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COVID-19 Coronavirus in DONLEY COUNTY	
TESTS CONDUCTED LOCALLY AT CLARENDON FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER	
TOTAL TESTS (at local clinic)	1046
PENDING	0
NEGATIVE	731
CONFIRMED (at local clinic)	315
TESTS CONDUCTED OUT OF COUNTY	
CONFIRMED (at other facilities)	41*
TESTS CONDUCTED BY NAT'L GUARD	
CONFIRMED	2
SOURCE: DONLEY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE	
TOTAL CONFIRMED DONLEY CO. CASES	358
TOTAL DEATHS	6
AS PATIENTS OF LOCAL CLINIC	
ACTIVE CASES	17
UPDATED: Jan. 5, 2021, at 1:20 p.m.	
*This number may be higher due to delays in reporting from outside agencies.	

Vaccine scams now targeting elderly

Scammers are targeting senior citizens regarding the new COVID-19 vaccines, according to Laurie McAfee of the Area Agency on Aging in Amarillo.

McAfee says seniors to be aware of the following:

You likely will not need to pay anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.

You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.

You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine.

No one from Medicare or the Health Department will contact you.

No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicine to prevent the virus. Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19 related treatments.

If you get a call, text, email – or even someone knocking on your door – claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, stop. That's a scam.

For help or more information, contact the Texas Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at 1-888-341-6187.

TxDOT scholarship contest now open

Applications are now available for the 2021 Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest. This contest recognizes Texas high school seniors who are taking an active role in litter prevention in their school or community.

The contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the Fall 2021 semester.

The "Don't Mess with Texas" contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to three winners in May 2021.

"We're looking for students who are developing exciting and creative solutions to keep Texas litter-free," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't mess with Texas program. "We aim to shine a spotlight on their innovations in the hope of inspiring other Texans to do their part to keep our state beautiful."

To enter the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received via online submission by 5:00 p.m. (CST) March 31, 2021.



First doses of COVID-19 vaccine arrive here



Marsha Bruce administers the Clarendon Family Medical Center's first COVID-19 dose to Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, Tuesday afternoon.

COURTESY PHOTO

Clarendon Family Medical Center received its initial allocation of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine Tuesday afternoon and began administering the doses in accordance with Texas Department of State Health Services prioritization, beginning with health care workers.

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, received the first immunization at the clinic. Health care workers and vulnerable residents such as senior citizens are first priority in distributing the vaccine.

"There is currently more demand than supply," Howard told the Enterprise, "but more vaccine should become available in the weeks to come. If interested, get your name on the waiting list."

Clinic spokesperson Marsha Bruce also said immunizations will be given by appoint-

ment only.

CFMC received 100 doses of the vaccine, but Bruce said about 150 people were already on the waiting list when the vaccine arrived.

Howard said Tuesday that those receiving the vaccine will have to have a second round of the immunization 28 days later.

For those who are still testing positive for COVID-19, the clinic is pursuing a new avenue to try to keep those patients from getting as sick as in the past.

"CFMC is also working with our Associated Ambulance Authority to begin administration of monoclonal antibodies to appropriate patients in an attempt to prevent illness from becoming severe enough to require hospitalization," Howard said. "We are fortunate to have talented and capable medical professionals here."

The vaccines cannot come soon enough, however, as Bruce said a new surge is coming in the number of positive cases in the county.

"We are seeing this week a new wave of sick folks following the Christmas break," Bruce said.

The number of active cases under the care of the local clinic was 17 on Tuesday afternoon.

Bruce said the clinic has now conducted 1,045 tests since the pandemic began with 731 negatives and 315 positives.

With the known cases of Donley County residents who have tested positive at other locations, the total number of confirmed local cases is now 358.

That's up from 314 total positives when the Enterprise last reported COVID numbers on December 15 before the Christmas break.

Local youth to exhibit animals this Saturday

COVID-19 safety protocols will be in force when the Donley County Junior Livestock Show is held at the Donley County Activity Center this Saturday, January 9, 2021.

County Agent Leonard Haynes says the show will follow the CDC's guidelines for stock shows, which means participants and those in attendance are encouraged to wear face coverings inside the building this weekend. Haynes said youth exhibitors may remove their masks while they are in the ring showing their animals.

The show board will not be limiting admission this weekend, Haynes said. "We think attendance will be limited on its own just by people not wanting to get out," he said.

Haynes also reports anyone wishing to purchase an animal or donate to the buyers' club can do so by calling ahead of time at 874-2141. Potential buyers can also request ahead of time to be called when a particular exhibitor's animal is coming up for auction Saturday in order to participate in the auction via telephone.

Saturday's show will begin at 9 a.m. with 51 local youth exhibiting 84 animals and representing the Donley

County 4-H Club and the FFA chapters at Clarendon and Hedley high schools. The buyers' dinner will be held at 6 p.m.

Showing for the Clarendon FFA will be Levi Gates, Laney Gates, Emily Gonzalez, Emberly Gonzalez, Darcy Grahn, Kasen Hatley, Calder Havens, Kynna Phillips, and Jodee Pigg.

Donley County 4-H members showing will be Brance Bell, Kyler Bell, Kelby Brownlee, Levi Gates, Laney Gates, Brock Hatley, Addison Havens, Grant Haynes, Parker Haynes, Colton Henson, Hudson Howard, Harrison Howard, Emily McCurdy, Grace McCurdy, Evelyn Mills, Jayton Moore, Kutter O'Keefe, Flint Pittman, Jaxon Robertson, Presley Smith, Madison Smith, Koyt Tucek, Fayde Turner, and Maloree Wann.

The Hedley FFA will be represented by Braden Bond, Joshua Booth, Mya Edwards, Taylee Ehler, Kaitin Ehlert, Tyler Harpe, Trigg Harper, Lane Hinton, Emma Lambert, Cara Lambert, Isabella Martinez, Danika Middleton, Madison Moore, Brandon Moore, Astin Santos, Javier Valles, Erik Weatherread, and Izaiak Weatherread.



Hedley FFA member Danika Middleton poses with her pig she will be showing in the Donley County Junior Livestock Show this weekend.

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Congress overrides veto of Thornberry defense bill

By Abby Livingston, Texas Tribune

In a rare holiday week vote, members of the US House returned to Washington on December 28 to override President Trump's veto of a bill that handles the budget and spending of the Department of Defense. The Senate followed suit on New Year's Day to confirm the first Congressional veto override of the Trump administration.

