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FORT ELLIOTT 2023 HOMECOMING CANDIDATES: (boys, l. to r.) Jose Perez, Cutter Barr, Jaytin Dickey, Levi Coleman, Rance Angeley, (girls) Miah Baca, Jace Moffett, Aliyah McCarter, Rylee Rose, Tatum Pigg.

CWE CHAT WITH THE EDITOR

By Lewis C. Stess

Christmas is fast approaching.

— cwe —

We have the Santa Letters from the schools and will print pre-schooler's letters: Please email to wtimes@windstream.net before Dec. 10.

— cwe —

We had a busy weekend; celebrated two birthdays.

— cwe —

Saturday afternoon we attended a birthday party for 2-year-old Haelee Snoodly

— cwe —

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by ... Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, Turning twenty-one has been fun. Originally I wanted to go to Branson to see the Titanic Museum. I changed my mind and stayed in OKC and Wheeler to be with my family.

I had a relaxed and fun day on Saturday. We had lunch at the Garden Cafe. It's a small Cafe in one of my favorite

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Sheriff Releases Smart Phone App.

Wheeler County Sheriff Johnny Carter is excited to announce the release of a custom smartphone application. The app will serve as an innovative way for the Sheriff's Office to connect with Wheeler County residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

I am excited to announce the release of our new smartphone application. I believe this will help the Sheriff's Office release information to the public about what is going on

in Wheeler County. We will be providing information on road closures, grass fires, and important weather alerts.

The application has a place to report and update livestock owner locations so we can notify owners more efficiently.

The application also has a map of all Wheeler County Sex Offenders to better inform the public on where the Sex Offenders that reside in Wheeler County are living.

The application has our close patrol request. We add

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Tim Reeves

Tim Reeves Announces For Wheeler County Sheriff

Tim Reeves would like to proudly announce his candidacy for the position of Wheeler County Sheriff in the 2024 election. Tim is a lifelong resident of Wheeler County. He graduated from Shamrock High School in 2007, married his wife Ashlee, who is also a lifelong resident of Shamrock in 2013. Together they have two children who at-

Deck The Streets

... of Wheeler, TX.

By Kristen Moudy

Full Disclosure - this idea came from what Canadian TX is doing with their "Blow Up" the streets. We had several interested in starting this "movement" and so we chose different themes for the streets that run north and south, suggesting to use blowups or other decor to support the theme. Streets running east and west are also free to do what they want or choose to go with a theme... Does it mean you can't use

what you have? NO!! Please put what you have up or get crazy, get creative, let's just have FUN and make it fun to drive around town and see the Christmas Spirit!!! Let us know if you need help!! There is no physical or actual event, just decorate as you can. Here are merely the suggested themes to get this going... Hwy 83/Alan L. Bean: "Patriotic Christmas"; Hwy 152/Oklahoma: "Christmas Spirit"; Main Street: "Snowman/Snowwoman/Frosty"; Canadian Street: "Candy Cane Lane"; Mobeetie Street: "Whooville / Child's Wish"; Kiowa, Comanche & Cheyenne "Candy Lane"; Osage Street: "Gingerbread Lane"; Justin & Hefley Street "HodgePodge

Christmas"; Sweetwater Street: "Nativity / Festive Animals"; Red River & Grove Street "Christmas Tree/ Christmas Greens"; Stanley Street "Winter Wonderland; Reynolds & CR 15 "Santa's Workshop"

For example: Someone was already making their house gingerbread and b/c they lived on Canadian Street, they're adding some candy canes to their decorating.

Use what you already have!! And if you want to add an theme element that goes with your street, perfect, and it's ok if not!! This is all for fun and trying to get involvement to make it fun for the commu-

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Pampa Christmas Tour of Homes

The 27th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be December 10 from 1-4 pm in Pampa. The tour is sponsored by the Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club each year to raise funds for the Opportunity Plan, Inc. All ticket sales go to OPI which is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to students in post-secondary educational programs.

The program has been in place since 1954 and has assisted many students in various colleges, universities, and technical/vocational schools achieve their educational goals. Since 1965, \$197,215.66 has been contributed by the study club to assist over 160 students with more than \$950,000.

