

Not the first canceled train ride

The week before Biden’s Inauguration, it was announced that his planned arrival to D.C. would no longer happen by train. This was significant for Biden because rail travel has been an important part of his identity so much that he has earned the nickname “Amtrak Joe.” Biden began taking the train back when he was just a Senator in the 1970s, partly to connect with common folks, but also because he lost his wife and daughter to a car accident and he wanted a safer mode of transportation to allow him to raise his two sons. Biden hoped to continue this common man theme for his inauguration but with security heightened he was forced to change his plans.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Having to modify his arrival by train may sounds strange in today’s world, but it was not the first time this happened for security reasons.

There is still yet an election as polarizing as the 1860 election. The new upstart Republican Party had been around for six years. The Republicans were different from other parties. First, the Republican Party was a sectional party. Parties in the past – Federalists, Jeffersonian Republicans, Whigs, Democrats – had all been national parties. They fought over issues like banks and tariffs but did so as parties instead of sections. Republicans only had members from the north, so if they won the election, they would only represent northerners. With that it is understandable why the South had issues with the party.

The reason Republicans were a northern party only is their second difference – they pledged to stop the spread of slavery. The Republicans were a diverse party, even when it came to slavery. At one end were those who did not have an issue with slavery itself but did not think whites in the west should have to compete with the peculiar institution. On the other end were strong abolitionists who wanted to see slavery eradicated. The Party’s official stance was stopping the expansion of slavery, not outlawing it, but to the south anything restricting slavery was the same as abolition. Between Republicans solely representing northern interests and wanting to restrict the southern way of life, the south declared that if the Republicans won, the south would be forced to leave the Union to start their own nation where their concerns would be protected.

The day after Lincoln’s victory, South Carolina followed through with its threat and voted to leave the Union. Six more states quickly followed. Getting ready for Lincoln’s inaugural, the nation was teetering on the brink of war with all sides waiting to see what Lincoln would say in his speech, especially about Fort Sumpter. Sumpter was the only Fort in the South still controlled by the Union and it happened to be in the Charleston, S.C., harbor, the birthplace of secession.

In such a climate, Lincoln’s chief of security, Allen Pinkerton, of the detective agency fame, worried about Lincoln’s safety. Just like Biden’s inaugural, D.C. was on heightened security fearing a secessionist plot. Since his election, Lincoln had received numerous death threats. Pinkerton’s biggest fear was Lincoln’s route to D.C. and what worried him most was Baltimore. People forget today, but Maryland was a slave state and Baltimore at the time was a strong southern city. In Baltimore, Lincoln needed to take a short carriage ride between two stations, and Pinkerton believed he had uncovered a plot to kill Lincoln as he made that connection.

Lincoln, however, was not as confident about an assassination plot and refused to veer from his planned schedule. He took his time from Illinois to the Capitol, stopping at every city along the way to speak and attend celebrations. However, once in Pennsylvania, Lincoln received word from General Winfield Scott verifying a potential plot which forced Lincoln to act.

Against his wishes, Lincoln excused himself after dinner and, instead of staying the night, left by train to the Capital. When he left his residence, he wore a new hat instead of his traditional stove pipe hat and wore a shawl to disguise himself. Leaving after dinner instead of the next day meant he arrived in Baltimore in the middle of the night without warning or fanfare. His car was unhooked from the train and pulled by horse to Camden Station and hooked to a new engine which brought him safely to Washington. The inaugural went off without a hitch and Lincoln was safe. It was not until four years later that an assassin’s bullet finally found its mark, leaving Lincoln to the ages.

As Lincoln feared, his entrance into the Capital drew some criticism. Instead of a grand triumphal entrance, he had more of what some thought was a subdued back-door whimper. His arrival was called cowardice and some even reported he wore women’s clothes to escape detection, a crime charged against Jefferson Davis four years later as he tried to escape capture.

In the end both Lincoln’s and Biden’s inaugurations went smoothly. Both had a large military presence to keep the peace, but neither was ultimately needed. Lincoln did not enter the way he had hoped but went on to be arguably the greatest president in history. Biden’s legacy still needs to be written.

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Something old and something new

Norman V. Horner is a retired educator who doesn’t really care whether folks call him “Dr.” or not. His distinguished career—plus his 40 articles in professional journals and his leadership in scholarly organizations—suggest that he’s been worthy of his degree for a long time.

A Brown County native, Horner earned A.A., B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees, respectively, from Tarleton State (then Junior) College, two from the former University of North Texas and his doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Most of us would need help to pronounce—much less understand—all the multi-syllabic words employed by this distinguished educator. He rose from the role of instructor to Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics during his tenure at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls (1971-2006). Mild-mannered and Christ-centered, he is at once humble, modest, agreeable, and engaging, even chuckling when folks refer to him as “the spider man.”...

