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

Christmas cards available this week

Donley County Christmas cards featuring last week's photo of the horse-drawn carriage in front of the Courthouse will be available starting this Thursday at the Enterprise and at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

The 5x7 cards are available with envelopes in packs of ten for \$10.

CCISD now taking GT program referrals

Clarendon CISD's Gifted & Talented programs have opened their referral period through December 14.

Any student K-11 who is not already being served in the school's GT Programs is eligible to be referred by anyone. Referral forms can be picked up in the campus offices at Clarendon Elementary, Clarendon Junior High, or Clarendon High School. You can contact your student's teacher, or you can reach the following personnel: GT Coordinator Jenae Ashbrook - ashbrook.jenae@clarendonisd.net, Elementary sponsor Erica McAnear - mcanear.eric@clarendonisd.net, Junior High sponsor Boffie Smith - smith.boffie@clarendonisd.net, or High School sponsor Lisa Grahn - grahn.lisa@clarendonisd.net.

Museum names 2023 raffle winners

The Saints' Roost Museum this week announced the winners of \$5,000 in prize money from their annual Christmas Party last Saturday.

John and Melissa Ross won \$1,000, and the Cummins Kids also won \$1,000. Winners of \$500 were Mandy Jaramillo, Cory Davis, Michael and Anndria Newhouse, and Sarah Holland. And winners of \$250 were Steve and Pat Allen, Beverly Hollar, Richard and Melissa Jones, and Carey and Brandi Wann.

Filing deadline near for county offices

The filing deadline is December 11 for Donley County candidates interested in running in party primaries ahead of next year's general election.

Local positions up for election next year are those currently held by District Judge Dale Rabe, District Attorney Luke Inman, County Attorney Landon Lambert, County Tax Assessor/Collector Kristy Christopher, County Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Precinct 3&4 Constable Randy Bond, Precinct 1 Commissioner Mark White, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Neil Koetting.

As of Tuesday afternoon, White and Blackburn were still the only candidates signed up for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Former Hedley city secretary arrested Tuesday

Former Hedley City Secretary Kim Gossman was arrested Tuesday afternoon, December 5, and charged with a third-degree felony for Theft by a Public Servant.

Gossman, age 56, from Clarendon was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on Monday following an investigation

that began in January. Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley arraigned Gossman Tuesday afternoon and set her bond at \$25,000. She remained in the Donley County Jail at press time late Tuesday afternoon.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said this charge of Theft by a Public Servant is for an amount

over \$2,500 but less than \$30,000. Blackburn also said that investigations into Gossman are still ongoing and that other indictments could be expected.

Gossman resigned from her city position on January 19 amid an investigation into allegations of misappropriation of city funds. On

January 9, Hedley's auditor first alerted then Mayor Carrie Butler of "discrepancies" in Gossman's salary discovered during the city's fiscal year 2022 audit, covering July 2021 through June 2022.

Following her resignation from the city, the ENTERPRISE reported the investigation had widened to include

Gossman's work at the Hedley Community Development Corporation, the local housing authority.

Butler later told the ENTERPRISE she knew of at least \$50,000 missing. A forensic auditor was brought in by the city in March, and the city borrowed \$75,000 against a bond insurance policy for operation funds.



End of the road

The Clarendon Broncos' amazing season came to a heart-breaking halt Friday night at Happy State Bank Stadium in Canyon with a 6-67 loss to Sunray in the State Semi-Quarterfinal game. Coach Aaron Wampler told his players how proud he was of them after the game and reminded them they had earned four gold footballs that will stay at CHS forever.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Donley extension office to host ag seminar December 21

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host the AgriLife Crop Production and Protection Seminar Dec. 21 in Donley County and in locations all across the Panhandle and South Plains.

The speakers will be virtual, but AgriLife Extension county agents in almost every county of the agency's District 1, headquartered in Amarillo, and District 2, headquartered in Lubbock, will host an in-person event for producers to attend, said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension program leader for the North Region.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Donley County Activity Center on State Highway 70 north

of Clarendon. The cost to attend here is \$40, and lunch will be provided.

"We want to make sure everyone across the region has the same opportunity to hear these speakers and obtain the same CEUs," Nusser said.

He said they will utilize the Microsoft Teams platform to bring all the speakers together from across the state, without having to make anyone travel any further than their home county.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one general, two integrated pest management, one drift and one laws and regulations – will be

offered at each location.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The following topics and speakers are on the agenda:

Know your Pesticide Laws and Regulations – Comprehensive look at the pesticide laws and regulations, EPA updates, and licensing/certification guidelines, Dr. Don Renschie presenting.

Weed control mishaps and how to manage success? Potential issues related to herbicide or management failures in controlling weed pests. (resistance, management decisions, timing, herbicide selection, application, equipment, and mother nature), Dr. Peter Dotray presenting.

Reducing risk of off target drift, off label decisions, and updates on new regulations affecting pesticide availability, Dr. Scott Nolte presenting

Available tools for management of brush and weed problems in pastures, Dr. Morgan Treadwell presenting.

Unlocking the genetic potential of corn/sorghum hybrids? How to protect your investment and select technologies that not only optimize yield but mitigate risk from issues such as weed, disease, drought, and insects, Dr. Jourdan Bell and Dr. Kevin Heflin presenting.

The program will also feature updates from commodity partners.

State group honors CC

Clarendon College is one of eight community colleges to be recognized last week by the 2023 Talent Strong Texas Pathways Awards.

The Texas Success Center honored the colleges' exemplary work for their success in the implementation and scaling of the state's research-based guided pathways strategy, Talent Strong Texas Pathways. Awardees were celebrated in Houston, Texas at the November Talent Strong Texas Pathways Institute: Mapping Pathways to Student Post-Completion Goals, with 500 attendees representing 48 colleges statewide.

Five colleges were recipients of the Recognition of Scaling Excellence (ROSE) award, including North Central Texas College, Coastal Bend College, Victoria College, Clarendon College, and Galveston College. Outstanding among their peers, these colleges have dramatically scaled the essential practices associated with the strategy, resulting in a dramatically improved student experience at their campus.