There are three homes

on the 2023 tour, including Grace and Monty Nelson at 1910 Mary Ellen, Judy Sutton at 2601 Duncan, and Misty and Todd Alvey at 2530 Duncan. Tickets are \$10 and are available from any club member or at the door of any of the houses. (Continued Page 2)

“TOYS FOR TOTS” DONATIONS

As Christmas rapidly approaches I humbly request that you keep the Northern Wheeler County Toys for Tots in your prayers. God ALWAYS provides and this year will be no different as HIS presence is felt with every toy that is wrapped or piece of clothing that is picked out. Donations are always accepted but if you are not able to provide financial help please just... Pick a number 1-145, and



GETTING GRINCHED: Have you seen the Grinch around town? Wondered what in Wheelerville is going on? The Grinch is on the move depending WHO pays \$10 to move him and GRINCH someone.. It can be a 6' yard sign or a dancing grinch, either way it "usually" brings a smile.... All proceeds go to the Wheeler Chamber BEAUTIFICATION Fund as we start to work on our 1st MURAL.... SOOOO the question is. - WHO is getting GRINCHED next?

Wheeler Times Christmas Edition

The "Christmas Edition" of *The Wheeler Times* will be sent to press Tuesday, December 19. We will need copy by Monday at 5:00

As always, we will print the Santa Letters from the schools. If you have a young-

ster not in school and you want to send a letter, keep it short and email it to wtimes@windstream.net. We need to receive the letters by December 8 and there is no charge for the letters.



RAINBOW: This rainbow was spotted and then recorded by Crystal Marshall. 1" of moisture was measured from recent showers.

WHEELER COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

NAME	AGE	CHARGE	BOND	RELEASE
WILLIAMS, TOMMEY	34	POSS MARIJ<2OZ	\$1,500.00	11/27/23
LOPEZ, CHEYENNE	25	POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$10,000.00	11/27/23
		POSS MARIJ<2OZ	\$1,500.00	
HOLT, JODY JR.	19	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	\$1,500.00	11/27/23
MORANDO, ALFREDO	23	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	\$10,000.00	11/30/23
FUENTEZ, RUBEN	34	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	\$1,500.00	11/28/23
BLUE, QUINCY	31	POSS MARIJ>4OZ<=5LBS	\$15,000.00	11/28/23
BECERRA-RIOS, HECTOR	35	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	\$10,000.00	12/1/23
WOODFORK, ANAZIAH	28	MOTION TO REVOKE - ORIG CHARGE DWI W/CHILD UNDER 15 YOA	DENIED	IN CUSTODY
SMITH, EDWARD	53	EVADING ARREST/DETENTION	\$15,000.00	11/29/23
		TAMPER/FAB PHYSICAL EVIDENCE W/INT TO IMPAIR	\$15,000.00	
		MONEY LAUNDERING >=\$2500<\$30K	\$12,500.00	
SMITH, DEMAREA	29	TAMPER/FAB PHYSICAL EVIDENCE W/INT TO IMPAIR	\$15,000.00	11/29/23
		POSS MARIJ<2OZ	\$1,500.00	
SCOTT, DESHON	20	POSS MARIJ<2OZ	\$2,000.00	11/29/23
BALL, CALEB	17	ASSAULT CAUSE BODILY INJURY	\$1,000.00	11/28/23
ROWLEY, MARCUS	17	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	PTA	11/29/23
ORTIZ-HERNANDEZ, CARLOS	24	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS UNDER 18YOA	\$10,000.00	12/1/23
		IMMIGRATION DETAINER	DENIED	RELEASED TO IMMIGRATION
ORTIZ, TYLER	30	POSS MARIJ>2OZ<=4OZ	\$2,500.00	12/1/23
HOWARD, DON	51	INJ CHILD/ELDERLY/DISABLED BODILY INJURY	\$100,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		ASSAULT CAUSE BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER	\$5,000.00	
		ABANDON/ENDANGER CHILD CRIM. NEG.	\$50,000.00	
		POSS CS PG 1-B<1G	\$15,000.00	
		POSS MARIJ<2OZ	\$2,000.00	
HOWARD, BRISIA	25	ABANDON/ENDANGER CHILD CRIM. NEG.	\$50,000.00	IN CUSTODY

Reeves (from Page 1)

iff's office where he worked for Sheriff Wes Crites. Tim worked as a Deputy Sheriff answering calls, patrolling the county, serving civil papers and investigating numerous cases. He also assisted with school presentations and the D.A.R.E program. While working for the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office Tim received 2 major awards for his efforts to save numerous lives during a wreck that occurred in Wheeler County; the first being from the High Plains Lodge Texas Fraternity of Police, and the second from Texas DPS. Tim received the Texas Department of Public Safety Director's award, which is the highest award that Texas DPS honors.

