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EVENTS

There will be a no-charge **Mahan Family Community Christmas Dinner** at the First United Methodist Church, 317 N. Main St., Altus, on Sunday, Dec. 23, from noon to 2 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 721 N. Thomas in Altus, will host **Tom Cotner's annual one-hour Children's Christmas Concert** at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23. Cotner, who was featured in the Oct. 19 edition of *The Altus Times*, not only plays but builds pipe organs including the one he will be performing on. He says he plays tunes to make children smile and have as much fun as possible.

The First Presbyterian Church, 208 E. Cypress St., Altus, will have a **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, with the Rev. Bill Carr moderating.

Martha Road Baptist Church is hosting a **Christmas Eve Service** on Monday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. four miles north of Altus on Highway 283. Refreshments will be served after the service. For more information, visit www.martharoadbaptist.org.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have a **Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** with Holy Communion at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24. The church is at 721 N. Thomas. Refreshments will be served after the service.

A free **Community Christmas Day Lunch** is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Strong Tower Ministries, 805 Martin Luther King.

A **Coping With the Holidays class** is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Altus Public Library, 421 N. Hudson St. The class includes Bingo and door prizes. For more information, call (580) 477-2890.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018

Wilmes Superstore wins Grand Prize in Christmas parade



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Wilmes Superstore float won first place in the Commercial Floats category and the Grand Prize Float during the 36th Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 15. Parade winner results, Page 3.



Rick Carpenter | Altus Times

The Buxton Bush Group focuses on customer service in its many businesses. Group owners include, from the left, Brian Bush, Becca Bush, Jessica Buxton and Jeremy Buxton.

Buxton Bush Group focuses on customer service

BY RICK CARPENTER
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(Editor's note: The Altus Times will be featuring each of the Altus Chamber of Commerce Award winners during the next few weeks. Our third installment is about the Buxton Bush Group which won the Excellence in Customer Service Award.)

What started as a small business owner bouncing ideas off the Altus Chamber of Commerce president has morphed into a group of businesses that puts quality employees and customer service at the focal point

of its training.

In fact, the Buxton Bush Group has used a play on words, "counter-culture," to emphasize the importance of the customer service aspect of its businesses with its employees. In part, it says, "We believe in service, high standards and putting others before ourselves, and that is the culture you will find at our counter and beyond."

For that kind of commitment to customer service, the Buxton Bush Group was awarded the Chamber's Award for Excellence in Customer Service during the Chamber gala on Nov. 29.

Jeremy Buxton opened the White Buffalo Coffee

Bar at 1200 Falcon Road on Feb. 16, 2017. His wife, Jessica, already had run a successful custom engraving business that she ran out of their house. Jessica's business has expanded and since moved to a Main Street location in part of the building where Smiley's Tires, Tunes and Tints is located.

Jeremy, an Air Force Reserve pilot, thought seriously about going back to being a full-time Air Force pilot and moving back to the Tampa Bay area.

That's when he started brainstorming ideas with Brian Bush, who was the

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Sales tax revenue increases for county, decreases for city

BY KATRINA GOFORTH
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As the end of the year approaches, the sales tax revenue so far this fiscal year shows a year-to-date increase in county sales tax allocated to Jackson County and a year-to-date decrease for the City of Altus.

The Jackson County Treasurer's office reported the county sales tax collected as of Dec. 10, 2018, in this fiscal year, FY 2018-2019 which began July 1, totaled \$715,132.46.

The county sales taxes allocated for use in the month of December 2018 is \$116,791.40,

an increase of \$7,617.12 from county sales tax allocated for use in December 2017, which was \$109,174.28. Sales taxes are collected two months prior to their allocation. That means December sales taxes are collected in October.

The total county sales tax collected in FY 2017-2018, which began in July 2017 and ended in June 2018, was \$1,379,599.08. The county sales tax rate is currently 0.5 percent but will increase to 0.625 percent effective Jan. 1, 2019.

That 0.125 percent increase was passed by

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Amended City Manager's contract includes change of government provision

BY KATRINA GOFORTH
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At the Dec. 4 Altus City Council meeting, the council discussed the job performance of City Manager Janice Cain in executive session. Once out of the executive session, the council voted to amend Cain's contract.

