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Investigating 'the Big Lie'

BY LAURIE EZZELL BROWN, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

FOR THE PAST TWO DECADES or more, our first issue of the New Year has traditionally been devoted to a review of the year just past. We have found the process of preparing that news summary a useful one because it offers a different kind of perspective on the events we have covered and the reports we have written.

Through the lens of time, our perspective broadens. We can see more clearly how one event led to another, or altered its course. We can view with perhaps more understanding the impact one decision—or moment of indecision—affected another.

We can celebrate the achievements of the past, the milestones we have reached, the progress that once may have seemed too inadequate, or painfully slow, but which in that long look back gains in significance.

While that greater perspective often brings greater wisdom, it just as often yields to impatience or frustration or even anger, when we see more clearly our own or others' mistakes or failures to act—mistakes and failures whose real consequences are more clearly revealed as time passes.

It is a useful exercise, though sometimes painful. Our job as journalists is to accurately chronicle this community's history, to add to the now-131 years of *Canadian Record* archives. In reviewing the past, we also gain a better grasp of the future—sometimes promising, sometimes troubling, and often both.

Perhaps it is age that has left me, today, with this acute sense of foreboding. I see our country changing, our sense of common purpose in ruins, our civility abandoned, and our democracy under relentless assault.

The last year is a difficult one for me to view dispassionately, or review analytically. I close my eyes and still see the images of that violent attack on the U.S. Capitol one year ago today. I still see the crude gallows erected outside the Capitol building, the noose that dangled below, the mob that shattered glass and splintered wooden doors and battered and bloodied the brave—and shamefully outnumbered—officers who tried to protect it.

I will never forget how I felt, watching the events of that day, as an angry mob attempted to disrupt the lawful certification of the presidential election—fueled by the soon-to-be former President Trump, who claimed the election had been stolen from him. Trump sat in safety and watched the insurrection take place, reveling in the glory of rioters chanting his name, and refusing—despite the pleas of his allies—to act.

It is a day of terror and chaos that I relive daily, both asleep and awake, and may always.

This week, rather than reviewing the stories we've covered, the lives we've lost and the new lives brought into this world, we have chosen another, more urgent path. We have accepted the generous offer of the Associated Press, allowing us and other community newspaper to republish the report of its months-long investigation "of every potential case of voter fraud in the six battleground states disputed by the former president." The investigation revealed fewer than 475 cases—"a number that would have made no difference in the 2020 election."

The report published in this edition covers three pages. It is neither easy, nor pleasurable, reading. I urge you to read it anyway. More than that, I ask that you consider the information presented, and the effort that was made to explain, to document, to distinguish truth from lie, to present verifiable facts, to identify sources, and ultimately, to make clear the very real consequences of our failure to defend the democratic process by which we, the people, choose our elected representatives.

Because I am a reporter and journalist—an observer of history—I cannot look away. I have seen the same anger and ugliness and poisonous distrust infiltrate the civic life of Canadian and Hemphill County. I have heard the curses and threats and violent words of those who hate and distrust, and who have used others hate and distrust for their own purpose.

It is a fire, once started, that cannot be extinguished, and that blindly destroys anything in its path. I have said it before, written it in these pages, and I am trying desperately to believe it:

We are better than this. We must be better than this.

FIELDNOTES

BY LAURIE EZZELL BROWN

Our articles of faith

AT THE BEGINNING of every year for the past 73 years since this newspaper has been under the independent ownership of the Ezzell family, we have published a statement of principles which has guided us in the week-to-week conduct of *The Record*. We have carefully re-read this brief public statement in light of our changing times, and from the perspective of years, and find no reason to change it in any way as we prepare for the beginning of another new year. — LEB

WE BELIEVE IN freedom of the press. We are grateful for it. We will defend it to the limit of our ability.

We believe, too, that in return for that freedom, we owe an obligation of service to our community. We believe that it is our duty to provide you with complete and unbiased reporting of the news of our community.

We will do our best to keep you informed regarding the public affairs of our community because we believe that an informed public is our best guarantee of freedom.

We will always strive to base our reporting of the news on fact, and to confine our own opinions and comments on it to our opinion pages. We will continue to present our own views on public questions, as clearly and concisely as possible...because we believe you have a right to know where your newspaper stands on any public question.

At the same time, we will not deny you, as individuals, the right to public expression of your own views...whether your ideas agree with ours or not. As always, the columns of *The Record* will be open to you for publication, over your signature, of your own views on questions of public interest...subject only to the restrictions of libel and the standards of common decency. But we will neither publish nor acknowledge unsigned and anonymous contributions, regardless of their content.

The Record is a private company, operated for private profit. But it is a public news medium...and as such we hope that it merits, and will continue to merit, your confidence and trust.

LAURIE EZZELL BROWN
RECORD EDITOR/PUBLISHER



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HIGHLIGHTS

BY GARY BORDERS

Abbott seeks more testing sites, antibodies

Texas is seeking more federally funded COVID-19 testing locations and additional federal allocations of monoclonal antibodies used to treat the virus in six counties facing increased cases because of the omicron variant: Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo, and Tarrant. “Testing sites, additional medical staff, and continued shipments of therapeutics from the federal government will help us continue to save lives and mitigate the spread of COVID-19,” Gov. Greg Abbott said in making the request. The Texas Department of State Health Services has also requested additional allocations of an antibody therapeutic proven effective in fighting the omicron variant, as well as other treatments used to reduce hospitalizations. DSHS also requested three teams of medical personnel to support urban hospitals that don’t have DSHS-contracted healthcare staff.

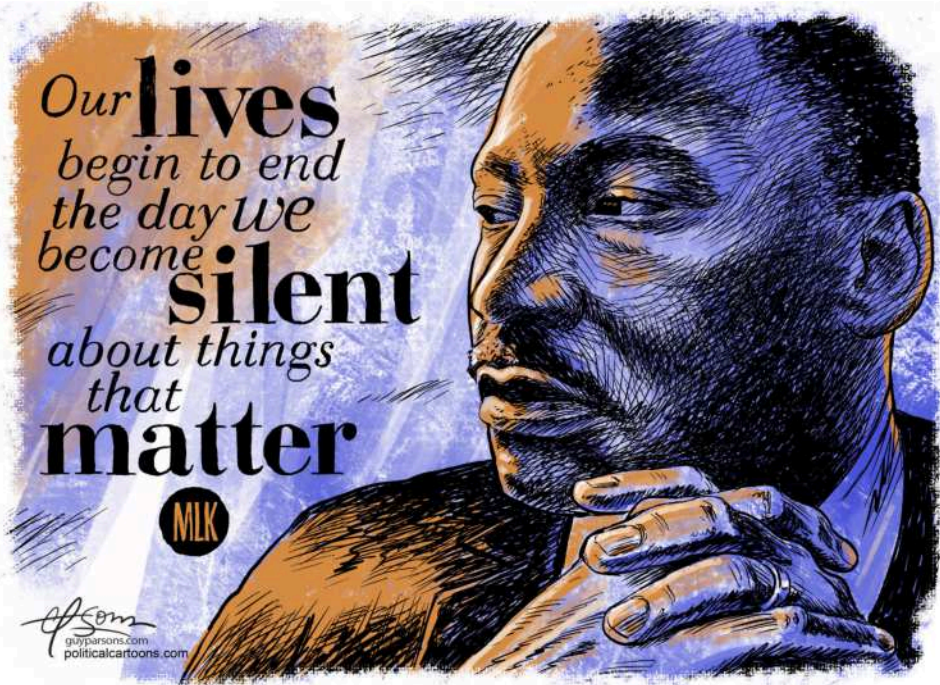
First phase of election audit completed

The initial review of the 2020 general election results in four Texas counties showed relatively few discrepancies between electronic and hand counts of ballots. The *Dallas Morning News* reported that out of the 11.3 million votes cast statewide, Secretary of State John Scott found potentially 509 cases where people may have cast ballots both in Texas and another state, and 67 possible cases of votes cast in the name of dead people. The audits are being performed in Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Collin counties. During the next phase, officials will conduct “a comprehensive records review to ensure election procedures were properly followed in 2020.” Former President Donald Trump called for the audit in September, despite having handily won the state. Trump has pressured the governor to add an election audit to a special legislative session, but Abbot thus far has not done so.

It rained fish in Texarkana last week

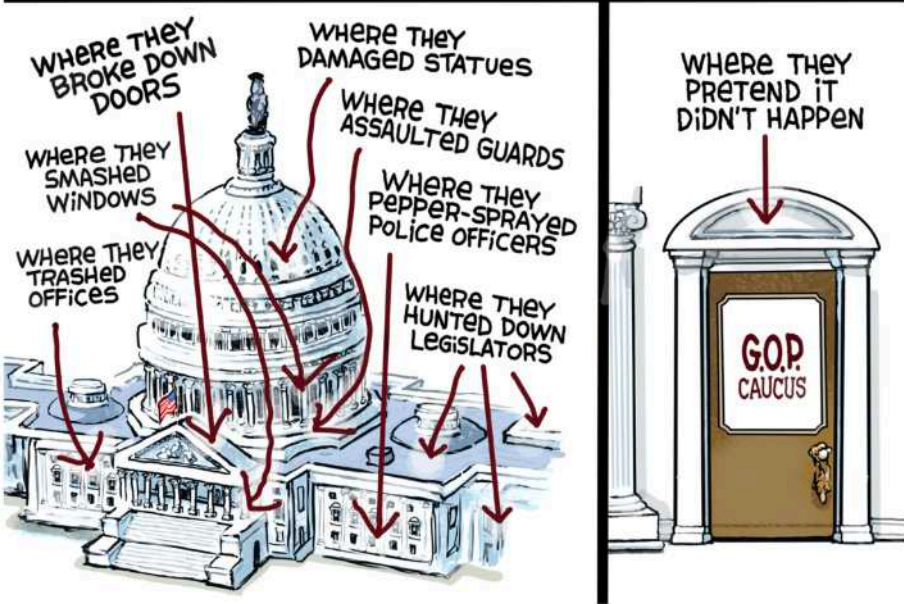
Instead of cats and dogs, it rained fish in Texarkana last Wednesday. *The Texarkana Gazette* reported that as strong thunderstorms moved through, residents in at least four locations reported fish falling from the sky. In a Facebook post, city officials explained the rare phenomenon. “Animal rain is a phenomenon that occurs when small water animals like frogs, crabs, and small fish are swept up in waterspouts or drafts that occur on the surface of the earth,” officials wrote in the post. “They are then rained down at the same time as the rain. While it’s uncommon, it happens, as evidenced in several places in Texarkana today.” At a used-car dealership, fish up to 5 inches long were scattered throughout the parking lot and at a tire shop next door. A *Gazette* reporter counted several dozen fish in a small section of the dealership’s parking lot.

Now that’s some fish story.



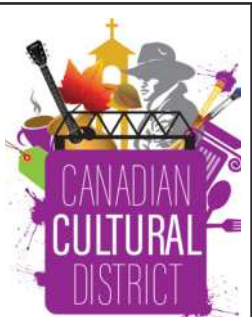
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Hemphill County Clerk's Office earns 5-Star Exemplary Award

Hemphill County and District Clerk Lisa Johnson reported this week that her office had just received a 5-Star Exemplary Award for 2021 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for its work as a Texas Electronic Vital Events Registrar.

Johnson's office had previously received the award in 2013.

TxEVER is the statewide system for maintaining vital records, including reporting, registration, and amendments of births and death records. The 5-Star Award acknowledges vital statistics partners who understand the importance of vital statistics and its impact on the citizens of Texas. This award honors those who go above and beyond the duties of birth and death registration by attending trainings and keeping up with the latest legislation and trends.

Johnson and her staff were commended "for going above and beyond to register your records and ensure excellent customer service, security, and data quality in Texas." Johnson offered kudos to staff members Sylvia Guerrero; Rosy Gandara; and her newest employee, Roxanne Arthur, for their exemplary work.