County are a high priority. He believes that all school administrations should feel safe and plans to work closely with each school district to ensure the safety of all Wheeler County campuses. Tim plans to enforce new methods to reduce the drug crimes in the communities as a priority for our local's safety. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out by emailing votetimreeves@gmail.com. Tim and his family appreciate your support and vote.

Vote Tim Reeves for Wheeler County Sheriff on March 5, 2024.

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In 2019 Tim accepted a position back in Gray County working under Sheriff Michael Ryan. Tim is currently employed by the Gray County Sheriff's office where he works as a Patrol Sergeant. Tim lacks 80 hours of training to complete his Master Peace Officer license. He has completed over 2300 hours of training programs throughout his career in Gray County. Tim has 196 hours of SWAT training, including basic SWAT, advanced SWAT, hostage rescue training and law enforcement tactical training for trauma encounters. Tim recently completed drone training and is a licensed drone pilot. He is currently a team leader for the Gray County Special Response Team. His Special Response Team has been called to assist the Wheeler County Sheriff's office during highly volatile situations.

With almost 14 years of law enforcement experience as a Deputy Sheriff, Tim would like to continue advancing his career and serve his community and county as your Sheriff. Tim understands the duties of this position and will strive to meet the needs of Wheeler County residents. Tim believes that the safety of all communities in Wheeler



CAUGHT BEING GOOD: Meet Teagan Applewhite and Heath Poage, who took it upon themselves to pick up trash in the stands after a basketball game without anyone asking them to do so. Their selfless act not only kept our school's facilities clean but also set a fantastic example for everyone in the stands. We believe that small acts of kindness can make a big difference, and these two students are a shining example of that! Let's give them a virtual round of applause and show our appreciation for their dedication to making our school a better place! We couldn't be prouder of two amazing students from our school!

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's Office from November 21, 2023 to December 1, 2023.
 NOVEMBER 21, 2023
 TDT-Amarillo National Bank to Amarillo National Bank, et al, 11-17-23, Lot 1, Blk. 5, Mont-Lew Addition, Shamrock.
 C/C PROBATE-Mary Louise Bailey to Ex Parte, 11-16-23, See Instrument.
 DEED-Darden Wayne Pierce, et al to Ray Asencio, et ux, 11-17-23, Lots 16-18, Blk. 116, New Mobeetie.
 DVL-Brandon Krehbiel Wheeler, et ux to Leheska Land & Cattle LLC, 11-16-23, 161.2 acres NW/4 Sec. 69, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT-Leheska Land & Cattle LLC to Amarillo National Bank, 11-16-23, 161.2 acres NW/4 Sec. 69, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 NOVEMBER 27, 2023
 RDT-Countrywide Home Loans Inc., et al to Scott Dunnam, et ux, 11-16-23, See Instrument.
 RDT-Centennial Bank to Jerry Hefley, et ux, 11-9-23, North 21' of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Blk. 37, Wheeler.

C/C PROBATE-Harold T. Henslee to Ex Parte, 5-20-21.
 C/C PROBATE-Marilyn N. Henslee to Ex Parte, 9-30-21.
 HEIRSHIP AFF.-Janice R. Mixson, et al to Harold T. Henslee, et al, 9-2-22.
 FEDERAL TAX LIEN-United States of America to Nazifs Grill Inc, An LLC, 11-14-23.
 CEMETERY DEED-Debra Morris to Joe Nickell, et ux, 11-12-23, W/2 Lot 2, Blk. J-3, 1st Addition, Wheeler Cemetery, Spaces 3 & 4.
 NOVEMBER 28, 2023
 HEIRSHIP AFF.-John P. Harris to Phyllis L. Harris, 11-21-23, Undivided 1/18 Interest in NW/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 POA-J. G. Bachmann to Wanda J. Bachmann, 8-14-15.
 C/C WILL-Steven D. Arnold to Ex Parte, 10-24-23.
 C/C ORDER-Steven D. Arnold to Ex Parte, 10-24-23.
 MD/ROY. DEED-Loretta Ann Halcomb to NVM Resources LLC, 11-13-23, Any Interest in County.
 ROW-Huff Land LP to Unbridled Resources LLC, 11-13-23, SW/4 Sec. 33, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Huff Land LP to Unbridled Resources LLC, 11-13-23, SW/4 Sec. 33, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 NOVEMBER 29, 2023
 STATEMENT of OWNESHIP-Texas Department of Housing And Community Affairs to Rose Hanna, 11-14-23, Lots 4-10, Blk. XXXIII, Romans Addition, Shamrock.
 MD/ROY. DEED-Episcopal Royalty Company Inc. to Epiok Royalty Co. LLC, 10-18-23, 100% Interest in County Pt. of Sec. 21, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 DEED-Riders On The Storm Investments LLC to Bruno Forte, 11-17-23, All Interest in 1.8 ac NW/4 Sec. 24, Blk. 17,
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GRINCH (from Page 1)