He has spent a couple of decades searching out spiders near Big Bend Ranch State Park, 100 miles south of Alpine, Texas, and 550 miles from his longtime home in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Horner has made dozens of trips—often committing entire weekends—to “poking around” the area.

Specifically, his interest has been in Araneology, the study of spiders....

He agrees with Bob Hope’s contention that West Texas has miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles.

In the Big Bend, however, are objects of sheer grandeur, including cas-

cadings peaks, unique plants, abundant wild-life, rugged terrain, and, of course, spiders.

Dr. Horner’s fascination with spiders began during his master’s study....



the idle american
by don newbury

Permit me to share his thesis title: “Observation on the Life History of the Brown Recluse Spider, *Loxosceles reclusa* Gertsch and Muliak.” That was in 1967, and four years later, his dissertation title was “The Bionomics of the Spider *Metaphidippus galathea* (Walckenaer) and its Significance as a Biological Control Agent in Sorghum.”

All this to say the man’s “ahead of the pack” of searchers for spiders and has never once been bitten.

Many scientists might side with the Yankee who visited Sweetwater, Texas, for the rattlesnake round-up. He bragged about his venture to everyone, and once was asked how many snakes he found. “None,” he answered. “When you’re looking for rattlesnakes, none is plenty.”...

Greg Broussard, now a college biology prof, became deeply interested in spiders.

Mentored by Dr. Horner, he made a few trips to the same “digs” where the “spider man” had done most of his “poking.” (The family of Dr. Walter Dalquest, a revered colleague at Midwestern, donated 3,000 acres of land where the research center named in his honor

was built.)

Broussard found a spider there he couldn’t identify, so he showed it to Horner. His mentor assured Broussard that he likely could identify both the name and family of the spider, if given a few days....

But, he couldn’t. The spider taxonomist of the American Arachnological Society worked feverishly, sharing the challenge with the top national “spider minds.” They couldn’t ID the spider, either.

It has been an ongoing process for 15-plus years. Finally, the society decided that Broussard had indeed found a new species, as well as a new family. (There now are 120 spider families, with only seven families discovered in the past 88 years—1931, ’40, ’47, ’55, ’80, and 2012.)

So, Dr. Horner is exonerated on the identification of a “new” spider that has been around for centuries, thus was almost stumped by a student!...

The retiree has won numerous faculty awards and is greatly respected by the American Araneological Society, and other scientific organizations.

In 2012, he and Jane, his wife of 57 years, moved to Hamilton, Texas, where they are active in church activities and “tending to their farm.”

He still makes periodic visits to the research center that came about because of his intense interest in research there....

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Historic service of Henry Flipper

Henry Flipper’s dream was to serve a life-long career with the United States Army. Born in 1856 to a slave family on a Georgia plantation, Flipper grew up after the Civil War as a free man determined to educate himself and to amount to something. The military was the career he wished to follow.

Following schooling at the American Missionary Association and at Atlanta University, Flipper succeeded in obtaining an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Although the fifth black cadet accepted into the Military Academy, he was the first African-American to graduate. His experiences at West Point, however, were not easy, as he had to struggle with prejudice and ostracism which he described in his book, *The Colored Cadet at West Point*. Nevertheless, Flipper endured and was graduated as a second lieutenant in 1877. He immediately accepted an assignment with Company A of the Tenth United States Cavalry in Texas and Oklahoma.

Flipper served with distinction in this assignment. In supervising the drainage of malarial ponds at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, he created what is known as Flipper’s Ditch, a project that has now become a national historic landmark. He supervised the construction of a road from Gainesville to Fort Sill after a prior work crew from the Fourth Cavalry got drunk and walked off the job. Flipper also built a telegraph line from Fort Elliot to Fort Supply, scouted on the

Llano Estacado, and assisted in returning Quanah Parker’s band from Palo Duro Canyon to Fort Sill. In 1880, Flipper also fought in two battles against Indians at Eagle Springs, Texas. As a reward for these services, Flipper became post quartermaster and acting commissary of subsistence at Fort Davis in southwestern Texas.

Flipper’s dream of an army career, however, was short lived. When Colonel William Shafter became commanding officer of Fort Davis in 1881, he immediately relieved Flipper as quartermaster and planned to relieve him as the commissary officer. Civilian employees at the fort warned Flipper of a plot by white officers to force him out of the army, and the plot materialized when Flipper discovered some post funds missing from his quarters. Knowing that he would be accused of the theft, Flipper made the decision to conceal the loss in hopes that he could find or replace the money. But as soon as Colonel Shaffer learned of the situation, he relieved Flipper of all his duties and had him court martialled.

The court martial board acquitted Flipper of embezzlement, but found him guilty of “conduct unbecoming an offi-



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

cer and a gentlemen.” Thus, Flipper’s army career came to an inglorious end as he received a dishonorable discharge on June 30, 1882. Maintaining his innocence until his death in 1940, Flipper waged a life-long battle for reinstatement in the army.