Clarendon College was selected as a recipient of the 2023 ROSE award in Recognition of Scaling Excellence in Pillar 3, Keeping Students on Their Pathway. In 2021 and 2023, the Texas Success Center administered a Scale of Adoption Assessment (SOAA) process to better understand how Texas colleges are scaling reform efforts to serve a



Clarendon College representatives stand with the award the CC received in Houston from the Texas Success Center.

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broader group of students. As such, the SOAA provides a snapshot of systems change activities that have occurred at the institutional level over the past two years. Since 2021, CC has demonstrated the highest growth rate among Texas community colleges for the essential practices relating to Pillar 3, Keeping Students on Their Pathway.

CC has made great strides scaling practices to keep students working towards their credential completion goals. Today, all students at Clarendon College work with an advisor, receiving personal attention to stay on their program pathway. Since the majority of students live on campus, CC is able to ensure that students have the needs met to succeed in their educational aspirations.

The Texas Success Center is proud to spotlight Clarendon College's commitment to support student success with robust retention strategies that help students build momentum as they progress along their learning journey.

Three additional colleges received the Texas Success Center's most prestigious awards.

Panola College received the "Rising Star" ROSE award. The college stands out among its peers for the tremendous strides that have been achieved over the past two years. The college demonstrated the most growth in scaling the essential practices of the strategy across four foundational pillars that lead to transformational change.

Paris Junior College received the "Exemplar" ROSE award. The

college stands out among its peers for being the first Texas community college in the state to have achieved the institutional goal to scale the essential practices of the strategy across four foundational pillars that lead to transformational change.

Temple College received the Recognition of Dedication to Educational Outcomes (RODEO) award. The college was selected based on a series of factors: CEO leadership and support of the guided pathways work at their campus; institutional commitment to contribute to the learning network of Texas colleges; and demonstration of remarkable success and growth in key early momentum metrics that research has shown best positions students for future credential completion and transfer.

TDA grant to revitalize 200 block of Kearney

New sidewalks and streetlamps are on the horizon for another block of Kearney Street after the City of Clarendon was notified Monday that it's Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization grant application has been approved.

The same program that revitalized the 100 block of Kearney will now carry over into the 200 block, improving accessibility, pedestrian safety, and overall appearance in that section of downtown.

More details on the new grant will be reported soon. Construction on the 200 block project is still several months away, following the bidding process and other necessary steps under the grant.

Meanwhile, the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation funded parking striping in the 100 block, which was completed last week, and the CEDC and Clarendon Chamber of Commerce are working together to get holiday decorations for the new lights installed in that section. Those decorations are expected by the end of next week.

New handrailing for the 100 block project and some other finishing touches for the lamp posts are expected soon also.

Shop Small campaign continues

Another lucky shopper will win \$100 in Christmas Cash this Friday when the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce holds the second drawing as part of its second annual "Shop Small Big Christmas" promotion.

Jamie Shelley was the lucky winner of \$100 in Christmas Cash last Friday.

Sign-ups at participating merchants will continue through December 21. The Chamber will give away a total of \$550 this season with \$100 drawings on

December 1, 8, and 15; and a big \$250 giveaway on December 22.

Participating merchants included Amanda's Country Soaps, Brake Time, Broken Road Liquor, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Courtney D'Costa - Scentsy Consultant, Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Lashes by Holly, Lowe's Family Center, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Monroe's Peach Ranch, Rambling Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

Additional Chamber members who wish to participate can call Chamber President Ashlee Estlack at 806-662-4687.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at the participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up each week and hold the

See 'Shop Small' on page 5.



Shelley



The politics of slavery in US

By James Finck, Ph.D.

By the 1850s America was in the middle of the Second American Party System of Democrats and Whigs. The two equally strong parties had members in every corner of the country. While there was plenty to argue about – banks, tariffs, and internal improvements – these issues always came down to party line votes. However, one festering subject that could kill parties and cause votes to be based on sectionalism rather than parties remained: slavery.

Our Founding Fathers understood this when they created Northwest the South-west and Ordinances in 1787 and 1790, respectfully, which state that new states created above the Ohio River would be free and any below would be slave states. This was done so that Congress would not have to debate slavery with the addition of each new state; the decision had already been determined. The plan worked and slavery was not addressed in Congress until 1820.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

By 1820 there was a second generation of leaders who learned from the Founders the importance of compromising slavery for the sake of unity. In 1803 Thomas Jefferson acquired the Louisiana Purchase which doubled the size of the US and opened new territory. In 1820 the first territory from this new land, Missouri, applied for statehood as a slave state. For the first time, slavery was on Congress' table.

At that point, there were 11 slave states and 11 free states, and neither side wanted Missouri to go the other direction and shift the balance of power. As Northerners pushed for free soil land to protect white workers, the South pressed for a continuation of slavery. This was not a fight between parties but between sections.

US House Speaker Henry Clay proposed an agreement to solve the immediate crisis but also eliminate the conversation in the future. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 allowed Missouri to enter as a slave state but allowed Maine to break from Massachusetts and become a free state, keeping the balance of power and making both sides content. To solve future issues a new line was drawn, the 36° 30' latitude or southern border of Missouri, across the remainder of the nation. (Remember at this time, Mexico still owned the Southwest, and the Northwest was being disputed by Britain). From that point on any new state above the line would be free and any south would be slave. Then, to guarantee no further problems, in 1836 Congress passed a gag rule stating that any slavery issue heading to committee would never be heard.

The plan worked. Even while slavery was a growing point of contention across our nation, Congress was not obligated to address the issue. Instead, Congressmen tended to friendly issues: banks, tariffs, and internal improvements. Then gold was found.

For 30 years the gag rule worked. Democrats and Whigs fought over every issue possible, except slavery. However, after Texas gained its independence from Mexico in 1836, it wanted to join the US President Martin Van Buren refused Texas knowing it would open up the issue of slavery. However, 10 years later, in 1845, with the election of James K. Polk, who ran on the expansion platform, Texas was finally admitted as the 28th state of the Union. The problem was Mexico did not recognize Texas' independence and saw its annexation as an act of war. Mexico attacked an American army on land that was questionable to whom it belonged. Questionable or not, Polk used the attack as justification to wage war on Mexico which the US won. This victory once again doubled the size of our nation. While America acquired the prized lands of California, it also opened the door to question slavery again as this land did not fall under the parameters of the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

With the 1849 gold rush, California reached the statehood population requirements overnight and applied to join the Union as free state. With the flood-gate open, men who had stood side by side as Democrats and Whigs bickering over tariffs suddenly became enemies as they fought as sections.