The National Defense Authorization Act is a \$740 billion bill that dates back to 1961 it is one of the few annual bipartisan pieces of legislation left in Congress. House Democrats named this year's NDAA in honor of a Texas Republican, US Rep. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon. Thornberry is a former chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and retired on January 3.

Even though it easily passed the House and the Senate earlier this month, Trump followed through on

a long-threatened veto last Wednesday, complaining most frequently about a provision that would begin the process of renaming military bases named for Confederate leaders and for not including a repeal of a liability shield for internet companies.

Thornberry advocated December 28 for the bill in one of his final appearances - if not his last appearance - on the US House floor.

"I continue to support this bill, as more than 80 percent of the House did just 20 days ago," he said. "It's the exact same bill. Not a comma has changed."

"The president has exercised his constitutional prerogative now... It's up to us," he added. "Our troops the country, indeed the world is watching to see what we will do, whether we can tune out other differences and still come together to support the men and women of the

military and American national security."

This is the first time Congress has overridden a Trump veto, which involves two-thirds of each chamber voting in favor of the vetoed legislation.

In the Senate, like most of his colleagues, US Sen. John Cornyn also backed the NDAA.

US Sen. Ted Cruz was one of 13 other senators to vote against the NDAA earlier in December and voted against overriding the president. The state's junior senator cited a litany of reasons at the time that included the Confederate base naming issue and the internet liability shield.

Texas House Republicans who voted against the override included: US Reps. Jodey Arrington of Lubbock, Brian Babin of Woodville, Michael Burgess of Lewisville, Michael Cloud of Victoria, Lance

Gooden of Terrell, Louie Gohmert of Tyler, Chip Roy of Austin and Randy Weber of Friendswood.

Roy indicated on Twitter his logic in voting against an override was rooted in giving a chief executive to bring troops home from Afghanistan.

Trump has spent much of this year lobbying to repeal that legal provision - known as Section 230 - which Congress passed in the early days of the Internet in order to shield online companies from liability over the content users post.

Many Republican officeholders allege social media companies are biased against conservatives, and they argue that repealing Section 230 would be a means to combat this perceived inequity. Trump's ire at the language escalated earlier this year when Twitter began to add fact check language to his false tweets.

A number of officeholders -



Mac Thornberry

even those who might agree with this position - complain that discussions around commerce belong in other legislation, not a sweeping, traditionally bipartisan bill that addresses funding the armed services.

State Of The City

On behalf of the City Council and all City employees, we wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are pleased that 2020 has come and gone as it was a year like no other. COVID-19 required all of us to adjust our lives in many ways in order to avoid the virus and to minimize spreading it to others. Fortunately, COVID vaccines are on the way and should be available to all of us over the next several months. During that time, citizens are still encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing.

City officials especially thank the Associated Ambulance Authority; the employees of Clarendon Family Medical Center; Devah Pittman, PA; and County Judge John Howard, MD, for their excellent care and leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. We owe them our gratitude for their exceptional care that is not available in many other rural communities.

Despite the pandemic overshadowing our personal lives, the City Council continues to address community needs.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Infrastructure projects are usually not popular, especially if they are not visible to citizens, but they cannot be neglected for too many years as the neglect has a negative effect on the community. The recent water pipe replacement project was certainly needed as most of the old cast iron water pipes had been in place for as much as 75 years. The city was experiencing leaks on a frequent basis, and the quality of water was not satisfactory in some parts of town.



guest commentary by mayor sandy skelton

Fortunately, the water pipe replacement project is quickly coming to an end. Because the project has caused a considerable amount of disruption over the past two years, the City Council wants to thank citizens for their patience and understanding. The project is expected to be completed in late January or early February.

Since the water pipe replacement project will end soon, the City Council will begin discussions in January about the condition of our streets. Water drainage and paving will be a major part of that discussion. Water is the main contributor of damage, such as potholes and cracks, to streets; therefore, proper water drainage is vital before laying down new paving.

Our discussions will include the possibility of hiring a civil engineer to survey certain sections of town in relation to drainage, to identify the most traveled streets in town, and to determine which streets are in most need of repair or paving. Discussions also will include the type of sub-base needed to support new paving, the quality and thickness of asphalt to be used, and, of course, the projected costs for the overall project. It is likely that the City Council will want to conduct a town-hall meeting to discuss the condition of our streets, what the various options and costs would be for major improvements, and whether we should have a bond-election to determine if a paving project is desired by citizens. More information will be forthcoming in the next month or two about these issues.

Another infrastructure project, installing new wastewater/sewer lift stations, is currently in the planning stage. The City Council recently approved a grant application for such improvements; and according to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Clarendon stands a good chance of being funded. Lift stations are needed in order to move wastewater from a lower to higher elevation due to insufficient gravity flow. Currently, the City has two lift stations that are both old and outdated.

One additional infrastructure project the City Council will discuss at its January 14 meeting is applying for a downtown revitalization grant. Applications are due no later than May 3, 2021. Successful applications would receive up to \$350,000 with a local match of \$52,000. Improvements to our downtown area could include new sidewalks, handicap ramps and rails, proper drainage, and lighting. City officials are optimistic that our grant would be approved since Clarendon has never received these types of funds. Downtown property owners and other citizens will be kept informed over the next several weeks regarding the status of our application.

CLARENDON AQUATIC CENTER

After years of successful fundraising and 1.5 years of construction, the pool was completed in December 2020. A curb and gutter as well as a handicap sidewalk are currently being constructed on the west side of the pool (across the street from the post office). Additionally, the parking area directly south of the bathhouse will be paved in early 2021. The shallow area of the pool consists of a splash pad, underwater bubblers, toddler slide, helio spray, water bench, dump bucket trio and zero-depth entry. The deeper area includes a diving board, climbing wall, a basketball goal, a volleyball net, three lap lanes, and a handicap entry. To complement the pool is a bathhouse with bathrooms and showers, admissions office and concessions as well as several large sunshades, tables and benches.

Special thanks go to our numerous donors (an anonymous benefactor, individuals, families, businesses, ranches, foundations, the Clarendon EDC, Donley County Commissioners Court and Texas Parks and Wildlife), as well as to A&S General Contractors (Amarillo) for overseeing the project, to Gold Medal Pools (Frisco) for construction of the pool, and to Waters Edge (Kansas City) for project design.

