160° F; egg casseroles, 160° F; and leftovers, 165° F or boiling hot.
- Serve hot foods at or above 140° F, and cold foods at below 40° F. Make sure foods served on a buffet are at room temperature for no more than two hours.
- If serving buffet style, put out

small quantities of food and replace often. If a serving dish empties, replace it with a fresh one.

- Discard any foods that have been at room temperature for more than two hours; Use refrigerated or frozen foods within recommended storage times.

If food items are received as gifts:

- Make sure food, such as meat or poultry, is still cold or frozen and has been packed with a cold source. The food item should also be packed in a foam container or heavy corrugated cardboard box.
- Check the postage date. Perishable food should be delivered quickly, ideally overnight. The outer package of the food should be clearly labeled "Keep Refrigerated."
- Immediately open any package marked "Keep Refrigerated." Check

the temperature of the food items inside. Perishable items should arrive partially frozen with visible ice crystals and still be frozen in the middle.

- If the perishable food is warm, do not consume or taste it. Alert the company immediately if the food is warm.

Although mail-order shopping is easy and convenient, Van Laanen advised against sending perishable foods through the mail.

But, she added, some gift food items are safer than others. "Gift food items that do not need refrigeration include canned meats, dry sausages (pepperoni, hard salamis), fruits, crackers, or other dried food items."

For more information, visit <http://tcebookstore.org/> Click on the link to food and then safety. Publication E-123, "Food Safety for Holiday Entertaining," might be of interest.

## Senior Citizens to give afghan

By Cathy Marable

Onita Thomas has graciously donated a beautiful hand-crocheted red and white afghan, which someone will win on December 19 at the noon fundraiser drawing. Chances are \$1.00. You do not need to be present to win.

On December 16 at 6 p.m. we will celebrate our December birthdays/anniversaries and exchange gifts for the holidays. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, ladies please bring a gift suitable for a woman (up to \$5) and gentlemen, please bring a gift (up to \$5) for a man.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all of our new Save Our Center sponsors: Jack & Fredie Jo Moreman, Doug & Martha Lowe, Blackie & Nora Hartwick, Butch & Debbie Hamilton, Vada Morrison, Donley County State Bank, and St. Mary's Christian Mothers. We now have 142 sponsors and the Senior Center/Meals on Wheels needs 58 more people to step up as sponsors to give us support. Please help.

To become a sponsor (donating \$8.00 a month), please call 874-2665 or come by our center for a visit or for a good lunch! Everyone is welcome. All contributions are tax deductible.

Our get-well wishes go to Al Musgrove and D. W. Swain.

### REMINDERS:

Mondays: Dance Club, 6 to 8 p.m.  
 Tuesdays: Game nights, 6 p.m.  
 M-W-F: Exercises, 9 a.m.

## Gem Theatre to present Christmas program

The Turkey Gem Theatres will present "Christmas with a Warm Country Heart" on Saturday, December 13, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring the distinctive country piano of John Walker of Grand Prairie.

John's inspiration to play piano came from Floyd Cramer, and Floyd would be proud of John's accomplishments. Members of the band are Jack Grubel from Granbury on drums; Cecil White from Lubbock will play lead guitar and sing; and Michael Grace from Turkey on bass guitar.

The MC's for the night will be Pat Seigler of Matador and Paul Harris from the Childress radio-station.

The first half of the show will be the Best of Warm Country Heart and the second half will be a special holiday greeting. Special guest will be Key Golden Wright on vocals.

Showtime is 7:00 p.m., and ticket prices will be \$8.00 in advance or at the door. For more information or for advance ticket purchases, call 806-423-1420.

## Cooking demonstration to be held December 16

Tashia Duncan will hold a cooking demonstration on Christmas candies at 6:30 p.m. on December 15 in the Home Economics Room at Clarendon High School.

Ms. Duncan is the Family and Consumer Science teacher at Clarendon High School.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Christian Men to hold breakfast next week

The United Christian Men's Breakfast will be held December 18 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

The Saints' Roost Band will present a Christmas music program that will remind you of the birth of Jesus, who is the real reason for the season.

Bring your entire family and enjoy the breakfast and this time of fellowship.

## Dietitians see beef as nutrition solution

The Texas Beef Council and Texas Dietetic Association are showing 4,000 dietitians how beef can help maintain healthy weights.

In a series of state-wide seminars, Texas dietitians learn that people tend to eat less and maintain healthier weights when they focus on eating good-tasting foods that they enjoy as part of balanced diets. Beef is a nutritious food that offers enjoyment because of its legendary flavor.