Peace was restored, fortunately, as Clay once more brokered a deal that allowed California to enter the Union as a free state but broke the rest of the territory up into Utah and New Mexico, which put those states under popular sovereignty.

In 1854 a transcontinental railroad was needed to connect our new growing nation. The problem was the proposed route taken went through the large swathe of unorganized land in the middle of the nation. To safely build the rail line and give the land the organization it needed, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill was proposed. Under this bill the land would be divided in half: the northern territory would be given to Nebraska; the southern portion to Kansas.

The bill's proposer, Stephen A. Douglas, had presidential ambitions. So, to please Southerners, Douglas proposed revoking the line drawn by the Compromise of 1820, and placing both new territories under popular sovereignty. His idea was that Kansas would become a slave state while Nebraska would go free. The South was delighted, but Northerners became angry. They had already fought for that land in 1820 and the South had agreed. Congress could not go back now and change the rules. Long story short, popular sovereignty was accepted. Kansas broke out in a bloody civil war as the state divided and fought over slavery. Each side organized, created their own government, and sent a constitution to Congress to be accepted to the Union. Democratic President Franklin Pierce accepted the slave constitution which killed the Second American Party System.

Southern Democrats could now claim to be the party of slavery, which hurt Southern Whigs – the party who opposed Kansas' slave constitution. Looking bad as slaveholders themselves, Southern Whigs began abandoning the Whig Party for a bunch of lesser parties like the Know Nothings. With the Whig Party finished as a national party, Northern Whigs began party shopping as well. With one of the two national parties gone, the bond holding our nation together was dissolving. With war becoming a possibility, the only thing left was for the Democrats to do was self-destruct.

James Finck, Ph.D. is a professor of history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Reynolds got to Colorado just in time

There was a certain aura of romanticism about railroading in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado during the last century. There was also a certain amount of peril and danger, especially during harsh winters.

Mr. A.D.F. Reynolds, a railroad bookkeeper riding in the caboose of a Denver and Rio Grande Western narrow-gauge freight train, had an experience one evening that he never forgot. Reynolds' west-bound train pulled onto a semi-circular siding to allow an eastbound passenger train to pass on the main line. Responding to a whim, Reynolds hopped out of the caboose and climbed a hill to look over the whole situation. Ahead, he that the switch was set correctly for the passenger train to pass that point. But when looking back, Reynolds' blood froze in his veins. It appeared that the switch had not been reset after his freight train had passed onto the siding. Andrews, the brakeman

had opened the switch for the siding and then had gone on to perform some other tasks on the freight train as it waited for the passenger train to pass. Had Andrews forgotten to reset the switch to be open for the main line?

Reynolds started running, and upon hearing the whistle of the approaching passenger train, he ran for his life, or rather for the lives of the 200 passengers that the passenger train seemed always to carry. Reynolds hoped that the engineer of the passenger train would notice his desperate run, sense that something was wrong, and apply the brakes. But it didn't happen that way. The passenger train continued coming at full speed. Reynolds and the passenger train