The amendment, effective as of Dec. 4, 2018, adds Paragraph 15, titled "Change in Form of Government" that reads:

"If the City, citizens and/or legislature act to amend any provision of Oklahoma Statutes, City of Altus Charter or City of Altus ordinances, pertaining to the role, powers, duties, authority or responsibilities of Cain's position that substantially changes the form of government, Cain shall have the right to declare that such amendment(s) constitutes a termination within the meaning and

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School board approves \$6 million bond questions

BY RICK CARPENTER
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The Altus Public Schools Board of Education voted Wednesday to set a bond election for March 5, 2019, and put two propositions for separate bond issues on the ballot.

The special meeting was called to vote on the bond election proposition as well as an \$83,115.04 payment to the Jackson County Treasurer for the revaluation of property for 2018-19. The payment reflects the district's proportion of the total bill from the Jackson County Assessor's office for the revaluation. County Assessor Lisa Roberson provided an estimate of needs for the revaluation of \$215,216. But Roberson said the Assessor's office

had an \$11,000 surplus which reduced the total bill to \$203,669.

All entities that receive revenue from mill levies must pay the same proportion of the bill as they are allocated from the total mill levy. The Altus school district receives about 41 percent of the total ad valorem tax.

The resolution for the propositions divided the question into two propositions because bond issues for transportation must be separated out from other projects. Passing Proposition 1 would raise \$4.69 million for a list of six specific projects and Proposition 2 would raise \$1.31 million for transportation equipment and auxiliary transportation to include, but not be limited to, student activity buses.

The bonds would be paid for out of additional ad valorem taxes. The \$6 million bond issue would increase those taxes for five years. Each question would be voted on separately and if the voters passed one and not the other, that would change the amount of the bond issue and the ad valorem tax increase.

Zack Robinson, vice president of BOK Financial Securities, estimated that if both questions passed, homeowner's ad valorem taxes would increase by an estimated \$148 a year (or about \$12.34 a month) for each \$100,000 of home valuation. Robinson said the subsequent years after the first would likely drop to \$124 a year per \$100,000 of valuation. He's working up similar

breakdowns for farmland so the district can inform farmers of the impact.

Specific projects listed under Proposition 1 are:

- Improvements to the Altus Early Childhood Center that would include classrooms and restrooms that would also serve as "safe rooms" in the event of a natural disaster such as a tornado, \$1.795 million;

- Improvements to Altus Primary School to build additional classrooms and restrooms that would also serve as "safe rooms," \$1.795 million;

- Upgrading and resurfacing of the existing track at Altus Junior High School (the only district all-weather track facility that is used for Altus High School as

well), \$250,000;

- Acquiring and/or improving Kiwanis Park to include artificial turf to accommodate baseball and softball, \$400,000;

- Improving playground equipment at L. Mendel Rivers Elementary, Altus Primary School and Altus Elementary School to improve drainage, fencing and the acquisition of playground equipment and playground safety surfacing, \$300,000; and

- Acquiring security equipment district-wide as needed and as funds allow, \$150,000.

When the district asked for voters' interest in items for a bond issue, it included a need to widen by two lanes the track at Altus Junior High as well as money to improve the lighting at the junior high. Superintendent Roe Worbes said the estimates for those additions came in too high and the district decided not to include them in the bond issue.

Robinson explained that if voters pass the bond issue, the next step would be to receive authorization to sell the bonds. He would then get a set rate, estimated at 3.25 to 3.5 percent interest, and then sell the tax-free bonds to investors.

District Director of Public Information Amanda Davis said the district will be preparing informational videos that will illustrate the needs of the district. "We want people to know what they're voting on," she said, "and we want it to be as transparent as possible."

Former board President John Thomas resigned at the end of the Dec. 10 meeting, which put Vice President James Patterson in charge. Kelley Duncan did not attend Wednesday's 11 a.m. meeting. Board members Stephen Barnett, Kendall Hurst and Patterson unanimously approved both items on the agenda.

Early deadline for Jan. 2 edition

The Altus Times will have early deadlines for the Jan. 2, 2019 edition because of the New Year's holiday.

The advertising deadline for the Jan. 2 issue will be 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27. Likewise the legal and classified deadline will be at noon on Dec. 27.

All of the news must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Fri-

day, Dec. 28, so all obituaries will need to adhere to that deadline.

