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THIS WEEK

3 Rep. Ronny Jackson has a new bill making its way through Congress.
5 Hedley students receive dictionaries through the Shamrock Rotary.
6 The Broncos hand defeat to the boys from Vega.
7 And Wyatt Casper makes a name for himself in Las Vegas!

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

Clinic seeing flu as well as COVID-19

Donley County has 26 active cases of COVID-19 this week, according to the Clarendon Family Medical Center, up one from last week.

Clinic spokesperson Marsha Bruce says cases of flu are on the rise and also says flu shots are still available.

There have now been 643 positive cases of the virus since the pandemic began that have been treated at the local clinic. Those numbers do not reflect local residents who were diagnosed with elsewhere, such as facilities in Amarillo, Pampa, or Childress.

First Christian sets candlelight service

The First Christian Church in Clarendon will hold its annual Candlelight Christmas Service this Sunday, December 19 at 5 p.m.

The public is welcome and invited to attend this joyous celebration of the season. The First Christian Church is located at Third and Gorst.

Methodists to hold candlelight service

The First United Methodist Church in Clarendon will hold its annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on next Friday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m.

The public is welcome and invited to attend. The First United Methodist Church is located at Fifth and Jefferson.

Santa to pay visit to Howardwick Dec. 18

Howardwick families and friends are invited to bring their kids to visit Santa at City Hall this Saturday, December 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Browse the cookie bar, candy land bar, and cocoa bar as you fill your belly and fill your spirit this Christmas season.

Library will host bake sale Thursday

The Friends of the Library will have baked goods ready for sale this Thursday during Late Night shopping beginning at 4:30 in the Burton Memorial Library.

Cakes, cookies, candies, pies, and jellies will be available to make your holidays tastier. Local crafts as well as well-loved books at bargain prices will also be for sale.

Enterprise office to close for Christmas

The Clarendon Enterprise will be closed for Christmas starting Friday, December 17, and continuing through the end of the year. The December 23 and 30 editions of the paper have already gone to press, and the office will re-open January 3, 2022.



Commissioners face decisions on JP office

County politics occupied much of the Donley County Commissioners' agenda Monday during their regular session.

Judge John Howard said the commissioners' court focused mainly on the position of the Justice of the Peace of Precincts 1 & 2, driven by the need to confirm the boundaries of those precincts and by JP Pam Mason submitting her resignation last Thursday, effective January 1, 2022.

Howard said the county had considered the possibility of consolidating its two justices of the

peace positions into one, but with four people having filed for Mason's position, the court decided it was in the county's best interest to keep the two JP positions.

JP 1&2 offices in Clarendon on the Courthouse Square, while JP 3&4 offices in Hedley.

Maintaining the Clarendon JP office, the commissioners also then confirmed the boundaries of the JP precincts, aligning them with the commissioner precinct boundaries already which had already been set, Howard said.

When the JP position becomes

vacant in January, commissioners could appoint someone to take Mason's place, but Howard said the county does not intend to take that action until the voters can have their say in March and could even hold off until May in the case of a run-off election.

"The fair thing to do is leave it vacant and let the voters decide who they want in that position," he said.

Precinct 3&4 JP Pat White will cover the duties of the Precinct 1&2 JP until it can be filled next year. Whoever is appointed or elected to succeed Mason will have to com-

plete 60 hours of training within a year of taking office, the judge said.

Howard said Mason gave no reason for her decision to resign.

Commissioners also approved new precinct voting lines, eliminating voting locations in Howardwick and in Hedley and creating the option for all four precincts to have ballots cast at the Courthouse. But that decision may not last.

Howard said Tuesday that while he's been assured that Howardwick residents are fine with voting in Clarendon, some Hedley residents would prefer not to have to

drive to the county seat to vote. Also, Howard said the county acted under the incorrect information that they could establish more than one polling place per precinct, which would have allowed Hedley to be accommodated.

Commissioners will now revisit the election precinct lines during a called meeting this Friday at 4 p.m. when they will also consider bids for Courthouse repairs.

The county also approved Monday purchasing four Express voting machines at a cost of \$16,000, which will largely be paid by grant funds.



Clarendon's Cole Franks rides at the NFR in Vegas last weekend.

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Franks hits jackpot in Las Vegas

By Ted Harbin

Cole Franks is pretty reserved on a daily basis. He doesn't have a lot to say, but even the news he learned at the National Finals Rodeo left him virtually speechless.

"Wow," he said after learning that he finished his rookie season with \$227,422 in earnings. "That's crazy."

He sat stunned after earning \$150,029 over 10 nights in the Nevada desert, aided in large part by finishing third in the aggregate race after riding 10 horses for a cumulative score of 860 points. It was an incredible way to conclude his inaugural season in the PRCA.

"I don't have the words to put to it," said Franks, 20, of Clarendon. "It is definitely not what I expected when I started the year. It is life-

changing money. It sets you up for years to come."

He was just talking about his NFR earnings. It's all gravy for the cowboy that almost didn't get to compete on the rodeo trail after a rough winter and early spring because he didn't have much money earned. If it hadn't been for a big payday in San Angelo, Texas, he might not have had the success he had: Rookie of the Year and third place in the final bareback riding world standings.

He finished his first trip to Pro-Rodeo's grand championship with an 85.5-point ride on Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's Dirty Jacket. Though he didn't place, his score helped him maintain his spot in the average, which paid him \$44,414. His traveling partner, Jess Pope, won the

average title and just shy of \$70,000 by having the best cumulative score.

Franks grew up idolizing some of rodeo's greats. His father, Bret, is a three-time NFR qualifier in saddle bronc riding, but he also has handy friends who own bareback riding world championships: Mark Gomes and Jeff Collins.

But money has changed considerably in the last two decades since those men were awarded their gold buckles. Gomes finished his world-title campaign with \$143,000, which is less than Franks earned over the last 10 days alone.

"I've always said it would be cool to compete against those guys back in the day," he said. "Looking back at that, I'd much rather be now."

"It's crazy how much it has changed. We are athletes, not just

rodeo cowboys. Tim (O'Connell) and Jess said that a lot this year. That really hit home. Rodeo has turned into rodeo athletes, not just cowboys anymore, and it shows."

The money will spend, but the memories made will last a lifetime. Franks is still in awe of his experience in Las Vegas and his magical season that included three college titles – bareback riding, all-around and part of the champion's men's team at Clarendon College – and enough money to buy a nice place in his hometown.