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Early voting begins Monday, Feb. 14.

2021's Big Story is not over

There was little doubt at the beginning of 2021 that we would still be writing about COVID-19 long after the last cork was popped and the last round of "Auld Lang Syne" sung.

As of this writing, 5,481,557 people are believed to have died from the COVID-19 outbreak worldwide, though, with over 300 million currently infected, the fatality rate is rapidly changing.

Those numbers are difficult to grasp. The picture is too big.

The small picture, here in Hemphill County, is alarming enough, however.

In the 14-day testing summary provided by the Hemphill County Hospital Lab on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 424 total tests had been performed, and 125 positive results confirmed. That's roughly 30 percent.

In two weeks, the lab has confirmed 67 active cases of COVID-19 in this county, and 58 positives in out-of-county residents. That does not account for anyone who tested elsewhere, including anyone who relied on home test to confirm what their symptoms were already telling them.

Dr. Tony Cook, the HCH chief of staff, was interviewed Wednesday by KXDJ's Chris Samples and shared his own findings on COVID-19 and the omicron variant, which he told Samples is spreading like wildfire. "It is out there, and it is rampant," Dr. Cook said, before adding, "but I think it's going to go up really fast, and I think it's going to come down really fast."

While the omicron variant is highly contagious, he said, it is not as severe for most, but it can be deadly for some.

"Omicron has taken over very rapidly," he told Samples. "We are definitely seeing quite a few positives. We went from seeing three or four a week to more like 15 a day in our clinic. That happened very quickly. Unfortunately, it's really hard to tell because a lot of people have very mild cold symptoms. But there are some who have died, even that we have shipped off."

Dr. Cook reported that they have three inpatients at HCH now who have the omicron variant of COVID-19. Patient transfer availability to critical care facilities continues to be an issue for a multitude of reasons. He told Samples they have had to go all the way to San Antonio to find a place for a patient recently.

He urged the public to assume they have COVID if they are sick. "Do you have to run to the doctor every time you have the mild sniffles and get tested? Maybe not. But just be aware that you could have COVID and stay away from those high-risk people."

"We know we're seeing some false negatives in our testing," Dr. Cook said. "Luckily, we don't believe this variant is nearly as se-

vere for most people. If they've had the vaccine, and they're boosted, it's looking really good for those people. If you look at the data out of the UK and South Africa, those that are boosted are about 75 percent protected from getting the disease, but near 100 percent protected from being hospitalized, unless you're one of those in a really, really high-risk categories."

Dr. Cook also encouraged those who have not already done so to get the Moderna booster because it has the best data. "Especially for those that have had the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, I highly recommend getting a Moderna booster because it's about 10 times better than getting another Johnson & Johnson vaccine."

In a brief, impromptu conversation with Dr. Bill Isaacs yesterday, he also wanted the community to know that neither the Regeneron antibody infusion, which was effective in the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19, nor the Remdesivir injection, which was used to treat COVID-19 patients, are effective against the omicron variant.

Dr. Isaacs was blunt. "We ain't got nothing to treat COVID with now," he said. "Wear your masks."

Isaacs also noted that Pfizer has developed a pill (Paxlovid) that has received emergency use authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It is intended for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease in adults and pediatric patients who are at a high risk. The pill has shown positive results, so far, but is not widely available, and is not a substitute for vaccination.

Canadian ISD is also still seeing a surge in COVID cases, though, because the students and staff were on Christmas break for two weeks, most of those cases involve individuals who tested positive before returning to school, minimizing the exposure to others.

According to CISD Superintendent Lynn Pulliam's latest report on Wednesday, the district had 12 cases involving students and staff who tested positive before returning from the

COVID-19 TESTING

As of 11:59pm Tuesday, January 4, 2022

14-Day Testing Summary at HCH's Lab (12/22/21-1/4/22)

Total Tests Performed: 424 Total Positive Results: 125

HEMPHILL COUNTY

*Positive/Current Active: 67

OUT-OF-COUNTY

Positive: 58

***COVID-19 Testing Performed by Hemphill County Hospital's Laboratory Department.**
The above numbers do NOT include results for Hemphill County residents who tested elsewhere, nor do they represent the total number of active cases in Hemphill County currently.

HCH HOSPITALIZATIONS

14-Day C-19 Admissions: 4

C-19 Inpatients @11:59p: 3

NON-C-19 Inpatients @ 11:59p: 5

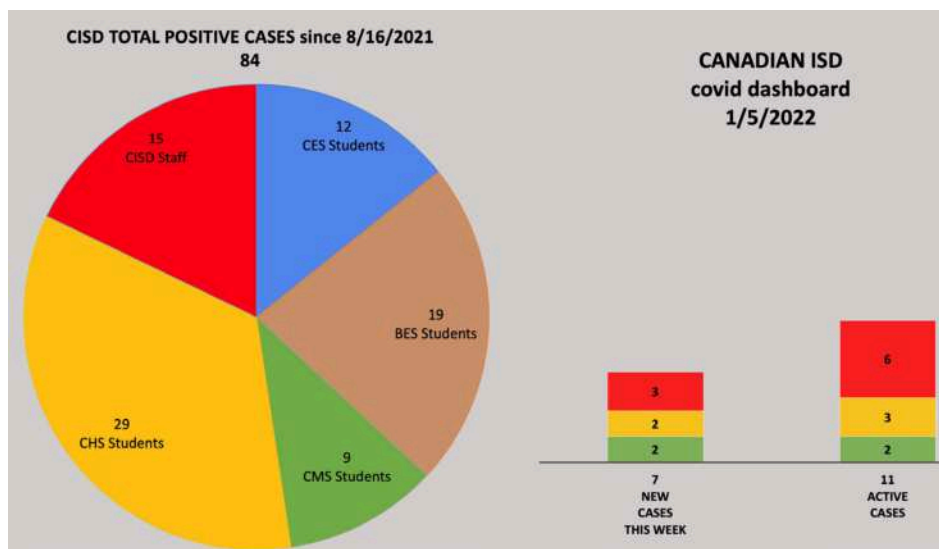


C-19 PATIENT TRANSFERS

Emergency Room: 3

Hospital Inpatient: 2

(Higher-Care Transfers since 7/1/21)



holiday break. Several of those have already completed the required isolation period and returned to campus.

Dr. Pulliam did report three confirmed positive cases on Wednesday, though—one in a sixth-grader, one in a CES staff mem-

ber, and one in a sophomore student. All three were last on campus yesterday.

CISD currently has 11 active cases, he said. Since school started on Aug. 16, 2021, 84 total cases have been reported districtwide.

To hear the entire KXDJ interview with Dr. Cook, go online to <https://highplainsobserverperryton.com/cooksee.mp3>.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS

Voters age 65 and over are eligible to vote by mail. Voters age 65 and over may check the box for Annual Application which applies to all of the elections in the calendar year for which you are qualified to vote. If you would like to apply for a ballot by mail, you may contact the Hemphill County and District Clerk, Lisa Johnson at 806.323.6212 and ask for an application to be mailed to you. If you prefer to print your own application for a ballot by mail, go to <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15f.pdf> for English or <https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15fs.pdf> for Spanish. You may also print one from our Election Information website at <http://www.co.hemphill.tx.us/page/hemphill.ElectionInformation> and click the Vote by Mail dropdown to find the link to the application for a ballot by mail.

A qualified voter may vote by mail if the voter:

- Will be 65 or older on Election Day. (Annual or Regular ABBM)
- Has a disability. (Annual or Regular ABBM)
- Is expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day. (Regular ABBM) (New Law)
- Is civilly committed under Chapter 841, Health and Safety Code. (Regular ABBM) (New Law)
- Expects to be absent from county during early voting and on Election Day. (Regular ABBM)
- Is confined in jail. (Regular ABBM)
- In address confidentiality program. (Regular ABBM)
- Is military or dependent of military and outside of home Texas County. (FPCA)
- Is temporarily living outside the United States. (FPCA)
- Is living outside the United States and voter has Indicated their intent to return is uncertain. (FPCA)
- Is a member of the National Guard or dependent. (FPCA) (New Law)

Jan. 1, 2022, was the first day to apply for a ballot by mail, and the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail for the March 1, 2022, primary election is Friday, Feb. 18, 2022.

For more information on elections, visit our website at <http://www.co.hemphill.tx.us/page/hemphill.ElectionInformation>.

2022 TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31 Last day to register to vote or change address

February 14 First day to vote early in person

February 18 Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot

February 25 Last day to vote early in person

March 1 Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline

Vote by Mail January 1 was the first day Texans could apply to vote by mail

VOTING BY MAIL

Who is eligible to vote by mail in Texas?

Registered voters who are:

- 65 years or older
- Sick or disabled
- Out of country during early voting and Election Day
- In jail or under involuntary civil confinement but otherwise eligible to vote
- NEW! Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day

How do I apply for a ballot by mail?

To apply for a ballot by mail, contact Hemphill County and District Clerk Lisa Johnson at 806.323.6212 and request an Application for Ballot By Mail (ABBM). Alternatively, voters may go online to the Texas Secretary of State's website votetexas.gov and print the Vote by Mail Application, which is available in both English (<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15f.pdf>) and Spanish (<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15fs.pdf>).

Voters who are 65 and older and wish to vote by mail may check the box for Annual Application, which applies to all of the elections in the calendar year for which they are qualified to vote. Voters who will be absent from the county during early voting and on Election Day must apply for each election in which they want to vote by mail.

It is important for voters to read the application carefully and to provide their contact information on the application.

Applications for Ballot By Mail must be received (not postmarked) at the Hemphill County Clerk's Office by the application deadline, which is Feb. 18 for the March 1 primary election.

NEW! Under new Texas laws, counties may contact voters if there is an issue with their application or ballot. In addition, a new vote by mail tracking system is being implemented by the Texas Secretary of State.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The last day to register to vote for the 2022 Texas primaries is Jan. 31. Voters may check to see if they are registered to vote by contacting Hemphill County Clerk Lisa Johnson's Office at 400 Main Street, Suite 203, or by calling 806.323.6212. They may also confirm their voter registration status by going online to VoteTexas.gov and clicking on the link to Am I Registered? (<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15fs.pdf>)

NEW! There is a new voter registration application (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jRC4bx5hawFXdw261idlmlnHFtweyyyn/view>) that eligible Texans may print, fill out and turn in to their county voter registrar.

NEW! Voters who are already registered to vote in Texas may update their voter registration online if they moved within the state or changed their name. The voter will need a Texas driver's license or personal identification card, their Social Security number and voter registration card VUID (Voter Unique Identifier) number. They may find their VUID number on their voter registration card by calling their county voter registrar or by going online to vote.texas.gov and clicking on the link to Am I Registered? (<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>) by filling in their name, county and date of birth.

NEW! Texans who apply for a Texas driver's license may apply for voter registration at the same time. When Texans update their driver's license online (<https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/txdl/login.dl?locale=en>), they may update their voter registration information at the same time.

MARCH 1, 2022

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10 Taco Salad	11 Chicken Broccoli Penne Alfredo	12 Smothered Hamburger Steak	13 Sausage & Fried Potatoes	14 Special Only Chicken Fry or Chicken Strips
17 Fajitas	18 Chicken-Fried Chicken	19 Brisket & Ribs	20 Baked Potatoes	21 Special Only Chinese Food
24 Smothered Burritos	25 Parmesan-Crusted Chicken	26 Meatloaf	27 Fish or Shrimp Basket	28 Special Only Beirox
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Canadian Community Center receives \$10,000 grant

The Canadian Community Center was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Legett Foundation over the holiday season. The grant was given for general operations and was made possible through an anonymous recommendation to the foundation. "It was quite unexpected, but much appreciated!" CCC Executive Director Ike Julian said. "We are just so grateful that our community values what we do and supports us in so many ways." The CCC is a 501(c)(3) that operates off of membership dues and donations. Donations can be made anytime at InterBank or at the CCC welcome desk.

