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

Chamber seeking 2023 community award nominations

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has opened nominations for its annual community awards.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, for the following categories: Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – two individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2023, Saints' Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service to the community, and the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Honorees will be announced during the annual Awards Banquet, scheduled for Thursday, February 29, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Written nominations should specify which award the person or organization is being nominated for and a brief paragraph stating the reason for the nomination. The nominations should be no more than one page in length.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226; delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre; or emailed to Chamber@ClarendonTx.com.

Hedley city council names secretary

The Hedley City Council hired a new city secretary during their regular meeting on December 14.

Tammy Brinson was approved as the new secretary, after the council met in closed session to discuss personnel.

Howardwick City Secretary Sandy Lynn Childress has been helping Hedley on a volunteer basis since the previous city secretary resigned there almost a year ago.

The Hedley council also approved setting up a records management system to be set up by Childress and also voted to have Childress set up a website for the city.

Community blood drive to be Jan. 23

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a community blood drive in Clarendon at the Mulkey Theatre on Tuesday, January 23, from noon to 5 p.m.

The bloodmobile will be on hand for donors.

Save time, complete your questions online (day of drive only) using Donor Express at www.thegiftoflife.org.

The supply of blood is critically low, and Coffee is urging everyone who can to donate.

For your lifesaving appointment, go to obi.org or call toll free 1-877-340-8777.



Local voters to consider sales tax proposals

Voters in all three municipalities in Donley County will vote on creating County Assistance District this May after resolutions were approved by the Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick city councils before Christmas.

County commissioners voted December 11 to pursue creation of the sales tax-funded districts as a mechanism to provide money to the Donley County Sheriff's Office. The plan would be to create four county assistance districts – one each in the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick and one in the unincorporated areas of the county.

The City of Howardwick met December 12, and that city council unanimously approved a resolution to put a one-cent sales tax on the ballot to support a district for that city.

Howardwick City Secretary Sandy Lynn Childress said a good discussion was held at the meeting with County Judge John Howard and Sheriff Butch Blackburn fielding questions. She said county officials told them the commissioners court would govern the district but that they were not opposed to having local representation on the board for the Howardwick district.

The Hedley City Council met December 14 with Judge Howard and Commissioner Neil Koetting in attendance. Clarendon Mayor Jacob Fangman and Childress were also present. Childress, who was taking minutes for the City of Hedley in the absence of a city secretary there, said county officials there fielded several comments about the constable's position and concerns about the sheriff's coverage of that community.

The Hedley council also approved a resolution calling for a one-cent sales tax to be on the May ballot for a County Assistance District in that city.

Clarendon's city meeting scheduled for December 14 was moved to December 21 with the city council facing a very different question from Howardwick and Hedley. Where the other two cities only have a one-cent sales tax, Clarendon's sales tax is two cents, the maximum allowed by the state. In order for a county assistance district to be created for the City of Clarendon, voters would have to approve taking money away from the city and then approve giving it to the County Assistance District.

Judge Howard and Sheriff Blackburn participated in the discussion, and Hedley Mayor Trisha

Chambless and Howardwick Alderman Johnny Floyd also attended the meeting along with Clarendon Municipal Judge Richard Green.

Two Clarendon council members were absent from the December 21 meeting – Terri Floyd and John Lockhart, and Mayor Jacob Fangman expressed his view that the council should wait for a full council to be present before voting on the county's request that the city give up 5/8 of a cent to fund a County Assistance District. The three council members present – Larry Jeffers, Eulaine McIntosh, and Tommy Hill – ultimately approved a motion to put the question of giving up 5/8 of a cent on the May ballot. Clarendon citizens will face two questions – the city giving up collecting a portion of its sales tax and the creation of a district to collect that same amount.

City Secretary Machiel Covey said the city received assurances that the amount collected for the sheriff's office would be capped at \$165,000 per year and said county officials agreed that the Clarendon district would be governed by a board consisting of two city representatives, two county commissioners, and the county judge.

The Clarendon City Council also on December 21 gave final approval to a contract with the county for law enforcement services for \$140,000 for fiscal year 2024. City Administrator Brian Barboza said the county later approved the same contract in a called meeting.

Residents in the unincorporated areas of Donley County will also be asked on a May ballot to approve a County Assistance District that will be funded by a two-cent sales tax.



The big winner!

Kim Fowler was drawn as the final winner of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's Shop Small Big Christmas promotion during a drawing on December 22. Fowler won \$250 in Clarendon Christmas Cash for shopping at home. In total, \$550 was given away by the Chamber to promote local merchants during the holiday season.

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Accident claims two Memphis residents

Two Memphis residents lost their lives in a two vehicle accident east of Clarendon December 17.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Humberto Martinez, 32, of Memphis was eastbound on US 287 about 12:32 a.m. when his 2013 Dodge Ram left the roadway and struck a traffic sign. He moved back onto eastbound 287 and was driving slowly in the outside lane when he was run into by a 2013 Nissan Altima driven by

Michael Flores, 43, also of Memphis, who had failed to control his speed.

The Dodge Ram left the roadway and entered the south ditch, stopping against a barbed wire fence. DPS said the pickup sustained significant rear damage and minor frontal damage. The Nissan left the road and traveled into the center median, where it came to a rest with significant front-end damage.

Two passengers in Flores' Nissan perished as a result of the accident. Alicia Salinas Flores, 77, of Memphis, was pronounced dead on the scene by Donley County Justice of the Peace Pat White.

Yolanda Castillo, 60, of Memphis, was transported to Amarillo Northwest Texas Hospital with serious injuries, where she later died from the injuries sustained in the crash. She was pronounced deceased at the hospital by Dr.

Christina Lee.

Michael Flores was transported to Amarillo Northwest Texas Hospital with serious injuries, and Martinez was transported to BSA in Amarillo with serious injuries.

DPS says it is unknown if Mr. Flores was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident. The other driver and the passengers in Flores' car were not wearing theirs.

The crash remains under investigation.

Local youth to participate in stock show

The Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale will take place on Saturday, January 13th, 2024.

The show will start at 9 a.m. and the premium sale and buyer's dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a concession stand run by the exhibitors' parents during the show and they will be serving breakfast burritos and chili for lunch.

This year's show has 76 entries of goats, sheep, heifers, steers, gilts and barrows that will be shown by 47 exhibitors from Donley County 4-H, Clarendon FFA and Hedley FFA.