"It sets up everything for here next year," Franks said, referring to another NFR qualification. "That's the top goal for next year. Once I get here next year, the first goal is to get a gold buckle. I want to get that and more will come after that."

Reagan Foundation honors Thornberry

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute last week announced that former House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry of Clarendon and former Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work were honored with the Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award at the 2021 Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) on December 4, 2021.

"Chairman Thornberry and Secretary Work have each devoted decades of their lives to serving and supporting our nation's armed forces. Their steadfast leadership has contributed greatly to our safety and freedom as a nation," said Frederick J. Ryan Jr., chairman of the board of trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. "Their knowledge and understanding of defense strategy, budgeting and modernization have been invaluable to preserving our competitive edge. As we honor them at RNDF, we trust that their contributions to the cause are not yet complete."

Mac Thornberry retired from

Congress in 2021 after representing the 13th district of Texas for 26 years. A leader on national security issues, Thornberry was a longtime member of the House Armed Services Committee, which he chaired for four years, and the House Intelligence Committee. As HASC Chairman, Thornberry worked to update and streamline DoD acquisition to get new technologies into the hands of the warfighter faster and to enhance innovation within the military.

Robert Work served as Deputy Secretary of Defense from 2014 to 2017, and was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and management of the Department of Defense. Prior to his confirmation in that role, he served as CEO of the Center for a New American Security and as Under Secretary of the Navy. In 2019, he co-chaired the inaugural Reagan Institute Center for Peace Through Strength Task Force, which produced a report detailing recommendations for the National Security Innovation Base. Work also served



Former congressman Mac Thornberry of Clarendon speaks at the Reagan Library.

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27 years in the Marines, retiring as a colonel in 2001.

Presented at each RNDF since 2013, the Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award recognizes those who have applied, with constant purpose, a strategy to strengthen our armed forces, support our military men and women striving around the world, reinforce our nation's defense systems and safeguard the lives and interests of the American people.

The award is represented by a bronze eagle set upon a black gran-

ite base. The eagle symbolizes the strength, courage and wisdom of both Reagan and the country that he loved so dearly. Captured within the eagle's talon is a piece of the Berlin Wall, a powerful reminder that, in Reagan's own words, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

Thornberry and Work join a distinguished group of previous award recipients, including former Vice President Dick Cheney; Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI); U.S. Rep. Adam See 'Thornberry' on page 4.

Four sign up for JP office

A four-way race has emerged for one Donley County office and one candidate has filed for another office that is currently vacant.

The filing period for a place on the Democratic and Republican primary ballots closed Monday, December 13, and all local candidates filed as Republicans, according to the Donley County Clerk's office.

Sarah Hatley, Connie Lane, Ashley Savage, and Kristen Taylor all filed to run for the Justice of the Peace of Precincts 1 and 2. Incumbent JP Pam Mason, whose term should have expired at the end of December 2022, has resigned her position effective January 1, 2022.

Former Donley County chief deputy Randy Bond filed to run for Constable of Precincts 3&4, a position that is currently vacant.

The following incumbents also filed for re-election as Republicans: Judge John Howard, Treasurer Wanda Smith, Clerk Vicky Tunnell, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dan Sawyer, Precinct 2 Commissioner Daniel Ford, and Precinct 3 & 4 Justice of the Peace Pat White.

The Republican primary will be held March 1, 2022.

Late shopping in Clarendon this Thursday

Christmas is just more than a week away, and local merchants will be open late the next two Thursdays for Late Night Shopping and prize giveaways organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the list of merchants open this Thursday, December 16, the Burton Memorial Library will have baked goods ready for sale this Thursday during Late Night shopping beginning at 4:30 in the Library. Cakes, cookies, candies, pies, and jellies will be available to make your holidays tastier. Local crafts as well as well-loved books at bargain prices will also be for sale.

Shoppers can register at any "Shop Donley County" merchant throughout the week for the prize drawings on Late Nights. You must be present to win, and the location of the drawing will be at different locations each week. This week's drawing will take place at Saye's Flying 'A' Tack at 219 S. Kearney at 8 p.m. Last week, Tommy Hill won the basket of goodies and gift certificates.

Merchants known to be open past 5 p.m. this week include Floyd's Automotive until 5:30, Buckin' Bean until 7:00, Clarendon Outpost until 10:00, Outpost Deli until 8:00, Cornell's Country Store until 6:00, Broken Road Jr. Liquor Store until 8:00, Country Bloomers until 5:30, Henson's until 8:00, Every Nook & Cranny until 8:00, Loaded Nutrition / Rambling Ranch Boutique until 8:00, Floatin' T Boutique until 8:00, and Saye's Flying 'A' Tack until 8:00.

For updates on Late Night Shopping information, check out ClarendonTx.com/ChamberEvents.

The student debt debacle

By Dr. Walter Wendler

Over the past decade, I have routinely reflected on the dilemma of student debt. Topics such as the educational indebtedness of Social Security recipients, the role of personal responsibility in accrued debt, hard-nosed suggestions about how to reduce educational indebtedness, the myths of student debt, and the various causes of debt and its impact on learning have all plagued my mind. In the coming weeks, I shall undertake a series of reflections that look at student debt with specific suggestions to current and future students of how to avoid it. The burden of accumulating student debt should be the center point of consideration in higher education choices – for students, families, university leadership, and elected and appointed officials alike. It is a national problem, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, and it is, unyieldingly, higher education’s most significant challenge to overcome.

Borrowers, both informed and uninformed, tend to see all student debt as equal. However, federal and private borrowing programs differentiate vastly, with varying costs and benefits to contemplate. There are significant regional differences as well. Those with the highest debt levels typically graduate from colleges in the Northeast, while those with lower encumbrances commonly graduate from Western institutions. There are many reasons for this, including the borrower’s view of indebtedness and the state support of higher education. In addition, public college graduates incur the lowest levels of indebtedness, about \$25,000, while nonprofit college graduates average about \$32,000. Perhaps most troubling are the for-profit colleges where average indebtedness nears \$40,000. This continuous cycle of over-borrowing is harmful to both the borrowers and our national economy.

As college costs have continued to increase, and with those increases in borrowed funds, private education loans have become more common. Currently, almost 10% of outstanding student debt is from private lenders. These loans function similarly to automobile loans, but with no fungible property to secure the commitment: And troublingly, these types of loans have increased dramatically in the last decade. They include about 16% of the student loan market for the 2019-2020 academic year. Additionally, in all of this, private education loans are frequently granted to applicants who have poor credit ratings.