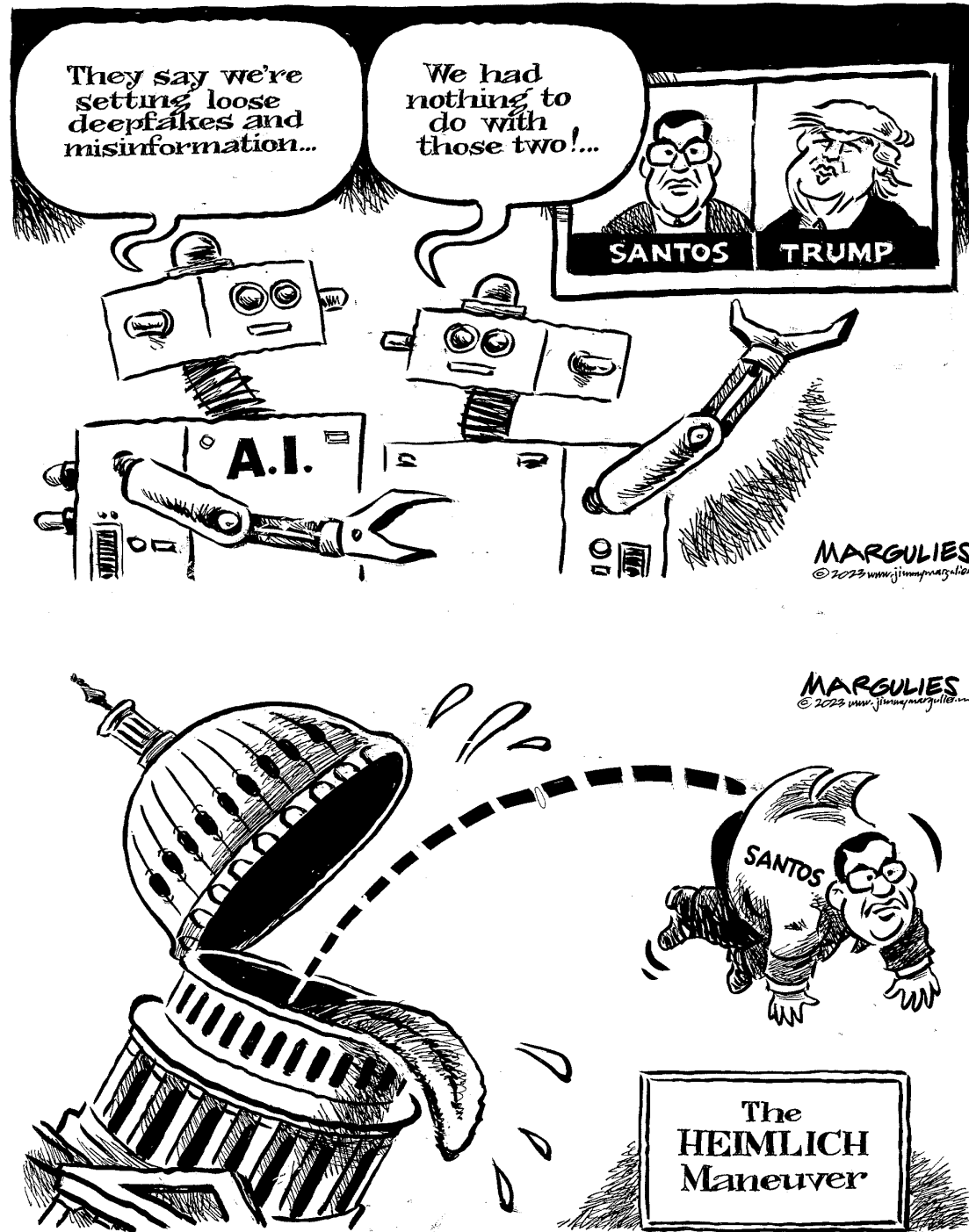


vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

both reached the switch at the same time, and Reynolds managed to pull the lever and get the switch reset just as the engine's front wheels arrived at the points. Not having had time to lock the lever in place, Reynolds then held it in place by wrapping his legs around the lever and the body of the switch mechanism. With Reynolds' legs locked tightly, the passenger train passed over at full speed and without incident.

They say that "what you don't know won't hurt you." About 200 passengers that evening never knew about the wreck they almost had. And Reynolds and Andrews saw no need to report the incident (except in Reynolds' memoirs). So Reynolds never received the hero's accolades that were his due. But he always remembered the incident with a large measure of satisfaction.

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



Maximizing the mix-up of mascots

The State of Texas is known far and wide for its citizens' love of football. Taken a step further, names of school mascots can cause head-scratching and sometimes absolute disbelief when their plural names are discovered.

There are some "doozies." I don't know if Trivial Pursuit is often a game of choice these days, but Googling for what groups of creatures are called can help us understand why name foul-ups can produce heat when games – trivial or football – are taken seriously.

The public address announcer at a recent play-off football game in Crowley between Brownwood High School and Springtown High School learned quickly that fans of both schools want "plural" of their team mascots to be "done up right." And, since football is a team sport, the guy at the microphone described multiple Lions and Porcupines numerous times.

It was brought to his attention that referencing Lions and Porcupines as being in packs or bunches simply wouldn't get it done.

The poor announcer already had much on his plate, what with scheduling commercials, pronouncing players' names correctly and discharging other verbal responsibilities. He may have been caught unawares. In previous games, he probably wasn't challenged when referring to multiple players as being in packs or bunches.

He took correction well, however, and subsequent plural references were spot on. It's not news to many folks that two or more lions constitute a pride, but I'm thinking one might need to be closely involved with Spring-

town athletics to know the plural of "porcupine." So you'll know in the future, when we're talkin' two or more porcupines, they are a "prickle of porcupines." Now you know, and so does that public address announcer. (An aside: With Pickleball the new "semi-athletic" game rage, they'll understandably come up with something called "Prickleball" in Springtown.)....

Researching the subject of plural names for animals, birds and other creatures fascinates to the max. Often, two, three or even more names are deemed acceptable.

In the case of guinea fowls, plural names differ, depending on whether they are on the ground or in flight. On the ground, they are a gaggle.

Once in flight, they become a flock. (One of 'em – waddling around on earth or flying alone in search of his or her flock – remains a goose.)...

Remember, you read it here first....

Without leaving this general topic, let us segue to acronyms, some that are confounding and bitterly misunderstood. An example is the Fresno-Yosemite International Airport in California. When founded, it was called Fresno Air Terminal. Therein is the reason for its airport code: "FAT."

One woman – unaccustomed to flying – was indignant at the luggage

carousel, upset that "FAT" was printed in large letters on each bag tag.

"I'll blame it on artificial intelligence this time," she said. "But if I ever visit Fresno again, they'd better 'smarten up.' I don't want to see anything about my weight, on luggage tags or otherwise."....

A former travel agent provided the previous account from her list of "you-ain't-gonna-believe-this" memories.

She remembers one guy who had super-sensitive eyes that called for eyeprops multiple times daily. The travel agent learned this when she asked him if he preferred a window or an aisle seat.

"Oh, an aisle seat for sure," he replied. "I have a terrible time if anything blows into my eyes; if I took a window seat, someone might open a window. No telling what might blow in at 35,000 feet."....

While on the topic of air travel, it seems there is a diminishing number of regional airlines. Though it slowly grew to major status, Texas International Airlines started out as Trans Texas Airways. It included service to smaller towns in Texas, some with population as small as 6,000.

It had numerous nicknames, including "Tree-Top Airways" and "Tinker Toy Airways."

Some wag jokingly described Trans Texas Airways thusly: "Trick or Treat Airways," adding, "a trick to get on and a treat to get off."...

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Obituaries

Gorder

Glady Marie Gorder, 83, of Hooker, Oklahoma, formerly of Clarendon died Sunday, December 3, 2023, in Spearman, Texas.



Gorder

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Jim Fox, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Glady was born March 17, 1940, in Bismarck, North Dakota to Roy and Stella Williams Greig. She married Jon Gorder on January 15, 1971 in Ellendale, North Dakota. She was a loving, humble, and wonderful wife. She was also a most wonderful mother, grandmother,

great grandmother, great great grandmother, and loving friend. She deeply loved the Lord and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Howardwick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, on November 14, 2015.

Survivors include 4 sons, Jack Blocker and Tim Blocker both of Tennessee, Chris Gorder of Louisiana, and Kelby Kilber of Texas; 3 daughters, Tina McClellan and Kandy Hammer both of Oklahoma, and Penny McVay of Louisiana; 17 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

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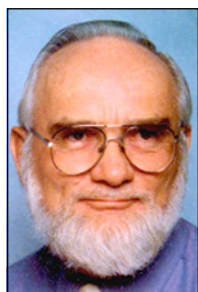
George W. Self was born on April 16, 1938, in Lelia Lake, to George and Pearl Self.