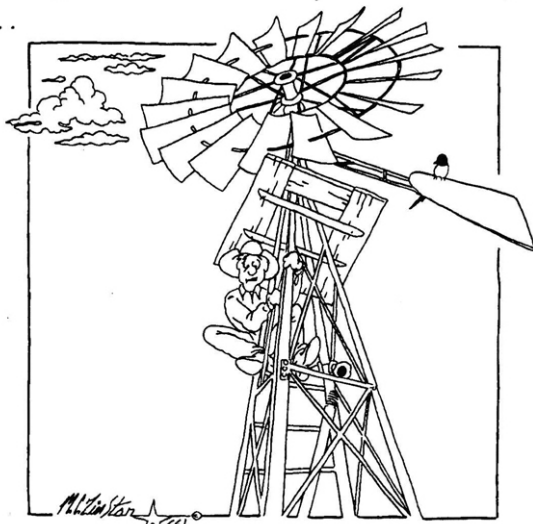
Tom Brown mystery to be featured on new Investigation Discovery series

A new six-part series of true crime documentaries, titled *Murder Under the Friday Night Lights*, began airing last week on the Discovery+ channel. The series features crime cases from across the country, and on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 9 pm CST, will focus on the mystery surrounding CHS senior Tom Brown's Thanksgiving Eve 2016 disappearance and death. In its sensationalized promotion of the show, ID promises: "Conspiracy theories rock a small Texas town after a beloved high school football player mysteriously vanishes. Baffling clues and community pressure pit the local sheriff against a brash private investigator until some very unusual suspects emerge." Future episodes—all of which "give viewers a first-hand account of tragic crimes" involving high school football players—will take viewers from Texas to Pennsylvania, California and Louisiana. The series airs every Tuesday night through Feb. 8 on the Investigation Discovery (ID) TV channel.

City offices closed from 12-1 Jan. 12-14

The city of Canadian will close its business office from 12-1 pm on Jan. 12-14. Staff members will be attending Election Law School on those days, leaving only one employee available to serve city customers.

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Far too little vote fraud to tip election to Trump, AP finds

A Report by Christina A. Cassidy

ATLANTA (AP)—An Associated Press review of every potential case of voter fraud in the six battleground states disputed by former President Donald Trump has found fewer than 475 — a number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election.

Democrat Joe Biden won Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and their 79 Electoral College votes by a combined 311,257 votes out of 25.5 million ballots cast for president. The disputed ballots represent just 0.15% of his victory margin in those states.

The cases could not throw the outcome into question even if all the potentially fraudulent votes were for Biden, which they were not, and even if those ballots were actually counted, which in most cases they were not.

The review also showed no collusion intended to rig the voting. Virtually every case was based on an individual acting alone to cast additional ballots.

The findings build on a mountain of other evidence that the election wasn't rigged, including verification of the results by Republican governors.

The AP review, a process that took months and encompassed more than 300 local election offices, is one the most comprehensive examinations of suspected voter fraud in last year's presidential election. It relies on information collected at the local level, where officials must reconcile their ballots and account for discrepancies, and includes a handful of separate cases cited by secretaries of state and state attorneys general.

Contacted for comment, Trump repeated a litany of unfounded claims of fraud he had made previously, but offered no new evidence that specifically contradicted the AP's reporting. He said a soon-to-come report from a source he would not disclose would support his case, and insisted increased mail voting alone had opened the door to cheating that involved "hundreds of thousands of votes."

"I just don't think you should make a fool out of yourself by saying 400 votes," he said.

These are some of the culprits in the "massive election fraud" Trump falsely says deprived him of a second term:

A Wisconsin man who mistakenly thought he could vote while on parole.

A woman in Arizona suspected of sending in a ballot for her dead mother.

A Pennsylvania man who went twice to the polls, voting once on his own behalf and once for his son.

The cases were isolated. There was no widespread, coordinated deceit.

The cases also underscore that suspected fraud is both



Flags supporting President Donald Trump and one that reads "Stop the Steal" are displayed during a protest rally, Jan. 4, 2021, at the Farm Boy Drive-In restaurant near Olympia, Wash. A review by The Associated Press in the six battleground states disputed by former President Trump has found fewer than 475 cases of potential voter fraud, a minuscule number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election. Democrat Joe Biden won Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and their 79 Electoral College votes by a combined 311,257 votes out of 25.5 million ballots cast for president. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, file)

generally detected and exceptionally rare.

"Voter fraud is virtually non-existent," said George Christenson, election clerk for Milwaukee County in Wisconsin, where five people statewide have been charged with fraud out of nearly 3.3 million ballots cast for president. "I would have to venture a guess that's about the same odds as getting hit by lightning."

Even in the state with the highest number of potential fraud cases—Arizona, with 198—they comprised less than 2% of the margin by which Biden won.

Trump has continued to insist that the election was fraudulent by citing a wide range of complaints, many of them involving the expansion of mail voting because of the pandemic. As the Republican weighs another run for president in 2024, he has waded into some GOP primary contests, bestowing endorsements on those who mimic his "Stop the steal" rhetoric and seeking to exact revenge on some who have opposed his efforts to overturn the results.

Trump's false claims of a stolen election fueled the deadly Jan. 6 attempted insurrection at the Capitol, have led to death threats against election officials and have become deeply ingrained within the GOP, with two-thirds of Republicans believing Biden's election is illegitimate. Republican lawmakers in several states have used the false claims as justification to conduct costly and time-consuming partisan election reviews, done at Trump's urging, and add new restrictions for voting.

The number of cases identified so far by local elections officials and forwarded to prosecutors, local law enforcement or secretaries of state for further review undercuts Trump's claim. Election officials also say that in most cases, the additional ballots were never counted because workers did their jobs and pulled them for inspection before they were added to the tally.

"There is a very specific reason why we don't see many instances of fraud, and that is because the system is designed to catch it, to flag it and then hold those people accountable," said Amber McReynolds, a former director of elections in Denver and the founding CEO of the National Vote at Home Institute, which promotes mail voting.

The AP's review of cases in the six battleground states

found no evidence to support Trump's various claims, which have included unsupported allegations that more votes were tallied than there are registered voters and that thousands of mail-in ballots were cast by people who are not on voter rolls. Dozens of state and federal courts have rejected the claims.

White House spokesman Andrew Bates said the AP's reporting offered further proof that the election was fairly conducted and decided, contrary to Trump's claims.

"Each time this dangerous but weak and fear-ridden conspiracy theory has been put forward, it has only cemented the truth more by being completely debunked — including at the hands of elections authorities from both parties across the nation, nonpartisan experts, and over 80 federal judges," he said.

Experts say to pull off stealing a presidential election would require large numbers of people willing to risk prosecution, prison time and fines working in concert with election officials from both parties who are willing to look the other way. And everyone somehow would keep quiet about the whole affair.

"It would be the most extensive conspiracy in the history of planet Earth," said David Becker, a senior trial attorney in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division during the presidencies of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush who now directs the nonprofit Center for Election Innovation & Research.

Separate from the fraud allegations are claims by Trump and his allies that voting systems or ballot tallies were somehow manipulated to steal the election. Judges across the country, of both parties, dismissed those claims. That includes a federal judge in Michigan who ordered sanctions against attorneys allied with Trump for intending to create "confusion, commotion and chaos" in filing a lawsuit about the vote-counting process without checking for evidence to support the claims.

Even Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, said a month after the election that there was no indication of widespread fraud that could change the result.

For its review, AP reporters in five states contacted

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A Republican election challenger at right watches over election inspectors as they examine a ballot as votes are counted into the early morning hours, Nov. 4, 2020, at the central counting board in Detroit. A review by The Associated Press in the six battleground states disputed by former President Trump has found fewer than 475 cases of potential voter fraud, a minuscule number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election. Democrat Joe Biden won Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and their 79 Electoral College votes by a combined 311,257 votes out of 25.5 million ballots cast for president. (AP Photo/David Goldman, file)

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roughly 340 election offices for details about every instance of potential voter fraud that was identified as part of their post-election review and certification process.

After an election is over, officials research voter records, request and review additional information if needed from the state or other counties, and eventually decide whether to refer potential fraud cases for further investigation—a process that can take months.

For Wisconsin, the AP relied on a report about fraud investigations compiled by the state and filed public records requests to get the details of each case, in addition to prosecutions that were not initially reported to the state elections commission. Wisconsin is the only one of the six states with a centralized accounting of all potential voter fraud cases.

A state-by-state accounting:

—ARIZONA: Authorities have been investigating 198 possible fraud cases out of nearly 3.4 million votes cast, representing 1.9% of Biden's margin of victory in the state. Virtually all the cases were in Pima County, home to Tucson, and involved allegations of double voting. The county has a practice of referring every effort to cast a second ballot to prosecutors, something other offices don't do. In the Pima cases, only one ballot for each voter was counted. So far, nine people have been charged in the state with voting fraud crimes following the 2020 election. Six of those were filed by the state attorney general's office, which has an election integrity unit that is reviewing an undisclosed number of additional cases.

—GEORGIA: Election officials in 124 of the state's 159 counties reported no suspicious activity after conducting their post-election checks. Officials in 24 counties identified 64 potential voter fraud cases, representing 0.54% of Biden's margin of victory in Georgia. Of those, 31 were determined to be the result of an administrative error or some other mistake. Eleven counties, most of them rural, either declined to say or did not respond. The state attorney

general's office is reviewing about 20 cases referred so far by the state election board related to all elections in 2020, including the primary, but it was not known if any of those overlapped with cases already identified by local election officials.

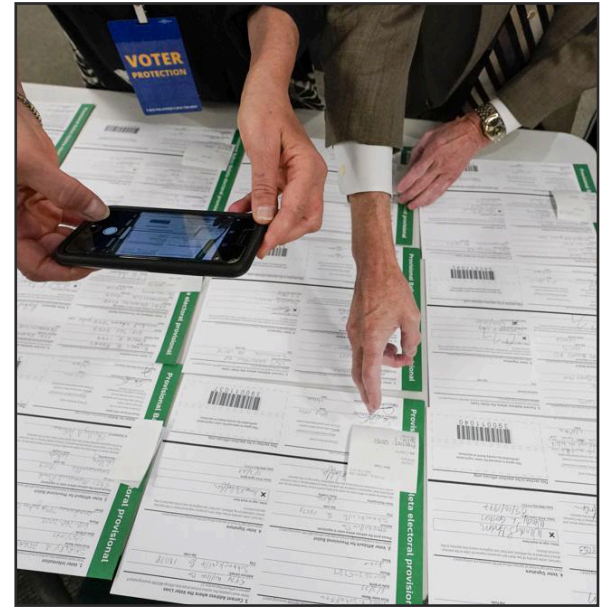
—MICHIGAN: Officials have identified 56 potential instances of voter fraud in five counties, representing 0.04% of Biden's margin of victory in the state. Most of the cases involved two people suspected of submitting about 50 fraudulent requests for absentee ballots in Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties. All the suspicious applications were flagged by election officials and no ballots were cast improperly.

—NEVADA: Local officials identified between 93 and 98 potential fraud cases out of 1.4 million ballots cast, representing less than one-third of 1% of Biden's margin of victory. More than half the total—58—were in Washoe County, which includes Reno, and the vast majority involved allegations of possible double voting. The statewide total does not include thousands of fraud allegations submitted to the state by local Republicans. Republican Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske has said many of those were based "largely upon an incomplete assessment of voter registration records and lack of information concerning the processes by which these records are compiled and maintained." It's not known how many remain under investigation.

—PENNSYLVANIA: Election officials in 11 of the state's 67 counties identified 26 possible cases of voter fraud, representing 0.03% of Biden's margin of victory. The elections office in Philadelphia refused to discuss potential cases with the AP, but the prosecutor's office in Philadelphia said it has not received any fraud-related referrals.