**Obituaries**

**Hayward**

Funeral services for Melvin Morse Hayward, age 79, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2003, in Robertson Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Brother Shane Whitten, Music Minister at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Hayward died Sunday, December 7, 2003, in Amarillo. He was born June 18, 1924, in Neosho, Cherokee County, Kansas. He was

a resident of Blue Jacket, Oklahoma, before moving to Amarillo 19 years ago. He married Earl Dean "Jayne" Wilson on August 22, 1944, at Hays, Kansas. She preceded him in death on November 24, 1999. He was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II. He worked as an aircraft mechanic for American Airlines for 31 years before his retirement. He was a member of Cliffside Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include two sons, Melvin Wilson Hayward of Lubbock and Walter Myrl Hayward of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; one brother, Jimmy Hayward of Vinita, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; and nine

great grandchildren. Casket bearers were nephews of Mr. Hayward.

**Woody**

Graveside services for Rick Woody, age 46, of Gordonville, Texas, were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at Dixie Cemetery in Grayson County, Texas, under the direction of Huff Funeral Home in Whitesboro.

Mr. Woody died Wednesday, November 26, 2003, at Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman. He was born October 31, 1957, in San Antonio to James Clark Woody and Helen Chance Woody. He married Susan Molder on November

26, 1977, in Clarendon. He was a blender operator for Phillips Petroleum in Borger for twenty years.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Woody of Gordonville; three sons, Daniel Woody of Gordonville, Eric Woody of Borger, and Matthew Woody of Gordonville; one daughter, Cheyenne Woody of Gordonville; his father, James Woody of Pampa; his birth mother, Wynona E. Jones of Lufkin; a brother, Cecil Riddles of Longview; three sisters, Pat Eubanks of Round Rock, Kaye Nicholson of Paris, and Neva Levitt of Jacksonville, Florida; and two granddaughters, Elizabeth Woody of Pampa and Hannah Woody of Whitesboro.

*Buster and Karen Wortham  
will celebrate their  
25th Wedding Anniversary  
on December 13, 2003,  
1:00 p.m.  
at the Church of Christ  
Family Life Center*

**Lady Bulldogs drop two games on road**

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bulldogs are playing hard, but they have had trouble getting the wins on the board. They traveled to Cisco Junior College December 5 and lost 55-74. December 6 the Lady Bulldogs fell to McClellan Community College also in Cisco 70-88.

Stephanie Russell is averaging 18.4 points per game, Camille Thompson 8.5 points per game, and Tesla Morris is hitting 7.4 points per game. Tiffany Harrison is the Lady Bulldogs' leading rebounder with 5.6 rebounds per game and Thompson has grabbed 5.1 rebounds per game. Thompson is leading in the assists column with 5 per game. Chelo McElrath is averaging 4.6 assists per game.

CC faces Oklahoma Baptist University at home December 13 at 2:00 p.m.

**Junior high to host tournament December 13**

The seventh grade Lady Colts took on the Lady Skyrockets and added another win to the record as they defeated Wellington, 26-16.

Scoring: Janae White 8, Jenci White 6, Caitlan Hall 6, Kasey Green 4, and Bailey Starnes 2.

The eighth grade Lady Colts played hard against the Lady Skyrockets but suffered a disappointing one-point loss at 32-33. Scoring: Erin Holland 6, Sade Faas 6, Abbie Massingill 6, Allison Garrard 6, Morgan Hysinger 4, and Macy Shadle 4.

The Lady Colts will host a four-team tournament on December 13. The seventh grade Lady Colts will play Silverton at 9:00 a.m. and will play again at 2:00 p.m. The eighth

grade Lady Colts will play Silverton at 11:30 a.m. and will play again at 4:30 p.m. Both Lady Colt teams will play at home December 15 against Wheeler at 5:00 p.m.

The Clarendon Colts faced off against Wellington December 1 and claimed another victory over their opponent as they defeated them 38-26.

Scoring: Alton Gaines 14, Danzel Wilson 14, Nathan Gribble 6, Derrick Shelton 2, and Jesus Hernandez 2.

The eighth grade Colts played hard as well, but fell short in their attempt to defeat the Skyrockets, 47-43. Scoring: T.J. Brown 25, Austin Howard 10, Dalton Askew 4, and P.J.

Ray 4. Both Colt teams will host a four-team tournament Saturday December 13. The seventh grade Colts will play Silverton at 10:15 a.m. and will play again at 3:15 p.m. The eighth grade Colts will play Silverton at 12:45 p.m. and will play again at 5:45 p.m. They will travel to Wheeler December 15 to take on the Mustangs with the seventh grade game beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the eighth grade game to follow.



**the lion's tale**  
*by allen estlack*

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 9, 2003, with Boss Lion Marvin Elam in charge.

We had 16 members and two guests — Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack, and Jim Halston of Crown of Texas Hospice, who presented our program.

Mr. Halston explained the care and serves Crown of Texas offers along with the time of care and area they cover. Everyone who uses the service would recommend it to a friend or relative.