Families with incomes below the 20th percentile range have average student loan balances of about \$25,000, and indebtedness increases significantly, doubling to nearly \$52,000, for incomes that fall within the 80th through 89th percentile range. A significant drop occurs in families at the 90th percentile, where borrowing averages about \$40,000. Borrowing occurs differently based on degree levels. Half of the student debt is held in households with graduate degrees.

College Board data reveal that when family incomes are less than \$35,000 per year, 25% have no student loan debt. When income levels rise to \$120,000 per year, 41% of those families have student loan debt. Common notion might suggest that those families which earn more should borrow less; however, data suggests otherwise.

Of all debt, roughly two-thirds are borne by borrowers under the age of 40, with about one-third under 30. Surprisingly, nearly thousands of borrowers have Social Security checks garnished to pay back educational loans. A decade ago, student debt surpassed credit cards to become the second-highest form of indebtedness following home mortgages. From 2004 until 2012, each year saw significant increases in the percentage of 25-year-olds with student debt. In the 21st century, grants in aid for undergraduate students more than doubled from about \$4,500 per full-time equivalent student to almost \$10,000 per full-time equivalent student.

The means to tackle rising indebtedness will be addressed in the coming weeks. Some of the advice is straightforward and hard to argue. Attend a cheaper college. Tuition costs vary widely: from the least expensive (\$1,640 – California State University–Dominquez Hills) four-year institution to the most expensive (\$77,696 – Scripps College). The ultimate value of the earned degree, beyond simply the prestige associated with the more elite institutions, is difficult to measure. Increasingly, and equally important, is the college cost relative to its worth, i.e. earning capacity, especially when borrowed funds are used.

A Federal Reserve Bank of New York report revealed that higher education continues to be a good investment. The college premium in the workplace is real, but students will be challenged to pay back rising educational loans. I have counseled college students for 45 years, and every student that comes to my office is concerned about costs. Education borrowing, grants and scholarships form a matrix of considerations that every student and family should carefully consider. Asking the right questions can help prevent lifelong indebtedness. One size fits one.

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Drawing the black bean meant death

A few years after Texas gained its independence at San Jacinto and General Santa Anna was released, the Mexican general again became president of Mexico. Ignoring his promise to refrain from further hostilities, Santa Anna continuously threatened to retake Texas. In September 1842, a Mexican army unit commanded by General Adrian Woll captured San Antonio. Texans immediately rallied to the call, and after intensive combat forced the Mexican army to retreat below the Rio Grande River.

The Texans, under the command of General Alexander Somervell, gave chase, marched to the Rio Grande, and captured Laredo. Somervell, however, refused to let his relatively small force cross over into Mexico where a larger enemy force awaited. Three hundred of the pursuing force ignored Somervell’s order to return to their homes, and this small band, under Colonel William S. Fisher, continued down the Rio Grande to the Mexican town of Mier. Crossing the river on Christmas Eve in a driving rain, they entered the town and gave battle to the Mexican contingent camped there. With losses on both sides, the fighting was heavy until the Mexican General Ampudia asked for a brief truce.

Ampudia told the Texans that 800 fresh Mexican troops were due to arrive. If the Texans would surrender now, he promised that they would soon be on their way home after prisoner exchanges. Colonel Fisher advised the Texans to submit. “Ampudia is a man of his word. He can be trusted.” But Ampudia was not a man of his word, and soon the Texans found themselves embarking on a 1,000 mile march to Mexico City,

flanked on either side by Mexican guards with fixed bayonets.

Arriving at the town of Salado on February 10, 1843, the Texans decided to make a break for freedom. The next morning at breakfast they overpowered their guards, captured and mounted horses, and set out for freedom and home. Traveling in unfamiliar and desolate country, they lost their way and ran out of food. They were on the verge of starvation when they found themselves surrounded by a Mexican detachment commanded by General Mexia. The kindly general gave them a few days to recover their strength and then marched them back to Salado.

Word came from Santa Anna that all the prisoners should be put to death. By correspondence, General Mexia and others pled with Santa Anna to spare and release the Texans. Their efforts achieved partial results, as Santa Anna softened his orders to the effect that one tenth of the Texans be shot.

On the appointed day, one of the Mexican officers approached the Texans with an earthen pot containing 159 white beans and 17 black beans. Those Texans drawing the black beans would be the ones to die. The commissioned officers were ordered to draw first, followed by the enlisted men in alphabetical order by last name.

Captain Ewen Cameron, who was to make the initial draw, had noticed that



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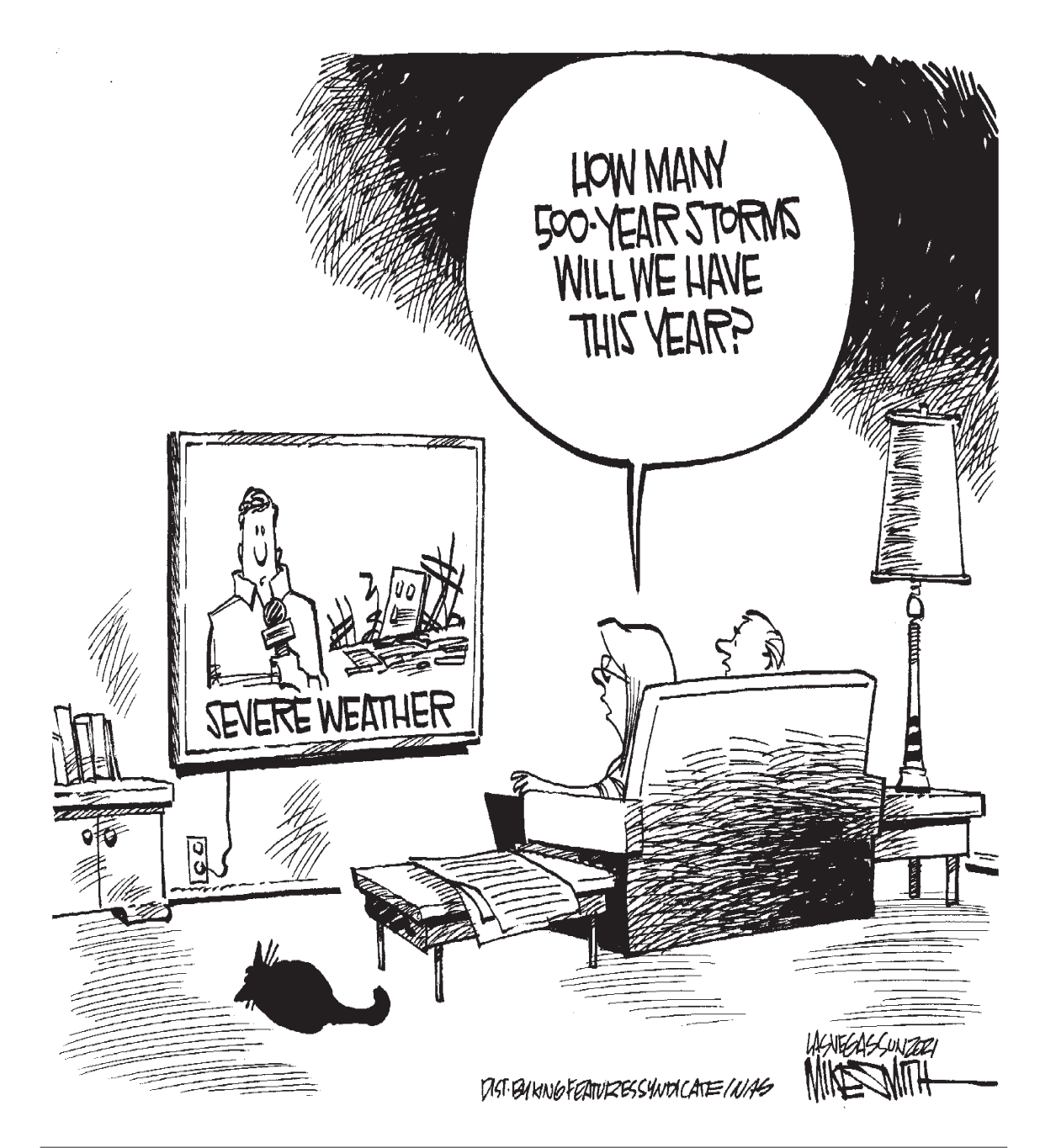
the Mexicans had put the white beans into the pot first and then put the black beans on top without mixing them. Thus he whispered to his fellow officers, “Dig deep, boys.” Cameron drew out a white bean as did every other officer except Captain Eastland.