Any second grader and under is invited to show in the Pee Wee goat and pig shows during the regular show. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please call the extension office at 806-874-2141.

Clarendon FFA members registered to participate include Ken-

adie Cummins, Tandie Cummins, Hayden Moore, Cutter Seay, Heston Seay, and Wes Shaw.

The following Donley County 4-H members will be exhibiting animals also: Cutter Ashbrook, Will Berry, Paul Berry, Ajax Caudle, Jase Conway, Gracie Ellis, Levi Gates, Trigg Harper, Parker Haynes, Grant Haynes, Kaylynn Hendrick, Hudson Howard, Harrison Howard, Emma Howard, Ronan Howard, Emily McCurdy, Jayton Moore, Adleigh Moore, Kynna Phillips, Slaid Pittman, Kensler Roberts, Jaxon Robertson, Wes Shaw, Kate Shaw, Graecyn Sims, Addelay Snure, Maloree Wann, and Hunter Wann.

Hedley FFA members participating will be Tavi Edwards, Taylee Ehlert, Kaitin Ehlert, Trinity Harper, Payton Inman, Kelli Love, Ehmjey Martinez, Brandon Moore, Madison Moore, Malachi Murphy, Cristina Silvestre, Cory Stasio, Lily Stasio, and Javier Valles.



Cutter Ashbrook works with his pig in preparation for next week's Donley County Junior Livestock Association Show.

COURTESY PHOTO

H'wick man sentenced for felony gun charge

A Howardwick man's case was one of 13 heard by the district court on Tuesday, December 12, when it met in Carson County.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding by assignment.

Ricky Wayne Caughey, 56, from Howardwick, was placed on six years' probation for the third degree felony offense of deadly conduct discharging a firearm.

Caughey was arrested in Donley County by Swick for the offense that occurred on October 28, 2022. Caughey was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on January 30.

Caughey was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$340 in court costs, and complete 200 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Caughey faces up to 10 years in prison.

Clarendon adopts fee for animal surrenders

The Clarendon City Council approved a new fee for animal control and took other actions during their meeting on December 21.

The amendment to Ordinance 491 would add a fee for surrendering animals to the city. The charge would be \$50 for dogs and cats over six months old, and \$20 for puppies and kittens. If the animal has not been spayed or neutered, there will be an additional charge of \$27.50.

The city approved a budget amendment to allow \$3,000 for improvements to the animal control building to bring it into compliance with state rules.

In other business, the council approved a letter of engagement with Foster, Lambert, and Foard for the fiscal year 2023 audit, and voted to allow City Administrator Brian Barboza to act on behalf of the city in protesting a rate increase by Southwestern Electric Power Company.

A proposal to replace the broken beacon at the Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport with a new LED fixture was also approved.

In his administrator's report, Barboza said the new sewer lift station is operational but not quite complete, and he said an ADA inspection is set for the downtown revitalization work next week.

A brief history of campaign finance in USA

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

I doubt in 1791, when the Founders wrote the First Amendment, they were thinking campaign finances, yet in 2010 it became applicable.



historically speaking by dr. james finck

In 2008, a conservative group named Citizens United produced a movie critical of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Citizens United's goal was to pay cable companies to make the movie free to watch on pay-per-view for any of its customers in the month leading up to the Democratic primaries.

However, the film was not shown as a District Court deemed it violated the Federal Election Campaign Act which, "prohibits corporations and labor unions from using their general treasury funds to make electioneering communications or for speech that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a federal candidate." This decision eventually made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2010 as the case of Citizens United v. FEC. While the District Court had only cited the most recent 1974 law, it was actually standing on about 100 years of precedence.

While smear campaigns are as old as the nation, financing elections is much newer. In early elections, candidates were wealthy enough to spend their own money, and instead of asking others for donations they were expected to provide gifts, especially alcohol, to those coming to vote.

After Andrew Jackson organized parties, fundraising picked up over the years but only took off after the Civil War and in the Gilded Age with massive campaigns that included advertising and gift giving. Republicans dominated during the Gilded Age and much of the reason was because they had more money. Republicans positioned themselves as pro-business and expected help with their campaigns from business owners.

In 1904, when President Teddy Roosevelt campaigned for his second term, Democrats accused him of accepting large sums of money from corporations for the purpose of influencing his policies. Of course, Roosevelt denied the charges, but had to admit he did receive a great deal of money, making him look suspicious. To show he was above corruption, the president supported the passage of the 1907 Tillman Act which prohibited any corporation or bank from giving money to campaigns.

Between 1904 and the 1970s, several new laws were passed to limit and regulate election spending. Some of these were the 1910 Publicity Act which required parties to disclose all money spent on campaigns. In 1925, the law was amended to require quarterly financial disclosure reports. While these laws were on the books, they were difficult to regulate, and parties found ample loopholes to avoid them. For example, a candidate could simply claim he did not know what money his supporters spent.

The real change came in 1974, when five burglars were caught breaking into the Democratic headquarters at Washington DC's Watergate Hotel. The investigation found several violations of the 1971 law, including paying the burglars with campaign funds. With such a major controversy, campaign finance laws were finally given some teeth.

The 1971 Federal Election Campaign Act required full reporting of all campaign contributions and expenditures. A new aspect was putting a spending limit on media advertisements. Because corporations and unions could not give money directly, the new law allowed them to use treasury funds to create separate voluntary groups to raise and donate money known as political action committees or PACs.

The Watergate scandal exposed holes in the FECA laws as lawmakers realized an independent body was required to oversee campaign finance laws. Congress amended the law in 1974 with the creation of such a body giving the government even more oversight. While tinkering, Congress also amended the law to allow for public matching funds for elections but also put stricter limits on both contributions and expenditures.

Back to 2010, the District Court used the 1974 FECA laws as its justification stopping Citizens United from showing the anti-Clinton movie. Yet the Supreme Court overturned 100 years of precedence with its 5-4 decision basically stating that donating money is freedom of speech and so is protected by the First Amendment, thus could not be limited. The new rule specified that corporations, unions and other groups can give as much as they want as long as they do not coordinate with the campaign. Under this ruling, Citizens United acting alone can spend all the money they want. Then later in 2010 the case of SpeechNow.org v. FEC ruled that because of free speech, donors could give as much as they wanted to independent groups known as super-PACs. SuperPACs cannot coordinate with campaigns nor give campaigns any money, but they can spend as much as they want.