Our dedicated driver will deliver the Jan. 2 edition to the U.S. Postal Service on Monday, Dec. 31, and the edition should be delivered to subscribers on Jan. 2.

If you have further questions, call the Altus Times office at (580) 482-1221.

OBITUARIES

Bobby Glenn Smith

Bobby Glenn Smith, Sr., 76, passed away at his home in Altus, Monday, Dec. 17, 2018. Memorial services were scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 at the Friendship

Baptist Church with Jim Brown officiating. Services were entrusted to Kincannon Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Online tributes may be made at kincannonfuneralhome.com



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CRIME REPORT DEC. 12-17

Arrests

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Chad Daniel, 37, possession of marijuana and no driver's license.
Karrington Perryman, 22, uttering forged instruments.

Thursday, Dec. 13

Michael Garlets, 20, receives, possess, or conceals stolen property.

Friday, Dec. 14

Justin Alvarado, 26, speeding 57 mph in a 40 mph zone.
James Delao, 55, driving under suspension.
Allen Roberts, 44, violation of the Home Repair Fraud Act.
Saturday, Dec. 15
Christian Smith, 26, violation of court order.

Sunday, Dec. 16

Kevin Chase, 23, driving under the influence of alcohol.
Stephanie Houghtling, 33, defective brake light, expired tags, no valid driver's license, and failure to carry security verification.

Harley Marlow, 39, malicious injury or destruction of property less than \$1,000 and public intoxication.
Richard Snodgrass, 21, public intoxication.
John Stafford, 24, domestic assault and battery.

Monday, Dec. 17

Derek Baliza Cartagena, 27, no valid driver's license and speeding 18-20 mph over posted limit.
Amy Cantu, 30, first-degree burglary and assault and battery.
Scott Walley, 32, driving with a canceled, suspended, or revoked license.
Charity Waters, 37, no driver's license.

Initial Appearances

Kenneth Granados, 27 of Altus, is charged with domestic assault and battery by strangulation and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. A court date is scheduled for Granados on Feb. 22 at 9 a.m., with a \$50,000 bond.

Terry Lawson, 28 of Altus, is charged with possession of firearms after conviction or during probation. A court date is scheduled for Lawson on Feb. 28 at 1:15 p.m., with a \$50,000 bond.
Franklin Brown, 31 of Altus, is charged with assault and battery. A court date was scheduled for Brown on Dec. 17 at 9 a.m., with a \$25,000 bond.

Tameka Lister, 26 of Altus, is charged with a protective order violation from 2017. A court date was scheduled for Lister on Dec. 17 at 9 a.m., with a \$10,000 bond.

Sabrina Revilla, 19 of Altus, is charged with grand larceny and conspiracy. A court date is scheduled for Revilla on Jan. 28 at 1:15 p.m., with a \$10,000 bond.

Defendants incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail in district court made initial appearances Thursday, Dec. 13 before Judge Brad Leverett and District Attorney Ken Darby.

TAX

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voters in June. The increase in sales tax will go to the Altus Fire Department and volunteer fire departments in Blair, Warren, Martha, Friendship, Eldorado, Duke, Olustee, Headrick and Elmer (88 percent) and the other 12 percent divided up between the Jackson County EMS, the Jackson County Communications Center and the Jackson County Fire Chief's Association. The City of Altus reported the city sales tax collected as of November 2018 totaled \$4,099,307.26. City sales

taxes that total 3.75 percent are split into three categories — the General Fund (2 percent); MAPS City (0.875 percent); and MAPS School (0.875 percent). For FY 2018-2019 from July through November 2018, \$407,769.20 has gone into the General Fund and \$178,399.03 has gone into both the MAPS City and MAPS School funds.

The Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS) program was passed in 2008 increasing the sales tax by 1.75 percent. That tax is divided in half for Altus Public Schools and the City of Altus capital improvement projects. The tax is set to expire in 2020.

The total city sales tax collected in FY 2017-2018 was \$9,512,025.45. In FY 2017-2018, \$5,073,080.23 went into the General Fund and \$2,219,472.61 went into both the MAPS City and MAPS School funds.

The total city sales tax for FY 2017-2018 in November was \$775,768.78. For FY 2018-2019, the total for November is \$764,567.26, a decrease of \$11,201.52.