The Boss Lion announced that the Christmas Baskets would be prepared and delivered next week. We want to acknowledge the Girl Scouts, the Methodist Fellowship Sunday School Class, Ruby Dell Estlack, and Panhandle Community Services for helping us with this project.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

**Looking Back**

**15 Years Ago**

THE CLARENDON PRESS, December 9, 1988

• Pat Roberson has been sworn in as the new Treasurer of Donley County. He succeeds Pam Fletcher, who resigned after taking a job in New Mexico.

• Several local students have been listed in the 22nd annual Who's Who Among American High School Students, including Michael Adams, Nugget Bland, Renee Campbell, Twanna Garland, Marcy Helms, Audra Hoggard, Jason May, Chris O'Neal, Lori Roberson, Chris Ward, Schell Holland, Joseph Jaramillo, Michael Moore, Bridget Bland, Lisa Blanton, Michelle Chambliss, Buffle Hancock, Jimmy Hobbs, Kimberly Kelling, Jennie Porter, Carrie Simpson, Lynn Wiggs, Robert Long, and Katrina Leathers.

**50 Years Ago**

THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, Dec. 10, 1953

• Twenty-four streamers of lights have been put up in Clarendon in addition to the lights put up last year, and to anyone driving in on US 287 from either direction it is a beautiful sight to behold. A tree on the court house lawn has also been decorated completely in blue lights, and an eight-foot star lighted with blue lights sits atop the watertower on the west side of town.

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## Lady Owls take lessons from tourney

By Tangela Copelin  
 The Hedley Lady Owls played in the Canyon Tournament last weekend and gained some valuable lessons to take down the road.  
 The girls began the tournament facing off with Amarillo High School and were beaten, 70-30.  
 "The girls did not play the way they could," Coach Kenneth Housden said of the game.  
 The next game the Lady Owls played ball the way they know how and beat El Paso Hanks, 62-37.  
 Hedley then beat Dripping Springs, 56-45, to take fifth place in the tournament, bringing their record to 6-1 for the season.

Scoring against Amarillo High were Brittney Bennett 8, Haley Bennett 6, Rebekah Howard 6, Kasi Woodard 6, and Sarah Bolin 4.  
 Scoring against El Paso Hanks were Howard 31, Bolin 11, H. Bennett 7, Woodard 5, Lacey Wallendorff 4, and B. Bennett 4.  
 Scoring against Dripping Springs were Howard 28, H. Bennett 13, Woodard 9, Rowland 2, Bolin 2, and B. Bennett 2.  
 The Lady Owls will play this weekend in the Abernathy Tournament.

## Hedley Owls fall in tourney

By Will Verstuyft  
 The Hedley Owls traveled to Miami last week to participate in the Warriors tournament and were defeated by Adrian in the first game.  
 The boys came out strong holding their opponents all the way through the first three quarters keeping a strong lead until the final few minutes of the fourth quarter play. In the end, the Owls lost, 64-51.  
 Scoring were Stephen Howard 13, Aaron Hanes 11, Will Wallendorff 9, Wes Shields 8, Eric Alston 7, and Cole Llewellyn 3.

The second game the Owls played was against Follett, and they started the game out slow, allowing their opponents to get ahead of them. The Owls were unable to close the game and lost, 60-45.  
 Scoring were Wallendorff 12, Alston 11, Glover 5, Howard 4, Shields 4, Thomas 4, Llewellyn 3, and Seth Koetting 2.  
 The Hedley Owls will play this coming weekend in the Ft. Elliott Tournament at noon on Thursday against the Warriors of Miami.

## HJH girls dominate Groom team, 71-4

By Will Verstuyft  
 Hedley Jr. High took on the Groom Cubs in the Owl Gym last Monday.  
 The girls played first and had an outstanding game. They played hard in the first quarter, exercising tough defense and not allowing Groom to score at all. Hedley allowed Groom to make only two free throws in the second quarter, and the first half ended 37-2.

The girls kept it up throughout the third quarter, making the score 49-4. The rest of the game was basically the same as the Hedley girls came out on top, 71-4.  
 Scoring were Lori Bugg 19, Julie Woodard 12, Kristen Dwight 9, Brook Martin 7, Haley Hall 6, Shandy Koetting 6, Skyler Conatser 4, Elizabeth Garcia 4, and Kelby Shields 4.  
 The Hedley Jr. High boys started strong but unfortunately gave up the lead to the Groom Cubs.  
 The Owls lost momentum in the second quarter, ending the half behind at 21-10. The Owls outscored the Cubs in the third quarter, but the Groom boys had a big enough lead to hold out for the 38-29 win.  
 Scoring for the Owls were Brandon Montgomery 10, Andy Alston 7, Peter Howard 5, Archie Sharp 4, and Jonathan Edmonson 3.

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**Making a list**  
 Santa came to visit Hedley on Wednesday, December 3. He visited with about 50 children while he was there. Santa, (a.k.a. Anthony Knowles) is seen here with Clay Koetting. Santa was sponsored by Hedley Fire Department, Hedley Homemakers, and the City of Hedley.