While Congress has continued to try to pass campaign finance reform laws since 2010, not much has really changed as election spending has continued to grow each year with no real end in sight.

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Make connects with your neighbors

By Claire Irwin, HHSC Age Well Live Well Coordinator

There are many ways we take care of our health, from eating healthy foods and moving our bodies to visiting the doctor for annual exams. But social connection is one aspect of aging and living well that is often overlooked.

According to the 2023 U.S. Surgeon General's advisory, "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation," social connection is an important factor in our health. A survey cited in the advisory found that older adults with diabetes who have a large support network had a reduced risk of mortality.

People can become lonely when they lack social connections. The advisory defines loneliness as "the subjective distressing experience that results from perceived isolation or inadequate meaningful connections."

Growing your social circle and building meaningful connections with others can help reduce isolation and loneliness. The advisory outlines three important components of social connection: Structure: The number of relationships we have, how varied they are and how frequently we interact. Function: How well the relationships are fulfilling our needs. Quality: The positive and negative qualities of relationships.

One place to start making connections is right in our own neighborhoods. How often do we reach out to neighbors and see how they are doing? Do we go beyond a hello wave at the mailbox or apartment building lobby?

Our neighborhoods can be a community of built-in social connections. By fostering a community focused on connection and mutual support, we add

variety to our social circles and provide an opportunity to build positive relationships close to home.

The HHS Know Your Neighbor campaign can help. The campaign encourages Texans to form and maintain new connections with older neighbors to help reduce the risks of isolation and loneliness. Resources for individuals and organizations — such as a toolkit, template emails, letters and resource sheets — can make it easier to make connections.

Go to the Aging Well Resources Form, enter your basic information, choose "Know Your Neighbor" in the program dropdown and get started.

Visit Age Well Live Well: Be Connected | Texas Health and Human Services for more ways to create new connections.



Working to banish 'bedlessness'

We have eyes to see and hearts to serve, yet somehow don't recognize the importance of both purpose and passion until we see needs up close at life's intersections.

Thankfully, such consciousness — the kind leaving lumps in our throats and guilt in our minds — results when we hear accounts from folks whose lives have changed direction through the pursuit of serving others.

In this season of commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, in a straw-strewn stable with no crib for his head, we are jolted by a jarring fact. In the here and now, some three percent of American children sleep nightly on the floor, on worn out sofas and even on piles of clothing worn during the day.

Luke Mickelson, living the good life with his family in Twin Falls, ID, built a bed for a girl named Hailey, a bedless six-year-old in his town. Seeing her plight, sharing her tears and determined to do more, he began his fulltime philanthropic pilgrimage almost five years ago. Sole purpose of his non-profit organization, "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," is to work toward reducing — perhaps even eliminating — what he calls "bedlessness."....

Luke's calling has helped him sleep better, too, because he has ignited both passion and purpose in the hearts of thousands of others. There's been a national chorus of "What can we do to help?" Bed-building across the land by volunteers in some 300 chapters abounds. There's no end in sight.

"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town" is a slogan not only fostered, but deeply heartfelt.

Representatives of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" tell their stories wherever possible, one of their main targets being civic clubs. Thankfully, SHP representative Bruce Crenshaw visited my Burleson, Texas, Lions Club a few months ago, and the results have been electrifying....

He shared his sense of "passion and purpose" magnificently, and since his visit, 10-12 of our members have built 180 beds for Texas Lions Camp. They've also delivered and set up beds in dozens of area homes and apartments, their joy matching the delight evident in the eyes of children opening gifts on Christmas morning. One much-talked about recipient kissed her bed.

The impact of SHP is staggering. Magnitude of SHP continues to grow in both the USA and Canada. Want a statistic? Some 57,000 beds have been built and delivered in 2023 ALONE! Volunteers have built, delivered and set up all of the beds. Mickelson walked away from a well-paying job in favor of giving all his energies to the tax-exempt organization — one which has highest standards in the world of non-profits. It passes the test of truth and integrity long admired and envied by the Dr. Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Mickelson and his followers are sharing with thousands of others the joy of "giving back," kindling the fires of passion and purpose that may have



the idle american by don newbury

slowly been reduced to smoldering, now aflame with energy, support, and enthusiasm....

Stories about SHP abound on the Internet, including its website, shpbeds.org. There's also information on how others can get involved by providing time, energy and support, perhaps all three.

It is noted that the organization has some national sponsors, the kind who contribute at least \$50,000 annually.

One such sponsor is Lowe's. Here's a grand example of how Lowe's and SHP faithful can "build something together."....

On the SHP website, one may identify children who need beds. There will be a positive response, even if it takes a while.

There are many reasons, of course, why this charity has found its place quickly. Though Jesus never had an earthly place to lay His head, he was able to change the world as he traveled the then-known world on foot.

Crude as the manger was, surely it was immersed in love. He bade little children to come unto Him, and, for all of us, he promised assurance of rest. Most of us have more than we need and recognize the importance of a good night's sleep. May God bless you, Luke Mickelson, and all the folks he's inspired....

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Casper earns more NFR cash

LAS VEGAS – The dollars and cents of rodeo are starting to add up for saddle bronc rider and Clarendon College alum Wyatt Casper.

Through nine rounds at the National Finals Rodeo, he placed five times, the latest coming after an 86.5-point ride on United Pro Rodeo's Awesome Sauce to finish in a tie for third place in the ninth round.

"Getting down to these last days, making as much money as you can is what it's all about," said Casper, a four-time NFR qualifier from Miami, Texas. "I've seen Awesome Sauce a bunch. I've never been on it, but all my traveling partners have. I knew he was going to be a pretty tough horse but probably one of the better ones in the draw; I was pretty excited to have him."

The December 15 round featured the eliminator pen, the hardest-to-ride broncs at the NFR, but Casper was up to the task. It was his biggest payday so far. He was seventh in the aggregate race with 751 points on nine rides.

Heading into the 10th round, he had pocketed \$63,241 in Las Vegas

and was 10th in the world standings with \$205,662.

"We're nine for nine now, and I think that's the most I've ridden out at the NFR since we were in Arlington (Texas in 2020)," he said. "I'm pretty pumped about that."

Cowboys arrive in the Nevada desert with rodeo's gold on their minds.

To win that coveted buckle, it takes talent, consistency and a little bit of luck. Casper has the talent and proved his consistency, but he needed a little more luck in order to walk away with the world championship.