—WISCONSIN: Election officials have referred 31 cases of potential fraud to prosecutors in 12 of the state's 72 counties, representing about 0.15% of Biden's margin of victory. After reviewing them, prosecutors declined to bring charges in 26 of those cases. Meagan Wolfe, administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, said the number of cases in 2020 was "fairly run of the mill."

AP's review found the potential cases of fraud ran the



A canvas observer photographs Lehigh County provisional ballots as vote counting in the general election continues, Nov. 6, 2020, in Allentown, Pa. A review by The Associated Press in the six battleground states disputed by former President Trump has found fewer than 475 cases of potential voter fraud, a minuscule number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election. Democrat Joe Biden won Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and their 79 Electoral College votes by a combined 311,257 votes out of 25.5 million ballots cast for president. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, file)

gamut: Some were attributed to administrative error or voter confusion while others were being examined as intentional attempts to commit fraud. In those cases, many involved people who sought to vote twice—by casting both an absentee and an in-person ballots—or those who cast a ballot for a dead relative such as the woman in Maricopa County, Arizona. Authorities there say she signed her mother's name on a ballot envelope. The woman's mother had died a month before the election.

The cases are bipartisan. Some of those charged with fraud are registered Republicans or told investigators they were supporters of Trump.

Donald Holz is among the five people in Wisconsin who face voter fraud charges. He said all he wanted to do was vote for Trump. But because he was still on parole after being convicted of felony drunken driving, the 63-year-old retiree was not eligible to do so. Wisconsin is not among the states that have loosened felon voting laws in recent years.

Holz said he had no intention to break the law and only did so after he asked poll workers if it was OK.

"The only thing that helps me out is that I know what I did and I did it with good intentions," Holz said after an initial court appearance in Fond du Lac. "The guy upstairs knows what I did. I didn't have any intention to commit election fraud."

In southeast Pennsylvania, 72-year-old Ralph Thurman, a registered Republican, was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading guilty to one count of repeat voting. Authorities said Thurman, after voting at his polling place, returned about an hour later wearing sunglasses and cast a ballot in his son's name.

After being recognized and confronted, Thurman fled the building, officials said. Thurman's attorney told the AP the incident was the result of miscommunication at the polling place.

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Las Vegas businessman Donald “Kirk” Hartle was among those in Nevada who raised the cry against election fraud. Early on, Hartle insisted someone had unlawfully cast a ballot in the name of his dead wife, and state Republicans seized on his story to support their claims of widespread fraud in the state. It turned out that someone had cast the ballot illegally—Hartle, himself. He agreed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of voting more than once in the same election.

Hartle’s attorney said the businessman, who is an executive at a company that hosted a Trump rally before the election, had accepted responsibility for his actions.

Additional fraud cases could still surface in the weeks and months ahead. One avenue for those is the Electronic Registration Information Center, a data-sharing effort among 31 states aimed at improving state voter rolls. The effort also provides states with reports after each general election with information about voters who might have cast ballots in more than one state.

In the past, those lists have generated small numbers of fraud cases. In 2018, for example, Wisconsin used the report to identify 43 additional instances of potential fraud out of 2.6 million ballots cast.

Official post-election audits and other research have shown voter fraud to be exceptionally rare. A nonpartisan audit of Wisconsin’s 2020 presidential election found no evidence of widespread fraud and a Republican lawmaker concluded it showed that elections in the state were “safe and secure,” while also recommending dozens of changes to how elections are run. In Michigan, Republican state senators issued a report earlier this year saying they had found “no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud” in the 2020 election.

Not only do election officials look for fraud, they have procedures to detect and prevent it.

For mail voting, which expanded greatly last year because of the pandemic, election officials log every mail ballot so voters cannot request more than one. Those ballots also are logged when they are returned, checked against registration and, in many cases, voter signatures on file to ensure the voter assigned to the ballot is the one who cast it.

If everything doesn’t match, the ballot isn’t counted.

“Often, we don’t get to fraud,” said Jennifer Morrell, a former local election official in Utah and Colorado who advises election officials on security and other issues. “Say we have evidence that something might not be correct, we ask the voter to provide additional documentation. If the person doesn’t respond, the ballot isn’t accepted. The fraud never happened.”

If a person who requested a mail ballot shows up at a polling place, this will become apparent when they check in. Typically, poll workers either cancel the ballot that was previously issued, ensuring it’s never counted, or ask the voter to complete a provisional ballot that will only be counted if the mail ballot is not.

In Union County, Georgia, someone voted in person and then election officials found their ballot in a drop box. Since the person had already voted, the ballot in the drop box was not counted and the case was referred to the state for investigation, Deputy Registrar Diana Nichols said.

“We can tell pretty quick whenever we pull up that record—wait a minute, this person has already voted,” Nichols said. “I’m not saying it’s foolproof. We are all human, and we all make mistakes. But as far as the system is set up, if you follow the rules and the guidelines set up by the state, I think it’s a very good system.”

The final step is the canvassing process in which election officials must reconcile all their counts, ensuring the number of ballots cast equals the number of voters who voted. Any discrepancies are researched, and election of-



In this Nov. 5, 2020, file photo, Jake Contos, a supporter of President Donald Trump, chants during a protest against the election results outside the central counting board at the TCF Center in Detroit. A review by The Associated Press in the six battleground states disputed by former President Trump has found fewer than 475 cases of potential voter fraud, a minuscule number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election. Democrat Joe Biden won Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and their 79 Electoral College votes by a combined 311,257 votes out of 25.5 million ballots cast for president. (AP Photo/David Goldman, File)

ficials provide detailed explanations before the election can be certified.

Often, an administrative error can raise questions that suggest the potential for fraud.

In Forsyth County, Georgia, election officials were asked by Arizona investigators for records confirming that a voter had also cast a ballot in Georgia last November. It turns out that voter didn’t cast a ballot but was listed as having done so because their registration number was mistakenly associated with another voter’s record in the county’s system, according to a letter sent by county election officials.

In other cases, it could be as simple as a voter signing on the wrong line next to another person’s name in a paper pollbook at their polling place. Once researched, it quickly becomes clear no fraud occurred.

Republican lawmakers have argued there are security gaps in the process, using concerns of fraud to justify restrictions on voting laws. This has happened even in places where Republican lawmakers have pushed back against Trump’s false claims and said the 2020 election was valid.

The review by Republican lawmakers in Michigan that found no systemic fraud cited various claims they had investigated. For example, senators were provided with a list of over 200 voters in Wayne County who were believed to be dead. Of these, the report noted, only two instances involved actual dead voters. The first was due to a clerical error in which a son had been confused with his dead father and the second involved a 92-year-old woman who had died four days before the election.

And yet, Republicans in the state are collecting signatures for a citizen initiative that would allow the GOP-controlled legislature to approve voting restrictions and bypass a veto by the Democratic governor. Republicans say mail voting needs to be more secure as more people embrace it.

“These bills will restore confidence in our elections,” said GOP Rep. Ann Bollin, chairwoman of the Michigan House Elections and Ethics Committee and a former township clerk. “Voters want to know their vote will count and that they, and only they, are casting their own ballot.”

Overall, 80% of counties in the six states reviewed by the AP reported no suspicious activity after completing their post-election reviews. This was true of both small and large counties, something experts said was to be expected given how rare voter fraud has been.

Limited instances of fraud do occur, as the AP review illustrates, but safeguards ensure they are few and that they are caught, said Ben Hovland, a Democrat appointed by Trump to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, which supports the state and local officials who administer elections.

“Every credible examination has shown there was no widespread fraud” in the 2020 presidential election, Hovland said. “Time and again when we have heard these claims and heard these allegations, and when you do a real investigation, you see that it is the exception and not the rule.”

Contributing to this report were Associated Press data journalist Camille Fassett in Oakland, California; reporter Colleen Long in Washington; AP state government reporters Scott Bauer in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Bob Christie in Phoenix; David Eggert in Lansing, Michigan; Anthony Izaguirre in Tallahassee, Florida; and Michelle L. Price in New York City; and other AP reporters in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

The Associated Press report includes a sidebar detailing its state-by-state review of potential voter fraud cases, available online at <https://apnews.com/article/voter-fraud-election-2020-joe-biden-donald-trump-7feb6f134e528fee8237c7601db3328f>

The original Associated Press report was published on December 14, 2021, and can be viewed online at <https://apnews.com/article/voter-fraud-election-2020-joe-biden-donald-trump-7feb6f134e528fee8237c7601db3328f>

Former CHS student charged with murder in death of Kansas man

Former CHS student charged with first-degree murder in death of Kansas man

Former Canadian High School student and standout Wildcat athlete Dylan Weaver was one of four people arrested last month in Cowley County, Kansas, and charged with first-degree murder in the Dec. 14 shooting death of 34-year-old Matthew Ryan Kelly of Arkansas City.

According to a report in the *Cowley Courier Traveler*, Kelly was killed in a dispute over a criminal damage to property accusa-

tion involving his sister, Lisa Wise, and his girlfriend. The *Traveler* reported that

both Weaver and Justin T. Pierce had been charged with conspiracy, first-degree murder, aggravated battery, obstructing the legal process, and criminal use of a weapon—all felonies—in Kelly's death. Amber L. Orr was charged with obstructing the legal process, and Wise was charged with two felony counts of conspiracy and aggravated battery.

Probable cause affidavits filed against the four allege that Kelly was beaten, shot, and stabbed, and that his body was first disposed of in Sumner County before some of the defendants tried to move it to another location, at which time, they were apprehended by law enforcement.

All charges were filed in Arkansas City District Court.

Weaver, Pierce, Orr, and Wise all made their first court appearances on Dec. 21. All four will next appear in court on Friday, Jan. 14, until which time they remain in custody at the Cowley County Jail.

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•Stormie Dawn Dial; Borger; warrant for criminal trespass; 12/30/21; HCSO.

•Monica Serene Gauer; Bronte; warrant for possession of less than 2 ounces marijuana; 12/26/21; HCSO.

•Silas Alfred Wagner; Riverside, California; possession of less than 2 ounces marijuana; 12/21/21; TXDPS-Canadian.

•Callie Shae St. Louis; White Deer; public intoxication; 12/31/21; HCSO.

•Koda Judd Reames; Canadian; disorderly conduct; 01/02/22; HCSO.

Felony Arrests

•Stormie Dawn Dial; Borger; possession of 1-4 grams of controlled substance, forgery of financial instrument (elderly individual); 12/31/21; HCSO.

•Monica Serene Gauer; Bronte; warrant for possession of 28-200 grams of controlled substance (PG 3); 12/26/21; HCSO.

•Silas Alfred Wagner; Riverside, California; possession of 4-400 grams of controlled substance (PG 2), possession of 4-400 grams of controlled substance (PG 2); 12/21/21; TXDPS-Canadian.

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•Morgan Ashley Church; Arlington; speeding; 12/21/21.

•Jared Fernando Barrera; Canadian; no driver's license (when unlicensed); 12/21/21.

•Roberta Marie Spencer; Manderson, South Dakota; speeding; 12/22/21.

•Duane Edward Horning; Allen; speeding; 12/24/21.

•Teresa Garcia Sansing; Canadian; no financial responsibility, expired driver's license; 12/24/21.

•Koda Judd Reames; Canadian; disorderly conduct (general); 1/2/22.

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Cats pick up playing time and pair of wins in Gruver Holiday tourney

By Record Sportswriter Kale Steed

The Canadian boys basketball team finished off a busy schedule playing five games over the past week.

The Wildcats went 2-2 at last week's Gruver Holiday Classic Tournament, before falling in a non-district contest at Pampa on Tuesday. Canadian is off to a bit of a struggle, starting the year at 4-9 overall. They will play their final non-district game at Borger on Friday night at 7:30 pm.

"Borger is a very athletic team," Canadian head coach Brandon Wall said. "We need to take care of the ball better against a team like this. We have to block out and play good defense. This is a great chance to get better before district."