Grand opening of the aquatic center is tentatively scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 29-31, 2021.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

A representative from Texas Rural Funders recently attended a City Council meeting to discuss the possibility of improving and expanding high-speed internet connection to Donley County. Council members were told that Donley and Wheeler counties have been deemed counties in need of improving their broadband access. In a recent Connected Nation article, our own County Attorney Landon Lambert said “we must take action now to improve access to high-speed internet for everyone. All of us have experienced why this is so important – from kids having to do classroom work at home to the need for telehealth services for our most vulnerable populations.” Council members were told that the first step in the process is for Donley County citizens to complete an on-line survey describing how good or bad their access is and what they are currently paying for internet (apparently the panhandle of Texas has some of the highest internet costs in the country).

The City Council is urging Donley County citizens to take the short survey as soon as possible but no later than January 20 by going to https://myconnectedcommunity.org/donley-county/. Or just google “Connected Nation Donley County Texas.” Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

CITY BUDGET/PERSONNEL

The City has finished each of the last five fiscal years in the black (revenue over expense); as a result, we have been able to put a significant amount of funds in reserves (to be used for future projects, emergencies, etc.) The current Operating Budget is \$2,646,330 (fiscal year ending September 30, 2021). We have 20 employee positions (12 full-time and 8 part-time). Supervisors are David Dockery, City Administrator; Machiel Covey, City Secretary; John Molder, Public Works Director; Grett Betts, Code Compliance Officer; Jerri Shields, Librarian; Tommy Waldrop, Municipal Judge; and Jeremy Powell, Fire Chief.

City Council
Mayor Sandy Skelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Jacob Fangman, Alderman Larry Jeffers, Alderman Eulaine McIntosh, Alderman John Lockhart and Alderman Nathan Floyd continue to conduct city business in a professional and forward-thinking manner and are committed to making improvements to our town. The Council meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday. City Administrator David Dockery can be reached at 806-673-4500 and Mayor Skelton at 806-206-7506.

The Council expresses genuine appreciation to all citizens in our community for choosing to live in Clarendon, for shopping locally, and for supporting various events throughout the year. Once again, Happy New Year to you and your family.

Vignettes: Norwegian culture in Texas

By George U. Hubbard

How do you move a wagon without a team?

When Peter Hoff and his family arrived in Galveston, he knew he would need a wagon to haul his family and their belongings to the Norwegian community of Norse in Bosque County. Hoff’s problem was that he had only enough money for a wagon. The team of animals needed to pull the wagon were beyond his means.

Having purchased the wagon, Hoff was forlorn and discouraged. He and his family were ready for the journey, but they had no animals. In a conversation with a kindly old gentleman on the streets of Galveston, Hoff expressed his plight. With sympathy in his heart, the gentleman came up with what may seem like a novel idea.

“I’ll get my team, and we will pull you for one day. Then we will go to the nearest farm house and ask for lodging. We will explain your situation to the farmer and ask if you can use his team

the next day while I return home with my team.”

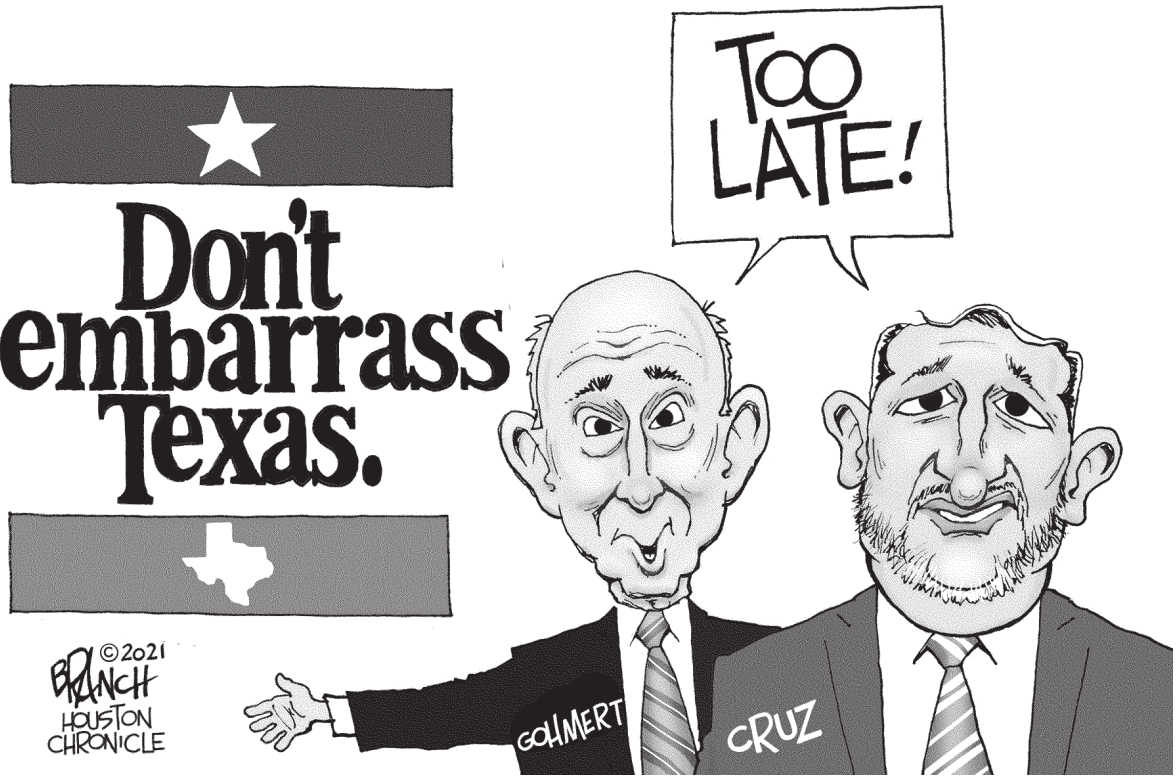
Actually, this proposed plan was in keeping with an old Norwegian custom of “posting stations.” In the southern part of Norway, there was a network of over a thousand posting stations, each about a day’s journey from those next to it. At each posting station, a traveler could expect an evening meal and overnight sleeping. Then a farmer had the compulsory duty of transporting the traveler to the next posting station on the traveler’s route. With this system, travelers could make journeys without having their own means of conveyance.