"Anytime you surround yourself with the top 15 of anything, it's going to be pretty great," he said of the field of bronc riders in Sin City this week. "I'm pretty lucky to be able to be around these guys in the locker room. There are guys in there like Zeke (Thurston) that were making the NFR before I thought I could even make the NFR."

"It's pretty cool to look up to them, but they're good competition and make it a lot of fun."

That talented group of men is

just one reason why Casper hadn't made more NFR money. When he's scored well and had a chance to take the top prize in a round, someone else had taken the luster from him. On December 15, Dawson Hay had already scored 86.5 to match Casper, but Lefty Holman was the last to go and was a point better. Thurston, the reigning and three-time world champion, won the round with an 88.5. Having the right horse matters just to get a check.

"You can go through the list and pick out who you feel sorry for and who got the better end of the draw," said Casper, the 2016 intercollegiate champion while at Clarendon College. "I feel like I was one of the guys who got the better end of it tonight, so we just tried to capitalize on it."

Every experience can be a lesson, and he's received that this week.

"You just have to enjoy it while you're here," he said. "That's probably the biggest lesson. We work all year to get here for these 10 days, so it's best to just be patient. If it doesn't work out, that's OK. Just enjoy it."

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ANSWER:

the lion's tale

by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 2, 2024, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 13 members in person, two members attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and two guests this week. Jaxon Robertson was the guest of Lion Chuck Robertson, and Maggie Rich of Coffee Memorial Blood Center presented our program.

Mrs. Rich said the blood supply is low right now nationwide but especially low in the Panhandle area. She said doctors are having to make tough decisions about limiting the use of blood. Coffee Memorial has a target for Clarendon of having five percent of the eligible population donate blood over a year's time. She said previous blood drives at the college would generate as many as 74 donors in a year; but she said only 24 people donated blood last year at drives downtown. The club discussed possible ways to pair blood drives with other existing events to get more participants.

Lion John Howard reported on the county, which is pursuing four county assistance district elections this May in the unincorporated areas of the county and in the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick.

Lions Jacob Fangman and Brian Barboza reported on the city, and Lion Richard Green reported on Howardwick.

Sweetheart Emma reported on the high school, noting that basketball season is underway and that the cheer team will be competing at state in Dallas next week.

Lion Machiel Covey volunteered to head up our local ramp team, and a possible date was discussed for building a ramp in Clarendon.

It was reported that 20 families were helped with the Lions' Christmas food baskets, and it was also reported that the club had purchased an eye exam and pair of glasses for a student at the junior high.

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

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	20 ESSER II Fund	30 ESSER III Fund	40 School Safety Standard Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 746,263	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,514	\$ 778,777
5800 State Program Revenues	1,511,991	-	-	67,551	4,029	1,583,571
5900 Federal Program Revenues	57,608	109,086	162,040	-	155,121	483,855
5020 Total Revenues	2,315,862	109,086	162,040	67,551	191,664	2,846,203
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	1,086,796	92,380	100,211	-	55,351	1,334,738
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,247	-	-	-	-	2,247
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,710	-	-	-	5,554	7,264
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,537	9,000	-	-	2,306	12,843
0023 School Leadership	104,944	-	1,014	-	-	105,958
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	7,056	-	54,678	-	1,475	63,209
0033 Health Services	4,386	-	-	-	-	4,386
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	221,239	-	-	-	-	221,239
0035 Food Services	-	-	1,027	-	130,149	131,176
0036 Extracurricular Activities	84,102	-	-	-	20,404	104,506
0041 General Administration	287,422	-	2,030	-	-	289,452
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	233,207	-	3,080	-	-	236,287
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	10,611	-	-	67,551	-	78,162
0053 Data Processing Services	108,120	7,706	-	-	-	115,826
Debt Service:						
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	11,793	-	-	-	-	11,793
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	383	-	-	-	-	383
Intergovernmental:						
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	35,902	-	-	-	-	35,902
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	39,116	-	-	-	-	39,116
6030 Total Expenditures	2,240,571	109,086	162,040	67,551	215,239	2,794,487
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	75,291	-	-	-	(23,575)	51,716
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	-	25,575	25,575
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(25,575)	-	-	-	-	(25,575)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(25,575)	-	-	-	25,575	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	49,716	-	-	-	2,000	51,716
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,230,315	-	-	-	-	2,230,315
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,280,031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,282,031

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Community Calendar

- January 5**
Broncos v Nazareth • 8:00 p.m. • Home
- January 5**
Lady Broncos v Wheeler • 6:30 p.m. • Home
- January 5**
Lady Owls v Valley • 6:00 p.m. • Home
- January 5**
Owls v Valley • 6:00 p.m. • Away
- January 5 & 6**
Migration • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 7**
Migration • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 9**
Lady Broncos v Quannah • 6:30 p.m. • Away
- January 9**
Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:00 p.m. • Away
- January 12**
Owls & Lady Owls v Claude • 6:00 p.m. • Home
- January 13**
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Menus

January 8 - 12 Hedley Senior Citizens

- Mon:** French onion pork chop, parsleyed buttered pasta, buttered peas & carrots, butterscotch bars, mandarin orange sections, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
- Tue:** Cheese baked spaghetti, roasted red potatoes, chopped spinach, cherry crisp, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
- Wed:** Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, mixed greens w/ bacon & onion, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat butter-milk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.
- Thurs:** Kemon herb chicken, broccoli, cheese, & rice bake, buttered carrots, spice cupcake w/ cream cheese frosting, iced tea/2% milk.
- Fri:** Beef soft tacos, refried beans, Mexican rice, mixed green salad, snickerdoodle, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD

- Breakfast**
Mon: Muffin, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast combo, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

- Lunch**
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, garden salad, tomatoes, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, fruit, dessert, milk.
Wed: Cheesy breadsticks, broccoli, marinara sauce, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, carrots, fruit, milk.
Fri: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

- Breakfast**
Mon: No School
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

- Lunch**
Mon: No School
Tues: Chili cheese tortos, breadstick, veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries and bananas, milk.
Wed: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.

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Navigating screen time, mental health

In today's world screens are all around us at work, school and at home. Logan Winkelman, Ph.D., program director for the clinical mental health counseling program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, addresses excessive screen time and provides tips to focus on for the new year.