At the Gruver Holiday Classic, the Wildcats dropped their opening clash to Hedley,

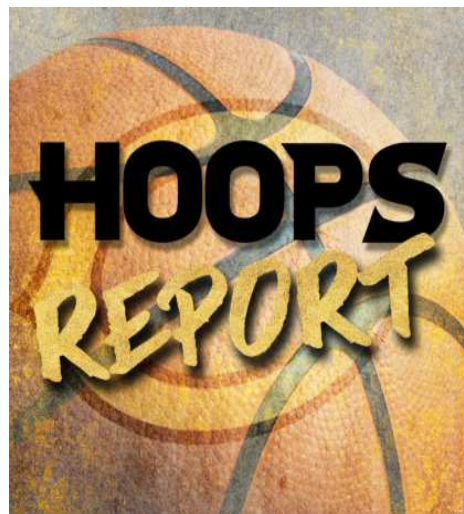
53-41. Center and Texas Tech football commit Kaden Carr poured in 10 points, followed by Trace Mitchell and Landyn Fuentez, who each had nine.

Canadian bounced back with a pair of wins, drubbing San Jacinto Christian Academy 76-24 in the second game of the tournament. The Wildcats then blasted Gruver's JV 52-36. Sophomore Camren Cavalier chipped in 15 points against SJCA, and 10 in the win over Gruver JV. Canadian wrapped up the tourney with a 58-47 loss to Goodwell, Oklahoma, in the final game. Carr once again was the team's leading scorer with 11 points.

On Tuesday, Canadian struggled offensively during a 65-31 loss at Pampa. Turnovers and missed shots were the main catalyst in the defeat. Trace Mitchell put up eight points to lead the Wildcats.

"I thought over the break was a good time to be together as a team," Wall said. "I thought our intensity got better in Gruver Tournament, and we played closer to our potential. We had a tough game against Pampa, but we still played good—especially defensively—we just struggled on offense. Our turnovers are leading to buckets for the other team. We have to start limiting those and things can turn around."

Canadian opens District 1-3A action on Friday, Jan. 14, at home against Bushland.



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COACH DOUG BOYD COMMENTS: JV girls pushed their record to 10-5 against Wellington on Monday Jan 3. In what was the best game we've played this year, it was a hard fought battle til the end in a tough place to win. We will play our district opener at Dalhart Friday night at 5.

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MATTIE BOYD (55) SETS THE SCREEN FOR BERKLEY BEEDY

Gruver delivers first loss to Lady Cats in battle of No. 1's

By Record Sportswriter Kale Steed

The No. 1-ranked Canadian Lady Cats ended the non-district portion of the schedule with a whirlwind of a week, playing four games over six days.

The Lady Cats went 3-1 during that stretch but did suffer their first loss of the season to No. 1-ranked Gruver in a highly-anticipated matchup of two No. 1-ranked teams in Thursday's Gruver Holiday Classic championship game.

Last Tuesday, however, Canadian did beat their fifth No. 1-ranked team of the season—the Hooker (Oklahoma) Lady Bulldogs—in the same tournament, as well as taking down state-ranked Wellington to close out the non-district schedule on Monday night.

Canadian sits at an impressive 21-1 overall, as its sights are now set on opening a very competitive District 1-3A schedule Friday at Dalhart.

"We had a great preseason run," Lady Cat Head Coach Aaron Marks said. "But now, it's

an entirely new season. We'll have a bullseye on our back, but it will be all about us. I know if we play like we can, I like our chances. There's not a lot of separation in our district. Bushland, Spearman, Dalhart ... you're talking about very good teams. So, we'll have to be on our game, night in and night out."

The Lady Cats had a strong showing in last week's Gruver Holiday Classic Tournament. Playing in a loaded field, Canadian opened the tournament facing Class 2A Hooker. The Lady Bulldogs jumped on the Lady Cats, taking a 43-33 lead after three quarters of play. Opening the fourth, Canadian used its stifling defense, and the offense took over, going on a 14-0 run to outscore Hooker 16-3 in the final eight minutes for a 49-46 victory.

Senior forward Mattie Boyd and guard Tinley Pennington each poured in 12 points in the win, followed by Tana Davis with 10.

During Wednesday's semifinals, it was a much smoother contest as the Lady Cats downed Sudan in convincing fashion, 52-33. This time, it was Briley Merket's 16 points

that led Canadian, with Boyd chipping in 10.

Then came Thursday's much-awaited championship with No. 1-ranked and undefeated Gruver. The atmosphere was electric in a packed Gruver gym. The talented Lady Hounds shell-shocked the Lady Cats, with the help of a hometown crowd and hot shooting, opening up a 25-14 lead they'd never relinquish. Canadian never found their rhythm, and the Lady Hounds couldn't miss a shot, behind senior and Texas Tech commit Bailey Maupin's 25 points. Gruver stunned Canadian 57-32.

Despite the loss, Boyd did have 18 points to lead the Lady Cats.

Instead of getting their heads down, the Lady Cats immediately bounced back in their final game before district, going on the road to face No. 7-ranked Wellington on Monday. Canadian shook off any notion from Gruver by controlling the pace and even opening a 15-point lead on the talented Lady Skyrockets to rebound with a big 53-45 win.

"We didn't play well in the Gruver game,"

Marks said. "It got away from us early, and we never recovered. Give Gruver credit: They punched us in the mouth."

"That showed a lot to me about the character of our team," he said. "Instead of getting down, we really showed who we were at Wellington. They are one of the best 2A teams, and they are extremely well-coached. We controlled the tempo from start to finish. I think that win showed the kind of maturity and experience we have. Gruver wasn't a good experience, but may have been the best thing to happen to us going forward."

UP NEXT:

FRIDAY, JAN. 7 @DALHART
GAMES AT 4 PM (9TH), 5 PM (JV), 7:30 PM (V)
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The kid can coach

Canadian's Arbuckle youngest Division 1 Offensive Coordinator in America

By Record Sportswriter Kale Steed

Ben Arbuckle has come a tremendous way in the coaching world since his days as the Canadian Wildcats' pass-happy quarterback.

The 2014 Canadian High School graduate is on a rare fast-track on the college football scene as he moves up the ranks at a frantic pace.

At just 26 years old, Arbuckle was recently named co-offensive coordinator/quarterback coach and play-caller heading into his second season at Division I Western Kentucky University.

That makes Arbuckle one of the youngest coordinators in all of Division I (FBS).

"I didn't think I'd get a job like this so quickly," Arbuckle

said. "This is a position you want to be in when you get in this profession. But I didn't think this would happen so fast. I think that speaks to the trust Western Kentucky Head Coach Tyson Helton has in me, and the trust former Offensive Coordinator Zach Kittley has in me, as well. I'm very thankful Coach Helton trusted me enough and put this responsibility on me."

Arbuckle just completed his first season as offensive quality-control/assistant quarterback coach for WKU in the fall.

Prior to his time at as a Hilltopper, Arbuckle played quarterback at West Texas A&M in 2017-2018. After graduating from West Texas A&M, he wasn't sure coaching was for him. Following college, Arbuckle worked a brief stint at an oil and gas company in Houston. Thanks to former WT teammate Ethan Morris, who's now a quality-control coach at Utah State, Arbuckle found a volunteer coaching position at Houston Baptist.

"I emailed the offensive coordinator at HBU, Zach Kittley, when Ethan found me that job," Arbuckle said. "Kittley called me, we talked, and the job was mine. I was so lucky just to get on, and that's when I started learning under Zach Kittley, who I consider the best offensive mind."

Arbuckle was at HBU for 2-1/2 years, before spending six months at Seminole High School as the co-offensive coordinator/quarterback coach. Realizing the high school route wasn't for him, Arbuckle reached back out to Kittley after he took the offensive coordinator job in the winter of 2021, and followed him to WKU.

From there, the rest is history when it comes to Arbuckle's close relationship to his mentor.

"Coach Kittley means the world to me, and it goes far more than football," Arbuckle said. "A lot of people don't know what that guy has really done for me. He's taken care of my wife, Lauren, and I so well. He's never expected anything in return. He's just as genuine a person as you're going to find. He's an unbelievable ball coach because of his character. It's how he conducts himself every single day that makes him excellent in everything that he does. He's one of my best friends and is family to me."

Kittley feels the same way about his protégé.

"Ben has progressed so much," Kittley said. "He grew up with a great football background. You see him getting more comfortable every day. He took charge of our quarterback room."

"This tremendous opportunity speaks to Ben and how hard he works," Kittley continued. "He's now the youngest OC in the country, and the continuity with Coach Helton is huge. It's rare he got this job so young, but he paid his dues, and he's ready to go."

Kittley recently left WKU to take over as the offensive coordinator for the new head football coach, Joey McGuire, at Texas Tech. Kittley leaves Arbuckle with one of the best offenses in the country after last season; however, Arbuckle knows neither this job nor his career is where it is today without Kittley, and without Arbuckle's passion for his craft.

"Coach Kittley is the best in the business right now," Arbuckle said. "It shows with his work at Houston Baptist, and what he did at Western Kentucky. He made WKU the best of-



BEN ARBUCKLE WITH FRIEND AND MENTOR COACH ZACH KITTLE

fense in the country this past year. I can't tell you how much I've learned just watching him every day. The way he watches film and can see a defense, and game plan against them is incredible."

"As for me," Arbuckle said, "I feel confident. I've put in the work, and now I have the opportunity to progress. Now, I want to turn the cranks and work even harder. I'm thankful for the spot I have now, and my goal is to not let the team down. My goal is to put this team in the best position to win games, and teach these young guys how to be successful on and off the field. It's about them. It's not about us."

As close as Arbuckle is to Kittley, he's equally close to his high school mentor and Canadian head football coach, Chris Koetting. Arbuckle and Koetting still talk weekly, whether it's just catching up or talking football. Their bond will never be broken, as each holds a certain level of respect for the other.

"It really doesn't surprise me one bit that Ben is where he is," Koetting said. "I think Ben is very smart. I don't know if I've coached someone who loved football like he does. He was the funnest guy I coached. He was always loose and wanted to have fun. He knew our offense so well, and this is what he always wanted."

Koetting said Arbuckle got in with some really good coaches. "Coach Kittley and Coach Helton have been really helpful," he said. "He's 26 and leading an offense at the college level. That's incredible. I have no doubt he'll be great. I'm so proud of him, and the best is yet to come for him."

"I talk to Coach Koetting at least once a week," Arbuckle said. "A lot of the time, we just talk about random things. It's not even about football. He's always going to be my coach, he's always going to be a mentor, but he's a friend to me more than anything. He's someone I can always rely on. It's so much fun to talk to him about what he has going on, what his team is like, and he loves to hear about our team. He'll always mean the world to me."



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What's Cookin' IN CANADIAN

I cut this recipe out of the San Antonio Express Newspaper over 20 years ago. I hadn't made it in years and decided to go ahead and make it for The Record staff. They liked it well enough to ask me to share. It's quick and easy and can be served for breakfast or lunch. Enjoy.

TINA JAROSEK

Best Chile Relleno Casserole

INGREDIENTS

2 (7-ounce) cans whole, mild green chiles (I used a 15-ounce can of Hatch mild green chiles. Use medium or hot if

you prefer more heat.)

2 cups of Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded
4 eggs
1 cup of milk
2 tablespoons of flour
1 (8-ounce) can of tomato sauce
1 (8-ounce) jar of mild, medium, or hot salsa

PREPARATION

Layer chiles and cheeses (two layers), beginning with chiles. Blend eggs, milk, and flour and pour over chile and cheese layers. Bake at 350 degrees in uncovered casserole dish for 30 minutes.

Mix tomato sauce and salsa together and pour over casserole. Bake for 20 more minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Makes six generous servings.