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**JV Lady Owls compete**  
 By Tangela Copelin  
 The Hedley JV Lady Owls traveled to Miami last Thursday and Friday to play in the varsity tournament there in place of the varsity Lady Owls who were competing in the Canyon tournament.  
 The girls lost but played well with only seven players - three sophomores and four freshmen.  
 Adrian defeated Hedley, 31-25. Scoring were Holly Davis 8, Ashleah Martin 7, Katie Gregory 7, and Jaci Copelin 3. In the second game the girls were defeated by Shamrock, 47-43. Scoring were Gregory 15, Davis 14, Copelin 6, Kyra Stevens 4, Martin 3, and Carmen Garcia 1.  
 The Lady Owls JV also competed against the Clarendon JV on Tuesday and lost 31-21. Scoring were Davis 10, Copelin 5, Garcia 2, Martin 2, and Gregory 2.  
 The Lady Owls JV will be in the Ft. Elliott Varsity Tournament Thursday against Booker at 1:30 p.m.

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 The Family of John McCauley

**Letters To Santa**  
 Hey Kids! Time is running out. Get your Santa letters to us by 5 p.m. Thursday!  
 Everyone knows that the Jolly Ole Elf reads The Clarendon Enterprise to find out what all the Donley County kids want for Christmas. So get busy, write those wish lists, and mail your letter to:  
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 Or bring it by The Enterprise office and drop it in the drop box outside.  
 The letters will be printed in the Christmas Issue on December 25, 2003. Deadline is Thursday, Dec. 11, at 5:00 p.m.  
 All letters received after the deadline will not be printed but will be forwarded to the North Pole.  
 Hurry! Don't delay 'cause Santa Claus is coming your way.

## Bronco JV Maroon takes first place in tournament

The Bronco Maroon JV played hard and was very deserving of their first place finish in their own tournament December 4 and 6.

The Broncos took on Valley in the first round and defeated them 49-29. The Broncos trailed after the first period, but they took the lead in the second quarter and continued to lead until the buzzer.

Scoring: Quentin West 14, Michael Randall 14, Michael Henderson 11, Brad Sell 7, Stephen Ford 2, and Jesse Rodriguez 1.

The Broncos faced White Deer in the second round and defeated them, 39-20. Solid play and good hustle allowed the Broncos to get the 19-point win.

Scoring: Sell 11, West 10, Randall 6, Henderson 6, Rodriguez 4, and Ford 2.

The Broncos went on to face Wellington for the championship and got the 45-35 win for first place in the tournament. Scoring: Randall 15, Ford 9, Sell 7, Henderson 7, Rodriguez 4, and West 1.

The Broncos also went up against Hedley December 2 at home and handily defeated them 60-11. The Broncos totally dominated their opponent and stopped any attempt by the Owls to get something going offensively. Scoring: West 12, Jon McGlaun 8, Ford 8, Rodriguez 7, Tim Sanchez 7, Bret Carter 6, Morgan Robinson 4, Sell 2, and Ty

White 2.

The Broncos traveled to Hart November 25 to take on the Longhorns and were defeated by one point. The final score was 60-61. Scoring: West 18, Randall 14, Sell 10, Ford 6, Robinson 4, Rodriguez 4, Carter 2, and McGlaun 2.

The Broncos will take on Silverton December 12 beginning at 5:15 p.m. and Tulia on December 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m. They will host Childress December 19 at 5:00 p.m. before the Christmas break. They will resume regular season play after the break on January 2 at home against Silverton.

The Bronco White JV took on Silverton in the first round of

the Clarendon JV Tournament held December 4 and 6 at the Bronco Gymnasium. The Broncos defeated the Owls 37-35. Scoring: Jon McGlaun 11, Ty White 10, Tim Sanchez 9, Bret Carter 4, and Morgan Robinson 3.

The Broncos faced Wellington in the second round and lost 20-52. Wellington held an eleven-point lead at the break, and the Broncos just couldn't make up the deficit to get back into the ball game.

Scoring: Sanchez 8, McGlaun 6, Robinson 5, and Clint Watson 1.

In the third round, the Broncos went up against White Deer and were defeated 27-44. Scoring: Carter 12, Sanchez 8, McGlaun 5, and White 2.

## Lady Bronco JV White takes 2nd in tourney

The Lady Bronco White JV participated in the Bronco JV Tournament December 4-6 at the Bronco Gymnasium and finished in second place behind White Deer.

They played Silverton in the first round and defeated them 55-18. The Lady Broncos held their opponent to only one point in the first half of play and completely dominated the remainder of the game. Scoring: Kimberly Tolbert 13, Anndria Kidd 10, Shelby Watson 10, Caitlan Hall 10, Meghan Gribble 6, Holly Cornell 4, and Jamie Simmons 2.

The Lady Broncos took on Highland Park in the second round and won 27-23. Scoring: Tolbert

11, Gribble 6, Watson 4, Hall 3, Simmons 2, and Cierra Benavidez 1.