The sales tax rate for Oklahoma is 4.5 percent. That makes the combined sales tax rate for the city, county, and state 8.75 percent. In January, that rate will increase to 8.875 percent.

CONTRACT

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context of the severance pay provision contained in Paragraph 6 of the Employment Agreement."

Paragraph 6, titled "Severance Pay" in Cain's employment agreement states, "should the City terminate this Agreement and discharge Cain from her duties and position as City Manager of the City of Altus, other than for legal cause, City shall pay Cain a sum equal to six months of her current salary at the time of termination."

According to the agreement, Cain is compensated \$135,200 a year.

Legal cause, according to the agreement, includes negligence in regards to the use of public funds and in regards to Cain's duties as city manager, misconduct both moral and criminal, and physical illness or disability that prevents Cain from fulfilling her duties for a period longer than 60 consecutive days. However, the definition of "legal cause" includes these but does not limit the definition to only these. Paragraph 6 also provides for written notice specifying the rea-

sons for termination of employment if done for a legal cause.

At a special meeting on Dec. 11, the council voted to add a proposition to the Feb. 12 ballot that could revoke the city's charter and return the municipal government to an Aldermanic form of government from the current Council-Manager form.

Under the Aldermanic form of government, the mayor is recognized as the head of the city government. Under the Council-Manager form of government, the position goes to the city manager, who is hired by the city council.

OFFICIAL CHAMBER PARADE RESULTS

STAFF REPORT

Wilmes Superstore won the grand prize in the Altus Chamber of Commerce's 36th Annual Christmas Parade. The Ford dealership won \$200 for first place in the Commercial Floats category and \$300 for the Grand Prize Float Winner.

Kirk Wilmes said the dealership donated the prize money to the Stephen E. Booker Child Advocacy Center.

The Stephen E. Booker Foundation matched the gift, so the center received \$1,000.

Winners received a \$200 check and runners-up received a \$100 check. Here is a list of winners and runners-up by category:

Commercial Floats:

Wilmes Superstore, first; Jimbo's Liquor, runner-up.

Civic Organizations-Adult:

Altus Lions Club, First; Department of Human Services,

runner-up.

Civic Organizations-Youth:

Altus FFA, First; American Heritage Girls, runner-up.

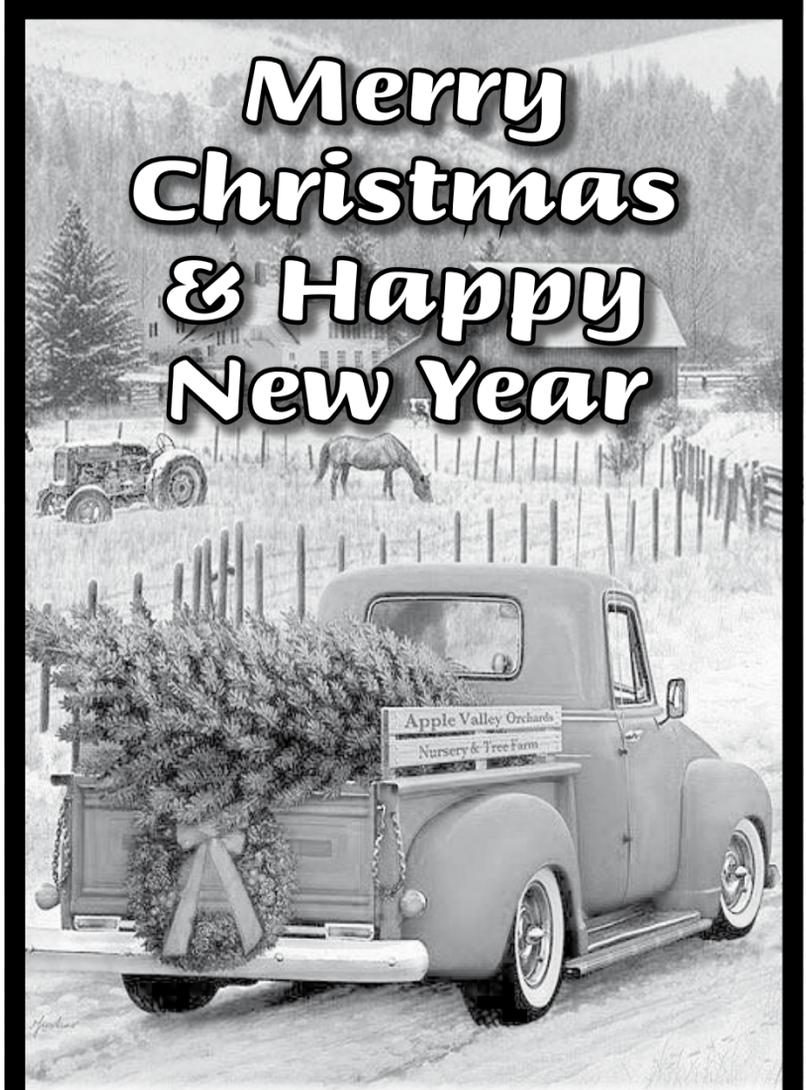
Churches: Great Plains Baptist Association, first; no runner-up.