"These platforms are set up to play on those dopamine receptors," Winkelman said. "So being addicted to these devices and screen time is a real thing. And that can lead to other challenges, because we may not be engaging in other activities, or it could be a coping mechanism. That can lead to other things like anxiety and depression."

Physical ailments also can occur from excessive screen use. Winkelman mentioned these include eye strain, neck strain and headaches. She also revealed that the number one physical side effect of excessive screen time is sleep disturbance.

"If we're on our phones when we're trying to go to sleep, the being on our screens can keep our mind active when it's trying to wind down," Winkelman said.

"The other piece is blue light, which interferes with our melatonin production. Melatonin is the hormone that allows us to feel sleepy and stay asleep. If the blue light is interfering with that melatonin production, it can physiologically affect your ability to sleep."

Morning routines set the tone for the day. Winkelman explained how morning screen time can affect someone's entire day. She also pro-

vided simple morning routine tips to implement.

"If the moment you wake up, you're looking at your phone, and immediately you start getting flooded with emails, the news, or social media, you haven't allowed your brain to really wake up and already you're flooding it with information overload," Winkelman said. "Before you start looking and scrolling and checking emails, allow yourself to have a calm and relaxing routine. That could be brushing your teeth, drinking a glass of water, doing some stretches, doing some breathing."

Winkelman mentioned that children learn by example, and this is true with technology and screen time. "If adults around children are on their phones or on their tablets, they'll learn to prioritize technology over other activities or even relationships. This can impact their development, social skills and attention span. And so, it's really important that adults model having time limits or appropriate use of technology."

Recommended screen time limits can be hard to follow for children, teens and adults. According to data from DataReportal, the average American spends nearly seven hours a day looking at screens.

"The literature states that children between the ages of two and five should get less than an hour of screen time," Winkelman said. "Between six and up, it stays consistent at no more than two hours, and it stays the same for adults."

Winkelman acknowledged that

for adults, it can be difficult to limit screen time to two hours, especially if their job involves looking at a computer screen. She pointed out that taking frequent breaks is the best course of action.

"My recommendation is in alignment with what the literature states, which is to take frequent breaks," Winkelman said. "Try to limit the exposure to screen time for children and teens, and even ourselves as adults. But when we're using screens, making sure that we're taking breaks because we need to get out and have fresh air. Every 30 minutes while you're on a screen, try to take a break, whether it's setting an alarm for 30 minutes to even just stretch, look outside or maybe just look around the room."

Rome wasn't built in a day, and the same goes for New Year's resolutions. Some will perhaps make a resolution to limit screen time, but Winkelman noted the importance of being easy on yourself.

She also emphasized taking small steps in the right direction and not getting disheartened if you experience failure.

Winkelman acknowledged that technology isn't all bad and that using it in moderation is okay. "It's not about vilifying technology but understanding our habits around it and understanding that a lot of technology is designed to suck us in and capture our attention," Winkelman said. "We need to take control of what we decide to give our attention instead of mindlessly doing it."

Producers can enroll now for 2024 coverages

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that agricultural producers can now enroll in the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2024 crop year. Producers can enroll and make election changes for the 2024 crop year starting Dec. 18, 2023. The deadline to complete enrollment and any election change is March 15, 2024.

On Nov. 16, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22), which extended the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), more commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill, through September 30, 2024. This extension allows authorized programs, including ARC and PLC, to continue operating.

"Having the Farm Bill extension in place means business as usual for Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage program implementation for the 2024 crop year—nothing has changed from previous years," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "These programs provide critical financial protections against commodity market volatilities for many American farmers so don't delay enrollment. Avoid the rush and contact your local FSA office for an appointment because even if you are not changing your program election for 2024, you still need to sign a contract to enroll."

Producers can elect coverage

and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2024 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm it will continue for 2024 unless an election change is made.

If producers do not submit their election revision by the March 15, 2024, deadline, their election remains the same as their 2023 election for commodities on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the cropland.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

This fall, FSA issued payments totaling more than \$267 million to agricultural producers who enrolled in the 2022 ARC-CO option and the ARC ARC-IC option for covered commodities that triggered a payment.

Payments through the PLC option did not trigger for the 2022 crop year. ARC and PLC payments for a given crop year are paid out the following fall to allow actual county yields and the Market Year Average prices to be finalized. These payments help mitigate fluctuations in

either revenue or prices for certain crops. Payments for crops that may trigger for the 2023 crop year will be issued in the fall of 2024.

ARC and PLC are part of a broader USDA safety net that also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election can purchase Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

Many universities offer web-based decision tools to help producers make informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Producers are encouraged to use the tool of their choice to support their ARC and PLC elections.

For more information producers can visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact their local USDA Service Center.

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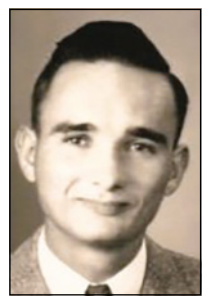
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Obituaries

Self

George Winfred Self, 85, passed peacefully to his heavenly home Friday, October 13, 2023, at his sister's home in Pampa, Texas. His loving daughter and son in law, Kristi and Larry Shade, along with Sheila White, his devoted sister-in-law, were by his side.



Self

George was born the eldest of four children to George W. Self and Pearl Iwilla (Christie) Self on April 16, 1938 in Clarendon, Texas. George grew up on the family cotton farm in Hudgin community, a small community about 12 miles from Clarendon. He spoke frequently and fondly of playing with cousins, and neighboring kids. He was followed by the birth of three sisters. George took his role of big brother very seriously with his sisters Linda, Norma and Maudena. One remembrance he had was of ironing his little sister's dresses. He dearly loved his little sisters and was a devoted son.

As a young man, George attended Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon and was, in fact, a founding member. The building had been a laundromat prior to the church acquiring the building. George spoke of the memory of moving out all the washers and dryers in order to create the sanctuary space. He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1956. He played in the band, ran track, and played football for one year. He was a studious student who excelled academically.