CHS lost to White Deer in the championship round 31-48. Scoring: Tolbert 12, Hall 6, Kidd 5, Kristen White 4, Cornell 2, and Gribble 2.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos faced off against Hedley and defeated them 30-21. Scoring: Hall 8, Tolbert 8, Kidd 4, Cornell 4, Watson 2, White, and Simmons 2.

The JV ladies will play at Tulia December 16 and Childress December 19. Both games start at 5 p.m.

The Lady Bronco Maroon JV finished third in the tournament hosted by the Broncos December 4-6. They faced Valley in the first round

and won 31-13. Scoring: Kelsea Hoeltzel 9, Haley Carter 8, Becky Flieger 7, Jessie Howard 4, Regan Lemley 2, and Sarah Scrivner 1.

The Lady Broncos played White Deer in the next round and were defeated 35-50. Scoring: Carter 8, Flieger 8, Lemley 7, K. Hoeltzel 6, Howard 4, and Scrivner 2.

It was Clarendon and Highland Park in the final round for 3rd place. CHS took control and finished one point up in double overtime. Scoring: Lemley 12, K. Hoeltzel 10, Flieger 6, Howard 5, Scrivner 3, and Carter 2.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos traveled to Canadian and fell short 44-45.

## Lady Owls beat Lady Broncos

The girls of Donley County squared off last Tuesday as the Lady Broncos hosted the Lady Owls in Clarendon.

The number one ranked Hedley girls defeated the Lady Broncos, 67-53.

The Lady Broncos fell behind by 12 points in the first quarter and it was just too much to make up despite outscoring the Lady Owls in the second and fourth quarters.

Clarendon Coach Kathy Barton said turnovers were a problem for her girls.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Rebekah Howard 21, Haley Bennett 15, Sarah Bolin 12, Kasi Woodard 7, Brittney Bennett 6, Treva Rowland 4, and Lacey Wallendorff 2.

Sandy Anderberg and Tangela Copelin contributed to this report.

## Broncos defeat Hedley Owls, 55-35

The Broncos defeated the Hedley Owls in Clarendon last Tuesday, 55-35.

The boys from Hedley had a hard start and got behind 14-7 early on and were never able to catch the Broncos.

Clarendon Coach Wade Calloway was pleased with the game.

"It is always exciting when the two Donley County schools get together," Calloway said. "We came out enthusiastic in front of a great home crowd and put together four solid quarters."

Scoring for CHS were: Jeremy Howard 20, Chase Thornberry 11, Drew Sell 7, and Jesse Gowdy 6.

Scoring for HHS were: Aaron Hanes 10, Will Wallendorff 7, Wes Shields 6, Cole Llewellyn 6, Stephen Howard 4, and Dustin Thomas 2.

Sandy Anderberg and Will Verstuyt contributed to this report.

## Golfers still playing at local country club

The December weather is cooperating completely for the weekly golfers at the Clarendon Country Club.

Eleven players took part in the weekly men's game on Wednesday of last week. First place went to Charlie Davis, shooting a 64; and second place went to Butch Schollenbarger with a 65. W.E. Hawkins turned in a 68, which was good enough for third; and Dan Ashford's 70 was good enough for fourth place.

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## Broncos claim first at Childress tourney

By Sandy Anderberg  
It has been a good week for the Clarendon Broncos and their tenacity has paid off for the team as they were named champions of the 1st Annual Childress Basketball Tournament held December 4-6.

The Broncos met up with a physical Canadian team in the first round and outlasted them, 61-56. Things were all even in the game until the third quarter when the Broncos stepped it up and took an eight-point lead over the Wildcats going on to win by five points.

"We played good enough to win, but we could never put these guys away," head coach Wade Callaway said. "We would get up 10, and they would cut it to one. We played solid down the stretch, however, and

finished strong... especially on the defensive end. Offensively, I really like the balance we had with four players in double digits. That speaks to our teamwork."

Scoring: Jeremy Howard 21, Drew Sell 13, Chase Thornberry 10, Steven Ballard 2, Tim Leeper 2, and Ladez Captain 1.

The Broncos faced rival Memphis in the next round and earned a hard-fought win against the Cyclones at 51-46. The Broncos trailed at the end of the first period, but took a two-point advantage into the locker room. A tight third period led to the fourth quarter where the Broncos took control and got the win.

"This was a great win for our program," Callaway said. "We didn't play particularly well the first two and

a half quarters, but we hung around. The last quarter and a half we played pretty well in regards to defense and taking care of the ball and pulled out a big win. It was a true team victory, and our seniors led the way."

Scoring: Sell 15, Howard 10, Leeper 9, Jesse Gowdy 6, Thornberry 4, Andrew Thomas 4, Ballard 2, and Will Betts 1.