Education: Southwest Technology Center Aviation, first; no runner-up.

Vehicles: Randal Gilmore 3 Humvees; no runner-up.

Horses: Desidario Vasquez; no runner up.

Grand Prize Winning Float: Wilmes Superstore.



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MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	NIGHT
32°	52°	46°	39°

Mostly sunny. Winds north-northeast at 7-14 mph. POP: 0%. Clear to partly cloudy Saturday night.
Winds north-northeast at 6-12 mph. POP: 0%.

HIGH: 57° LOW: 31°

EXTENDED FIVE-DAY FORECAST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
53° 30°	56° 34°	60° 43°	61° 34°	55° 25°

Mostly sunny
Partly sunny
Mostly cloudy
Chance for rain or drizzle in the morning
Sunshine and some clouds

Winds: NNE 6-12 mph POP: 0%
Winds: S 7-14 mph POP: 0%
Winds: ESE 7-14 mph POP: 25%
Winds: SSE 10-20 mph POP: 30%
Winds: WSW 8-16 mph POP: 5%

DAILY CONDITIONS

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
3	3	2	1	1	3
55	55	54	56	56	51
26	25	33	38	29	22

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Statistics through 12 p.m. Thursday

TEMPERATURE
High 56°
Low 40°
Normal high 51°
Normal low 25°
Record high 73° in 1978
Record low 6° in 1983

PRECIPITATION (in inches)
24 hours ending 12 p.m. Thu. 0.00
Record for 12/19 1.73 in 2006
Month to date 0.06
Normal month to date 0.93
Year to date 21.56
Normal year to date 28.13

SUN AND MOON

SAT	SUN
Sunrise 7:41 a.m.	7:41 a.m.
Sunset 5:31 p.m.	5:31 p.m.
Moonrise 5:48 p.m.	4:52 p.m.
Moonset 7:25 a.m.	8:29 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5	Jan 14

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RIVER STAGES

In feet as of 7 a.m. Wed.	Flood Stage	Stage	24-hr. Chng.
North Fork of the Red River			
near Headrick 14.00	6.66	-0.11	
near Carter 11.00	6.02	+0.03	
Salt Fork of the Red River			
at Mangum 9.00	2.71	+0.01	
Washita River			
near Cheyenne 13.50	7.46	+0.02	
near Clinton 18.00	5.40	-0.04	
near Carnegie 25.00	4.31	none	
Deep Red Creek			
near Randlett 20.00	3.16	-0.04	
East Cache Creek			
near Walters 21.00	10.19	-0.05	

LAKE LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Wed.	Elevation	24-hr. Chng.
ALTUS LAKE		
Altus Lake 1546.10		+0.05
Lake Frederick 1198.11		+0.03
Tom Steed Lake 1411.00		none
Lake Lawtonka 1343.45		+0.01
Lake Ellsworth 1232.77		none
Fort Cobb Lake 1342.36		+0.01
Foss Reservoir 1641.02		+0.01

WEATHER HISTORY

An East Coast storm on Dec. 22, 1839, caused heavy snow in Pennsylvania and Maryland then light snow and gale-force wind in New England.