After studying chemistry at WTU in Canyon, he spent his career working for companies in Wisconsin, Missouri and Arizona, and he played a leadership role in the Arizona chapter of the American Chem-

ical Society. George pursued many hobbies throughout his life such as woodworking, painting, and motorcycle riding. But probably the one he loved the most was flying. After getting his pilot's license in his thirties, he owned several planes, the last being a 1946 Piper Cub that he rebuilt from the wheel struts up.

George is survived by his three children and their spouses, Kristi and Larry Shade, Mitch and Elena Self, Brad and Yoshi Self; his five grandchildren, Courtney McGinty, Laura Walters, Mateo Self, Nicholas Self and Jeffrey Self; and his eight great-grandchildren, Parker, Molly, Lucy, Micah, Jack, Georgia, Elliott and Anthony.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilee Self. George passed away on October 13, 2023, in Pampa. He was loved by many and will be missed. May he rest in peace.



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Texas seeks public input on broadband plan

The Texas Broadband Development Office, operated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, is soliciting input from the public on the new Texas Digital Opportunity Plan.

The plan outlines how these entities will connect the Lone Star State for a brighter future by making it easier for all Texans to access and use the internet. From today through Jan. 5, 2024, Texans can give their opinions on the Texas Digital Opportunity Plan by visiting broadbandfortexas.com/tdop.

Almost 2.8 million households and 7 million people in our state lack access to broadband, or high-speed internet, according to US Census Bureau data. The Digital Opportunity Plan will provide these Texans with the technology and knowledge they need to fully participate in an increasingly digital world.

"Access to reliable, high-speed internet as a means of advancing education, training, employment opportunities, healthcare, and delivery of essential services is critical to the future of our state," said Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. "But we know that we can't do this without partners in the regions and the communities that need this service the most. Your input, passion and local knowledge

will help us ensure the Texas Digital Opportunity Plan establishes a clear roadmap to bridge the digital divide and promote digital opportunities for all Texans."

"The Texas Digital Opportunity Plan will allow more Texans to access technology and thrive," said Greg Conte, Director of the Texas Broadband Development Office. "We know that starts with improving broadband (or high-speed internet) adoption, device access and digital skills training, but we want to hear more from community memers most in need."

Historically, the digital divide in Texas has disproportionately left out rural communities, communities of color and low-income families, according to a 2016 Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas report. Because the internet and technology touch so many aspects of life today, bridging this divide is essential to ensure all Texans can participate and succeed.

The Broadband Development Office is partnering with organizations like the Texas Workforce Commission, chambers of commerce, industry associations, educational institutions and elected officials to highlight how high-speed internet and digital skills training can help Texans realize their economic potential.

Participants in the public comment period will help build a stronger, more connected Texas that can offer:

Better access for better lives. Faster, quality internet can improve people's lives by providing better access to education, healthcare, and job opportunities, no matter where they live.

Economic growth and job creation. Identifying digital barriers can create more jobs, attract investments and strengthen local economies.

Online learning tools. Sharing ideas about the plan can help close the "homework gap" and make sure students have what they need to succeed in the digital age.

Digital skills for all. The public's feedback will shape training and education plans so all Texans can succeed in a digital world.

Cybersecurity and online safety. It's vital that Texans have the training they need to keep them safe online and protect their personal information.

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Texas Tech scientists studying climate smart crops

A new study led by Texas Tech University agricultural scientists presents a unique opportunity to derive low-cost proxies for greenhouse gas emissions and establish targeted climate smart commodities to strengthen economic and environmental sustainability on the Texas High Plains.

The \$4.9 million interdisciplinary project, directed by Krishna Jagadish, the Thornton Distinguished Chair and professor of crop-forage-livestock systems in the Department of Plant and Soil Science, includes 10 faculty and professional staff from across the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources. Included in the five-year effort will be a diverse combination of 20 producers from 10 counties on the Texas High Plains. The grant, titled "Establishing climate smart commodities with reduced greenhouse gas footprints to enhance environmental and economic sustainability in the Texas High Plains," is supported through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities, which is centered on obtaining information on produc-

tion, energy and water use on diverse producer plots.

"Climate-smart commodities benefit ag producers and the environment alike," said Glen Ritchie, chair and professor of crop physiology within the Department of Plant and Soil Science. "Dr. Jagadish and the many producers who support this work are at the forefront of providing food and fiber in the most environmentally sustainable ways."

Darren Hudson, Davis College interim associate dean for research and the Larry Combest Endowed Chair, added that the project will form the cornerstone of real, problem-solving research with a major regional, as well as global impact.

As the project gets underway, the research team will establish a robust reference baseline and track the benefits associated with greenhouse gas reductions from these climate-smart commodities to benefit producers through carbon credits or direct monetary benefits. In addition, they'll determine economic outcomes through the adoption of these climate-smart commodities and behavioral changes needed for

increased adoption of these commodities in West Texas.

"We'll use remote sensing tools to monitor crop/cover crop growth and health among participating producers and use these tools to track the rate of adoption across the entire region," Jagadish said. "Different soil moisture sensors will be installed at the Texas Tech New Deal Research Farm and on participating producers' land to assess crop water needs and develop water-conserving approaches that are practically feasible, facilitating enhanced rate of adoption of these target climate-smart practices."

In the later stages, the project will turn to the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation as a vehicle for disseminating the findings through farm walks and farm demonstrations and assist producers in adopting a combination of climate-smart commodities.

"We'll be working closely with the National Sorghum Producers and the National Cotton Council to help establish newer markets for these climate-smart commodities," Jagadish added.