Although Hoff doubted that the plan would work in his case, he had no better alternative. And besides, each day’s journey would get him that much closer to his intended destination. So off they went on the first day of the journey. They met an accommodating farmer that night who agreed to furnish a team for the next day, and Hoff and his family traveled for another day. Each night,

Hoff found a farmer willing to help, and he successfully got his family and their belongings to their destination at Norse. It seemed that the further into the interior of Texas Hoff traveled, the more enthusiastic the farmers became about helping. It was an example of Texas hospitality which, in general, was helpful to many of the Norwegian immigrants.

Another interesting thing about Peter Hoff is his name. “Hoff” is not a Norwegian name. From Norway the Hoff’s migrated first to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in 1866 and then to Texas a year later. Peter’s name was Peter Olson. County officials at LaCrosse dissuaded him from using “Olson” because Peter already had a brother there with that name. So Peter then assumed the name “Holstenhoff.” Told that this was too long a name to use in America, Peter then settled on “Hoff” for his surname.

George U. Hubbard is a resident of Clarendon and the author of several books.



Six challenges for Texas in 2021

By Margaret Spellings and A.J. Rodriguez

This hard year is almost over. Now it’s time to look to our future and imagine what’s possible. Texas has six key challenges that we could overcome if our state leaders seek to tackle them.

• Only 30 percent of Texas fourth graders meet grade-level reading standards.

Wide education achievement gaps separate students from different backgrounds, and data suggests COVID-related school closures are hurting students’ progress.

Addressing this challenge starts with measuring existing gaps through student assessments; expanding access to research-based literacy instruction; providing high-quality teaching and tutoring; considering innovative school-year models; and offering more rigorous courses.

• Only 32 percent of Texas high school graduates earn a postsecondary credential within six years of graduating.

Texas’ unemployment rate remains just over 8 percent, more than double its level a year ago. To meet the needs of an increasingly diverse Texas, the state must better align postsecondary programs with workforce needs and data-driven student outcomes.

Community colleges, private sector credentials, and workforce training are more important than ever; they connect people with the jobs employers need to fill. Higher education programs at all levels should offer clear returns on taxpayer and student investments.

• Nearly 1 million rural Texans

lack broadband infrastructure, and more than 3 million urban-area households do not subscribe to available high-speed internet.

The pandemic has shown how gaps in digital connectivity choke access to 21st century services like remote learning and telemedicine. Texas can close its digital divide by coordinating local, federal, and private-sector efforts; removing barriers and developing incentives to enhance market dynamics; finding pathways to stable funding; and promoting digital literacy.

• Sixty percent of Texas households skipped needed health care due to cost.

Texas has the nation’s highest percentage of residents without health insurance. And many Texans – both insured and uninsured – do not receive necessary care due to cost or the lack of available care options. Before the pandemic, 56 percent of Texas households with insurance, and 75 percent of households without insurance, reported skipping or postponing health care because of costs.

Skipping care can have long-term consequences, both for patients and pocketbooks. Texas ranks among the worst large states in key health metrics like death caused by treatable or preventable conditions. The state should explore options to increase federal health care funding, improve price transparency, and support telemedicine, which would expand access for patients and help address rural health challenges.

• Fewer than 20 percent of state agencies report significant progress in

modernizing services.

Too many state agencies lack the technology or personnel to use data in ways that best serve taxpayers. This costs Texas time and money. In 2020, for example, Texans experienced long wait times for unemployment claims, while public health data was often delayed or confusing. In addition, nearly half of the state’s technology agency’s employees are eligible to retire in the next three years.

Basic steps, such as establishing a revolving technology investment fund, can help address this problem. Texas can also change processes to improve data-sharing and modernize contracting.

• The state projects a \$4.6 billion budget shortfall, on top of health, education, and pension cost growth.

The pandemic’s health and economic crises have set the stage for a potentially difficult budget session in 2021. State leaders must think differently about spending priorities, be clear about what those priorities are, and stick to them with discipline. Legislators will need to acknowledge the structural imbalances Texas faces as the tax base shifts, exemptions grow, and unfunded pension liabilities accumulate.

In 2021, let’s work together to take on these challenges to ensure Texas is the best place to live and work for years to come.

Margaret Spellings, the former U.S. Secretary of Education, is Texas 2036’s President and CEO. A.J. Rodriguez, a long-time business and civic leader and former Texas Association of Business Chair, is Texas 2036’s Executive Vice President.



Local reader sounds off in letter about Donald Trump

Donald Trump is EVIL! It is time to acknowledge reality! His only interests are power and money! He has no sympathy and no empathy for the 350,000+ who have died from COVID-19. He has their blood on his hands. He is America’s Caligula.

Sammie Doering, Clarendon

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Emma Lambert prepares for the 2021 Donley County Junior Livestock Show that will be held this Saturday.

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Braden Bond gets ready for the Stock Show to be held this weekend.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO/KARI LINDSEY



Javier Valles prepares for the Donley County Junior Livestock Show.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO/KARI LINDSEY



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 5, 2021, with Boss Lion Pro Tem David Dockery wielding the gavel.

We had ten members and Sweetheart Aubrey Jaramillo this week.

Lion Pam Hill reported on the public school where the basketball teams will face Gruver and Wellington this week, and Lion Tex Buckhaults said the college is still dealing with COVID issues.

Lion John Howard said the county swore in newly elected and re-elected officials and also reported that the COVID vaccine was expected at the local clinic today.

The Boss Lion reported on the city and said the last piece of the pipe went into the ground Monday on the USDA project and the city council is working on grant applications for waste improvements and downtown revitalization.

Lion Roger Estlack reported that the District 2-T1 mid-winter meeting will be January 23 in Lake Tanglewood.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.

Senior citizens center ready to face 2021

By Mary Lynn

Your Donley County Senior Citizens Center hopes everyone had a peaceful and joyful Christmas. We all hope for blessings for the year ahead.

We're so grateful for all the memorial donations we've received the last few weeks. Donations help us use more resources to improve services and better our facility to serve everyone. Please remember us when thinking of memorial gifts and thank you to those who have.

Denise has plans for the coming year, depending, of course, on how we are affected by the virus. An anniversary for our facility is fast approaching, and we hope to have interesting and fun events for all to enjoy. Stay tuned!

Meals, served in house and delivered by our volunteers, continue without fail. If you're looking for a way to serve in your community, we have a place for you. Everyone is welcome to help.