nity and to drive around!! You do NOT have to buy anything and it doesn't have to just be blowup (but we are easy and fun)!! but we are grateful for the ones jumping in to add to the festivities!! Volunteer to help the neighbors close to you, see if they need help... maybe they are willing but not able, maybe they're willing to help but can't afford... find the need and let's meet it.
 ***Full Disclosure- this idea came from Canadian... they said it was a movement so we moved it along, down Hwy 83 to here...
 We are working on a BIN-GO type activity and hope to be sending it home with the school kids or have forms available for pickup at Wheeler City Hall during the week of December 18th-22nd.

IN CUSTODY IN WHEELER CO	
BARRERA, JARED	19
BENNETT, KENNETH	32
BUTTRY, DANIEL	48
CERVANTES, CHRISTOPHER	37
CLARK, JASON	47
COCHRAN, JASON	48
COLE, DEANDRE	27
DIAZ-SANCHEZ, JAVIER	31
GRIFFIN, TRAVIS	22
HERNANDEZ, AGUSTINE	43
HERNANDEZ-RUIZ, ESAU	43
HERRERA, SEBASTIAN	36
HILL, TRINITY	37
HOUSER-RIOS, LOLITA	56
HOWARD, BRISIA	25
HOWARD, DON	51
HUDSON, ANGELA	38
KELLY, BRIANNA	26
LOPEZ, MARCO	23
LUNA, FREEDOM	21
MATA, ANTHONY	34
PANNELL, RANDELL	61
PENA, RUBEN	75
RIVERA, COREY	27
RIVERA, PHILLIP	28
ROHRBAUGH, JASON	31
ROMULO-PEREZ, WENCESLAO	31
SELLE, DAVID	53
SOLIS, MICHAEL	41
STOWE, WILLIE	50
TERRELL, SKYLER	29
THORNTON, ADAM	35
TOLLISON, DUSTIN	42
WHITMER, RYAN	47
WOODFORK, ANAZIAH	28

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for my birthday and a beautiful ring box. She and my mom talked, laughed and got acquainted.

After the garage sale, we went to the bookstore and then Red Lobster with Baba, Pop and Seth. Cards at Jennifer's ended our day. Hunter, Pop, and I were not lucky. The winners were Mom, Dad, and Baba.

The next day Pop went back with us to the same garage sale. Hunter and I selected Christmas ornaments, Pop got one for us. Carolyn gave us a book called The Christmas Box. I will treasure both. Carolyn kept asking questions and talking to Mom. Someone mentioned Shamrock. Then Carolyn said Stephanie's grandmother's family had a ranch there. She said her name was Minnie K. My mom said, "You are my cousin!" It was so unbelievable. We went to a strangers house to buy extension cords and left with new family connections!

On December fourth, my birthday, we went to Guymon, OK to a graveside service for Calvin Patterson. He is my cousin Shaunda's father-in-law. He was a very sweet man. We saw Shaunda, Dick, Shey, and Trace Patterson. I love my family.

We went to eat at Maxey's. I ended my birthday celebration with a huge comeback win in cards! My partners were Hunter and Baba!

Thank you to everyone who sent Birthday Wishes and helped me have a great twenty-first birthday! That's it!