Although no longer a soldier, Henry Flipper nevertheless had a distinguished career as a mining engineer in the southwest United States, Mexico, and South America. He developed mines, he translated technical articles and books from Spanish to English, and he published numerous articles and books of his own. J. Frank Dobie took notice of Flipper and told a story about Flipper’s research on the Lost Tayopa Mine in Apache Gold and Yaqui Silver. Flipper also spent two years serving as assistant to the secretary of the interior in the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC.

In an effort to correct a wrong that had been done to one loyal to the United States, the army unveiled a bust of Henry Flipper at West Point in 1976 and awarded him an honorable discharge dated June 30, 1882. The Military Academy now honors Flipper each year by presenting an award to the graduate who best exemplifies “the highest qualities of leadership, self-discipline, and perseverance in the face of unusual difficulties while a cadet.”

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Monds makes Dean's List

Texas Woman's University has released its deans' and chancellor's lists for the fall 2020 semester.

Among the undergraduate students on the dean's list was Philip Monds, a math major from Clarendon, who completed at least 12 graded credit hours and achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average.



the lion's tale
by russell estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 2, 2021, with Boss Lion London Lambert in charge.

We had seven members, Sweetheart Aubrey Jaramillo, and two guests this week – Dusty and Nikki Green, guests of Lion Ashlee Estlack.

The Greens reported on their new venture – the Saints' Roost Expedition Co. – which has the goal of modernizing tourism in the Panhandle area with heritage and nature tours originating out of Clarendon.

Second Vice District Gov. Roger Estlack reported on the District 2-T1 Mid-Winter meeting in Lake Tanglewood recently. Sweetheart Aubrey did an excellent job of representing our club and community in the annual Queen's Contest. The district has chartered four new clubs and has a net increase in membership of more than 70 new Lions. District 2-T1, which covers the top 26 counties of the Panhandle, is leading not only the state but also the United States and Canada in terms of new club growth and new membership.

Lion Jacob Fangman discussed the annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K, and the club voted to hold the event Saturday, April 10, 2021.

We were proud to welcome Nikki and Dusty as our newest members. The club has now gained six new members since October, including new Lions Cameron Word, Sandra Childress, Anndria Newhouse, and Corey Blais as well as the Greens.

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

Retired School Personnel held January meeting

The bi-monthly meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel met via Zoom on Monday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m.

After the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved, a letter was read from Leslie White's Kindergarten class thanking the retired teachers for the books given to them in October. Jan Campbell then presented the update on the 87th Legislative session and how it will impact retired teachers. There are bills budgeted and filed that will affect our health insurance, COLA, and pension plan. The average monthly income of a retired teacher is \$2096, and 25 percent of those receive only \$800.

State Senator Kel Seliger and Representative Four Price spoke about these issues Wednesday, January 27, via Zoom. The spring conference this year will be held via Zoom on April 25.

The state office does not want us to hold in person meetings until June 2021, so we will continue to meet via Zoom until then. We decided to wait until our July meeting to elect new officers for the year.

Those present at this month's meeting were: Jan Campbell, Carol and Renee Duncan, Eddie and Gayle Hankins, Glenda Hawkins, and Diane Skelton.

The next scheduled Zoom meeting will be March 22, 2021.

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Weekly Specials

Thursday, Feb. 4 - Taco Salad
Friday, Feb. 5 - Catfish
Saturday, Feb. 6 - No special
Sunday, Feb. 7 - Chicken & Dressing

Monday, Feb. 8 - Meatloaf
Tuesday, Feb. 9 - Enchiladas
Wednesday, Feb. 10 - Hamburger Steak
Thursday, Feb. 11 - Chicken Fried Hamburgers

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

February 5, 6 & 7
The Marksman • Friday & Saturday
7:30 p.m. & Sunday 2:00 p.m. •
Mulkey Theatre

February 5
Broncos v Panhandle • 6:30 p.m. •
Away

Owls & Lady Owls v Claude • 6:00
p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Away

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Menus

February 8 - 12
HEDLEY SENIOR CITIZENS
Mon: Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes,
green peas, tossed vegetable salad, iced
tea/2% milk.
Tue: Polish sausage, cabbage, pinto
beans, potato salad, cornbread, peaches,
iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed pota-
toes, country gravy, strewed okra, sea-
soned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2%
milk.
Thu: Baked chicken breast, baked potato
sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, choc-
olate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato
salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit
salad, 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: Pancakes, sausage, fruit juice, fruit,
milk.
Fri: French toast, bacon, fruit juice, fruit,
milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes,
tomato cup, strawberries and bananas,
milk.
Tues: French bread pizza, marinara sauce,
garden salad, carrots, milk.
Wed: Boneless wings, celery sticks, car-
rots, peaches, pudding, milk.
Thu: Quesadilla, corn, beans, salsa, fresh
seasoned fruit, milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joe sandwich, vegetable
medley, potatoes, pears, cookie, milk.