The win over Memphis gave the Broncos the opportunity to play for the top spot against 3A River Road. The Broncos played hard and got the 49-42 win over the Cats. The Broncos trailed by nine at the break, but they came out in the third to close the gap to six points. Hustle and determination paid off for the Broncos.

"This was another huge win for the program," Callaway said. "I

can't say enough about these guys! They outwork everyone and get the job done! (River Road) had beaten us earlier by 13, and they were well on their way to do it again. Another great 4th quarter, as we outscored them 19-6, where we took two big charges, made some big shots, and hit some crucial FT's as we were 9 for 10 in the fourth quarter."

Scoring: Sell 21, Howard 11, Gowdy 7, Thomas 6, Thornberry 2, and Leeper 2.

"Overall it was a tremendous week for us; however we cannot rest on our laurels. We have a lot of improving to do. If this were the highlight of the season, it would be disappointing. Our goal is the playoffs, and we've got a long way to go yet."

## Lady Broncos beat Childress

By Sandy Anderberg  
The Lady Broncos had a busy week as they played one regular season game and three tournament games at the 1st Annual Childress Basketball Tournament December 4-6.

The Lady Broncos were successful in receiving the Consolation trophy at the tournament by defeating the host team.

The Lady Broncos faced a tough Canadian team in the opening round of the tournament and were defeated, 69-30. The team had a good start in the first quarter, but had a rough time getting anything to fall offensively in the remaining game. Turnovers also plagued the Lady Broncos and hindered their play.

Scoring: Lacey Eads 7, Kaitlyn Howard 6, Jessie Anderberg 4, Claudia Thomas 4, Shanna Shelton 4, Haley Shelton 2, Brittney Hall 2, and Jessica Hernandez 1.

The Lady Broncos faced district rival Memphis in the second round and handily defeated them, 71-14. Good team play allowed the Lady Broncos to dominate from the tip-off.

Scoring: Eads 25, H. Shelton 12, S. Shelton 10, Anderberg 7, Howard 5, Hernandez 4, Thomas 4, and Hall 4.

The second round win put the Lady Broncos in the Consolation bracket and allowed them to face the Childress Lady Cats. They took the win 51-43. The Lady Broncos jumped out to the early lead but let the Lady Cats back into the game at the break. The Lady Broncos came out in the second half and outscored their opponent taking the win.

"It was nice to bring home a trophy from a tournament," Coach Kathy Barton said.

Scoring: Eads 19, Thomas 14, H. Shelton 8, S. Shelton 7, Hall 2, and Hernandez 1.

Senior Lacey Eads was selected to the All-Tournament team as voted on by the participating coaches.

Barton was pleased with the effort by the Lady Broncos this week.

"We played hard this week and did a lot of things right," Barton said. "We had too many turnovers against good teams. We need to find a consistency this month; we are not consistent from quarter to quarter or from game to game. We are still a young team but improving all of the time. Even though we are young, we still have a very good team; and I am very proud of them."

The Lady Broncos will travel to Silverton Friday, December 12, and to Tulia on December 16. The Lady Broncos will host Childress December 19 before the Christmas break. All of the games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Clarendon's Drew Sell named Childress Tournament MVP

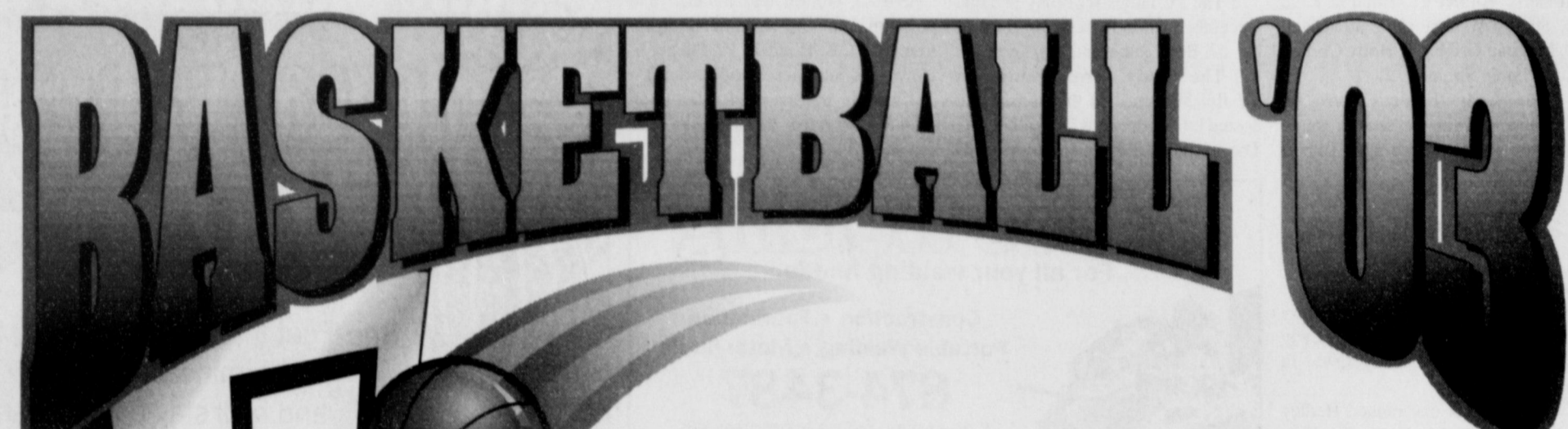
Drew Sell worked hard and was very diligent in his play at the Childress Tournament to be recognized by other coaches at the tournament. He was voted as the Most Valuable Player in the eight-team tournament.