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USDA Makes Producer Friendly Change

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has waived certain notice of loss requirements for 2023 for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). In an effort to streamline assistance to support access to critical 2023 natural disaster recovery assistance, USDA's Farm Service Agency

(FSA) is waiving the requirement to submit ELAP or LIP notices of loss within a predetermined number of days for 2023. Instead, producers have the flexibility to submit 2023 notices of loss as soon as possible, once losses are realized, following a natural disaster event or no later than the established annual program application for payment deadlines for each program. FSA county committees are also being asked to re-evaluate 2023 ELAP and LIP late-filed notices of loss to determine if the waiver applies.

water shortages and wildfires. ELAP covers grazing and feed losses, transportation of water and feed to livestock and hauling livestock to grazing acres. ELAP also covers certain mortality losses for livestock including honeybees and farm-raised fish as well as honeybee hive losses. ELAP is designed to address losses not covered by other FSA disaster assistance programs.

Court (from Page 2)

H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DT-Bruno Forte to Precision Capital, 11-16-23, 1.8 acs. NW/4 Sec. 24, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. RDT-John Irving Trust 2008 to Riders On The Storm Investments LLC, 11-17-23. DEED-Sallie Adcock to Mae-gan Hunt, 10-4-23, All W/2 NW/4 NW/4 (20 acres) Sec. 57, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. NOVEMBER 30, 2023 C/C HEIRSHIP AFF.-Rodney Lynn Howard, et al to Marcia Drue Howard, 11-8-23, No Wheeler County Land. C/C PROBATE-Lisa Carol Lopez to Ex Parte, 10-25-23. NOTICE of TERMINATION-Mercedes Marie Meredith to Mercedes Marie Meredith, 11-22-23, South 100' and N/3 of Lot 4, Blk. 48, Shamrock. DEED- Mercedes Marie Meredith to Terri Leisy, 11-30-23, South 100' and N/3 of Lot 4, Blk. 48, Shamrock. MEMO OPTION AGREE.-Garland W. Moore, et ux to Solar LLC Kyron, 8-21-23, See Instrument. DECEMBER 1, 2023 DT-Overflow Energy LLC, et al to PLA Services Inc., 8-29-23, See Instrument.

For 2023, FSA is waiving the regulatory requirement for producers who are eligible for ELAP to file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days from when the loss first became apparent for livestock and farm-raised fish and 15 calendar days for honeybees. Under this waiver, notices of loss are to be completed by the eligible producer and submitted to FSA no later than the annual program application deadline of January 30 following the program year in which the loss occurred. Therefore, producers who incurred ELAP-eligible losses in 2023, will need to submit a notice of loss by Jan. 30, 2024.

Livestock Indemnity Program
LIP provides disaster recovery assistance to livestock owners and contract growers who experience livestock deaths, in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss conditions including adverse weather, disease and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators. LIP also helps livestock owners who must sell livestock at a reduced price because of an injury from certain loss conditions.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish
ELAP provides recovery assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish losses due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition, including blizzards, disease,

For 2023, FSA is waiving the regulatory requirement for producers who are eligible for LIP to file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days from when the loss first became apparent. Under this waiver, producers are still required to complete and submit the notice of loss to FSA no later than the annual program payment application date, which is 60 calendar days following the program year in which the loss occurred. The LIP payment application and notice

of loss deadline is Feb. 29, 2024, for the 2023 program year.

2023 Disapproved Applications

FSA county committees will review all notices of loss for both ELAP and LIP that were previously disapproved for the 2023 program year due to late filing and re-evaluate them to determine if the waiver applies. To receive ELAP and LIP benefits, producers will still need to file an application for payment by the established program deadline for the 2023 program year. Producers who are unsure about the status of their notice of loss or application for payment, should contact their local FSA county office as soon as possible.

Supporting Documentation
Accurate records and loss documentation are critical following disaster events and are required when filing notices of loss with FSA. Acceptable loss documentation includes:

- Documentation of the number, kind, type, and weight range of livestock that have died, supplemented, if possible, by photographs or video records of ownership and losses.
- Rendering truck receipts by kind, type, and weight - important to document prior to disposal.
- Beginning inventory supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts.
- Documentation from Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Natural Resources, or other sources to substantiate eligible death losses due to an eligible loss condition.
- Documentation that livestock were removed from grazing pastures due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition.
- Costs of transporting livestock feed to eligible livestock, such as receipts for equipment rental fees for hay lifts and snow removal.
- Feed purchase receipts if feed supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.
- Number of gallons of water transported to livestock due to water shortages.