He met his wife, Marilee Smith, at a youth event at First Baptist church of Lelia Lake when she was a senior in high school in Lelia Lake and George was in his first year at Clarendon College. They married on November 23, 1957. George completed a two-year degree at Clarendon College and then attended West Texas State in Canyon. He graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry and minors in Mathematics and Physics, in May 1967. Marilee attended Clarendon College while George started at West Texas State in Canyon in fall 1958. Marilee completed her college at West Texas State in 1961 and began her education career in Canyon as a first-grade teacher. George and Marilee had three children while he attended college. He held down numerous jobs to support his growing family. While attending Clarendon College he drove an early morning school bus and ran the projector at the drive-in theater at night. After he started college in Canyon, he ran the movie projector in Canyon, and actually lived and slept in the theater for the year that Marilee was attending Clarendon College. He drove back to Clarendon to get his clothes washed and help his father-in-law, Leo Smith, on his cotton farm. In 1963, George started working at Pantex as a Senior Chemical Analyst. He received top government clearance from the 4th Army for this position. Upon George's

graduation, he selected a position with Ray-O-Vac Division, ESB Inc in Madison Wisconsin. He remained with Ray-O-Vac from June 1967 to December 1973. His next position was in the mining industry as Chief Chemist with Ozark Lead in Salem, Missouri from January 1974 to September 1976. He then continued in the mining industry with Kennecott Copper at the Ray Mine in Kearney, Arizona from November 1976 to June 1982. He also worked for Inspiration Copper and ASARCO Copper prior to his retirement in 1996.

George accomplished his dream of obtaining his pilot's license in 1971. He then purchased an interest in a Stinson as part of a partnership in 1972. Perhaps his most memorable flight was flying the family in his Stinson from Wisconsin to Clarendon in the summer of 1973. He got a big kick buzzing his in laws house and seeing his mother-in-law, Mary Jane, frantically waving her apron from end of the driveway. Leo was so proud to have George fly him over the cotton crops and to sightsee from the air around Donley County.

After the family relocated to Missouri, George bought a Cessna 150. He owned that Cessna 150 for many years. Each time the family relocated; the Cessna came with them. He flew it from Missouri to Arizona and then upon retiring, George flew the Cessna to Clarendon.

In 1986, while living in Arizona, George discovered a 1946 J3 Piper Cub in a barn near his in-laws in Lelia Lake. George loaded it on a trailer and hauled it to Arizona, where he rebuilt it over span of several years. The Cub was in numerous pieces and needed a complete engine rebuild and he researched and mastered the art of replacing the fabric covering the wings and fuselage. He flew the Cub for many years in Arizona and then flew it to Clarendon after his retirement. George loved his Cub!

In addition to his love of flying, he enjoyed woodworking and did beautiful lathe work. George created lamps, vases, candle stick holders, bowls, and candy dishes. If you have a piece of George's woodwork, you are a fortunate individual. He made many wooden toys for his grandchildren which are now cherished and loved by his great grandchildren. Another passion of George's was rock collecting. He would never miss an opportunity to ride out in the Arizona desert in his Jeep to search for rock specimens. His collection was extensive, and he enjoyed discussing it with anyone who showed an interest.

He and Marilee shared a love for camping and spent much time touring Texas parks. They eventually parked their Airstream in Cimarron, NM and established a tight friendship with a group of fellow campers over the course of several years.

George spoke many times of wanting a motorcycle and purchased one in his mid-fifties. He then drove it through Arizona mountains on long commutes to work for several years. He gave Marilee some of her gray hairs in those years.

He is survived by his three children, Kristi Shade (Larry), Mitch (Elena Self), and Brad (Yoshi Self), five grandchildren, Courtney Shade-McGinty (Ryan), Laura Shade-Wal-

ters (Clint), Mateo Self (Jessica), Nico Self, and Jeffery Self, and eight great-grandchildren: Parker McGinty, Molly McGinty, Lucy McGinty, Micah Walters, Jack Walters, Georgia Walters, Elliot Self and Anthony Self. He is also survived his sisters Norma Hinkle (Darryl), and Maudena Dunn (Joe), and his sister-in-law, Sheila White.

George and Sheila had a special relationship. She was only 18 months old when George and Marilee married. George could always count on Sheila for love and support. Sheila adored George and called him her "rock". Sheila was George's rock the last two years of his life. He looked forward to her phone calls to reminisce about the old days. The simpler days. She made frequent trips to visit George in Beaumont, Texas, where he lived with his daughter and son-in-law.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Marilee, and his sister, Linda Lewis.

George cherished his role as Gigi George to his great-grandchildren. His granddaughter, Courtney McGinty, facetimes routinely for George to visit with Parker, Molly and Lucy. He enjoyed hearing Parker telling him all about his latest hockey win. Molly and Lucy would entertain him with their latest dance and gymnastic moves. The McGinty family traveled from Ohio to celebrate Gigi George's 85th birthday! He got to What a grand time he had! Laura Walters, his youngest granddaughter, Facetimed almost daily. Micah and Jack were always full of squeals and high energy! George delighted in hearing "Hi Gigi George! Watch me do this!"

When Laura announced her pregnancy, George was hoping hard for a little girl. He spoke many times of likely names for the little girl that he just knew Laura would have. They chose not to know the gender till birth. Imagine his delight in learning that indeed it was a girl, and her name was Georgia! He was able to see his little namesake in person when his daughter, Kristi, and son in law, Larry, drove him to Dallas. He wanted Georgia to know how much he loved her even though she would have no memory of him.

George made many friends along life's way. Everyone who knew George knew him as extremely kind, loving, and generous. He was a gentle and peaceful man with an enormous heart and wonderful sense of humor. George understood that the time and effort spent to love and honor someone was always time well spent, and always rewarded. George had a Christian love for all in his life. He was a loving husband and devoted father, worthy of respect and honor. He was the friend you could always count on.

George was laid to rest in Clarendon Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Tunnels to Towers.

Mays

Charline Mozel Mays, 88, of Clarendon went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in Clarendon.

Services were held on Friday, December 22, 2023, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood and Rev. Allen Posey, officiating. Burial followed in Citi-

zens Cemetery in Clarendon, Texas.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Charline was born August 10, 1935, to Curtis and Vera Oakley Johnson. She married Loyd Alton Mays on January 22, 1953, in Clarendon. She was a lifetime resident of Clarendon. Charline worked hard throughout her life. She worked for Texas Department of Transportation from 1977-2003, 20 plus years at Allsup's, and the Clarendon College Cafeteria. While Loyd was deployed for work, Charline was a dedicated wife and mother and took care of the household as well. She was a member of the Red Hatters Club and VFW Auxiliary. Charline dedicated her life to the service of other people and enjoyed the young people at Clarendon College. Charline instilled Christian values in her children at a young age. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Clarendon where she loved serving in the nursery. She loved her family very dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2006; and a brother, Owen Johnson.