William A.A. “Big Foot” Wallace was one of the last to draw a bean, and the remaining whites and blacks were well mixed by that time. Wallace, however, thought that he had observed that the black beans were slightly larger than the white. Acting on this assumption, he fingered the beans in the jar, and with two remaining in his hand, he drew out the smaller. It was white, and Wallace survived another of many ordeals in his colorful life.

At sundown the selected prisoners were tied, blindfolded, and made to sit down on a log. The fateful command was given, and the deed was done. Sixteen Texans died immediately, and one, James L. Shepherd, was merely wounded. Pretending death, Shepherd lay still until after dark when he got up and escaped into the night. A few weeks later he was captured and killed by the Mexicans. Captain Cameron, who had drawn the first white bean, was also executed by the Mexicans following a later escape attempt.

Five years after the Black Bean episode, the remains of the slaughtered were dug up and reburied at LaGrange, Texas, where a large monument erected by the State of Texas marks their last resting place.

George U. Hubbard is an author and resident of Clarendon.



Having the same address for 50 years

In the early 1960’s I attended a meeting of the Big Spring Little Theater in Dr. Milton Talbot’s house. On the way in, along the brick walkway leading to the center of the house, I felt like I was entering a work of art. I don’t remember what happened at the meeting, but I do remember that house. I was single, just out of the Army and the house seemed like a sanctuary tucked away below street level with juniper lining the sloping driveway. I wanted that house and the secure feeling of stability it gave to family members and guests.

When the Talbots moved to Austin the house stood vacant for a year. Perhaps it was too different to move quickly in the local real estate market. By 1971 I had worked away from Big Spring enough to know that Big Spring was where I belonged. I was married with 2 young sons. My wife Susan and I were ready to move. We needed more room. We had saved enough money to put a down payment on the Talbot house. We moved in on November 2, 1971. After living in it 50 years it still is like being in a work of art. I feel the same way I felt when I first saw it.

It was designed by noted architect

Harwell Harris and built under the Talbot’s supervision in 1959-60. Harris had designed another home and one church in Big Spring (St. Mary’s Episcopal). When Lisa German, Harris’s biographer, brought him to our home he stood in our living room and said, “Thank you for taking care of my house.” We were flattered. That was 7 or 8 years after we had been in the house. Initially we thought it was so nice we didn’t want to change anything. But we finally got brave enough to put new paint on the walls, re-do some wallpaper, flooring, and draperies. The house is 70% glass and we’ve replaced all the windows and sliding glass doors.

Back in November of ’71 Kevin and BZ, 7 and 3 at the time, began to explore the canyon off the deck. They found two caves and learned they were called Lemon Cave and Rabbit Ears. Our dog, Brown Lady, accompanied them on their adventures. Sometimes



stories
of texas
by tumbleweed smith

they would spend all day building forts or some other structure in the canyon. It had a dry creek bed but when it rained there were waterfalls and a running stream of water. In December of 71 we had an open house and New Year’s Eve Party. Guests were greeted with a giant tumbleweed with more than 100 tiny light bulbs on it.

We’ve had many guests, neighbors, and family members over the years. One special one was bandleader Stan Kenton who sat on our deck and watched cardinals enjoying our birdbath. Thanksgiving has always been a big deal at our house and sometimes we had as many as 25 people over for turkey and football. We used to have family slide shows in our living room. Those were special times.

Our sons and grandsons have sat in a big lacebark elm tree outside our dining room window. Sometimes they read, sometimes they just looked around, alone with their thoughts. We are grateful that our sons and grandsons, daughters in law and soon to be a great grandchild have always known where to find us.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 14, 2021, with Boss Lion Pro Tem David Dockery in charge.

We had 14 member and Sweet-heart Darcy Grahn this week.

Lion Scarlet Estlack reported on the college where registration is underway for the winter min-session and also said the city library is holding a bake sale this Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30, and the Sweet-heart reported on the high school where finals are underway ahead of Christmas break.

Lion Sandy Childress reported that Santa Claus will be at the Howard City Hall this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She also reported on our Christmas Food Baskets, which will be delivered next Tuesday.

Lion Sharlene Bordonaro reported on the Chamber and said Late Night Shopping is this Thursday with a drawing at Saye's Flying 'A' Tack at 8 p.m. Must be present to win.

FVDG Roger Estlack reported on the district and said our First Alert Team is on standby and ready to feed first responders in the event of a wildfire this week. He also said registration is open for the district Mid-Winter meeting in Hereford January 14-15.