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December 12
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Menus

December 11 - 15
Donley County Senior Citizens
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Tue: Smothered steak, baked potato, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, side salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, peas, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, French fries, cucumber & onion salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: French onion pork chop, roasted sweet potatoes, chopped spinach, orange brownies, apricots, buttermilk whole wheat biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken pot pie, roasted potatoes, broccoli, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, country green beans w/bacon & onions, cranberry swirl cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Ham & potato hashbrown casserole, brown rice pilaf, buttered peas & carrots, homemade sugar cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Sausage, egg, cheese biscuit, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Muffin, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, milk.
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, fruit, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, salad, green beans, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, corn, broccoli salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Fri: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancake, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, roll, potatoes, okra, strawberries, milk.
Tues: Tex Mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apple slices, cookie milk.
Fri: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, milk



Thankful together

More than 250 people were fed by the annual community Thanksgiving Day meal on November 23. Volunteers and donations helped served people in person at the Clarendon school cafeteria, and meals were also delivered to several homebound residents.

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Extension program assists veterans, military personnel

Applications are being accepted through Dec. 8 for Cohort 15 of the BattleGround to Breaking Ground program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The BattleGround to Breaking Ground project is a four-phase educational program available to veterans, active-duty military and their families, as well as beginning farmers and ranchers. "This project provides online education, hands-on training, disability support services, mentorships, peer support and veteran transition support," said Erin Kimbrough, BattleGround to Breaking Ground program manager, Bryan-College Station. "Participants learn how to develop a business plan and access funding for an agricultural operation."

There is a 45-person limit for each BattleGround to Breaking Ground program cohort. Ten of the spaces are offered tuition-free for veterans and active-duty military whose applications are accepted. Another five tuition-free spaces are offered for beginning farmers and ranchers.

There are two options for Cohort 15 participation: The first is

for veterans and active-duty military and beginning farmers and ranchers applying for the tuition-waived spots. For this option, it is necessary to complete an application for one of those spots before Dec. 8. Once those spots are filled, additional participants will be required to pay full tuition. Successful applicants on a tuition-free basis will need to attend the "basic training" portion of the project in person. Basic training for Cohort 15 will take place from Jan. 24-26 in College Station.

The second option is for all other participants. Those paying the full tuition can skip the application process and bypass any in-person requirements but must pay their tuition by Jan. 5.

Key dates for Cohort 15 are Dec. 8, tuition-waived application closes at 5 p.m. Jan. 5, paid tuition due. Jan. 22, cohort coursework begins.

Program costs and application instructions can be found at tx.ag/Cohort15App. There is a \$10 application fee in addition to the tuition costs.

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Delaney Chambless won a prize for perfect attendance.

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Owl Spotlight

After a restful Thanksgiving break, the first week back at Hedley ISD was busy with numerous events happening this past week.

The JH Owls went to battle on the court with the Silverton Owls, making the boys 1-1 and the girls 0-2. The high school boys won their first game against Darrouzett on November 28th.

Jostens visited Hedley for the Juniors about class rings. They also talked to the Seniors about their cap and gown purchases and talked to the juniors about the ring ceremony in the upcoming semester.

Juniors and Seniors took the TSI to show their readiness for college.

Hedley ISD also drew for their perfect attendance awards that went to students that had perfect attendance for the three weeks. The winners were Delaney Chambless, Jose Paita, Damien Alston, and Ashlee Holmes.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 5, 2023, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 16 members in person, three members attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and five guests this week - Dalis Reuter, guest of Lion Chris Reuter; Ben and Ell Estlack, guests of Lion Roger Estlack; and Matthew and Monroe Newhouse, guests of Lion Anndria Newhouse.

Lions and guests worked to put up the club Christmas tree and sort gifts for the Toys for Joy campaign. Toys will be distributed at the Clarendon and Hedley elementary schools next Wednesday. Lion Anndria updated the club on the toy drive and asked volunteers to be at the Lions Hall at 9 a.m. December 13 to help distribute toys.

Lion Chris updated the club on the Christmas Food Basket program, which will be distributed on December 19.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city and said the grant for the next block of Downtown Revitalization has been approved.

Lion John Howard reported on county office shuffling and said on Monday commissioners will discuss improving facades of county owned buildings north of City Hall.

Sweetheart Emma reported on the high school, and Lion Scarlet Estlack reported on the college, where active shooter training will be held soon in the auditorium and Courson Center.

Lion Richard Green said the Howardwick fire department started its raffle today with the first winner being someone named Dean, who gave his winnings back to that city's children's Christmas fund.

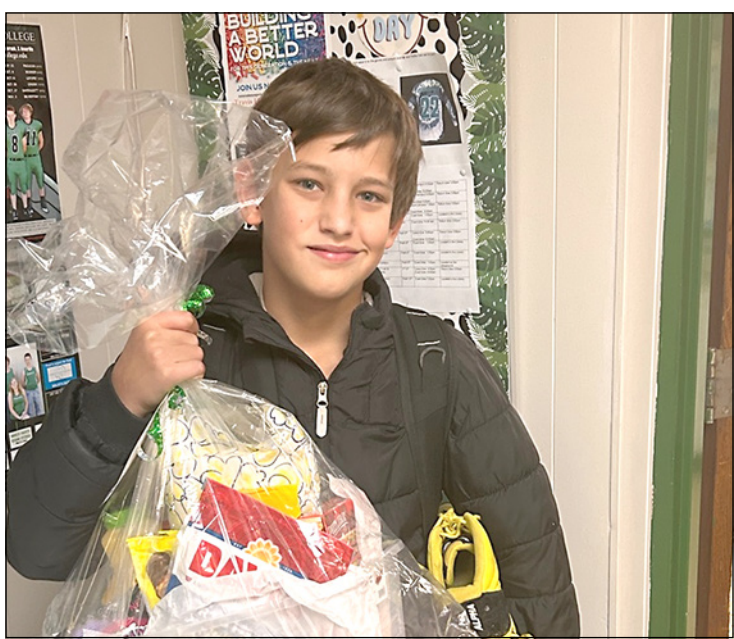
There being no further business, we were dismissed to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.

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Jose Paita was drawn to win a prize for perfect attendance.

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Damien Alston won a gift basket for perfect attendance for the last three weeks.

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Ashlee Holmes was selected to win a prize for perfect attendance.

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Shop small:

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drawings live on the Chamber's Facebook. Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week.