She is survived by her son, Lynn Mays and wife Laura of Howardwick; her daughter, Deena Robison and husband Claud of Howardwick; a brother, Mike Johnson of Clarendon; a sister, Beth Johnston of Clarendon; her grandchildren, Ryan Robison, Jeff Eigenmann, and Erica Eigenmann; her great grandchildren, Chloe Robison, Rose Eigenmann, and Brooke Eigenmann; and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be sent to First Baptist Church in Clarendon, Alzheimer's Association or Citizens Cemetery Association.

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Lane

Gerald Ronald Lane, 84, of Clarendon, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2023, in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood officiating. Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Gerald was born on December 14, 1939, to Floyal Dean and Gladys Oleta (McGlockin) Lane. He was born and raised in Turkey, TX. Gerald was one of four children, and the older half of twins. He grew up very closely with his cousins in Turkey.

Gerald obtained his associate's degree and later worked at the local Phillip's 66 station, Peery and Dugan in Turkey for several years. After ranching for a period of time, Gerald began a career as a correc-



Mays

tional officer for Texas Department of Criminal Justice where he retired after 10 years.

Gerald married Becky Ruth Spivey on August 15, 1971, in Memphis, and they had two children together.

The family moved to Clarendon in 1985 and have been members of the community ever since. Gerald was involved with the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Gerald enjoyed fishing, hunting, and reading western novels. He deeply loved his family and was very close to his cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Floyal and Gladys Lane; and two siblings, Jack and Jill Lane.

He is survived by his wife, Becky of Clarendon; son, David Ryan Lane; daughter, Mary Oleta Houghtaling and husband, Tim, of Dexter, New Mexico; twin sister, Gelene Proctor of Turkey, Texas; six grandchildren, Bethany Houghtaling and fiancé, J.E. Bruton, of Artesia, New Mexico, Marissa Corliss and husband, Wilse, of Lubbock, Trevor Houghtaling of Dexter, New Mexico, Thadius Ryan Lane of Houston, Lauren Jordan and Skyler of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Zoe Lane of Corsicana, Texas; five great-grandchildren, Jakob Houghtaling, J.E. Bruton, Jr., Pearl Bruton, Lilly Bruton, and Kennedy Jordan; nieces and nephews, Doyle Dean Proctor, Kirk Proctor, Delane Brown, Danny Spivey, Marci Spivey, Claudette Spivey-Tullis, and Michael Spivey.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo, Texas, The Parkinson's Foundation, Clarendon Senior Citizens, or charity of choice.

Jaramillo

Robert Jaramillo, 66, of Lelia Lake, Texas died Friday, December 8, 2023, in Amarillo.

Family Directed Memorial services were held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon.

Cremation and arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Robert was born December 13, 1956, in Clarendon to Epifanio and Guadalupe Quintana Jaramillo. He had been a longtime resident of Donley County and worked as a farm hand.

Robert was known for his love and appreciation of Rock music. As such, he had an extensive music collection. Though his music knowledge was impressive, his love and devotion to his siblings was unmatched. A naturally hard worker, he was always looking for opportunities to help his family. Robert gave us all memories for a lifetime and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Carlos, Cleofes, and Joe.

He is survived by his brothers, Elias Jaramillo of Lelia Lake and Tony Jaramillo of Big Spring; his sisters, Faye Sanchez of Lelia Lake, Gloria Jaramillo of Lelia Lake, Angie Jaramillo of Howardwick, Mary Jaramillo of Lelia Lake, and Theresa J. David of Lefors; and numerous nieces and nephews.



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Lady Broncos win Wildcat Classic

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos connected as a team and raced through ranked teams over the holidays in the Wildcat Classic basketball tournament held in Littlefield December 27-29.

The ladies began the tournament with a huge win over Pecos at 69-24. They stormed through each quarter of play and controlled every part of the game on both parts of the court from the beginning. The Lady Eagles were helpless in trying to stop the Lady Broncos who hit four three pointers and was led by Kashlyn Conkin with 12 points that included two three-pointers. Right behind Conkin was Kimbrasia Ballard who finished with 10 and Berkley Moore with nine. Presley Smith and Graci Smith had eight points each and Kate Shaw had five.

In the second round, the Lady Broncos took on the fourth ranked Class 4A Lady Loboettes of Levelland and played great ball to defeat them in overtime at 49-40. Kenidee Hayes put in eight of her 10 points in the overtime period going six for six from the bonus line.

The ladies held a two-point lead in the opening quarter but allowed Levelland to get back in the game and overtake the lead by five points at the break.

They were able to make up all but one point of the deficit in the third and nailed a two-pointer to tie the score after regulation. They were able to go to work and turn up the heat defensively in the three extra minutes to get the win.

The win over the 4th ranked



Wildcat Classic Tournament Champions

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team was big and will give the momentum they need going into District play. P. Smith put in 12 points and Hayes added 10. Moore hit two threes for six and Courtlyn Conkin and Tandie Cummins helped with five each.

The Lady Broncos did not let the win hinder their play in the final game against the host team and defeated them 39-32 to win the championship. Solid play allowed the ladies a two-point cushion at the break over the Lady Cats. However, a small comeback attempt in the second half by Littlefield spurred on the Lady Broncos in the final period of play. They stayed determined to get the win. K. Conkin led the way

with 10, and P. Smith and Hayes added five each in the low-scoring game.

On December 15, the Lady Broncos went up against Nazareth and squeezed by for the win at 37-30. After holding a three-point advantage at the break, the ladies found a rhythm offensively and were able to put a little distance between themselves and the Lady Swifts. They were able to hold onto that spread for the remainder of the game to get the win. C. Conkin led with eight points and Hayden Elam and G. Smith added five each. P. Smith, T. Cummins, and Shaw finished with four apiece and K. Conkin added one three-pointer. Moore, and K. Cum-

mins put in two points each.

The Lady Bronco JV took on Nazareth as well and were narrowly defeated at 28-32. The game was fairly even throughout with Nazareth holding the slight advantage after a matching score of eight points after the first seven minutes of play. Kimbrasia Ballard put in 11 points to lead the way and Cambree Smith added seven. Jayla Woodard had four, and Madi Benson, Gracie Ellis, and Kinslee Hatley helped with two points each.

Both Lady Bronco teams will open district play at home on January 5 playing at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. They will travel to Quanah on January 9.