More Information
The improvements to ELAP and LIP build on others made since 2021. This includes (Continued Page 5)



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Week of November 20-26, 2023

Intents to Drill: None
Gas Completions
ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR, Granite Wash) Texakoma E & P, LLC, #409 McMordie, 15 mi NW from Miami, Sec 9, Blk A2, EL&RR RR Surv, A-455, spud 1-22-2022 compl 9-16-2022, tested 10-24-2023, potential 448 mcf, 5 bbls cond, 3 bbls wtr, 80# ftp, 190# SIWHP, TVD 9750', PBD 9963' API 42-393-32745, Vertical Reclass Oil to Gas

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR, Granite Wash) Texakoma E & P, LLC, #1 McMordie 14, 15.5 mi NW from Miami, Sec 14, Blk A2, EL&RR RR Surv, A-994, spud 3-13-2023 compl 10-21-2023, tested n/s, potential n/s mcf, n/s bbls cond, n/s bbls wtr, n/s# ftp, n/s# SIWHP, TVD 9565', PBD 9488' API 42-393-32768, Vertical Reclass Oil to Gas

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49. Procrastinator's word
50. Craving
51. Stalk in a swamp
53. Penetrating
56. How some shall

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8. Army member
9. Lash thickener
10. Brandy
11. Help
12. Go parasailing
13. Present
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25. Sack
26. Sharpener
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28. Vagabond
30. Salad oil holder
31. Mature
32. Salon activity
33. Block
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39. No angel
41. Hold that might precede a noogie
44. Weapons storehouse
47. Graceful
48. Pencil-box item
49. Majors in acting
52. Manicurist's board
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5th/6th Wheeler Little Stangs attended the Dallas Red Zone Games in Arlington on Nov. 25, 2023, at AT&T Stadium (Home of the Dallas Cowboys). 5th/6th Stangs ended their season in Arlington with a 4-0. Pictured: (back row, l. to r.) Water boy- Adrian Salazar, Coach Creed Newkirk, Coach Toby Leffew, Coach Toby Newkirk, (second row) Blane Blackstock, Dillion Brown, Leo Hernandez, Aidn Session, Benji Rangel, Bracston Childress, Ko're Winston, Christopher Arzabala, Ivan Ruiz, (front row) Weston Farmer, Justin Oswalt, Houston Stiles, Iceyn Gloria, Cash Newkirk, Andres Gallardo and (front) Logan Leffew.



The 3rd/ 4th Wheeler Little Stangs competed at the Dallas Red Zone Games in Arlington at AT&T Stadium(Home of the Dallas Cowboys) on Nov. 25, 2023. The 3rd/4th Stangs ended the season with 3-1 in Arlington. Pictured: (back, l. to r.) Colden Harrell, Jayden Garza, Judson Couch, Cager Harrell, Alejandro Salazar, Brantley Apenleiter, Lee Roark (front) Eastyn Hill, Cannyn Hill, Corbin Farmer, Christian Shipley, Preston Jenkins, Zander Cook, William Watkins and Deklyn Hill. Way to go Stangs!

USDA (from Page 3)
 ELAP benefits for above normal costs for hauling feed and water to livestock and transporting livestock to other grazing acres during a qualifying drought. FSA also expanded eligible livestock under ELAP, LIP, and the Livestock Forage Disaster Assistance Program, and increased the LIP payment rate for beef, beefalo, bison, and dairy animals less than 250 pounds and most recently beef calves over 800 pounds. Learn about USDA disaster assistance programs on farmers.gov.

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool,

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USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food.

Origin Of ...

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

By Angela Gabrielle Bradley Autrey

As the holiday season of 1938 came to Chicago, Bob May wasn't feeling much comfort or joy. A 34-year-old ad writer for Montgomery Ward, May was exhausted and nearly broke. His wife, Evelyn, was bedridden, on the losing end of a two-year battle with cancer. This left Bob to look after their four-year old-daughter, Barbara.

One night, Barbara asked her father, "Why isn't my mommy like everybody else's mommy?" As he struggled to answer his daughter's question, Bob remembered the pain of his own childhood. A small, sickly boy, he was con-

stantly picked on and called names. But he wanted to give his daughter hope, and show her that being different was nothing to be ashamed of. More than that, he wanted her to know that he loved her and would always take care of her. So he began to spin a tale about a reindeer with a bright red nose who found a special place on Santa's team. Barbara loved the story so much that she made her father tell it every night before bedtime. As he did, it grew more elaborate. Because he couldn't afford to buy his daughter a gift for Christmas, Bob decided to turn the sto-

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In early December, Bob's wife died. Though he was heartbroken, he kept working on the book for his daughter.