Lion David Dockery reported on the city and efforts to clean up town and said the city is excited by the new businesses that have moved downtown.

We will deliver food baskets next Tuesday, and then we will not meet on December 28.

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Obituaries

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Robin Morris Green, 77, of Lubbock, Texas, died on December 9, 2021. Born on November 13, 1944, in Grand Prairie, Texas, to Horace and Naomi Green,

Robin was the oldest and self-decided "Mom's favorite" of seven children. The family lived on a farm near Clarendon, Texas, in a community of loving grandparents, friends, and family. Robin attended a two-room school in Ashtola, Texas, Clarendon High School (1963), McMurry College (B.A. 1967), and Texas Tech University School of Law (J.D. 1969 - one of 14 in the first class). Robin started his 52-year law career as an Assistant District Attorney for Potter County in Amarillo, Texas, followed by private practice firms in Amarillo and Lubbock, always passionately advocating for his clients. Robin championed civil rights, and was determined to challenge any obstacle that threatened those rights, as reflected in several high-profile and controversial cases and his participation in civic organizations. Robin shared his time and

his idealism with family, friends, and contrary lunch companions, so many conversations including: "but, you didn't ask me how to make a clock." But of course, we always hoped he'd tell us.

Robin was an advocate for education, voter rights, and equal treatment under the law. Robin volunteered at local schools, tutoring and reading with students, insisting the time was more a gift to him than the students. He was also active in the South Plains Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, the Texas American Civil Liberties Union, and the United Methodist Church, and felt blessed that he was counted as a friend to many. While maintaining an active practice in civil trial law and community service, Robin planned many camping trips, rafting trips, visited kids and grandkids, attempted to educate us all in history, the arts, American music, and never went too long between optimistic environmentally sound garden projects (that required more watering than he could schedule, despite recruiting nieces and clerks).

Robin is remembered for his love of nature, travel, exercise, enthusiasm for life, his curiosity, his search for an understanding of the human condition, and his inclusion of all people. A good friend stated that the world is going to be a "less friendly and kind place without Robin." Robin is remembered for all the joy and happiness he brought to the world.

Robin is survived by his wife, Paulina Jacobo; sisters Patricia Friesen, Beth Stepp, and Ellen Morehart; children Robin Morris, Benjamin, and Margaret; and the ones he claimed, Mateo, Lissa, Laura, Christopher, Kayla, Unique, and Destiny; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews, friends, and colleagues.

Robin was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

A private family burial will precede services on Saturday morning, December 18, 10:30 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 420 South Jefferson Street, Clarendon, Texas, where Robin and his family have been members for many generations.

The family respectfully requests that all who attend the service wear masks.

A celebration of life will be held in Lubbock, Texas, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, Clarendon, Texas; South Plains Food Bank of Lubbock, 5605 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Lubbock Texas 79404; the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lubbock, 3221 59th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413; and the Texas American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 8306, Houston, Texas 77288.

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Menus

Dec. 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Rigatoni/meat sauce, lima beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken strips, gravy, baked potato, sour cream, peas & carrots, whole wheat bread, strawberries with whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Closed
Fri: Closed

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Sweet & sour pork, fried rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fruit parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, & pickles, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Closed

DCSC holds Christmas party

By Mary Lynn
The Donley County Senior Citizens volunteers, families, and guests were treated to a Christmas Party on Friday, December 11. The food was delicious as always. Then, the games began.

These games involved great skill and concentration. These included moving marshmallows into drink cups using tiny forks held in one's teeth, no hands allowed.

Deer hunting without firearms and picking up small candies with straws were included into these activities. Athletes young and older competed super sportsmen and women. Best of all was the laughter produced with incredible talent from all!

Volunteers are tireless, giving people and we appreciate each one. We can always use more; and if you find yourself with some extra time, you'll find a group of people who have fun, work hard, and appreciate you more than you know. If you can't serve, perhaps you'll consider a donation.

The Christmas season is well upon us, and everyone is busy. Stop in and take out meals for yourself or your family. Also, dining inside is available.

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House of Isibindi

Clarendon Junior high has begun a program called the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) House System. The RCA System is a way to create a positive climate and culture for students and staff. The goal is to help implement processes that build character, relationships, and school spirit. Six of the seven Houses were published last week. The seventh house is the House of Isibindi, a house of Courage. They are the Lions.

Forest service positions airtankers due to wildfire threat

The Texas A&M Forest Service is opening the Abilene Airtanker Base at the Abilene Regional Airport to assist with potential wildfire activity this week.

The two large airtankers arriving in state on Tuesday will be a regional resource, supporting suppression efforts in Oklahoma and Texas as requested. Additionally, one air attack platform and three single engine air tankers are currently prepositioned in Childress for response.

Wildfire concerns will continue this week as elevated fire weather will combine with critically dry fuels to produce low to moderate potential for the Panhandle and West Texas on Monday and Tuesday.

Fire potential will increase on Wednesday with the approach of a strong upper level system. A fire environment that includes extremely

dry fuels, strong winds and well above normal temperatures will create moderate to high significant fire potential generally north of Interstate 40 in the Panhandle.

Similar conditions produced an environment supportive of significant fire activity last week. On Friday, state, federal and local firefighters responded to several large fires exhibiting extreme fire behavior including the 2,300-acre Electric Complex in Wichita County, the 3,607-acre Twin Creek Fire in Moore County and the 6,300-acre Arrowhead Fire in Clay County.

"The tremendous response effort exhibited over the past 72 hours included numerous agencies and local first responders," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Assistant Director. "This is truly what Texans helping Texans looks like."

Texas A&M Forest Service has increased the number of equipment and agency personnel across areas of concern in the Panhandle and West Texas. Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Division of Emergency Management worked together to mobilize firefighters via the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) to provide wildfire incident support. It is crucial that all residents take care to prevent wildfires and to be cautious of any outdoor activity that may cause a spark.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, visit the Texas Fire Potential Outlook <https://bit.ly/3kemhBG>.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not own any aviation resources but instead uses federal aviation contracts through the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management for all firefighting aircraft.

Jackson introduces legislation on Taiwan

WASHINGTON – Earlier this week, Representatives Ronny Jackson (R-TX), Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), and Jason Crow (D-CO) introduced a bill expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should improve interoperability with Taiwan and counter Chinese aggression.

This legislation clarifies that the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances do not prohibit deepening interoperability with Taiwan in defense capabilities, specifically in maritime and air domain awareness and integrated air and missile defense systems. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and Senator Angus King (I-ME) introduced the companion bill in the U.S. Senate.

The Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances are cornerstones of relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Indo-Pacific is the Department of Defense's priority theater, and Taiwan is one of the most important partners for the United States in the region. This legislation reinforces the United States' commitment to preserving peace, security, and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Jackson said: "China's military aggression and coercion towards Taiwan is a threat to U.S. international and regional security interests in the Indo-Pacific. As cross-strait tensions between China and Taiwan worsen, the United States must deter Chinese aggression by providing Taiwan with the appropriate support and defense capabilities. This legislation is an important step to demonstrate the willingness of the United States to support our allies in the region and help them build and maintain their own security. The message to China from Congress has to be clear, there will be consequences for Beijing if they threaten Taiwan's independence."

Wenstrup said: "The Chinese Communist Party's aggression in the Indo-Pacific region is a threat not just to Taiwan or regional stability, but also to the United States and democracies around the world. Taiwan is a critical strategic partner in the Indo-Pacific, and it serves us well to strengthen our economic cooperation and defense capabilities with them. It is equally important for the United States to be clear in our commitment to our allies. I'm proud to co-lead this bipartisan effort to make clear that U.S. efforts to strengthen Taiwan's asymmetric defense capabilities, bolster deterrence, and deepen interoperability are consistent with long-standing U.S. policy governed by the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances."

Crow said: "The US must reaffirm our support for democracy around the world and that includes our friends in Taiwan. We must not allow the Chinese Communist Party to undermine democracy and peace, security, and stability in the region."

Jackson is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. Link to the full bill text can be found here.

Thornberry: Continued from page one.

Smith (D-WA); former Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and George Shultz; former Defense Secretaries James Mattis, Ashton Carter, Leon Panetta and Robert Gates; former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson; former Sens. Carl Levin (D-MI.), John McCain (R-AZ) and Sam Nunn (D-GA); and retired General Jack Keane.

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Shamrock Rotary Club donated personalized dictionaries to the Hedley third grade class. Shown is Rotary member Francesca Hall, and Hedley third grader Natalia Duran. The Rotary Club also donated a classroom set of dictionaries to the Hedley second grade class.

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Pictured with Shamrock Rotary Club members Dave and Francesca Hall, Hedley second and third graders proudly display dictionaries they received on Tuesday.

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Merry and bright!

The Hedley girl scout troop 5202 spent the day decorating downtown Hedley.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hedley defeats Vernon Northside

The Hedley Owls hosted Vernon Northside last week and defeated them, 51-14.

Hedley dominated throughout the game, opening a 19-3 lead in the first quarter and then extending that lead to 34-5 at the half.

The second half was not as lopsided as the first, but the Owls still outscored their opponents by six in the third period and two in the final period to seal the win.

Josh Booth lead the Owls with 16 points followed by Elijah Booth with 13. Hayden Alston had nine points; Cody Bond put in five; and Braden Bond, Lane Hinton, Javier Valles, and Nick Clark each put in two points.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Polish city
- 6. Very eager
- 10. Identifies a specific person or thing
- 14. Tennis great Naomi
- 15. One concerned by professional advancement
- 17. PGA Championship reward
- 19. A fashionable hotel
- 20. Norse mythology afterlife location
- 21. Stood up
- 22. Car mechanics group
- 23. Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)
- 24. Broken branch
- 26. Astronomy unit
- 29. East Asian nursemaid
- 31. "Airplane!" actor
- 32. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 34. "Batman" villain
- 35. Downfalls
- 37. Philippine province
- 38. Once-vital TV part
- 39. Valley
- 40. Tax
- 41. Classic Scorese film
- 43. Subway dwellers
- 45. Book part
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Founder of Babism
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Withdrawal from a larger entity
- 58. Lot's father
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Lemur

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Quarrels
- 2. Right away
- 3. Comedian Carvey
- 4. Egyptian unit of weight
- 5. A Brit's mother
- 6. Tropical tree
- 7. One who speaks Gaelic
- 8. NHL legend Bobby
- 9. Vacation spots
- 10. Military personnel
- 11. Shakira's don't lie
- 12. Wimbleton champ
- 13. Teletypewriter
- 16. Mistakes
- 18. Whale ship captain
- 22. Thus
- 23. From end to end
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. One and only
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Taxis
- 29. Basics
- 30. Refuse of grapes
- 31. Go quickly
- 33. French ballet dynasty
- 35. Most open
- 36. Popular soap ingredient
- 37. US time zone (abbr.)
- 39. Items of food
- 42. Backbones
- 43. Infrequent
- 44. Blood type
- 46. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Pike
- 49. Egyptian sun god
- 50. A cardinal is one
- 51. From a distance
- 52. Bolivian river
- 53. N. American student organization (abbr.)
- 54. River (Spanish)
- 55. Chinese life force
- 56. Chinese surname

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Broncos score victories in tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Last weekend the Broncos competed in the White Deer tournament and played well. They defeated Gruver in the opening game at 72-60.

The Broncos started out slow and allowed Gruver a three-point lead after the first quarter. But they worked out some kinks and out-scored their opponent by 10 points before the break. From that point, Gruver struggled to stay close and the Broncos got the 12-point win. Four Broncos finished in double

figures with Lamarus Penigar leading the way with 19 points. Cayden D’Costa put in 15, Lyric Smith added 14, and Jmaury Davis helped with 13. Tyler Harper added nine to the Broncos’ point total.

They took on Wildorado in the next round and won by two at 50-48. The game was back and forth with Wildorado holding the edge after three. But the Broncos put together a solid fourth quarter and got the win. Penigar hit six three-pointers for 21 total points and Davis added 13.

D’Costa had eight, Harper had six, and Smith and Anthony Cenicerros finished with two points each. The Broncos defeated Miami in the next round at 58-26. It was never a contest for the Broncos as they were able to run the floor and add points.

Davis finished with 24 and Penigar had 15. Cenicerros put in eight, D’Costa had five, Smith added four, and Harrison Howard helped with two.

The Broncos went up against Jayton in the next round and soundly

defeated them 57-21. Clarendon jumped out to the early lead. Penigar put in 19, Harper had 11, D’Costa put in seven, and Davis and Cenicerros added six each.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos traveled to Vega and won 67-37. The Broncos jumped all over the Longhorns early in the game. Vega was helpless to do anything Penigar put in 21, D’Costa had 19, and Davis added 12 to lead the Broncos. Cenicerros had seven, Harper put in six, and Howard added two.