Several businesses are also planning to be open for Late Night Shopping on December 14 and 21 this year. Most of the participating businesses will be open until at least 7:30 p.m., including Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, Rambling Ranch, Saye's Flying A Tack, and Whistle Stop. Corrective Aesthetics will also be open late but only on December 21 until 7 p.m.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Spiritual leaders
- Salt
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- It begins with them
- A way to compare
- Government lawyer
- Back parts
- 8th month (abbr.)
- Very willing
- __ ex machina
- Satisfies
- Quebec river
- A doctrine
- Popular pickup truck
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- German founder of psychology
- Endured
- A female domestic
- A "place" to avoid
- Cigarette (slang)
- Canadian politician Josephine
- French ballet/acting dynasty
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom
- Sound
- Yankees' slugger Judge
- Dickens character
- More wise
- Flash memory card
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- Atomic #79
- Longtime Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Craft supply
- Storage units
- Investment vehicle
- Colorado Heisman winner
- In a way, sank
- Post-birth brain damage (abbr.)
- Lay about
- Intestinal
- The opposite of yes
- Caused to be loved
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- Showing since conviction
- Not safe
- The number above the line in a fraction
- Yard invader
- Pouch
- Swedish krona
- Start anew
- While white or yellow flower
- Fourteen
- Graphical user interface
- Up-to-date on the news
- Campaigns
- Touch softly
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- One who supports the Pope
- Anxiety
- Body fluid
- Phony person
- Title of respect
- Chilean city
- City in central Japan
- Silk garment
- Draw from
- Automobile
- Man
- Legal bigwig (abbr.)



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 WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6 P.M.

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 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KID'S ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M.
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 SUN. YOUTH: 6:00 P.M. • WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.

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Bobcats end Broncos' winning streak

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos' 2023 football season ended last week at the hands of the Sunray Bobcats in the State Quarter-Final game played in Canyon.

The loss was painful for the Broncos as they have played with a lot of heart this season. They were able to adjust positions when players were injured, and everyone stepped up their game to keep their winning streak alive.

The Broncos struggled against a good Sunray team and did not execute the way they have since their winning streak began on September 15. Sunray, who is currently ranked

10th in the 2A Region II standings proved to be too much for the Broncos, who are a much better team than the score revealed.

Senior quarterback/running back Lyric Smith played the first half and was able to hit fellow senior Easton Frausto for six in the second period of play. Smith racked up 64 rushing yards before receiving a leg injury that took him out of the game. Frausto stepped in to finish the game at the QB spot and did a good job for the Broncos.

However; the Bobcats were able to score at will and finished with big numbers in the game, 6-67 over the Broncos.

The Broncos will miss this year's seniors as they have played a crucial role in the Broncos' successes this season and those previous. Lyric Smith, Easton Frausto, Anthony Cenicerros, Jared Musick, Waite Dushay, Jaxan McAnear, Harrison Howard, Reagan Wade, Riley Wade, Colton Benson, and Tyler Tuttle. Senior cheerleaders are Morgan Johnston and Emma Roys, and senior band members are Jacob Murillo, Cutter Seay, and Tyler Tuttle.

As much as the seniors will be missed, the underclassmen are ready to step up and follow in their footsteps.



Bronco Qua Brown gains yards for the Broncos last week.

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Lady Broncos win Miami Championship

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Lady Broncos breezed to the Championship in Miami last weekend. They were able to defeat Claude in the final game.

The girls took on Sunray in the first round and defeated them by 40 points at 70-30. It was never a contest as the Lady Broncos were able to play strong defense and controlled the tempo of the game. Post player and newcomer Kate Shaw led the way with 19 points and hit seven of seven free throws. Kashlyn Conkin hit three three-pointers and a two-pointer to finish with 11 points, and Berkley Moore added nine.

They faced Follett in the next round and earned the easy win at 64-13. It was never a contest as the Lady Broncos held them to only single digits in the first half. Shaw was the leading scorer again with 16 points and stayed perfect from the bonus line hitting all four of her free shots. Graci Smith added 10, Tandie Cummins put in nine, and Kennadie Cummins added eight.

The next game with Wildorado was a blowout as the ladies won 63-5. The scoring was spread among the players with K. Cummins and G. Smith leading the way with eight. Moore finished with seven and Courtlyn Conkin, T. Cummins, K. Conkin, Shaw, and Kenidee Hayes had six points each.

The win over Wildorado set up the game with Claude. The ladies took control early and coasted to a 59-22 win. The Lady Broncos stepped out early and played solid defense to hold the Lady Mustangs to only two points in the first half. Moore and K. Conkin added nine apiece and Shaw helped with seven. G. Smith put in six, Presley Smith, T. Cummins and K. Cummins added five, C. Conkin and Hayden Elam helped with four each, Hayes put in three, and Kinslee Hatley helped with three.

Earlier in the week, the ladies hosted Groom and finished strong at 69-23. They were able to score at will against the Lady Tigers and were able to make good stops on defense. Hayes led with 15, Shaw had 12, and Elam put in 10.

The Lady Broncos will play in the Childress Tournament December 7-9 and will travel to Nazareth on December 12.

Lady Colts skim by Memphis at home

The Lady Colts took control of Memphis early in the game to lead by eight points after the first quarter of play in their 26-24 win over the Lady Whirlwinds at home November 27.

Eli Rodriguez was the high scorer for the night with 11, but all the Lady Colts contributed to the win. They were able to play solid on both ends of the court and handled Memphis when the game got close.

Joining Rodriguez was Landry King with five, and Sequoia Weatheron, Addy Havens put in four points each, and Josie Murillo added two.

The Lady Colts will take on Quanah at home on January 8.



Quarterback Lyric Smith runs the ball for the Broncos last Friday.

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Bronco Easton Frausto scores a touchdown last Friday against Sunray.