Christmas Lighting Contest winners announced by Chamber officials

Winners of the Canadian/Hemphill County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest were announced this week. The prize for first place was awarded to Esmeralda Shields, whose home is located at 823 Elsie (*top*). The second-place winner was the home of Tim and Amy Pierce, located at 1200 4th St (*middle*). The third-place winner was Dorothy Erwin's home at 221 3rd St (*bottom*).

Secret Santa judges commented on the amount of Christmas lights that were on display this year compared to last year's more muted show. "Wow! People really spent a lot of time and work on lights this year," one judge noted. "It was so fun driving around and looking at all of the lights. It was hard to pick just three winners."

The contest winners were each given prizes of Canadian Cash.

Adding to the community holiday spirit this year were the beautifully-lit trees at Sunset Park, and many downtown businesses lit up their storefronts as part of the second, dare-we-say Annual #ColorfulCanadian Christmas lighting project.

Twenty businesses participated in #Colorful Canadian were Capital Farm Credit, Interbank, Medic Pharmacy, Wellington State Bank, Edward Jones, Stitch, Canadian Record, Brown Bag, Hudgins, Crosier, Sumpter and John T. Wright, Katy's Quilt Box, Medical on Main, Michael Gardiner, CPA, Canadian Eye Care, Lemon Law Firm and Bryce Ward, Alexander's Grocery and Deli, First United Methodist Church, Panda Nails (Ed Hedgecoke), Appraisal Building-Ed Hedgecoke and Robin Mitchell, Canadian Vet Clinic, and Nikki's Cutting Edge.

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HEMPHILL HISTORY

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JANUARY 29, 1920 BRAINARD CORNER IS PURCHASED AS SITE FOR CANADIAN'S NEW BANK

A deal was made Tuesday between J.F. Johnson, A.V. McQuiddy, and associates for the purchase of the Brainard business corner across the street from the Hotel Moody. This is a fifty-foot front belonging to Ed Brainard and was purchased for a location for the new bank under organization by Messrs. Johnson and McQuiddy. The consideration is reported at \$10,000.

Years ago, the lots were occupied by the old Southern Hotel, a small frame two-story building of early construction. It was purchased by Mr. Brainard at a consideration said to have been \$5,500.

In August 1914, the hotel burned from a fire supposed to have started

in the kitchen stove, and the lots have been vacant since. In the fire, an insurance man named Miller from Amarillo lost his life in a very peculiar way. The blaze was extinguished by the fire department boys before the building was destroyed, altho it was damaged beyond further use as a hotel.

Art Reed, the fireman who found the dead man in the room, went into the room by a ladder which the man could easily have used in getting away from the building. When he found Miller, the man was fully dressed and was lying half way between the window and the door, with some wall paper over his face. The only fire marks on him or his clothes were blisters on his hands and face.

The old corner, richly historic with early day Canadian history, will probably soon be covered with a handsome new brick business and office building, built primarily to house the new banking institution.

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RVPM Board announces new executive director

Board members of the River Valley Pioneer Museum this week welcomed the new year with the official announcement of their new executive director, Tamera Julian.

“She comes to us with standout qualifications, professionalism, and prior experience that we know will serve your local museum in the best way,” the board said.

A homegrown Canadian gal, Julian graduated with a degree in marketing from Texas Tech in 2000. She worked in various industrial capacities in Virginia and Georgia before making her way back to Canadian in 2006. She served Canadian as executive director of the local EDC for over six years, and in typical Julian-heart fashion, has volunteered many hours through many of Canadian’s nonprofits and fundraisers.

A few weapons Julian holds in her arsenal that are particularly exciting are her certification from the Institute of Organization Management that is focused on the management of nonprofit membership organizations, and a designation of certified tourism executive that she earned through a four-year program with the Texas Travel Industry Association.

“We feel confident that the skills and knowledge Julian holds through acquiring these certifications will continue the museum-awareness pace that has been set with our previous directors,” the board statement noted. “She is excited to hear and help bring to life more of the stories that make our community so unique.”

Julian resides here in Canadian with her husband, B.J. Chaffin, and their 5-year-old son, JAC. Please stop by the museum to welcome her to our crew and keep a lookout for exciting museum happenings to come in 2022!





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New Year Inventory

The new year is when we take stock.

In some cases, like my husband, Peter's, this is literal. He keeps an inventory of our canned goods and chastises me if I mess up his inventory.

"Did you mark off the black beans?"

"Um, no."

"You have to mark it off on the list, or I won't know how many I have."

"Oh. Sorry."

I am less concerned about our supply of canned goods in the new year and more concerned about stockpiles closer to home—on my hips, for example.

I had gotten out of the habit of weighing myself, and I decided this was probably unwise. So, I started weighing myself in the mornings. Monitoring my weight is far more disconcerting than losing a can of beans. I cannot see how I can go out to dinner, eat a heavy plate of curry, and lose a pound and a half, only to eat almost nothing the next day and gain it back. My weight rises and falls like a rollercoaster.

This morning, I noticed that I had inexplicably gained 2 pounds overnight. I looked at myself in the mirror. I looked fine. In fact, I thought I was looking particularly fit. The mirror and I decided the scale was crazy.

The new year is also an appropriate time to recognize that not all that is lost will be found. It is tempting to believe that the picture frame mysteriously lost in the move will reappear, or that we will find that kitchen gadget that Peter and I are both convinced we used to own, but no longer seem to. The new year is a good time to just give up and get a new frame and a new gadget.

The same is true of socks. Socks are like kidnapping victims. If they are not recovered within 48 hours, the odds of them ever returning to their mate are substantially reduced. After three months, as in all true-crime stories, the



trail has gone cold.

But then there will be that one (as there was, just the other day) miraculously recovered from beneath the mattress of the bed who was joyfully reunited with its mate because I had not quite abandoned hope. It's things like this that keep me holding on to single socks far too long.

At any rate, I am trying to keep track of things a little better this year. I even bought a daily planner. I didn't have one last year because I remembered what happened to the one I bought in 2020. It had a flurry of events penned in the first two months, then it sat looking at me accusingly from the corner of my desk, unused for the rest of the year.

"What are we doing today?"

"Same as yesterday. Nothing."

Remembering to go out on the front stoop to talk to the neighbor and her dog did not require an entry in my planner.

So, I held off on buying one last year and got along just fine. This year, I gave in, and I am busily filling my new planner with things I'd like to do and accomplish. It may all be foolish. Perhaps this year will be as uneventful as the last two. Still, there is hope. And I guess that is the point of taking a new year inventory.

It's the time of year when I imagine life being a little different and somehow a little better. It's the time of year when I make sure my inventory of hopes and dreams is stocked to capacity.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.



Many a bucket list has been sidelined by the pandemic. Most of my friends had elaborate travel plans they had to abandon. Vicki and Larry wanted to achieve their goal of visiting every continent. Louise and Jim had to call off a trip to France. A group of four friends had planned an extended trip to India. A new list has become popular during the past two years that may give consolation to those who have had to postpone bucket-list activities. Instead of making a list of all the things you want to do before you kick the bucket, the latest craze is the chuck-it list—all the things you have absolutely no desire to do.

I've never had a bucket list, but a chuck-it list is more my style. Accomplishing feats like petting a shark, climbing Mt. Everest, bungee jumping, sky diving, being a Jeopardy contestant, or visiting every Major League Baseball and every NFL stadium have no appeal for me. I could sooner move to a foreign country for a few months than pass through it looking at tourist attractions. I used to travel on business in my youth and gladly let my passport expire years ago. At this stage of life, I know what gives me pleasure and what doesn't. Here's my chuck-it list ...

- Skiing. I tried it once and didn't like it.
- Ice skating. I tried it once and fell and broke my arm.
- Hiking the Appalachian Trail. No thanks.
- Hiking any trail. Not for me.
- Sailing anywhere alone. Frankly, I don't think I would make it.
- Visiting Niagara Falls, Mount Rushmore, Civil War battle fields, Native American reservations and casinos, or any zoo or comedy club.
- Visiting Disneyworld or Disneyland ever again. I really don't like either.
- Scuba diving. The very thought of breathing oxygen underwater terrifies me.
- Playing tennis or golf. I'm a Pilates, yoga, tai-chi gal.
- Riding in a hot-air balloon, a helicopter, a rocket ship, or a roller coaster. Too scary.
- Binge-watching television. I prefer weekly viewing of a series. Anticipation of an episode enhances the pleasure.
- Owning multiple homes. I can't dust the one I have.
- Owning multiple vehicles. I couldn't handle maintenance on more than one.
- Knitting, quilting, crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, sewing, canning, or scrapbooking. I'd rather read a book.

I could go on, but you get the picture. Making a chuck-it list is an exhilarating experience! It's good to lay your cards on the table and frankly admit all the things you know from experience you do not like. The flip side is admitting what truly gives you pleasure. For me that would be movies, theater, opera, jazz, conversation, reading, writing, visiting friends and relatives, and watching PBS.

A friend whose passion is needlepoint made samplers as Christmas gifts with a perfect motto for these pandemic days: "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." The quote is from a poem by Scottish poet Robert Burns who also wrote the words to "Auld Lang Syne." The "best laid plans" observation is from the poem "To a Mouse." The mouse has spent great effort and time building a nest the poet destroys when he plows a field.

If the pandemic has postponed your "best laid plans" to pursue your bucket list, I highly recommend making a chuck-it list. Putting pen to paper and writing down all the things you don't want to do is cathartic. The simple exercise brings focus and meaning to your life because it reveals the flip side—all the things that give you pleasure. Happy New Year and good luck with future plans. We've got a ways to go.



AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Newman Memorial to host free Lunch & Learn Jan. 19

Shattuck's Newman Memorial Hospital will host a free Lunch & Learn for the community on Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 12-12:30 pm in the Basement Conference Room. Lunch will be provided in addition to the presentation, so please arrive a few minutes early in order to get your meal. Michelle Woods, physical therapist, will lead us in a presentation about how to start and maintain a home-based program designed to improve strength and balance. Strength and balance are key to preventing falls and maintaining independence. Her presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period. To join, please RSVP to Joey Burgtorf at 580.938.5529 or jburtorf@newmanmemorialhospital.org.

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ELIZABETH ANN ALEXANDER

Elizabeth Ann Alexander, 70, of Canyon, formerly of Pampa, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Dec. 31, 2021, following a lengthy illness to be at eternal rest. Celebration of Life funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, with Brother Paul Nachtigall officiating. Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery. The family has entrusted the care of their loved one to Winegeart Funeral Home.

Elizabeth was born on Aug. 4, 1951, in Shattuck, Oklahoma, to Lawrence and Evelyn Pundt.

She graduated from Canadian High School in 1969, then attended West Texas State University, as well as Draughton's Business College in Amarillo before marrying her forever sweetheart, James Edgar Alexander, on Nov. 17, 1973, in Canadian. Shortly after, they moved to Pampa and remained for approximately 34 years. Throughout that span of time, Elizabeth could be seen as an employee of Security Federal Savings Bank; active at several church childcare centers; a host to numerous children as she had an in-home daycare; and all the while, she was a Tupperware manager for 35-plus years (she was even selling it from her hospital bed and making the grandkids deliver it).

Although she was born in Oklahoma, Elizabeth dearly loved Texas and often stated that she "got here as quickly as she could!" She was a fan of the Texas Rangers; Dallas Cowboys; and anything red, white, and blue. Her family will forever cherish the family vacations, camping in the mountains, her fondness of traveling, the way she adored Mickey Mouse, and her Disney Cruises. Elizabeth treasured many tangible things in life; however, nothing compared to the absolute love she had for her children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

Upon her arrival to heaven, she was anxiously greeted by her late husband, James Edgar Alexander; parents, Lawrence and Evelyn Pundt; and son, Stacy Alexander.