"I was thrilled that Drew got the MVP," Coach Wade Callaway said. "He is the best kid in the world, and good things should happen to great people. He deserved it, and I was proud of him."

Sophomore Chase Thornberry

was selected to the All-Tournament Team as voted on by the other coaches.

"Chase did not score a ton of points," Callaway said. "But he ran the team efficiently and played solid defense."



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44	Michael Henderson	Soph	Post
50	Andrew Thomas	Fr	Post
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Lady Broncos			
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Soph	Guard
10	Lacey Eads	Sr	Forward
12	Jessica Hernandez	Jr	Guard
14	Jessie Anderberg	Jr	Forward
20	Claudia Thomas	Soph	Post
22	Haley Shelton	Soph	Guard
24	Annidria Kidd	Soph	Guard
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## Clarendon Elementary wins district UIL literary contest

The students at Clarendon Elementary competed in the Fall UIL Literary Meet at Wellington on November 20 and 21, 2003.

For the third straight year, Clarendon Elementary students were district champions. Clarendon students scored 312.5 points to place first. Wellington scored 284 for second, Wheeler scored 229.5 for third, Claude scored 172 for fourth, Memphis scored 134 for fifth, and Shamrock scored 127 for sixth.

Students participated in many different events. The results are as follows:

Second grade creative writing - Zachary Cornell, 2nd; Troy Clark, 4th.

Third grade music memory - team placed second with members Kenzie Perryman, Gabby Rodriguez, Maritta Brady, Lee Cook, and Cole Ward.

Third grade ready writing - Kenzie Perryman, 1st.

Third grade spelling - Maritta Brady, 1st; Kenzie Perryman, 3rd.

Third grade storytelling - Jentry Shadle, 1st; Maci White, 3rd.

Fourth grade spelling - Jordan Luna, 4th; Cynthia Medina, 5th; Brooklyn Bailey, 6th.

Fifth grade art smart - team placed 4th with members Annie Patten, Natalie Rodriguez, Neil Devin, and Bradley Watson.

Fifth grade dictionary skills - Dominique Brady, 6th tie.

Fifth grade listening skills - Neil Devin, 1st tie; Danielle Ford, 3rd 3-way tie.

Fifth grade maps, graphs, and charts - Neil Devin, 3rd; Kelsey Mullins, 4th.

Fifth grade music memory - team placed 2nd with members Ashlyn Tubbs, Neil Devin, Kelsey Mullins, Morgan Hysinger, and Natalie Rodriguez.

Fifth grade number sense - Neil Devin, 6th.

Fifth grade oral reading - Savannah Thackeray - 5th.

Fifth grade ready writing - Neil Devin, 4th.

Fifth grade spelling - Dominique Brady, 1st; Natalie Rodriguez - 2nd; Kaleigh West, 3rd.

## Sheriff's Report shows county has quiet week

**Dec. 1**  
8:55 a.m. - Vandalism in 400 block of E. 1st.  
9:26 a.m. - Vandalism second location on E. 1st.  
2:30 p.m. - Out at junior high school.  
4:21 p.m. - Out at US 287 at S. Koogle - emergency comes out of place.  
6:53 p.m. - Welfare check on CR 13.

**Dec. 2**  
2:17 a.m. - EMS assist on N. SH 70.  
9:43 p.m. - EMS assist in 600 block of S. Gorst.

**Dec. 3**  
12:43 a.m. - Residential alarm on FM 2471.  
1:15 p.m. - Civil stand by.

**Dec. 4**  
1:06 a.m. - See complainant in 300 block of E. 6th.  
1:18 a.m. - Out in 300 block of S. Carhart.  
4:44 a.m. - Residential alarm on FM 2471.  
1:00 p.m. - Check unfamiliar vehicle at high school parking lot.  
4:08 p.m. - Minor vehicle accident in 200 block

**Dec. 5**  
7:25 p.m. - See complainant on US 287 at S. Taylor St.  
9:55 p.m. - Vandalism in 500 block of Browning.

**Dec. 5**  
9:19 a.m. - Out at high school.  
9:11 p.m. - Reported man with gun in 500 block of E. 2nd St.

**Dec. 6**  
9:19 a.m. - Illegal parking on US 287 at S. Taylor.

**Dec. 7**  
3:14 a.m. - To jail, possession of marijuana.  
3:40 p.m. - Out with pedestrian on US 287, eastbound.  
8:54 p.m. - Out on US 287 at S. Jefferson.