CITIES SATURDAY

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MANGUM		56° / 31° Mostly sunny
HOLLIS		57° / 31° Mostly sunny

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Old flame brings problems

Dear Annie: I have been a widow for almost 10 years. I'm financially secure, socially active and attractive. My old high school sweetheart contacted me a few years after I lost my husband. After months of phone contact, he came to visit. I had asked whether he was married. He said no, that he'd been divorced for over 25 years. What he didn't mention was that he was in a 25-year committed relationship with a woman he financially supported and lived with. When I discovered this, he told me she would be



ASK ANNIE
Advice

moving out in the near future. That took two years! She did leave when she found out about me. I should have run far away at that time, but he assured me that he would never hurt me and that I should trust him. Imagine my surprise to have my doctor tell me at my yearly exam that I have HPV. I was heartbroken, angry and afraid for my future health, as this often leads to cervical cancer. I immediately broke up with him. He was my first love and could be very charming. I miss him today, three months later. I would like

to have a limited relationship with him as an old friend, but he has blocked my phone number and email address. How do I keep from wanting to tell my story to friends? The woman or women he's with need to know about the health risk. Should I try to alert them to this or fade away? — Stupid Senior
Dear Senior: I refuse to call you stupid. No more beating yourself up. Please extend the same compassion to yourself that you would to a friend in this situation. I'm sorry this man added insult to injury by leaving you with health concerns in addition to cheating. That

being said, are you sure he was the source of the virus? According to the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, "it can take weeks, months, or even years after exposure to HPV before symptoms develop or the virus is detected," and this usually makes it "impossible to determine when or from whom HPV may have been contracted." (Visit <http://www.nccc-online.org> for more information.) I think it's perfectly fine and healthy for you to talk to friends about what you're going through, but do not do so to get revenge on him; rather, do it to help heal yourself emotionally.

BLONDIE

By Dean Young and John Marshall



BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort, Greg and Brian Walker



MUTTS

By Patrick McDonnell



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Chris Browne



HI AND LOIS

Written by Brian & Greg Walker; Drawn by Chance Brown



MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

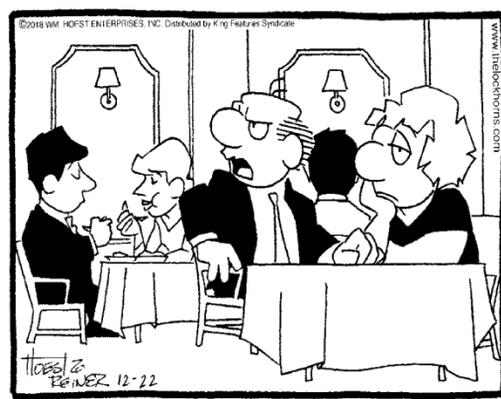


Hank Ketcham's DENNIS THE MENACE



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By Bunny Hoest & John Reiner



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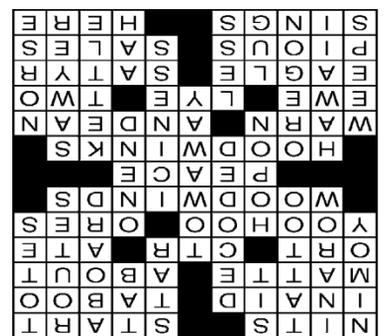
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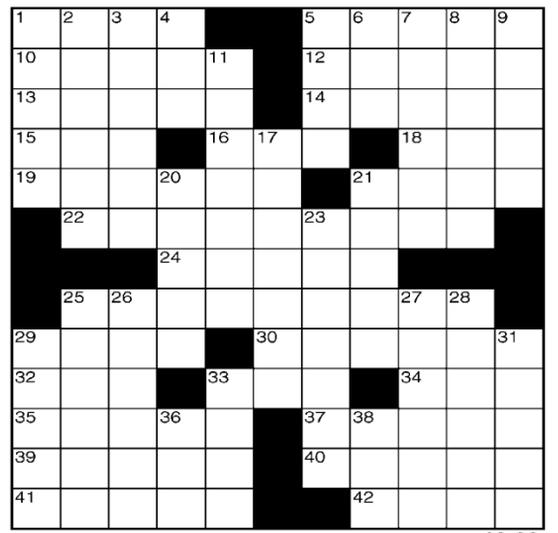
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- 31 Like Loki
- 33 Reduced amount
- 36 Tote
- 38 Contented sound



Today's Answer

- 20 Biker's invitation
- 21 Without break
- 23 Aloof quality
- 25 Land of the lei
- 26 Mount Hood setting
- 27 Cooking vessel
- 28 Lumber worker
- 29 Sheds tears
- 31 Like Loki
- 33 Reduced amount
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BABY BLUES

By Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman



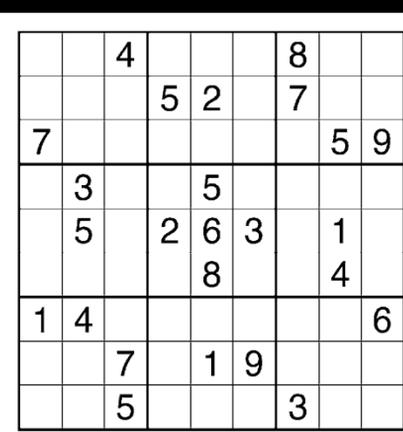
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill and Jeff Keane

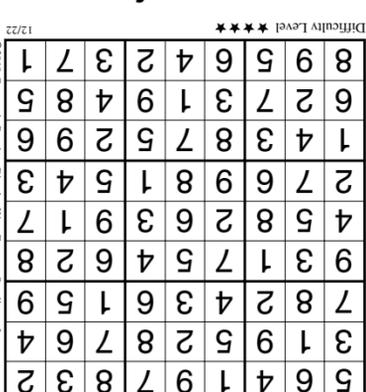


CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

By Dave Green



Today's Solution



CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-22
CRYPTOQUOTE
P B B P T I H N S L J G M B I G X L N R
I V N M W V I , G N H I H G
I V N M W V I G I V P I R P I I L L .
— G P H A P A P

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: All action results from thought, so it is thoughts that mat- ter. — Sai Baba

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Tension builds. Choose to take a much-needed, un-scheduled day off. You enjoy spontaneity. You also might have some observations to think about. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Keep plans light and easy. Defer to a friend or loved one. You might discover that letting go could be difficult, but worthwhile. Take care of some errands, but

above all else, make sure that you get to relax before the next round. Tonight: Dinner for two.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ You might be juggling your finances or find yourself having to rob Peter to pay Paul. Stop and take a hard look at the situation. Is there any way you could avoid this scenario? Tonight: At a favorite spot.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Enjoy others' atten-

tion, but don't forget about someone who could be far more in need of it, and who could use some emotional support as well. You have put a lot of effort into the holidays. Tonight: Leader of the gang.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Step away from the daily grind for a bit. Spend the day alone or with one other person. Everyone needs time to recharge his or her battery, and you'll

need this even more as you interact with others. Tonight: Happy at home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Note how quickly an associate can lose his or her temper. You might want to energize those around you. Understand that you could feel pushed between two different views. Tonight: Hang with friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Pressure builds. A conversation with an older

person or someone you look up to could be frustrating. You want to make this person understand where you are coming from. Understand what is happening around you. Tonight: In the limelight.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take a risk and choose to see life from a different perspective. Walk in someone else's shoes and see why he or she responds the way he or she does. Try to maintain an easy, relaxed attitude throughout the day. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of holiday music.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Anger seems to surface from out of nowhere. Make time for a special person in your life. You could feel uptight about your spending. You also might feel as if you have had enough of a certain situation. Tonight: You finally identify with a close loved one.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ One-on-one relating happens naturally. You could lose your temper easily if someone keeps pushing you. Know that irritation might be close to the surface most of the day. Do not push a loved one away. Tonight: Paint the town red with friends.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ If you find your temper rising to the surface, you might want to relax more. Everyone has his or her points of irritation. You might discover that taking a day off from the here-and-now could put you in the mood for fun and celebration. Tonight: Do your thing.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Tap into your creativity and understand what is happening with a loved one. If you're faced with a problem when you have a lot to get done, trust that you can handle it. You could be a great problem-solver right now. Tonight: Be more playful and upbeat.