HEDLEY ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Kolache, scrambled eggs, fruit juice,
fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, hash brown, fruit
juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage link, fruit juice,
fruit, milk.
Thu: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, bacon, fruit
juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Donut holes, sausage link, fruit juice,
fruit, milk.

Methodist Youth plan Valentine's fundraiser

The public is invited to attend a Valentine's Day Lunch, February 14, hosted by the Clarendon First United Methodist Youth to raise funds for their upcoming spring break trip to Ceta Canyon.

Donations will be accepted at the lunch, and social distancing and wearing of masks will be practiced by all participants. There are two times slots available for lunch to allow for social distancing. The times are noon and 1:00 p.m. To sign up, visit firstumccclarendontx.org.

The spring break trip is something the youth are looking forward to. With the restrictions of COVID, they did not believe it would be possible this year. However, Ceta Canyon is planning this getaway and will also follow CDC guidelines.

All community youth (grades 6th-12th) are welcome to participate. If interested in going to Ceta Canyon, youth should meet with the church's youth group on February 6 at 3 p.m. for further details.

TASB webinar set for school candidates

School board candidates and interested citizens can learn about the demands and rewards of school board service in a free webinar offered by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) on Tuesday, February 9, noon-1 p.m.

This webinar helps participants understand what is involved in being elected to and serving on a local school board. Learn the difference between the board's and staff's responsibilities, how to campaign constructively, and where to find information about being a candidate.

There is no cost to participate, but registration is required. If you are unable to attend the live session, you will receive a webinar recording to watch after the session if you are registered. For more information about the webinar, call TASB Board Development Services, 800.580.8272, extension 2453.

For information on board service, visit tasb.org/board-candidates.



Roger Estlack, US Rep. Ronny Jackson, Ben Estlack, and Ashlee Estlack.

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Cub Reporter meets new Congressman

Last Friday, my family and I went to Amarillo to celebrate my mom's birthday. But before we celebrated her birthday, we went to visit my cousin, Jake LaGrone, at his office. He recently moved back closer to home and is now working for our new congressman, Ronny Jackson. This was the first time I met our new congressman. He was very nice and had to leave soon after we got there, but I got to take a photo

with him.

So, we started the week-end out good, and we went and ate for my Mom's birthday. The next day, we went and ate breakfast at this cool biscuit place that had these massive biscuits,



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

which were extremely good. Then we went antiquing on 6th Street and went to pick up my cousin Gage.

Gage and I got to hang out all day, and we worked on this really big project I'm doing for school. Afterwards, we watched some YouTube. I also got to hang out with my friends on Sunday, and we played a lot of tennis.

In all, it was a really fun week-end.



New work space

Clarendon Junior High math teachers Alix Snure and Tiffany Campbell have received new desks for their classrooms from a math grant. This is the third year they have been involved in the Math Innovation Zones (MIZ) grant

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Book Fair to be held at CISD

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Clarendon Elementary on February 16-19.

This will be a great time to purchase new books for children, family members and friends. It will be held in Room #129 in the Elementary with times as follows: February 16, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; February 17, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; February 18, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and February 19, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You can also purchase books online at: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/clarendonelementaryschool7>

This is such a great time for our

school and students. There are over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs. All purchases support Clarendon Elementary school and earn 25 percent in rewards.

Please consider making a purchase that will benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

Clarendon Elementary will not have family events this year due to the pandemic. However, parents are welcome any time during the day that they are open.



Aging gracefully

Many Clarendon Elementary students dressed up as 100-year-old men and women on the one hundredth day of school last week.

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Scouts BSA Troop hold Court of Honor

Clarendon Scouts BSA Troops 433 and 4433 held a Court of Honor Monday night with more than a dozen youth being recognized for their achievements and rank advancements.

Among those honored were:

Ella Estlack - Scout Rank and Environmental Science merit badge.

Zoe Thompson - Scout Rank.

Emily Dzamko - Scout Rank.

Braelin Huchton - Scout Rank.

Rosa Olivas - Scout Rank and Leatherwork, Fishing, Cooking, and Family Life merit badges.

Saffron Eugea - First Class Rank and Camping, Chemistry, Drafting, Fingerprinting, Veterinary Medicine, Entrepreneurship, Leatherwork, Disabilities Awareness, Art, Scholarship, Archery, Cooking, and Fishing merit badges.

Kacie Eugea - Star Rank and Chemistry, Drafting, Citizenship in Community, Citizenship in Nation, Citizenship in World, Coin Collecting, Scout Heritage, Communication, Leatherwork, Disabilities Awareness, Horsemanship, Swimming, Scholarship, Automotive Maintenance, Cooking, Fishing, Environmental Science, and Family

Life merit badges.

Evelyn Mills - Star Rank and Chemistry, Drafting, Citizenship in Community, Citizenship in Nation, Citizenship in World, Coin Collecting, Scout Heritage, Communication, Leatherwork, Disabilities Awareness, Horsemanship, Scholarship, Automotive Maintenance, Cooking, Fishing, Environmental Science, and Family Life merit badges.