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Thursday, Jan. 7 - Chicken Fried Hamburger
Friday, Jan. 8 - Catfish
Saturday, Jan. 9 - No special
Sunday, Jan. 10 - Catfish

Monday, Jan. 11 - Meatloaf
Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Enchiladas
Wednesday, Jan. 13 - Hamburger Steak
Thursday, Jan. 14 - Taco Salad

PHARMACY WELLNESS CENTER

DINER

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

January 8

Lady Broncos v Wellington • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Wellington • 8:30 p.m. • Away

Owls v Accelerate Christian • 7:15 p.m. • Home

Lady Owls v Valley • 6:00 p.m. • Away

January 12

Lady Broncos v Shamrock • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Shamrock • 8:30 p.m. • Away

Owls v Silverton • 7:30 p.m. • Home

January 15

Lady Broncos v Memphis • 6:30 p.m. • Home

Broncos v Memphis • 8:30 p.m. • Home

Owls v Groom • 7:30 p.m. • Away

January 19

Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Panhandle • 8:30 p.m. • Away

Owls v Groom • 7:30 p.m. • Away

January 22

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Wheeler • 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. • Away

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Menus

January 11 - 15

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chopped BBQ on a bun, pinto beans, grandma's potato salad, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Chicken fajitas, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Sweet & sour chicken, rice/snap peas, stir fry vegetables, wheat roll, lazy cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Salmon patty, baby lima beans, coleslaw, ced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Polish sausage & cabbage, pinto beans, potato salad, corn-bread, peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Roast beef, baked potatoes w/ sour cream, buttered carrots, rolls, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat roll, chocolate cake & strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, onions, bun, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Sausage biscuit, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wed: Chicken n waffles, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thu: Pancake, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Fri: French toast, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, tomato cup, strawberries & bananas, milk.

Tues: French bread pizza, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, milk.

Wed: Boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrots, peaches, pudding, milk.

Thu: Quesadilla, corn, beans, salsa, fresh seasonal fruit, milk.

Fri: Sloppy Joe sandwich, vegetable medley, potatoes, pears, cookie, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tues: Sausage egg & cheese biscuit, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wed: sausage pizza, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thu: Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Fri: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, okra, hot rolls, milk.

Tues: Enchiladas, beans, salad, applesauce, ice cream cup, milk.

Wed: Chicken tenders, sweet fries, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, brownie, milk.

Thu: BBQ on a bun, mac n cheese, coleslaw, oranges, milk.

Fri: Pizza, corn, broccoli salad, apple slices, krispie treat, milk.



Lions Christmas Baskets

The Clarendon Lions Club delivered 24 food baskets to local families December 22 thanks to donations from individuals, the Clarendon Junior High Student Council, the CHS Senior Class, and Lowe's Family Center. Shown here are Sweetheart Aubrey Jaramillo, Nathan Estlack, Daniel Estlack, Ben Estlack, Ella Estlack, Boss Lion Santa Landon Lambert, Lion Scarlet Estlack, Lion John Howard, Lion Sandy Childress, Lion George Hubbard, Lion David Dockery, Lion Roger Estlack, Lion Larry Capranica, Lion Steve Hall, and Lion Russell Estlack.

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COURTESY PHOTO

New terms

Donley County Judge John Howard (left) swears in newly elected officials January 1, 2021, at the Courthouse. Shown here are Constable Doug Wright, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Precinct 3 Commissioner Neil Koetting, Precinct 1 Commissioner Mark White, and Tax Assessor/Collector Christy Christopher. Not pictured is County Attorney Landon Lambert.

Thankful for every healthcare workers

Well, Happy New Year! What a year this has been, names are being added to the prayer chain, others taken off because of recovery or death.

What would our little part of the world be like without our healthcare workers? Let me tell you how I was treated. Being a large person with weak bones and struggling to breathe, it took two family members to get me in the car for the trip to the clinic that Thursday morning in April. With kind words and assurance, the staff loaded me on the ambulance gurney for the trip to Northwest Texas Hospital, leaving my family waving as we drove away. I had tested negative for COVID-19 three days earlier, but this time it was positive.

All these people, Dr. Howard, PAs Catharine and Devah, and all other staff that came in contact with me on April 9 in the clinic were covered in protective gear from head covering, glasses and face shield, mask, gown with tight sleeves, double gloves and shoe coverings. All ambulance personnel



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into my room dressed the same way, equipment covering them from head to toe. I know without a shadow of doubt I would not have survived without those health care workers and Jesus leading the way.

Two family members who are in the health care industry have received their first vaccine, hopefully it will be given to the general population soon.

Let me pass on my thanks to everyone who helped save my life in 2020. As we continue the new year wear your mask, wash your hands, stand at least six feet apart or like me, stay home. This year I hope the motto will be, "Have some fun in 21."

Winter vacation fun

Last week, my family and I went on a vacation to the mountains.

On the first day, we went skiing at Angel Fire. While we were there, we taught my sister and my little cousin how to ski. After two runs down the mountain, we were tired so we called it a day.

The next day some of my family and I went to ski some more difficult trails. Then we skied down and got my little cousin and took a run down the mountain with him. We were all tired after that and sore, so we said goodbye to the slopes.

The next day we went on a



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

snowmobile tour instead of skiing. Riding a snowmobile is a lot like a four-wheeler except you have to lean with turns like on a motorcycle. I think my favorite part of the whole trip was snowmobiling because of how fun it was, and it was something new that I never had done before.

In all, this has been one of my favorite trips I've ever taken.

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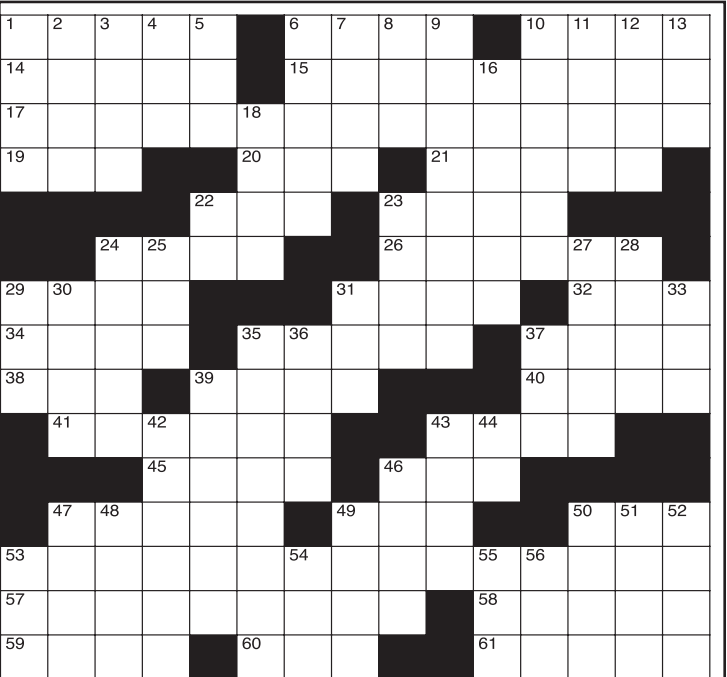
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Obituaries

Robinson

Maxine Talley Robinson, 81 of Clarendon, passed peacefully into the hands of the Lord on December 21, 2020.