Those who will continue to cherish her love and laughter are daughters, Amy Cook and husband Brian of Caddo Mills, and Renee Garrison of Canyon; sister, Jeri Pundt of Canadian; aunt, Dorothea Crowell of Canadian; 11 grandchildren: Justin Norwood, Zachary Norwood, Kooper Cook, Steven Garrison, Heather Anderson, Hunter Garrison, Samuel Garrison, Chelsy Lemarr, Cullin Alexander, Seth Carruth, and Emily Smith; seven great-grandchildren: Micah Hagins, Maci Anderson, Kyler Anderson, Nevan Lemarr, Gracelynn Lemarr, Piper Garrison, and Emilia Alexander; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Should donations in memory of Elizabeth be a preference, the family suggests they be made to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks St, Pampa, TX 79065; American Kidney Foundation, 11921 Rockville Pike Suite 300, Rockville, Maryland 20852; or American Heart Foundation, 12345 N. Lamar Blvd. Suite 200, Austin, TX 78753.



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Chris Koetting, Lee Chumbley are featured speakers in two weeks of Rotary

Rotary Reports by Morgan Hanes

David Gerhardt, in absentia, presented Chris Koetting as guest Rotary Club speaker on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021. Koetting, who is the athletic director of Canadian schools, discussed a few highlights of the current athletic program, as well as a wrap-up of the Wildcat football season.

This year, CHS girls went to state in cross-country, with one freshman placing seventh at the state meet. All of the CC team will be returning next year, and Koetting is excited about a chance for these young women to earn a state crown. The boys cross-country team is also looking up, returning to the regional meet after missing it last year.

The girls basketball team is having a fantastic year, having beaten—at the time of this article—five teams ranked No. 1 in the state, including but not limited to Lipan, Nazareth, Claude, and Panhandle, with an additional victory over division 5A Randall. Koetting has high, high hopes for the girls, carefully avoiding any words that could possibly jinx them. The boys basketball team is just beginning its season, slowly trying to heal and knock off some of the rust from a grueling football campaign.

And, of course, very soon, softball, golf, tennis, and track will be gearing up, presenting a fun spring with great expectations for a lot of talented young men and women.

Koetting then spoke a little bit about the football program, stating that in his 30 years of coaching, he had never seen the extent of injuries the team incurred this year at all positions, with the exception of the linemen. He is still extremely proud of the boys finishing in the third round of the playoffs—even though they have gotten used to competing for the sixth round of the playoffs—and is excited to regain all of the starters next year as the Wildcats fielded such a young team in 2021.

In Club business: On this day, nine years ago, the hit

song “Gangnam Style” was the first video on YouTube to reach 1 billion views, but today, Ronda Bartlett opened Rotary ceremonies in song and prayer.

Ronda, using her noodle, supplied Rotarians with printed lyrics of “Jingle Bells” in the hopes of avoiding another “Frosty Fiasco,” and then led “The Four-Way Test,” which everyone knew. The wonderful Sheila Pankratz was on piano; guests included Maggie (who was celebrating her 15 birthday) and Charlie Hanes, as well as Knox, Hazel, and Beverly Aycock. The lunch supplied by Alexander’s included chicky-fried chicky, fried okra, a broccoli/cauliflower salad, and almond cake for dessert. Anna Booze won a chance at the big jackpot of \$880 but drew the 10 of clubs and only walked away with \$10. Curt McPherson won a free lunch; however, he was nowhere to be seen. Sarah Rader threw in a Happy-Dollar Moment, proclaiming that her



bloodshot eyes were due to her recent Lasik surgery and that she is extremely happy to not have to deal with glasses any longer. In the professional issue of the day, Anna Booze offered up some platitudes and mantras to help reduce stress over the busy holiday season.

Curt McPherson introduced Lee Chumbley as the speaker of the week on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Chumbley promoted his charity, Always Room for One More, a 501c3 tax-exempt no-profit primarily specializing in saving horses, donkeys, and mules from slaughterhouses. Chumbley and his wife, Linda, live south of town on Highway 60 on a 15-acre plot of land. They are currently fostering 50 animals, including miniature donkeys and horses.

They work with Caring & Sharing out of Stillwater,

Oklahoma, an organization that actually purchases the animals from the kill lots, and bids on healthy animals at livestock auctions before finding foster homes—like Lee and Linda’s—to take them.

Lee believes the Panhandle is horse country. Horses are one of God’s beautiful and noble creations and deserve our love, kindness, and respect. The Chumbleys have been operating for four years and have rehomed 50 animals during that time. All adoptions are free, but donations are welcome. The operation consumes 50 round bales of hay per month; while donations of hay, panels, etc., are welcome, cash donations are preferable and tax-deductible. As it is mostly a 24-hour job, Chumbley does receive some help from his son in caring for the animals. His niece, Molly Northcott, helps them with Facebook and is working on creating an Instagram page, as well as a TikTok for the operation. If you have any inquiries about Always Room for One More or would like to make a donation, they can be found on Facebook, or reached at PO Box 224, Canadian, TX 79014 or 806.323.3555.

In Club business: Nine hundred fifty-six years ago, Westminster Abbey opened its doors for the first time, and today in Rotary, Anna Booze opened ceremonies with the singing of “Red River Valley” and “Auld Lang Syne,” with Sheila Pankratz on piano. Everyone was thankful to be done with Christmas music and be back in the comfort of the Rotary hymnals once again. Lunch, as always was supplied by Alexander’s, was chicky spaghetti, green bean casserole, side salad, and pecan pie. Yum, yum.

Today’s guest was Beverly Aycock, still slyly refusing to become a member so she can continue to enjoy her free guest lunches. Michael Gardiner was celebrating a birthday of an undisclosed number of years. Sheila Pankratz won a chance at the jackpot, walking away with only \$6 after drawing the six of diamonds. Dr. Malouf Abraham won a free lunch, but was not in attendance to enjoy. Rotary received a thank-you letter from Melody Hood for receiving the Rotary Scholarship for a second year, noting that she is still maintaining a 4.0 average. Beth Briant, with the professional issue of the day, informed us that even though her husband, George, is retiring, she will not be, as she enjoys her work as a part-time accountant, staying active and up to date on the tax code.

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PHOTO OF CURT MCPHERSON AND LEE CHUMBLEY BY SARAH RADER

Turn Center announces appointment of Amy Lovell as executive director

Following an extensive search campaign in late 2021, Turn Center has named Amy Lovell as their next executive director. Lovell assumed responsibilities on Dec. 27, 2021, succeeding Connie Wootton, who served as interim executive director from August 2020 through her retirement in December 2021.

“What a blessing it is to be able to pass along this work I love—with people I love even more—to someone I trust will shepherd Turn Center through the next phases of growth and development in the best possible way,” said Wootton of her replacement.

Lovell comes to Turn Center from the Am-

arillo Area Foundation, where she served as the director of philanthropic partnerships for nearly five years. Perhaps most remarkably, Lovell and her team launched The Panhandle Gives in 2017, and fostered tremendous growth and success for the program, which raised a record-breaking \$5.16 million for area nonprofits in November 2021.

Lovell’s proven fundraising experience, and her ability not only to envision such a bold goal but to give it life and longevity so brilliantly, were key factors in the hiring decision.

“Turn Center has experienced unprecedented growth over the last few years due

to the need for high-quality pediatric therapy services in the Texas Panhandle,” said Michele Agostini, chair of the transition team responsible for the search, and board chair of Turn Center for 2022. “Amy has experience growing with organizations and programs, and when you add in her compassion for children, she was the ideal candidate for Turn Center executive director.”

Lovell holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Education from Texas Tech University. She began her career in the Amarillo Independent School District, dedicating nearly a decade to improving the lives of local

children before pursuing her talents and passions in other industries. Other notable career highlights include several successful entrepreneurial endeavors, an adjunct professorship at Tarleton State University, and serving as executive director of the Armstrong County Museum, where she increased fundraising revenue by 400 percent.

Lovell will return to her love of helping children reach their best potential in her new role as executive director by overseeing the 53 staff members, \$4.2 million budget, and facility operations for Turn Center, the area’s only nonprofit pediatric therapy center.

OBITUARY

BRUCE DEAN RAY

Bruce Dean Ray, 62, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, in Arlington. A Celebration of Life for Bruce was held on Monday, Jan. 3, at the Pampa Church of God in Pampa with Carl Dawson officiating. Bruce was born on Feb. 9, 1959, in Canadian, to Jerry Dean and Margaret Lee (Garrison) Ray. He was raised in Pampa, where he attended Barrett Baptist Church and later moved to Arlington in 1983. Bruce worked in the heating and air-conditioning business for 20 years, most recently being employed with First Key Homes. He enjoyed fast cars and was always there to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. Helping others was his passion.

Bruce is survived by his parents, Jerry and Margaret Ray; one daughter, Kendra Ruth and husband Nick; one sister, Margie Lee Baylor; grandchildren, Madison Rae Bolch, Evan Vance Myers, Logan Ruth, and Kale Ruth; niece, Melissa Travis; and his beloved cats, Bubba and Sissy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the ASPCA of North Texas.



OBITUARY

VELMA SMITH BARTON

Velma Smith Barton, of Lipscomb County, passed away on Dec. 21, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Velma was born on Sept. 19, 1938, to James Oliver Smith and Hazel Lee Ferguson Smith. She was the fifth of six children.

With her warm smile and love of people, she rarely met a stranger. Throughout her life and all of her activities, Velma was blessed with many wonderful friendships. She enjoyed baking and creating handmade art to share with friends and family.

Velma was generous with her time. She was active in the Booker Methodist Church and taught Sunday school and accolade classes. Velma volunteered with the Pink Ladies at the Perryton hospital, worked with hospice, and most recently helped with Meals on Wheels in Canadian.

She and her faithful companion, Pepper, were involved in an animal therapy program. Together, they visited hospitals, nursing homes, and participated in the READ program at the elementary school in Booker.

An avid golfer, Velma was a member of the Canadian Ladies Golf Association, Tip Top of Texas Ladies Association, and Western Lone Star Seniors Ladies Golf Association.

Velma enjoyed life on the Barton ranch for over 50 years, traveling to rodeos to watch Mex and her children, working cattle, hunting for Indian artifacts, and taking long walks through the pastures. Later, she kept numerous birds, bunnies, and squirrels well-fed and happy.

She is survived by her husband, Alex (Mex), of the home; son, Richard Hester and wife Beth of Amarillo; daughters, Deb Vandygriff and husband RJ, and Shari Schinzler, both of Lipscomb County; grandchildren, Sara Moore and husband Corey, Trey and Brody Schinzler, and Tony Thrasher; great-grandsons, Leo and Sage Moore; sister, Carol Smith Beck of Texhoma, Oklahoma; sister-in-law, Jo Blau of Lubbock; and numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Don, Jim, and Jerry Smith; and sister, Joan Smith Driver.

In lieu of flowers, honor her friendship with a gift to the League House in Amarillo or a charity of your choice.

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Thursday, Jan. 13: Pork chile verde, rice, hominy, tortilla.

Friday, Jan. 14: Chicken-fried steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach.

OBITUARY

DAVID QUENTIN
ISAACS SR.

Quentin Isaacs passed away at his ranch home on Jan. 2, 2022, surrounded by his loving family and caregivers, having fully used up his mortal life at 103. There will be a private family graveside service, followed by burial under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors at the Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery. His lifelong friend Ben Mathers will officiate.

Quentin was born in Canadian on Dec. 6, 1918, the youngest of the four children of the late John Childress Isaacs and Viola May (Bloom) Isaacs. He was born during the 1918 worldwide influenza outbreak, and was briefly separated from his mother, who fell ill with the flu.

Quentin grew up in Canadian, spending his childhood in fun and mischievous pursuits. He attended Canadian schools, followed by one semester at Texas Agriculture and Mining College, but classroom life was not for him. Quentin joined the Brownsville-based U.S. Horse Cavalry whose mission was to patrol the rough unsettled southern border and protect it from surprise attack by the growing German power. During this time, he flew in the Air Wing, and but large-

ly helped care for the Cavalry Remuda of 20,000 horse in El Paso. He later remarked that he thought he had seen enough horses to last him a lifetime.