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Jacob Murillo - Chemistry, Drafting, Coin Collecting, Scout Heritage, and Leatherwork merit badges.

Steven Mills - Chemistry, Drafting, Entrepreneurship, Search and Rescue, Coin Collecting, Leatherwork, Scholarship, Automotive Maintenance, and Disabilities Awareness merit badges.

Nathan Estlack - Chemistry, Drafting, Entrepreneurship, Veterinary Medicine, and Coin Collecting merit badges.

Phineas Eugea - Eagle Scout; Bronze Palm, Gold Palm, and Silver Palm; and Chemistry, Drafting, Entrepreneurship, Search and Rescue, Welding, Astronomy, Scholarship, and Disabilities Awareness merit badges.

Obituaries

McCary

Memorial services for Joe Brion McCary will be Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Clarendon. A meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. for family and close friends.

Dickson

John M. "J.M." Dickson, Sr., age 97, passed away on January 25, 2021, in Memphis, from complications following COVID. He spent his life loving the Lord and his family and setting an example of what a good man should be. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 30 at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

J.M. was born on Dec. 15, 1923, at the Dickson family farm near Hedley. He was the only son and youngest of six children born to his parents, John Green Dickson and Mollie Dukes Dickson.

He married his high school sweetheart, Ida Lou Johnson, on Dec. 7, 1941, as Pearl Harbor was bombed and enlisted in the U.S.

Navy shortly thereafter, serving throughout WWII aboard the USS Tennessee (BB-43). After the war, he returned to Hedley where he worked at farming, General Telephone Co., and later moved to Panhandle, where he retired from Pantex. When his wife Ida Lou died after 61 years of marriage, he relocated to Turkey.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and a past master in the Masonic Lodge where he earned his 32nd degree. He enjoyed entertaining others and played his bass guitar and harmonica with the Good Timers band (Panhandle) and Turkey Gems, providing music for thousands of friends throughout the area.

While he loved God, his family, and his country, he also loved to travel, tend the garden, and eat sweets of all types, especially homemade ice cream. Until his health diminished, he faithfully attended Navy reunions and shared stories with anyone who would take time to listen. He never met a stranger and was kind and accepting of all.

The family extends thanks to Marie Cruse, a special friend to J.M. while he lived in Turkey. They studied the Bible together, and she read

the scriptures to him for many years after he lost his eyesight.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ida Lou, five sisters, and his sons, J.M. "John" Dickson, Jr., and Richard.

He is survived by his daughter Linda Dickson Phelan, daughter-in-law Eunice Dickson, seven grandchildren (Donna Dickson Ashley, Brent Dickson (Christine), Leah Dickson Tippin (Larry), Tamara Dickson Burrell (Jeremy), Cory Cooper (Teresa), Kendra Cooper Araiza (Efren), and Carl Cooper), 13 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. J.M. was also beloved by his nieces and nephews: Peggy Struble, Dixie Gartrell, Nancy Harris Henderson, Jack Quisenberry, and Tony Mikesell.

Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon is handling arrangements, and the family suggests memorials to Rowe Cemetery (Hedley) or Kindred Hospice (Amarillo). The family hopes to hold a memorial service at Hedley's Methodist Church later this year.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

Sheriffs Report

January 25, 2021
5:11 a.m.- EMS to mutual aid call in Hall County
6:03 a.m.- EMS to call at Medical Drive
12:32 p.m.- Deputy to welfare check on 500 block W. 7th
8:14 p.m.- EMS to call at 500 block S. Goodnight

January 26, 2021
8:57 a.m.- Multi-agency response to single vehicle rollover at County Road 5
12:19 p.m.- Sheriff to welfare check at 600 block Amarillo Street

January 27, 2021
11:05 a.m.- EMS to call on Medical Drive
5:15 p.m.- EMS to call on S. 70
7:08 p.m.- Deputy to suspicious person call at Dollar General

January 28, 2021
00:13 a.m.- Deputy to minor

traffic accident at FM 2362 and 287
8:25 a.m.- Deputy to call at 500 block W. 3rd
8:37 a.m.- Deputy to call at 700 block S. Goodnight
2:03 p.m.- Deputy to call on Ellerbee
3:28 p.m.- Multi-agency response to vehicle accident at 287 and S. 70
4:13 p.m.- Deputy to assistance request at Rest Area near Clarendon
5:02 p.m.- Deputy to call on 287 near Sonic

January 29, 2021
7:22 a.m.- Deputy to call at 287 near Flower Shop
3:44 p.m.- Deputy to call at park
8:13 p.m.- Sheriff and Deputy to call

January 30, 2021
12:27 a.m.- EMS to mutual aid request at Hall County
3:25 a.m.- EMS to call at 400 block Libern