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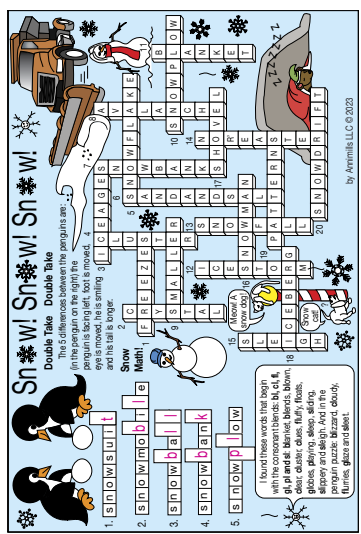
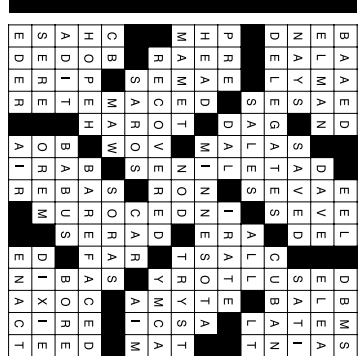
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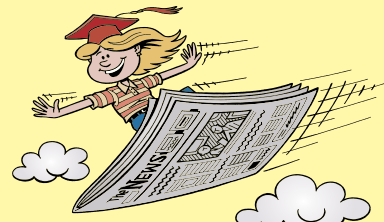
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1 candy
2 Mrs. Claus
3 sleigh
4 workshop
5 coal
6 list
7 milk and cookies
8 North Pole
9 Christmas Eve
10 Santa's reindeer are not wild reindeer. They are well-tended by Santa's elves!
11 elves
12 bag of toys
13 reindeer
14
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1. said to be Santa's favorite treat on Christmas Eve
2. Santa writes this to remember each child's behavior
3. where Santa enters the house to deliver presents
4. they build the toys and help Santa with all chores
5. Santa Claus' cheerful wife; keeps Santa organized
6. night Santa flies around the world in his sleigh
7. jolly phrase that Santa shouts from his sleigh
8. if you misbehave, expect a lump of _____ in your stocking
9. Santa might leave sweet treats like _____ canes in stockings
10. also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas (Russia)
11. where Santa lives - it's very cold, but Mrs. Claus keeps the house cozy
12. Santa carries the perfect gift for every good boy and girl in his _____
13. to get to every house in one night, Santa flies in a big red _____
14. wild _____ are still found in Siberia, Greenland, Alaska and Canada
15. where all the toys are made and the elves work their magic

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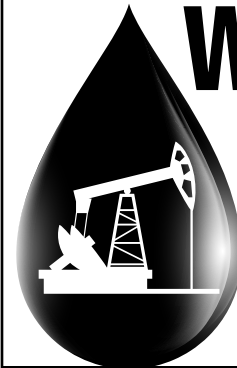


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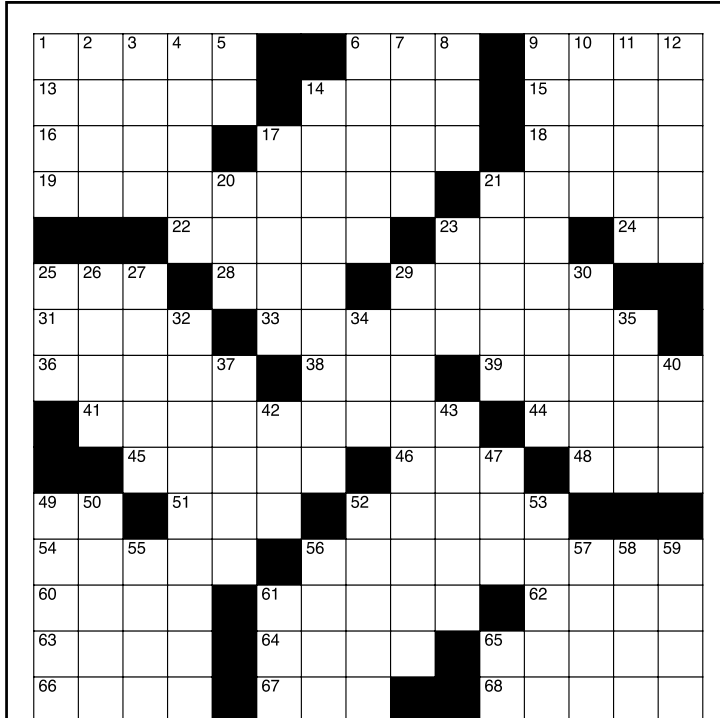
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- 16. Negatives
- 17. Rescued
- 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 19. Assigns tasks to
- 21. Island nation native
- 22. Trade
- 23. Detergent brand
- 24. Famed NY Giant
- 25. Before
- 28. Split pulses
- 29. Extremely angry; highly incensed
- 31. Body part
- 33. American state
- 36. David __, US playwright
- 38. Move one's head slightly
- 39. Secret rendezvous
- 41. Improved
- 44. A place to exercise
- 45. 18-year astronomical period
- 46. Automobile
- 48. You can take it
- 49. A radio band
- 51. Jaws of an animal
- 52. Short-billed rails
- 54. Chinese province
- 56. Shameless and undisguised
- 60. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 61. Adult males
- 62. Fail to entertain
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. City in north-central Utah
- 65. Southern U.S.
- 66. German river
- 67. Oxygen
- 68. Make law

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Curved segment
- 2. Wings
- 3. From pentane (Chemistry)
- 4. Gradually gets into
- 5. Commercial document (abbr.)
- 6. Overhang
- 7. Christmas and New Year's have them
- 8. Type of bulb
- 9. Lacking a plan
- 10. Tattle
- 11. Rockers like it "heavy"
- 12. One who's been canonized
- 14. Indicate time and place
- 17. Nobel Prize winner in physics
- 20. The voice of Olaf
- 21. Fragmented rock
- 23. They __
- 25. Master of Philosophy
- 26. Backside
- 27. Landmark house in L.A.
- 29. An act of undue intimacy
- 30. From which a later word is derived
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Neither
- 35. Computer language
- 37. Sacred book of Judaism
- 40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 42. A way to dedicate
- 43. Challenges
- 47. British Air Aces
- 49. Large, influential bank
- 50. Portended
- 52. Cavalry-sword
- 53. Vaccine developer
- 55. Napoleonic Wars general
- 56. Italian Seaport
- 57. Hip joint
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
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- 61. Decorative scarf