Quentin married Georgia Leigh Morris, a local girl, on Feb. 14, 1945, in Amarillo, having to wake up the unsuspecting preacher and his wife late at night to perform the ceremony in their living room. They returned to Canadian to make their home, start their family, and begin his life's work as a ranchman. In 1959, they moved to their permanent home on the ranch, where he devoted the rest of his life to ranching and providing for his family, and his pursuit of raising a good bunch of calves every year.

Quentin was of the old generation of ranchers: He saved everything, bought nothing he didn't need, and could fix anything. He paid his bills the day they came and kept his business private. He took great pride in his ranch in Hemphill County and was a steward to the land. Every day was a day to make things better.

Quentin lived his life with the desire and plan to keep family and the family ranch together. He loved cutting hay along Red Deer Creek, checking cattle, quail hunting, and fishing. Most of all he loved sharing all of those things with his family. He was respected throughout the ranching communi-



ty as honest, hardworking, and with a knack for when to sell and when to buy. Quentin was a positive man with an infectious smile, always finding the good in situations and people. He was a curious lifelong learner, loving to read and visit new places. He was a friend to many and always eager to meet new friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Leigh; his parents; brothers, Calvin and John; and sister, Anna.

He is survived by his sons, David Quentin Isaacs Jr. and wife Ann and William Calvin Isaacs and wife Valerie; his grandchildren, David Quentin Isaacs III and wife Shelly, Anna Heather Isaacs of Austin, Leah Rachelle Isaacs of Bozeman, Montana, and Thomas William Isaacs and wife Anna; along with their children and his great-grandchildren, Leona Helen, Quentin James, and Maggie May.

Quentin is survived by his lifelong ranch foreman, Billy Schafer, who came to find work at 19 and never left. He's still taking care of the cattle for Quentin every day. Billy remembers the words that started each workday: "Well, we better get going." Early on, that meant tying the horses to the Willys Jeep, for lack of a horse trailer, and heading out for the day.

He also leaves behind a wonderful group of caregivers, who have devoted their time, skills, patience, and love, and who made it possible for he and Georgia Leigh to stay in their home for the past 10 years.

The family requests any memorials be to his favorite charities: the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

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Wildfire preparedness is topic of Jan. 31 meeting

A wildfire preparedness meeting is planned for Monday, Jan. 31, at the Hemphill County Exhibition Center in Canadian. This multi-county sponsored AgriLife Extension event includes Hemphill, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Its purpose is to assist with educational information preparation for stakeholders in the event of a wildfire situation, similar to the one in March of 2017.

Registration begins at 9 am, to be followed by a 9:30 am presentation on "Wildfire Preparedness: What Can I Do?" by Brandon Boughen, AgriLife disaster assessment and recovery coordinator. At 10:45 am, Tim Steffens, AgriLife rangeland resource specialist, will talk about preparing a "Wildfire Ready Checklist," and after lunch, author John Erickson will lead a rancher panel discussion at 1 pm. Canadian VFD Fire Chief Scott Brewster will follow with a panel discussion by fire department chiefs at 2:15 pm, and the meeting will adjourn at 3 pm.

This event will be a face-to-face meeting in the Sand Sage Room of the Hemphill County Exhibition Center, located at 10965 Exhibition Center Lane in Canadian, with lunch sponsored by North Plains Electric Cooperative and catered by Alexander's. Additional sponsorship has been provided by Silveus Financial.

A Teams link will be provided to members of the public who wish to join the online meeting for a cost of \$10/person. Registration is required for both the live and online events by calling the Hemphill County AgriLife Extension office at 806.323.9114.

The morning will open with coffee and donuts, and a noon lunch will be served.



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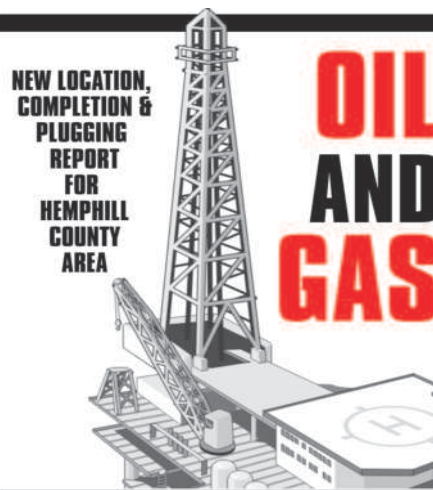
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Farmers asked to fill out farm producer study by Jan. 18

The Agriculture Department's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is asking farmers and producers to participate in the 2021 Farm Producer Study to help governments and other organizations better understand and support farm country. The Farm Producer Study is a brief questionnaire meant to help the government and other agencies better understand farmer demographics such as race, ethnicity, gender, and disability status. It also helps NASS determine questions to incorporate in future censuses and surveys. Responses are due by Jan. 18. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes. NASS mailed questionnaires to 75,000 producers nationwide, but any producer can respond securely online at <http://www.ag-counts.usda.gov>. Participants who need help filling out the questionnaire can call 888.424.7828. This should not be confused with a test-drive of the 2022 Census of Agriculture's new web portal. Starting this month, NASS will invite about 15,000 farmers and producers to do a trial run of the census ahead of its general fall launch.



**Weeks of December 20, 2021
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Intentions to Drill

DEAF SMITH (WILDCAT) Panhandle Oil and Gas LLC, #1 Hereford Cow, (137.5 acres) 1325' FNL & 1846' FEL, Sec 23, Blk K3, SK&K Surv, A-279, 4.5 mi NE from Hereford TD 10000, (sgd. Chris Gaddy 432-620-9181, x27) Vertical

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW, Granite Wash) Blackbeard Operating, LLC, #2SD Zybach, (1 acre) 1955' FNL & 2019' FEL, Sec 27, Blk M1, H&GN RR Surv, A-138, 20.2 mi SE from Canadian TD 6200', (sgd. Valerie Moss 432-242-0050, x208) Vertical Amended Injection Well

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE, WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC,

#15 C.S. Carver -A-, (1280 acres) 1588' FWL & 4043' FNL, Block 5 William Heath Surv, A-40, 11 mi NW from Stinnett TD 3830, (sgd. Corie Haynes 972-430-2471) Vertical Recompletion

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE, WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC, #24 Spurlock, (440 acres) 6464' FSL & 6739' FWL, G Martinez Surv, A-162, 12 mi NW from Stinnett TD 3570, (sgd. Scott Haynes 972-325-1096) Vertical Recompletion

MOORE (PANHANDLE, WEST, Red Cave) Scout Energy Management LLC, #23D Sneed, (6466 acres) 984' FSL & 451' FEL, Sec 23, Blk 1, J Poitevent Surv, A-232, 13 mi NW from Fritch TD 4000, (sgd. Tonya Bkabegard 972-782-4267) Vertical

OCHILTREE (ALLEN-PARKER, Marmaton) Mewbourne Oil Company, #M001BO Courson Herndon 656/577, (1116 acres) 220' FSL & 1800' FEL, Sec 665, Blk 43, H&TC RR Surv, A-234, 9 mi SE from Perryton TD 7602', (BHL: 330' FSL & 1800' FEL Sec 577, Blk 43, H&TC A-220) (sgd. Jana Cates 806-352-7520, x1625) Horizontal

WHEELER (WHEELER N.E., Granite Wash; WEST PARK, Granite Wash) Blackbeard Operating, LLC, #1H Cutlass MD, (1290 acres) 341' FNL & 1381' FEL, Sec 4, CAMP CSL Surv, A-24, 3.1 mi SW from Allison TD 12850', (BHL: 200' FSL & 1948' FWL Sec 24, CAMP CSL, A-24) (sgd. Valerie Moss 432-242-0050, x208) Horizontal

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Gas Completions

None

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Al-Anon; Tuesdays; Noon; Methodist Church
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Crochet Class; Wednesdays; 6 PM; Brown Bag Roasters
DAR Comancheria Chapter; Every 2nd Thursday; 11:30 am
Grief Support Group; Tuesdays; 6-7 PM; and
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Lions Club; Fridays; Noon; Fire Station
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3 MON BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats @ Wellington; 5/7:30 pm
MEETING: EDC Board; Visitors Center; 5:30 pm

4 TUE BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Wildcats @ Pampa; 6/7:30 pm

6 THU BASKETBALL: CMS Lady Cats @ Borger; 5/6 pm
BASKETBALL: CMS Wildcats vs. Borger; 5/6 pm

BASKETBALL: 9th-Grade Lady Cats @ Dalhart; 4 pm
7 FRI BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats @ Dalhart; 5/7:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV Wildcats (Gold) @ Borger; 4:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Wildcats @ Borger; 6/7:30 pm

8 SAT Area Band Auditions; Levelland High School
BASKETBALL: 9th-Grade Lady Cats @ White Deer Tourney

10 MON MEETING: Commissioners Court; Courthouse; 9 am

13 THU CMS All-Region Band Clinic & Concert; WTAMU
MEETING: CISD Board; CISD Administration Bldg.; 6:30 pm
5th-Grade Musical; Texas Crown Auditorium; 8:30 pm

CHS All-Region Band Clinic & Concert; WTAMU
14 FRI CMS All-Region Band Clinic & Concert; WTAMU
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats vs. Bushland; 5/7:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Wildcats vs. Bushland; 5/7:30 pm

Stronger Families Workshop; Church of Christ; 9 am-3 pm
CHS All-Region Band Clinic & Concert; WTAMU
CMS All-Region Band Clinic & Concert; WTAMU
15 SAT CHS Robotics; FTC North League Match No. 3; Amarillo
CMS Robotics; North League Match No. 3; Amarillo
BASKETBALL: CMS Wildcats @ Childress Tournament; TBA
Hwy 60 West Benefit Concert; Texas Crown Auditorium; 7 pm

BASKETBALL: CMS Lady Cats vs. Highland Park; 5/6 pm
17 MON BASKETBALL: CMS Wildcats @ Highland Park; 5/6 pm
MEETING: City Council; City Hall; 5:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV Wildcats (Gold) @ White Deer; 7 pm

18 TUE MEETING: HCH Board; HCH Boardroom; 5 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats @ River Road; 5/7:30 pm
MEETING: HCUWCD Board; HCUWCD Boardroom; 5:30 pm

20 THU 4th-Grade Musical; Texas Crown Auditorium; 8:30 pm

Hemphill County Stock Show Weigh-In; Exhibition Barn; 5 pm
21 FRI Hemphill County 4-H Pancake Supper; Exhibition Barn; 5-7 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats vs. Spearman; 5/7:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Wildcats vs. Spearman; 5/7:30 pm

22 SAT Hemphill County Stock Show; Exhibition Barn; 8 am
BASKETBALL: CMS Lady Cats @ Panhandle Tournament; TBA
Hemphill County Stock Show Awards & Sale; CES; 6 pm

BASKETBALL: CMS Lady Cats vs. Dalhart; 5/6 pm
24 MON BASKETBALL: CMS Wildcats @ Dalhart; 5/6 pm
BASKETBALL: JV Wildcats (Gold) @ Dalhart; 7:15 pm

25 TUE BASKETBALL: 9th-Grade Lady Cats vs. Dalhart; 4 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats vs. Dalhart; 5/7:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Wildcats vs. Dalhart; 5/7:30 pm

27 THU 3rd-Grade Musical; Texas Crown Auditorium; 8:30 pm

28 FRI BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Lady Cats vs. Highland Park; 5/7:30 pm
BASKETBALL: JV & Varsity Wildcats vs. Highland Park; 5/7:30 pm

Last Day to Register to Vote in Texas Primary Elections
31 MON MEETING: Commissioners Court; Courthouse; 9 am
BASKETBALL: CMS Lady Cats @ Bushland; 5/6 pm
BASKETBALL: CMS Wildcats vs. Bushland; 5/6 pm
BASKETBALL: JV Wildcats (Gold) vs. Bushland; 7:15 pm