Maxine was born June 1, 1939, in Ashtola to Wanna Mae and Emery Talley. The eldest of three children, Maxine was ever in the role of caretaker as well as big sister. While most of her growing up years were in Donley County, where she developed a love of the outdoors, cattle, and animals of all kinds, the family briefly moved to Odessa, where she formed a lifelong bond with her best friend, Bonnie Lewis. This bond of childhood friendship lasted more than 70 years until her passing.

Maxine was active in the family's farming and cattle business with her taking an important role as she and her husband, Don, traveled to Canada, California, Arizona, Missouri, and many other destinations throughout the US marketing, showing, and hauling cattle. Ever a person who loved the outdoors, Maxine often helped with the crops as well.

Maxine's love for the Lord is evidenced by her willingness to bring others to Christ. She can be credited with sparking the desire for baptism in many in the community and in her family. Maxine leaves behind a great legacy as each and every one of her children and her grandchildren are followers of Christ. As a Bible school teacher or one willing to bring food to the sick or bereaved or readily drive someone to Amarillo for doctor's visits, Maxine truly had a servant's heart. Possibly, she will be best known in her family for encouraging her family to study the Bible. As she always said, the Lord wants a portion of your time and studying his word every day is the best way.

Maxine loved her family and is survived by her husband of 64 years, Don; the couple's three children, Mona Robinson Oney, Clint (Elaina) Robinson and Lori Robinson. Maxine took great delight in her six grandchildren: Michelle (Jimmy) Spradley, Sarah (Dustin) Clark, Heather (Martin) Oliver, Alexa (Jeremy) Leech, Michael (Kylie) Hall, and Samantha Jarpe. A source of pride and joy for Maxine were her 10 great grandchildren: Camden Spradley, Jayci Clark, Nolan Spradley, Dylan Clark, Shaylee Hall, Madilynn Oliver, Daegan Hall, Ryan Leech, Caleb Oliver and Dawson Hall.

Maxine leaves behind many other friends and family members including her sister, Judy Hays and husband Bill; her niece Christina George; Christina's children Aaron and Cassie Childress; a new great niece Vivia; and brother-in-law, Dale Robinson and wife Sue and son Morgan.

Maxine is proceeded in death by her parents Wanna Mae and Emery Talley, her brother Wendell, her grandmother Beulah Matlock, her mother-in-law Lois Robinson and son-in-law Bruce Oney.

Memorials may be made to the Eastern European Mission, PO Box 55245, Hurst, TX 76054, physical address 777 Lonesome Dove

Trail Hurst, TX 76054. Their phone #800.486.1818. Their website info@eem.org. EEM distributes Bibles to Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and the Ukraine.

A celebration of life for Maxine will be held at a later time.

Stephens

Bobby Stephens, 78, of Lefors passed away, Monday, December 28, 2020, at home.

Services were held on Thursday, December 31, 2020, at First Baptist Church in Lefors with Rev. Mathew Honeycutt, pastor at First Baptist Church of Lefors, and Rev Ken Houston, pastor at Sunray Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stephens was born September 6, 1942, in Memphis to John and Inez Skaggs Stephens. Bobby graduated from Hedley High School in 1961. He was a fireman with the Amarillo Fire Department for 15 years. Bobby started B&C Plumbing in Amarillo before joining Malcolm Hinkle Plumbing in Pampa to be near his love, Maxine Sanders. They were married on March 17, 1989, in Amarillo. In 1993, he started working in the maintenance department at TDCJ, retiring in 2003. Bobby enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending winters in the Rio Grande Valley. He also loved cooking out and spending time with his family, especially all his grandchildren. Bobby was a member at First Baptist Church of Lefors.

He is preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Gaye McGuire on January 31, 2017.

He is survived by wife, Maxine of the home; two daughters, Kimberly Powell and husband Jay of Tool and Connie Burnam and husband Rick of Hedley; nine grandchildren, Nathalie, Kristopher, Sarah, Kyle, Bradley, Patricia, Amber, Timber, and Tamra; 15 great-grandchildren and a great great-grandson.

Memorials can be made to BSA Hospice of the Southwest, 5211 SW 9th Ave., Suite 100, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or Panfork Baptist Encampment, 4530 CR 210, Wellington, TX 79095.

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Skaggs

Be good! What a simple phase, but J.D. Skaggs made it a way of life. Born in Wellington on November 1, 1931, he began a journey to being an unassuming giant of goodness.

As a young child his parents, John Fenton Skaggs and Hattie Ophelia Plunkett Skaggs, moved the family to Hedley to farm a mountain of caliche. Hard ground and hard times made his brothers, Frank, John Edward, Harvey, Douglas Jr, and Billy Ray, tough enough to take care of their only sister Inez. After leaving school he fol-

lowed the lead of his brothers and joined the United States Army in 1952 and left the farm for the first time. He was stationed at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss as a fuel transportation technician when he was deployed to Korea where he served two deployments. In 1954, J.D. received an honorable discharge and returned to Hedley to help his parents on the farm. As fate would have it, he began to drive the bus for Hedley High School and met the love of his life, Nena Marie Hill, and began the next chapter promptly after her graduation. On June 4, 1955, Nena Marie Hill became Mrs. Skaggs and the story of the good man truly began.

You see he was always a family man. He cared for his brothers and sister. He cared for his parents. He cared for his friends and Army comrades. But his real show of love was with the births of his three daughters, Vicky, Kay, and Cheryl. He made a life around raising and nurturing his wife and family and surrounding them with love.