Lady Broncos participate in tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos participated in a basketball tournament in White Deer last week. They played hard throughout and finished with two wins and three losses. They are 13-8 on the season.

They went up against Spearman in the first round and struggled to find their rhythm in the game and lost 31-39. A slow start for the Lady Broncos hindered their offensive execution as they had to play catch-up the entire game. Finley Cunningham led the way with three three-pointers for 13 points and Aubrey Weatherston helped with five. Madie Smith and Hayden Elam added four each, Courtlyn Conkin added three, and Jayde Gribble fin-

ished with two.

They were able to defeat Wildorado in the second round 47-32. The Lady Broncos got a better start in the game and were able to make stops when they needed to. Conkin was the high scorer with 10 and Makenna Shadle, Cunningham, and Smith put in nine points each. Elam had seven, and Weatherston put in three.

The Lady Broncos put together another win against Miami in the next game at 53-47. The teams matched up fairly even and the ladies trailed by two going into the final quarter of play. They played solid offense and made nine out of twelve free throws to get the win. Smith was high point with 14 and Elam finished with nine.

Shadle had seven, Gribble, Weatherston, and Cunningham each had six, and Conkin put in five.

They played Jayton in the next round and struggled in the first three quarters but turned things around in the fourth quarter and began to put points on the board. However, time was not on their side and they lost by two at 48-50. Jayton made 21 of 26 free throws and the Lady Broncos only shot four and made two. Smith had 14 for the second game in a row and Elam finished with 10. Conkin had seven, Shadle put in five, Gribble added four, Cunningham hit one three-pointer, and Weatherston fouled out and finished with two points.

They ladies went up against

Pampa in the final game of the tournament and narrowly lost at 31-35. The game remained close until the end, but the Lady Broncos could not pull it out. Elam had seven, Shadle put in six, and Gribble had five. Conkin had four, Weatherston, Cunningham, and Kennidie Cummins put in three each.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos traveled to Vega with the Lady Longhorns squeaking by at 46-43. The ladies overcame a 10-point deficit in the first quarter to tighten the game up but could never get the lead. Elam led the way with 14 and Cunningham had 13. Shadle put in eight, Conkin had five, and Smith helped with three.

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Lady Bronco JV runs over Vega

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The ladies held the early advantage and went to the locker room with a nine-point lead at the break. They kept applying the pressure to the Lady Longhorns in the final minutes of the game to get the big win.

Kennidie Cummins put in 11 points and Kimbrasia Ballard helped with nine. Tandie Cummins finished with eight, Gracie Clark had three, Elyza Rodriguez put in two, and Maloree Wann added one.

Lady Colts stun Memphis, 60-6

Both Lady Colt teams traveled to Memphis last week and earned big wins. The seventh grade defeated the Lady Cyclones 34-10 and the eighth grade won 60-6.

The seventh grade Lady Colts jumped out to the early lead and held the Lady Cyclones to single digits through three quarters. Jayla Woodward led all scorers with 10 points and Cambree Smith helped with nine. Anna Balogh had eight, and Kortni Davis had three. Kinslee Hatley and Kinley McClelland each added two points in the game.

The eighth grade annihilated Memphis with a huge 60-6 win with three players in double figures. The Lady Colts came out on fire in the first half on the offensive end scoring 36 points while holding Memphis to zero points.

Berkley Moore put in 17, Kenidee Hayes added 13, and Presley Smith helped with 12. Kashlyn Conkin put in six, Whitney Williams and Madi Benson each added four, and Elliot Frausto and Millie McAnear had two points each.

Seventh grade Colts run over Memphis

The seventh grade Colts made quick work of the Cyclones last week defeating them 28-5.

The Colts hustled early in the game and established a good lead over the Cyclones and were strong defensively holding them to only two points in the first half of play. The second half of play belonged to the Colts as well as they increased their lead while playing solid defense.

Braylon Rice put in 10 points and Aiden Morris, Tanner Cavanaugh, and Kaleb Mays each had four points. Klay Wilkins, Kendon Hanes, and Zak Robertson added two each.

The eighth grade struggled to get anything going their way and lost 57-51. Memphis proved to be too much for the Colts and they struggled to execute on both ends of the court. Parker Haynes finished with eight points and Caleb Herbert added five. Shane Hagood added two, and Kyler Bell and Hayden Moore each had one point in the game.

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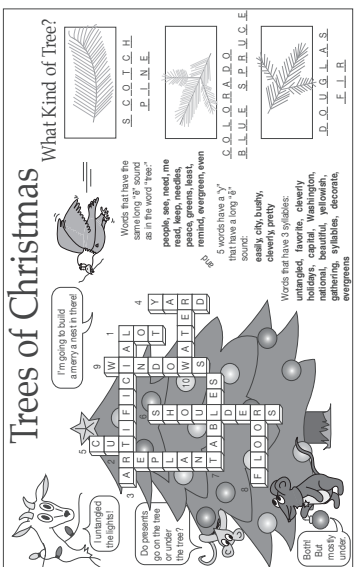
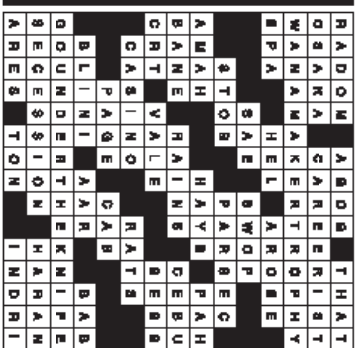


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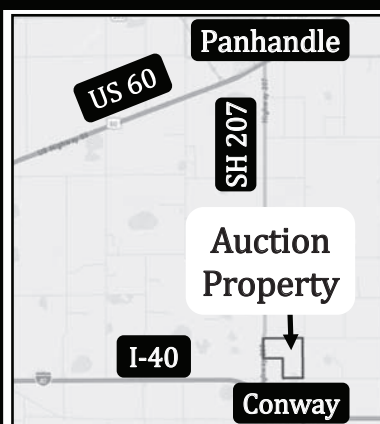
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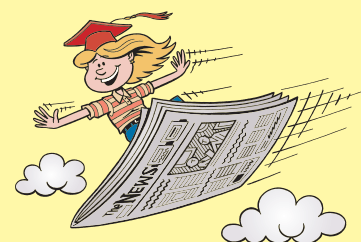
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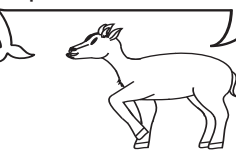