A few days before Christmas, he reluctantly attended a company party at Montgomery Ward. His co-workers encouraged him to share the story he'd written. After he read it, there was a standing ovation. Everyone wanted copies of their own. Montgomery Ward bought the rights to the book from their debt-ridden employee. Over the next six years, at Christmas, they gave away six million copies of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer to shoppers. Every major publishing house in the country was making offers to obtain the book. In an incredible display of good will, the head of the department store returned all rights to Bob May. Four years later, Rudolph had made him into a millionaire.

Now remarried with a growing family, May felt blessed



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by his good fortune. But there was more to come. His brother-in-law, a successful songwriter named Johnny Marks, set the uplifting story to music. The song was pitched to artists from Bing Crosby on down. They all passed. Finally, Marks approached Gene Autry. The cowboy star had scored a holiday hit with "Here Comes Santa Claus" a few years before. Like the others, Autry wasn't impressed with the song about the misfit reindeer. Marks begged him to give it a second listen. Autry played it for his wife, Ina. She was so touched by the line "They wouldn't let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer

games" that she insisted her husband record the tune.

Within a few years, it had become the second best-selling Christmas song ever, right behind "White Christmas." Since then, Rudolph has come to life in TV specials, cartoons, movies, toys, games, coloring books, greeting cards and even a Ringling Bros. circus act. The little red-nosed reindeer dreamed up by Bob May and immortalized in song by Johnny Marks has come to symbolize Christmas as much as Santa Claus, evergreen trees and presents. As the last line of the song says, "He'll go down in history."

which they did later.

— cwe —

We, minus Leroy and Barbara, returned to the sale Sunday at noon and ended up staying for a while. I am sure Stormie will explain in her column.

— cwe —

It is a small world.

— cwe —

I failed to wish Stormie Happy Birthday last week.

— cwe —

Sheriff (from Page 1)

ed this to the application to make it easier for citizens to request a close patrol on their business and residents.

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— Sheriff Johnny Carter

Chat (from Page 1)

Saturday evening we celebrated Stormie's 21st birthday, which was Monday, December 4.

— cwe —

Saturday morning I went to a Garage Sale, which was actually an Estate Sale. I purchased a couple of things and phoned Rhonda that they needed to go to the sale, as it was in their neighborhood,

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Thanksgiving I wrote of my dad, Charles C. Harmon, and more than 5000 soldiers, coming home from World War II Europe. They sailed from

France for eight days, arriving November 27, 1945 in Massachusetts. It took Daddy another 7 days from Boston to the Camp Fannin, Texas Separation Center to be discharged from the Army December 4, 1945.

The army offered my dad opportunities to show leadership in training troops, advancing in rank, showing marksmanship skills (his was the highest score in his company, 96, compared to the next highest at 90). The army also offered opportunities for Bonnie and Calvin to be together.

Bonnie resigned as a

teacher at Wheeler High School in May 1942 so she could join Calvin on the East Coast. Bonnie found work as a drafts(wo)man at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. She loved that her coworkers called her "Tex." She was even a union member. Bonnie's good friend, Wheeler classmate Louise Craig, had married Eddie Broadbelt. They lived in Philadelphia so the friends could visit frequently.

Calvin was stationed at Fort Totten in the borough of Queens, New York. Fort Totten was a Civil War fortress designed by Captain Robert E. Lee in 1857, completed in 1863, named for Major General Joseph G. Totten, Chief Engineer of the US Army. In December 1941 Fort Totten became headquarters for the anti-aircraft portion of the Eastern Defense Command. As Chief Radar Operator, Staff Sergeant Harmon was in command of 21 enlisted men. He instructed officers in the use of searchlights and radar sets as a 23-year-old.

Bonnie and Calvin lived in New Jersey. Calvin was also an MP (Military Police). He told of breaking up knife fights, especially among Italians who were skilled in that endeavor. Frank Sinatra was in his heyday with bobbysockers during the war. The ritual was to pitch pennies on the stage as Sinatra was singing. Calvin said he joined

in the penny pitching just like everybody else.