He worked as a mechanic for several years and earned a living by the sweat of his brow and the wiry strength of his hands. Some years later, he got a job as a John Deere tractor mechanic. It has been said that he bled green and yellow and many people began to believe that his name was just initials for John Deere as his name became synonymous with the brand.

He became the prevailing expert in the area and a highly respected diagnostician of ailing machinery. After retiring from John Deere, he began working for Donley County as an equipment operator. You see he had fixed every kind of piece of heavy equipment, but his real fascination was with the operating of the toys he repaired. He truly loved his work and the ability it gave him to provide for his family.

J.D. raised three beautiful daughters, and his face glowed when he talked about them just like he did when he talked about Marie. He was so proud of his ladies and he loved his extended family, which was always expanding. As each of his brothers and sister passed away J.D. would gather in their children and families. He was the consummate patriarch of his family and his arms always seemed long enough to wrap the whole brood in a hug. He loved his nieces and nephews, cousin and adopted children and always had a kind word, a hug and a smile for each and every one of them. When he became a grandfather his capacity to love exceeded all logic and expectation.

There are a million words to describe a man of few words. Words like gentle, kind, gracious, godly, understanding, compassionate, loyal, strong, and resilient don't even begin to describe the man he was to the members of his family and friends. There was but one word; he was GOOD. In every sense of the word, he was good. He was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and prayed every day. He loved his church family, and his godly nature led him on the journey to genuine goodness.

He taught us all how to be good through his example, and we will always strain to reach the lofty standard he set for us. We will forever be challenged to uphold the legacy he worked so hard to instill in us. He became a hero, a mentor, a shoulder, a confidant, a helping hand, and stronghold of love for many of us throughout life. Therefore, in his memory we challenge each of you to

uphold the standard of goodness you have been shown.

On December 28, 2020, at the age of 89, he finally received the reward he had been striving for so long and received his wings in glory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, one sister and the love of his life Nina Marie.

He is survived by his daughters Vicky Knowles and husband Anthony of Memphis, Kay Manuel and husband Gary of Memphis, and Cheryl Skaggs of Broken Arrow, Okla.; three grandsons, Josh Talley and wife Candace of Memphis, Matt Talley and wife Jessie of Hartley, and Dustin Knowles and wife Krista of Keller; seven great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A family lead memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Hedley on January 2, 2021. Graveside services followed in Rowe Cemetery.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

McCary

Joe Brian McCary, age 56 of Clarendon, passed away on January 3, 2021, while visiting family in De Leon, Texas.

Brian was born in Fort Worth on March 6, 1964, to Clovis McCary and Gerry Hall.

He graduated in 1983 from Richland High School, and he married Lisa Witkowski on May 5, 1989. They had one son, Jacob King McCary, born October 29, 1990.

Brian was employed by Beck Plumbing for more than 20 years while accomplishing his journeyman license in plumbing from the State of Texas. He has been self-employed plumber in Clarendon for the last 20 years.

Brian was known and remembered by family for having a kind heart and a giving soul and having great physical strength. He loved Elvis Presley and his dogs, especially Abigail, Sam, and Buddy. His favorite pastime was watching movies. He was most proud of his son, Jacob King McCary, and his grandson, Austin McCary.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Tom Hall; a stepbrother, Mark Hall; parental grandparents, Henry and Lillie Mae McCary; and maternal grandparents, Vree and Naomi King.

He is survived by his son, Jacob King McCary; his grandson, Austin McCary of Clarendon; the mother of his son, Lisa Witkoski McCary of Fort Worth; his father Clovis McCary and wife Emily of Clarendon; his mother, Gerry Hall of De Leon; two sisters, Gwen McCary of Lubbock and April McCary Hampton and husband Jason of Amarillo; several nephews and nieces and great nephews; special friends Randy and Kellie Beck of Decatur and Shirley Osburn of Clarendon; and his fur baby, "Buddy."

The family will honor his wishes to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Clarendon.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Meals on Wheels PO Drawer B, Clarendon TX 79226.



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Broncos split games over break

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos took on Canadian at home before the break and totally dominated on both ends of the court and took a huge 70-44 win.

From the tip-off, the game belonged to the Broncos, and the Wildcats were helpless in having an answer for the Broncos' quickness. Four players finished in double figures and the team mustered 55 percent from the bonus line. Absent from the Broncos' offense was the three-pointer, which has been a staple for the maroon and white.

Lady Broncos continue season over break

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos hosted Bushland before the Christmas holidays were narrowly defeated at 41-44.

The ladies played hard, but foul trouble gave the Lady Falcons they edge they needed. Both teams took advantage of bonus shots and attempted nearly the same number of shots. But Bushland capitalized on their 75 percent shooting average to get the win.

Finley Cunningham hit three three-pointers and was three for four from the bonus line to lead the ladies with 14 points. Ever present Jade Benson shot 80 percent from the line and added 11, while Madi Smith pumped in 11 points as well. Jentrye Bellar and Ashlyn Crawford had two

Jmaury Davis and Donovan Thompson put in 18 points apiece, and Sylvester Ballard and Cayden D'Costa each added 14 points in the win. Jordan Herndon finished with five, and Ethan Babcock added one.

The Broncos took on Canyon last week and had hoped for a strong win like they had the first time they played them. But the Eagles were prepared and played with much more pressure than the first time. Canyon won that game, 58-45.

Foul trouble hindered the Broncos, and the Eagles capitalized. Both

Davis and Ballard fouled out, which allowed Canyon to turn Bronco mistakes into points from the free-throw line. The inside work of Canyon's post deemed too much for the Broncos as well as he put in 21 points.

Davis finished with 12, and Herndon had 11. Thompson put in nine, D'Costa had six, Ballard helped with four, and Lyric Smith added three.

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points each, and Makenna Shadle added one.

Over the break, the ladies took on Wildorado and won by 16 points at 52-36. The Lady Broncos shot out of the gate early and settled into their offense and held a 24-point lead at the break. The third quarter belonged to the Lady Broncos as well as they took control and coasted to the win.

Benson and Bellar led the way with 16 and 12 respectively, while Cunningham knocked down nine. Crawford helped with six, Kailee Osburn had four, and Smith put in three.

The ladies also began their District season at Panhandle and struggled to find their rhythm

against a good Lady Cat team and were defeated 33-66. Benson played a fairly typical game finishing with 18 points, but it was not enough to stop Panhandle as they were able to control the tempo of the game on both ends of the court. Their top two players finished in double figures and the team hit seven three-pointers and shot 75 percent from the bonus line.