1:59 p.m.- EMS to call at 600 block E. Montgomery
5:36 p.m.- Deputy to call at 200 block Columbia
5:39 p.m.- EMS to call at 100 block Dana Drive
8:54 p.m.- Multi-agency response to grass fire just north of 287 and County Road CC
9:14 p.m.- EMS to call at 600 block N. Johnson
10:26 p.m.- Deputy to call at 287 near Hedley motorist assist

January 31, 2021
8:51 a.m.- Deputy to call at 1000 block W. 3rd
11:14 a.m.- Deputy to call at 1100 block W. 8th
12:59 p.m.- Deputy to call at 500 block S. Bugbee
2:35 p.m.- Deputy to call at 800 block S. Carhart
3:17 p.m.- Deputy to transport one to Hedley
9:02 p.m.- Deputy to call at Gorst and White

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nuclear near reach weapon

5. Of she

8. Hyperbolic function

12. Rice dish

14. A team's best pitcher

15. Strong and healthy

16. Induces

18. Popular manga series

19. From a distance

20. Split

21. Consumed

22. Cushions

23. All over

26. One who provides food

30. St. ___ Girl, brand of beer

31. Walking slowly

32. Wood

33. Semitic gods
34. Bugle

39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)

42. Congressman

44. Plant of the heath family

46. Subdivision of an army

47. Having many different forms

49. Shellfish

50. Latin for hail

51. Between sixth and seventh

56. Maori war dance

57. Precious or semiprecious stone

58. Teeter totter

59. Deity

60. A major division of geological time

61. Fishing net

62. Small Caribbean bird

63. Field force unit

64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents oil spills

2. Monetary unit

3. The color of the sky

4. Dough used to make tortillas

5. Popular comic strip character

6. Distinct form of a plant

7. Replenishment

8. Has its own altar

9. Expedition to see animals

10. Group of related organisms

11. His and ___

13. Frenetically

17. Small integer

24. Unit of energy

25. Studies of culture

26. Taxi

27. Doctors' group

28. Don't know when yet

29. Former measure of length
35. Popular CBS series

36. Skin condition

37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe

38. They ___

40. Caused severe damage

41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay

42. One point east of due south

43. Sea eagles

44. Drenched

45. State capital

47. Italian city

48. Sweetheart (archaic)

49. Brief talk

52. Popular disco group: Bee ___

53. First Chinese dynasty

54. Military vehicle

55. Chinese Moslem

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Lady Colts show strength in wins

The Lady Colts grabbed two big wins last week as they near their season’s end.

The seventh grade girls defeated Wellington 44-16, and the eighth grade girls slammed Memphis 51-12.

They seventh grade jumped all over Wellington from the start and led 30-4 at the break. Great hustle on offense and strong defense was more than the Lady Rockets could handle.

Kenidee Hayes had an awe-

some game putting in 20 points, 16 of which came in the second quarter, and Berkley Moore helped with nine. Kashlyn Conkin, Presley Smith had four each, Madi Benson put in two and Whitney Williams added one.

The eighth grade Lady Colts picked up where the seventh grade ended and never gave Memphis a chance.

Defensively, the ladies did everything right in the first half of play and only allowed their opponent one basket. The Lady Cyclones

struggled to stop the Lady Colts strong offense and gave up several points early on. There was little Memphis could do in the final minutes to stop the Lady Colts’ momentum.

Hayden Elam, Gracie Clark, and Kennadie Cummins finished in double figures with 14, 12, and 11 points respectively. Tandie Cummins put in six, and Shelby Coles helped with four. Gracie Wilkins added three and Sidda Thomas had one.

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The promotion was approved by the Board of Directors during their December 2020 meeting.

Kennedy was born & raised in Donley County & now lives on the farm/ranch she grew up on. Debbie was one of 2 graduates from Hedley High School in 1984. Kennedy started working at Security State Bank (Now Pilgrim Bank) in Hedley in 1988. In January 1998, Pilgrim Bank opened a branch in Clarendon, where she now works. Kennedy has been faithfully serving her community through banking for 33 years.

Debbie has two daughters, Kasi and her husband Corey and Julie. She also has 5 precious grandchildren, Kennadi, Kreedence, Cutter, Jayla and Tate, all of whom live locally. Debbie raised her daughters in the First Baptist church of Hedley. She serves on the board of Rowe Cemetery Association. She takes pride in the cemetery and strives to honor those that have passed away. In her spare time, she raises cattle on her family farm/ranch. Kennedy loves to garden and enjoy the beautiful outdoors and the wildlife around her farm. Debbie also loves to spend time with her family/friends and ride her Harley motorcycle.

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Broncos enjoying perfect district season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos finished off their week's play with two huge wins over Wellington and Shamrock at home. The wins put them at 7-0 for their District record with only two games to play at press time.

The Broncos breezed by the Skyrockets at 66-26 early in the week. Their opponent never posed a threat at all which allowed the Broncos to run their offense at will.