**Summary**  
Arrests - 4 EMS - 6 Fire - 2

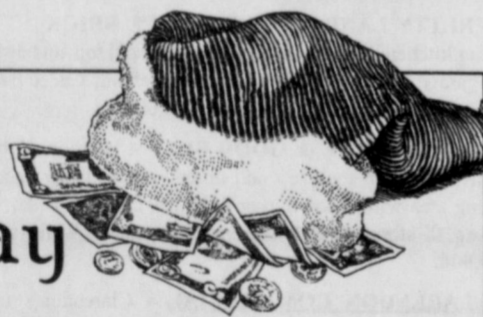
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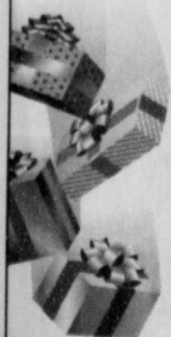
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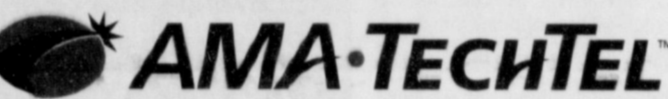
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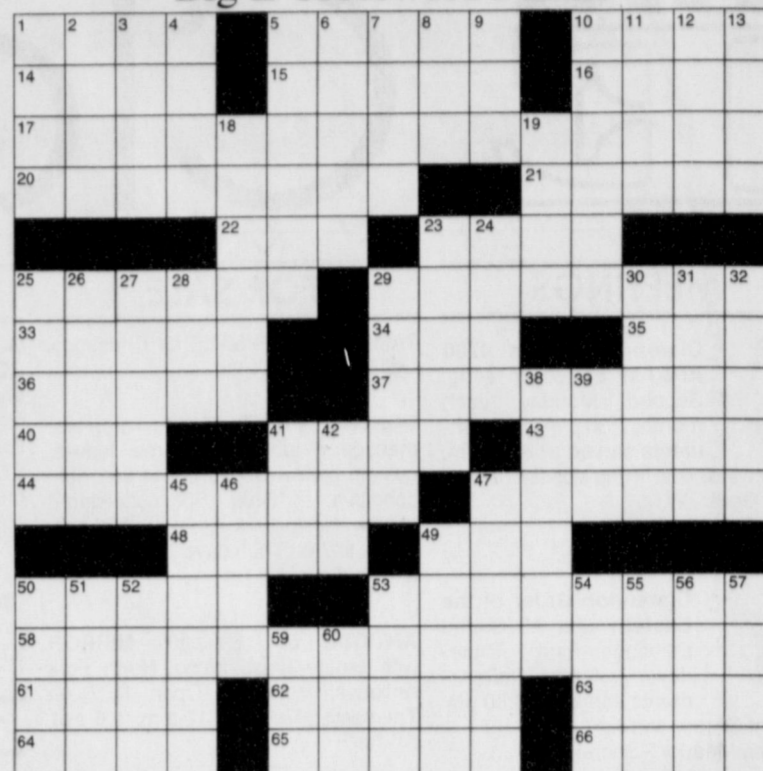
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## Big E Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Small lake
- Albert \_\_\_\_, French philosopher
- Australian aborigine (slang)
- Premium or discount on bills of exchange from other countries
- A woody climbing plant
- A very wise person
- Escape from town
- Lets go
- Kind of chair
- A place to sleep
- Farm building
- Artiodactyls
- "Death of a \_\_\_\_"
- Lower in esteem
- Elder Gerswin
- Company's first offer to sell stock to the public
- Huron and Erie
- Poem of six six-line stanzas and a triplet
- Decorate with frosting
- Netherlands river
- Feel deep affection for
- Goodbye
- Hurts (slang)
- Friend (slang)
- South Sea arrowroot

### CLUES DOWN

- A wild goat
- Phil \_\_\_\_, former CIA
- Monetary unit of Iran
- A knot, knob or swelling
- Shuts
- Opened
- Floor or table coverings
- Univ. of New Hampshire (abbr.)
- So (Scottish)
- Filipinos, for example
- Used for healing or soothing
- A way to look
- Dried leaves of the hemp plant
- Legends
- This place
- Exposes
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- California (abbr.)
- Manila hemp (poetry)
- Remove oil
- Overreact (slang)
- Sports aficionados
- Throw with great effort
- Afrikaans
- Affirmatives
- Did not compare
- Spheres
- Potato state, abbr.
- Became acquainted
- Brew
- A way to imprint
- A homeless child
- Breathed deeply
- Annoy
- Not definite (slang)
- Wings (archaic)
- Tropical Asian starling
- Woody herb with showy yellow flowers and flatfish pods
- Within, prefix
- Hebrew calendar month
- Thick piece of something
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