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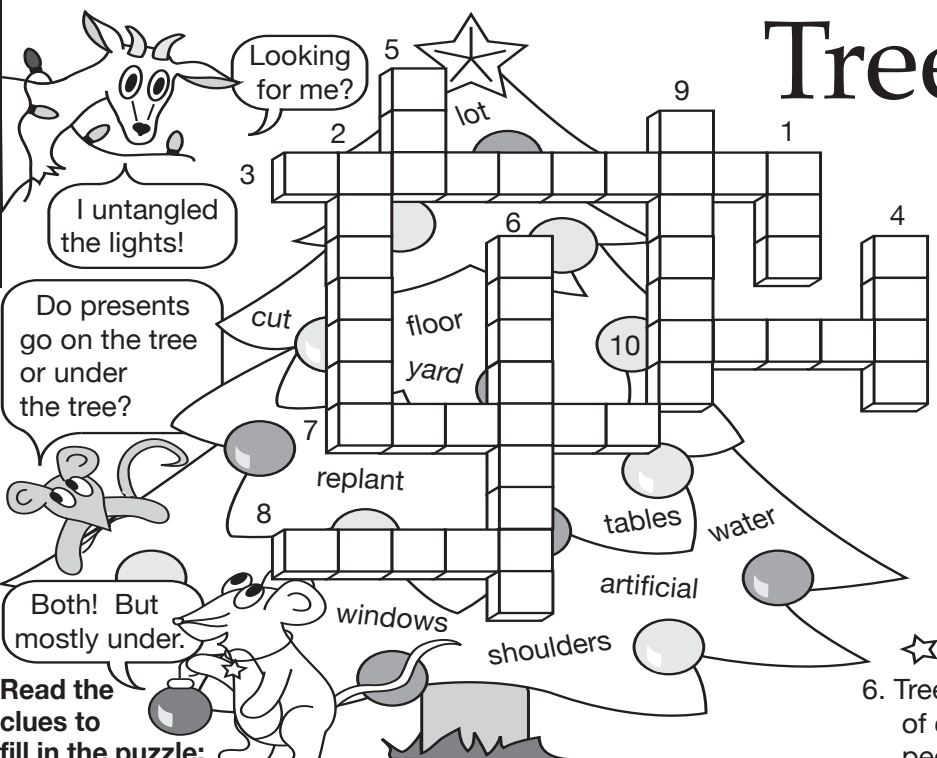
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Wyatt Casper riding at the NFR in Las Vegas last week.

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Casper earns 4th NFR payday

Beutler & Son Rodeo’s Cimarron Jack has been a winner over the years. The big bay has helped cowboys win rounds at the National Finals Rodeo before.

That didn’t happen with Wyatt Casper during Thursday’s eighth round, but it worked well enough for the Texas cowboy. He and Cimarron Jack matched moves for 82 points to finish sixth, worth \$4,354.

“He was a lot more rider-friendly for this pen,” Casper said, noting that the eighth round featured the “Eliminator Pen” of bucking horses, the ones that cause havoc. “I don’t think he fit this pen. He is usually better than that. It just wasn’t his night.

“If I was in the average, I’d be happy about it. I’m not in the average, so I’m just trying to go for the rounds. When you don’t have the horse to do it, it is a little upsetting.”

Casper had no-scores in each of the first three rounds and is 10th in the aggregate race; only the top eight cumulative scores at the end of the 10-round championship will earn bonuses. But for all the trouble he had to start the NFR, he has bounced back, pocketing \$67,000 in Las Vegas. He is sixth in the world standings with \$151,990.

“He was probably top three rider-friendly horse in that pen, but

I knew it wasn’t going to be a huge score,” said Casper of Miami, Texas. “I tried to ride him as good as I could, just as I do every horse. It worked out, and we won some money.”

The NFR features a purse of more than \$10 million, and he wants to collect as much of that pot as he can over the final two nights of the season. A year ago, he pocketed nearly \$176,000 at ProRodeo’s grand finale. Rodeo isn’t always rose pedals and ice cream sprinkles though, and he realizes he’s done some good things this year.

“I wouldn’t make that driving a truck at home, so I’m excited to be here,” he said. “It’s still going to be a good 10 days after this. It’s hard to compare it to last year. I just haven’t had a good go of it. After this week’s over, we are still going to be pretty happy.”

He’s placed in four rounds so far, including the Round 7 victory. He has two more nights to catch as much cash as he can before he leaves Las Vegas. He’ll have good opportunities, thanks in large part to the live-stock that’s been selected to buck at the NFR.

“It’s the top (100) horses they bring here, so they are the best,” Casper said. “They deserve to be here just as much as all the bronc riders.”

Smith hired to coach at Clarendon

By Ted Harbin

Wyatt Smith has always been an athlete and a winner, and he’s taking that characteristic with him to his new post as the women’s rodeo coach at Clarendon College, where he also will be an assistant for the men’s program.

Smith won national titles at the high school and college levels, and in 2015, he qualified in steer wrestling to the National Finals Rodeo. He joins a program that just won the men’s team national title at the College National Finals Rodeo under coach Bret Franks.

“I’m hoping I can learn a bunch from him,” Smith said of Franks, who also has coached cowboys to four national titles over the last few years. “We’ll see how we can be successful and go back and win the nation again.”

Clarendon has three cowboys that have earned the intercollegiate titles under Franks: Saddle bronc riders Wyatt Casper (2016) and Riggin Smith (2019) and Franks’ youngest son, Cole, who won the bareback riding and all-around national titles this year. There are three former members of the rodeo team who competed at this year’s National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Casper, Franks and bronc rider

Tegan Smith.

“I’ve been looking for a college rodeo coaching job for quite a few years,” Smith said. “It’s always been a dream job for me that I’ve always wanted to have. I was looking around and talking to people, and they directed me to this place.”

For the last several years, he has served as a police officer in St. Johns, Arizona. It’s close to where his wife’s hometown, so it was a nice fit. He had just started as the school resource officer. When Franks called, Smith accepted the position.

“I was on board 100 percent,” Smith said. “It was a little longer process than I was hoping, but I’m here and super happy to be here. I’ve been here about four weeks, and I get to go back to doing things I love to do.”

That sets up well for Smith and for Clarendon College. The rodeo team will be coached by two men who have played on ProRodeo’s biggest stage, the NFR; Franks was a three-time qualifier in saddle bronc riding.

“It’s going to be great having Wyatt with us,” Franks said. “He’s got a lifetime of experience, and he has a passion for coaching. It will be a good thing for our program to have him here.”

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