Defensively, the Broncos made stops all game long and frustrated a weak Wellington offense. After leading by 17 at the break, the Broncos opened up their scoring frenzy

to win by 40 points. Donovan Thompson and Lamarus Peniger finished in double figures with 17 and 12 points. Jordan Herndon put in nine points, and Jmaury Davis and Sylvester Ballard had eight each. Cayden D'Costa put in six, and Lyric Smith and Ethan Babcock turned a three-pointer each.

On Friday, the Broncos ran through the Irish 73-39. Playing before a big crowd for Senior Night, the Broncos were able to put on a scoring show and made good on eight three-pointers from five different players. The Bronco offense speaks for itself, but their defense frustrated their opponent as they

were only able to muster single digits until right before the break. The Broncos' 28-point lead at half-time quickly turned into a 39-point lead after three and a 34-point win.

Three Broncos finished in double figures with Peniger putting in 16, Ballard adding 14, and Davis helping with 13. D'Costa had eight, Herndon put in seven, Thompson had six, Jaxan McAnear hit a three-pointer, Smith and Babcock had two, and Harrison Howard and Levi Gates each had one.

The Broncos will play at Panhandle on February 5 and finish up their regular season schedule at home against Wheeler on Feb. 9.

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Lady Broncos' suffer loss in overtime at home

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos posted one loss and one win last week. The win over Shamrock on Friday all but secured a place in post-season play that will begin next week.

On Tuesday of last week, the Lady Broncos hosted Wellington and the game went into overtime with the Lady Rockets taking the 42-35 win. Clarendon held the slight edge throughout the game until the fourth quarter of play and the Lady Rockets earned one more basket than the Lady Broncos to add minutes to the game. Wellington was able to convert shots into points and the Lady Broncos struggled to control the ball and make shots. The ladies failed to

convert seven free throws that could have made a difference in the loss. However; they still turned ten of seventeen for 58 percent.

Senior Jade Benson posted 17 points in the game which included two three-pointers, and Makenna Shadle had six and went four for four from the bonus line.

Fellow senior Ashlyn Crawford finished with five, and Madi Smith had three. Jentrye Bellar and Finley Cunningham had two each to finish out the scoring.

On Friday, the ladies served up an important win over Shamrock at 50-41. An explosive second quarter gave the ladies the edge they were looking for, but the Lady Irish

declared a comeback attempt to close the gap on the Lady Broncos' nine-point lead at the break. At the end of three, it was a two-point ball-game. Dashing the Lady Irish's hope of a win, the Lady Broncos took full control offensively in the final eight minutes and outscored their opponent by seven to get the win.

Once again, Benson had a great game and pumped in 21 points that included two for two from the bonus and three big three-pointers. Crawford was a huge help with 12 points and hitting 76 percent of her free throws. Bellar had eight, Cunningham put in six, and Shadle had three.

After finishing District play, the ladies will be on to the playoffs.

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Lady Bronco JV defeats Wellington at home

The Lady Bronco junior varsity used a great second half to get the win over Wellington at home last week. After an even first quarter, the ladies kicked up their offense and earned a 34-26 win.

The Lady Broncos used a burst of pressure on defense in the second quarter of play that allowed them to execute offensively to go on top

for the game. Along with a solid offense, the ladies played pressure defense against the Lady Rockets and caused turnovers.

Jayde Gribble led the way finishing in double figures with 12, and Courtlyn Conkin added nine. Aliyah Weatheron had seven, and Aleyah Weatheron, Avery English, and Laney Gates each had two points.

On Friday, the ladies hosted Nazareth and were narrowly defeated 18-24. The Lady Broncos played hard, but struggled to convert shots into points. They never could find a good rhythm in the game.

Conkin had seven, Aleyah Weatheron put in six, Aliyah Weatheron finished with three, and Eliza Rodriguez helped with two.

Colts finish season strong

The Clarendon Junior High Colts had a good season and fought hard to improve for the year. They were able to end their season with a big win over Memphis at 39-12.

The Colts began the game getting the best of their opponent on the defensive side. Memphis struggled to keep up with the Colts while the Colts were able to make shots fall. The halftime break gave the Colts a breather and they came out in the second half and played great basketball leaving the Cyclones struggling. The Colts scored 25 points in the second half while holding Memphis to only three points the entire 12 minutes.

Mason Sims put in 12 points to lead the way and Grant Haynes added nine. Colton Caudle and Kaleb Bohlin each put in eight points, and Mason Allred finished with two.

Jaramillo lifts more than four times her weight

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon senior Aubrey Jaramillo is working hard in the weight room, and it paid off at the second meet of the year in Childress.

Jaramillo lifts in the 97.5-pound weight class and lifted a total of 450 pounds to claim first place in her division. Jaramillo lifted over four times her weight to win over a field of solid competitors.

"She increased the total of her previous meet by 25 pounds," lifting coach Johnny Nino said. "Aubrey has been working very hard in the weight room, and the increase in the total weights shows how hard she has been working."