Joining Benson was Bellar and Crawford with five points each, Smith with three, and Shadle with two.

The Lady Broncos will play at Wellington on January 8 and travel to Shamrock on January 12 with both games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Randall at 16 and Weatherton helped with eight. Bayleigh Bruce hit a big three-pointer as did Courtney Conkin. Aliyah Weatherton and Avery English each ended the game with two points.

Over the break the Lady Broncos took on Wildorado and won big at 57-16. It was never a contest as the ladies were able to execute on offense and stay aggressive on defense. They were able to hold them to only four points in the first half of play.

Randall and Aubrey Weather-ton finished in double figures with

Lady Bronco JV edges by Bushland, 28 - 24

The Lady Bronco junior varsity was able to squeeze out a win over Bushland at home right before the Christmas break. They held the Lady Falcons off in the fourth quarter to get the 28-24 win.

After leading by 12 points at the break, the ladies came out in the third quarter doing much of the same as they did in the first half of play. However, Bushland rallied back in the final period to close the gap and outscore the Lady Broncos 13-4. But the ladies were able to hold them off and get the win.

Anna Randall finished with

Bronco JV drops game to Canadian

The Bronco junior varsity took on Canadian at home over the break and fell short at 29-46. The Broncos struggled to stop their top scored who finished with 23 points.

Things just did not go the Broncos' way as they could not gain the momentum they needed to come from behind for the win. Harrison Howard led with nine points that included one three-pointer, and Reagan Wade added a three-pointer of his own and shot 50 percent from the bonus line finishing with eight. Jaxan McAnear helped with six, Levi Gates had four, and Riley Wade added two.

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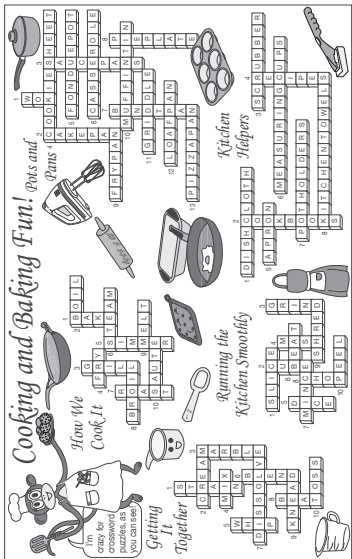
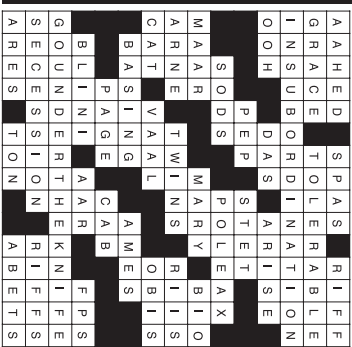
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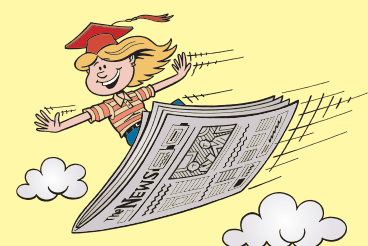
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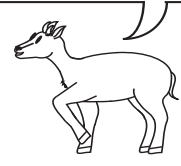


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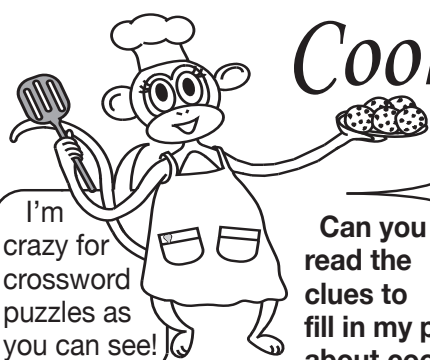
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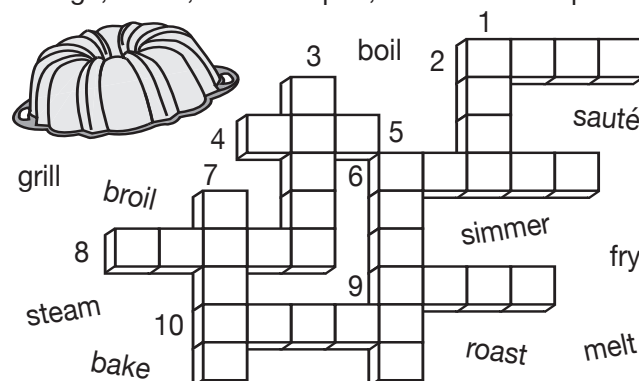


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1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids
4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below - keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a _____
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

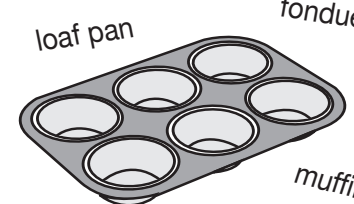
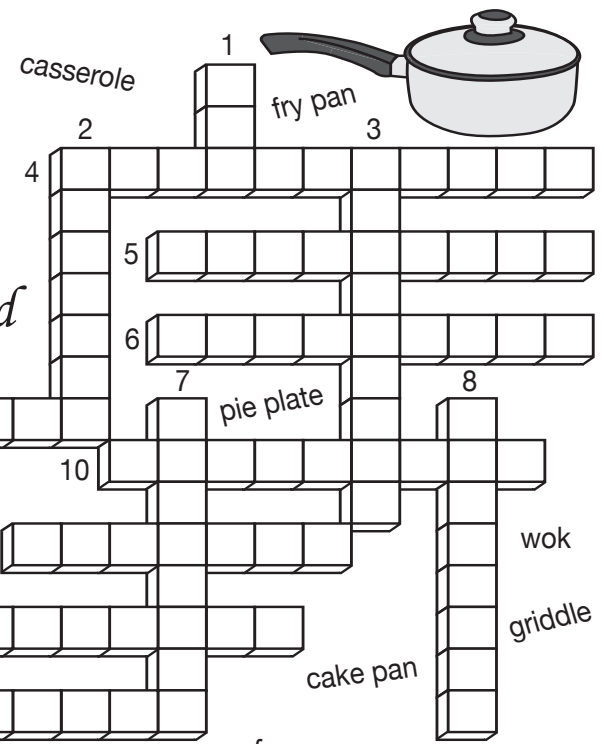


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1. cook in oven using dry heat
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3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
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