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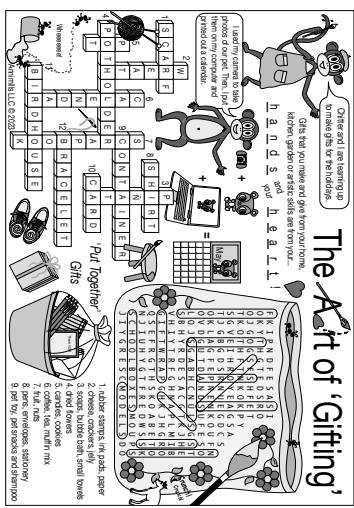
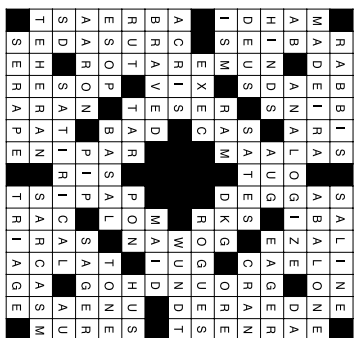
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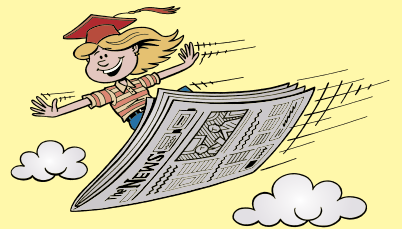
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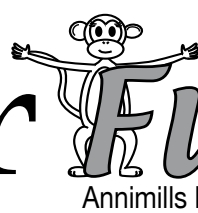
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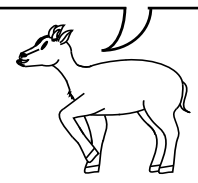
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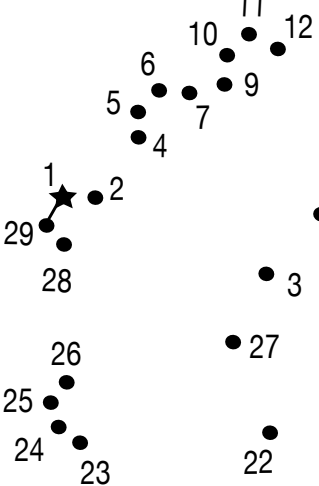
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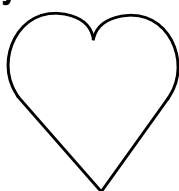
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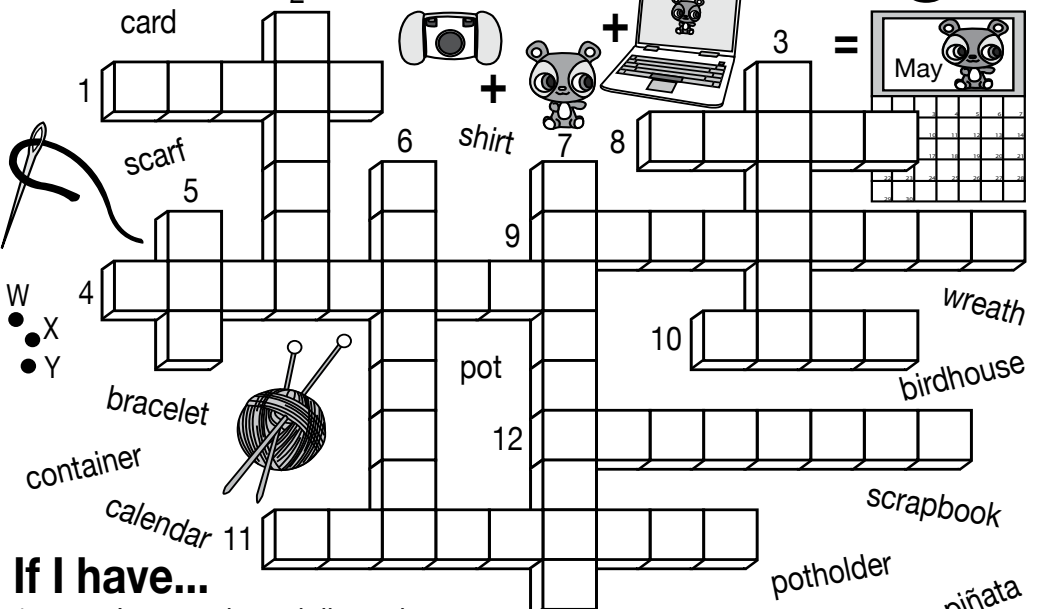


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Adaptive grazing study looks at impact on CRP

Researchers at the Texas A&M AgriLife Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management are investigating the impact of grazing practices on the long-term sustainability and biodiversity of landscapes enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program.

Supported by the USDA Farm Service Agency, the project will focus on adaptive grazing practices such as managed timing, intensity, frequency, duration and resting period.

Established in 1985, the Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP as it is commonly known, is one of the nation's largest private-land conservation programs with more than 23 million acres enrolled across the U.S.

Through contracts varying in length from 10 to 15 years, voluntary participants agree to remove environmentally sensitive cropland from agricultural production and devote the land to the long-term conservation of grasslands, soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat. In return, these landowners receive annual payments and cost share assistance to implement conservation-based management practices.

In Texas, more than 90 percent of the roughly 2.7 million acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program are in the High Plains and Rolling Plains ecological regions.

Due to this density of enrolled properties, Goodwin and research partners in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will focus their studies within these regions.

Collaborating researchers include Katie Lewis, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research soil chemistry and fertility scientist and associate professor in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Lubbock, and Stephen Webb, Ph.D., Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute research assistant professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Bryan-College Station.

Since its inception, the Conservation Reserve Program has excluded grazing on enrolled lands with certain exceptions for emergency drought and disaster events or biennial grazing regimes outside of the grassland bird nesting season. Producers who do graze at a reduced stocking rate during the primary nesting season generally receive a 25 percent reduction in their annual

payment from the program.

Specifically, researchers are seeking to answer three key questions related to lands enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program: Can adaptive grazing management provide greater ecosystem and climate change mitigation benefits than biannual grazing or grazing exclusion? Are the conservation and ecosystem benefits of adaptive grazing management influenced by native versus introduced grass species? Can grassland birds be used as an indicator metric for the health and function of Conservation Reserve Program lands in the Texas High Plains?

To find these answers, over the next five years researchers will employ and replicate a variety of land management treatments across 18 properties enrolled in the program. These different management treatments include grazing exclusion, as well as alternative year grazing and adaptive grazing management techniques.

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