Jaramillo will compete again on February 11. The Broncos will participate in a meet on Thursday, February 4, in Childress.

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Raymond Reeves and his grandson Truman Reeves pictured on the family’s Donley County ranch in the early 2000s.

COURTESY OF THE REEVES FAMILY

Rancher: COVID brings local man’s 91 years to end

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small rural neighborhood of four households – one of them Raymond Reeves’ – where three people he knows died of the virus last year.

When the virus began to spread in the United States, the Reeves kids, now 63, 59 and 56, struggled to convince their dad to take it seriously, they recall. Before stores and local governments began requiring masks, they pushed him to wear one. At first, the idea seemed ridiculous to him.

“It was very difficult for him to grasp that this was serious,” Carol Reeves said. “He’s been tough and resilient his whole life and he did not understand that he was vulnerable.”

Eventually he promised to wear the mask at Walmart and doctor’s appointments. But they suspected he didn’t always wear it around friends.

“He had this idea that if he was visiting a friend or going into town and seeing someone that he had known forever, that it wasn’t dangerous,” Cindy Reeves said.

The virus tried to corrupt the community spirit that sustained him through his long life. Neighbors and friends became threats. In the spring, despite his childrens’ protests, he did the usual roundup and branding of calves, annual tasks that would have brought other people to the ranch, likely invited in to eat.

“They didn’t see the mask as their way of keeping their community together,” Carol Reeves said. “They saw it as a way to separate one another.”

Raymond Reeves loved his ranch and no one who knew him could imagine him living anywhere else. But the solitude was a double-edged sword. This was the man who’d run into the farm store on a quick errand only to leave his kids waiting in the pickup for 45 minutes as he chatted up everyone he saw. He loved to tell stories – or to correct others’ telling of stories, David Reeves recalled with a chuckle.

“You live out in the middle of nowhere,” Carol Reeves said. “You go to the tire store, and sit there and talk and want to stay and chat as long as possible and tell stories and make people laugh. Everywhere he went there was that connection – because you do live isolated, so you cherish those moments of connection with somebody. The last thing you want to do is offend them by wearing a mask around them.”

The kids suspected he got lonely in his later years. Sometimes when he mentioned this to Cindy, she’d propose solutions, and he’d say, “Well it’s really not that big a deal, Cindy, I just wanted a little sympathy.”

He was generous to a fault, so much so that their mother used to complain that people were taking advantage of him.

He spoke to his children often, and saw them several times a year. One Thursday night in November he called Carol, but she had her hands

full and didn’t answer. She called him back on Saturday morning, but he didn’t answer.

They didn’t know yet that he’d fallen. Kathy Turner, who helped him with ranch tasks, arrived that Saturday morning as usual to find the doors locked and no Raymond to greet her. She crawled through the doggie door and found Raymond on the floor by his bed, incoherent, fallen during the night. She got him in an ambulance for the trip to Amarillo.

As David Reeves began the drive from Fort Worth, he imagined he’d find his father dehydrated or perhaps with low blood sugar. It wasn’t until he spoke with the doctor that he realized COVID-19 had caused the brain damage that led to the fall.

By the time the children arrived, the situation was dire.

At first, it was too risky for them to be in the room with their father. Breathing machines can aerosolize a patient’s breath, spreading tiny, dangerous viral particles. Only when he was taken off – the only option, they and the doctors felt – could they go in, masked and gowned, to say a brief goodbye.

Knowing that Reeves lived his last cogent moments in the place he loved most – not forced to move to a nursing home or alien city – softened the loss for his children. But it could not blunt the hurt entirely. For David, it brought to mind a piece of family lore: that Raymond’s mother had fallen to the ground on the ranch while out picking wildflowers, and died not long after.

“If you’re going to go, that’s kind of the way you want to go,” he said.

That ranch still held so much of him – the memories of legendary Easter egg hunts (eggs would be stashed under cow patties, sometimes found months after the event) and of picking out a rare, sometimes homely Christmas tree from the limited selection, decorating it with handmade ornaments. Owning land is an ethic in their family, Carol Reeves said; it would not feel right to sell the ranch. Much of the family gathered there for Christmas this year, celebrating and remembering. They know every inch of the property, their favorite walks and preferred views. It is a place they could never get lost, even if the landscape might look monotonous to an outsider.

That day in November, after Reeves died, there was no tearing of wrapping paper or laughter of children. It was quiet when the children arrived back at the ranch. It felt heavy to enter the home; the sprawling property was “just so him,” David said. They were confronted with his absence; his things scattered on the table, his brown Schnauzer, Reggie, sniffing around, wondering where he’d gone.

Chamber Valentine show to be Feb. 14

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Valentine’s Date Night on February 14 at the Mulkey Theatre.

“Hitch” starring Will Smith will be the featured presentation for the evening, and doors open at 6 p.m.

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