The Harmons enjoyed time off in New York City. They would stay at the Herald Square Hotel. The Empire State Building was especially loved by Bonnie; she just didn't want to leave the fascinating view of the skyscrapers. So much fun for two kids from the flat farming/ranching lands of Wheeler County.

Bonnie and Calvin enjoyed a wonderful year. In the summer of 1943 Bonnie was expecting me. It was a long, long bus ride to Wheeler where Wynn and Lettie Adams welcomed their daughter home.

&—Had a nice phone conversation with Claude Junior Cox who lives in Blanket, Texas — found he had done tractor work for my Uncle Carroll

Adams when my cousins Bobby Carol (Hill) and Jimmy Wales Adams were just tykes in the late-'40's. Uncle Carroll owned a cow born on my birthday (3/30/1944) he named Sally. So Sally became Uncle Carroll's nickname for me. Claude Junior's birthday is March 29, 1936. He has two donkeys named Jeanie and Sally. Now is this Sally connection what I think it is, folks?!

Happy December!

Winona Holland

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My deep appreciation to my 12-year-old grandson, Hayden, for proofreading and facilitating the production of all the articles I've written for *The Wheeler Times!*

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HISTORY LESSON ON YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Just in case some of you young whippersnappers (& some older ones) didn't know this. It's easy to check out, if you don't believe it. Be sure and show it to your family and friends. They need a little history lesson on what's what and it doesn't matter whether you are Democrat or Republican. Facts are Facts.

Social Security Cards up until the 1980s expressly stated the number and card were not to be used for identification purposes.

Since nearly everyone in the United States now has a number, it became convenient to use it anyway and the NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION message was removed.

- That the money the participants elected to put into the Program would be deductible from their income for tax purposes each year [No longer tax deductible],

- That the money the participants put into the independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the general operating fund, and therefore, would only be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other Government program [Under Johnson the money was moved to the General Fund and Spent], and

- That the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income [Under Clinton & Gore up to 85% of your Social Security can be Taxed].

Since many of us have paid into FICA for years and are now receiving a Social Security check every month — and then finding that we are getting taxed on 85% of the money we paid to the Federal government to 'put away' — you may be interested in the following:

Q: Which Political Party took Social Security from the independent 'Trust Fund' and put it into the general fund so that Congress could spend it?

A: It was Lyndon Johnson and the democratically controlled House and Senate.

Q: Which Political Party eliminated the income tax deduction for Social Security (FICA) withholding?

A: The Democratic Party.

Q: Which Political Party started taxing Social Security annuities?

A: The Democratic Party, with Al Gore casting the 'tie-breaking' deciding vote as President of the Senate, while he was Vice President of the US

Q: Which Political Party decided to start giving annuity payments to immigrants?

A: That's right! Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party. Immigrants moved into this country, and at age 65, began to receive Social Security payments! The Democratic Party gave these payments to them, even though they never paid a dime into it!

Now, after violating the original contract (FICA), the Democrats turn around and tell you that the Republicans want to take your Social Security away!

And the worst part about it is uninformed citizens believe it! If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe changes will evolve. Maybe not, though. Some Democrats are awfully sure of what isn't so — but it's worth a try. How many people can YOU send this to?

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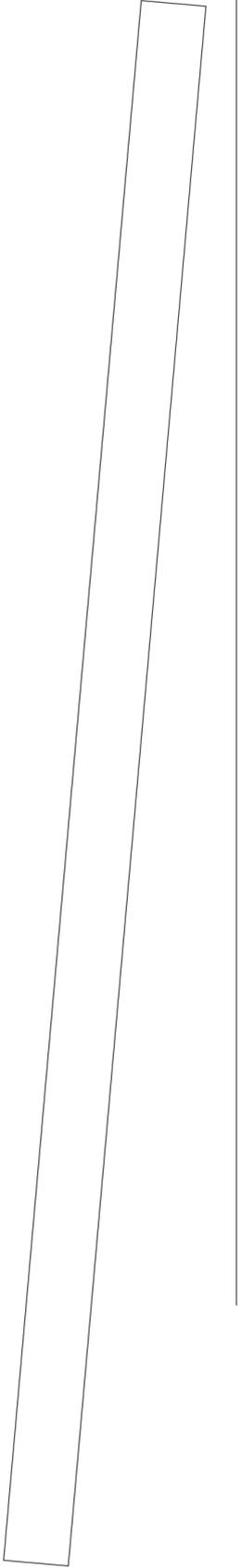
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