SATURDAY EVENING

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST CHANNELS												
③	KFDX	KFDX 3 News (N)	Paid Program	Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.			Saturday Night Live			News (N)	Saturday Night Live	
⑤	KOCO	New (N)	Wheel of Fortune	CMA Country Christmas Join in a celebration of the holiday season.			Alec B. RuPaul, Erna Solberg (N)	KOCO 5 News (N)	In Depth	Rizzoli & Isles "Burden of Proof" ▶		
⑥	KAUZ	◀ NCAA Basketball (L)	NCIS "Fallout"	FBI "Green Birds"			48 Hours "Live to Tell: Trafficked"	News 6 at 10 (N)	Texas Music	That City Show	NCIS: New O.	▶
⑦	KSWO	News (N)	Oklahoma	CMA Country Christmas Join in a celebration of the holiday season.			Alec B. RuPaul, Erna Solberg (N)	7 News at 10 (N)	M*A*S*H	Paid Program	Castle	▶
⑨	KWTV	◀ NCAA Basketball (L)	NCIS "Fallout"	FBI "Green Birds"			48 Hours "Live to Tell: Trafficked"	News (N)	News (N)	Castle	"Under Fire"	
⑭	CW	Cleveland Show	Cleveland Show	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Cleveland Show	Cleveland Show	King of the Hill	Jerry Springer "Sex on a Break"	Maury ▶
②	KJTL	Modern Family	Modern Family	Boxing Premier Champions Jermall Charlo vs. Willie Monroe Jr. Site: Barclays Center (L)			American Ninja "Vegas Finals" 2/3	Hell's Kitchen "Fish Out of Water"			Big Bang Theory	
⑬	PBS	News Report	News-hour. (N)	Lawrence Welk Show "Christmas"			Chapel "Visions of Divine Mystery"	★★ Pot O' Gold (1942, Musical) Paulette Goddard, Horace Heidt, James Stewart.			Austin City Limits "Tom Waits"	

SATURDAY, DEC 22

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CABLE CHANNELS													
⑧	WGN	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods			Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Bones			
⑫	TRUTV	Adam	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	At Home	Jokes	Jokes	
⑬	ESPNC	◀ NCAA Basket. Cl.	NCAA Basket. Classics			Ken/Vander.	NCAA Basketball Classics Kan.St./Kan.			NCAA Football ▶			
⑭	ESPN2	NCAA Basketball Vander./Kan.St. (L)			NCAA Basketball Kan./Arz. St. (L)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
⑮	ESPN	NCAA Football Dollar General Bowl Buffalo vs. Troy University (L)						NCAA Football Hawaii Bowl Haw./L. Tech (L) ▶					
⑯	USA	★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (05) Daniel Radcliffe.						★★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ▶					
⑰	LIFE	◀ Christmas Pe...	A Golden Christmas (18) Andrea Roth.			Hometown Christmas Beverley Mitchell.			A Golden Chris... ▶				
⑱	FOOD	Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking		
⑲	CMT	◀ What to Expect...	★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire (93) Sally Field, Robin Williams.			What to Expect When You're Expect... ▶							
⑳	FREE	Movie	★★★ The Santa Clause (94) Tim Allen.			★★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause			Christmas With ... ▶				
㉑	NICK	Loud H.	Loud H.	Albert: The Little ...	Sponge	Sponge	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Mom ▶	
㉒	A&E	Live PD "Top 40 Moments of 2018" 1/2			Live PD "Top 40 Moments of 2018" (N)			Live PD "Top 40 Moments of 2018" 1/2 ▶					
㉓	INSP	Gunsmoke	★★★ Hondo (53) John Wayne.			Gunsmoke							
㉔	MSNBC	Hardball	All in			Rachel Maddow			The Last Word		The 11th Hour		
㉕	CNBC	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss			Undercover Boss			Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		
㉖	CNN	CNN Newsroom	CNN Report (N)			Death Row Stories			Death Row Stories		Death Row Stories		
㉗	DISN	◀ Paddington	Beethoven's Christmas A...			CoopCami			CoopCami Raven's.		Raven's. Bizaard. Bizaard. ▶		
㉘	AMC	◀★★★ Elf	National Lampoon's Christmas Vaca...			★★★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation							
㉙	FNC	Liberty & Levin	Watters World			Judge Jeanine			Greg Gutfeld Show		Watters World		
㉚	FSSW	Insider	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball Dallas vs Golden State (L)			MavsPost Score						
㉛	HIST	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire: CMas "BC Blades" (P) (N)			Forged in Fire							
㉜	TLC	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress			Say Yes-Dress			Say Yes-Dress		Say Yes-Dress		
㉝	ANPL	Amanda/Rescue	Picks "Mamma Eggo's Mega Litter" (N)			Red Ape (N)			Amanda/Rescue		Picks of Litter ▶		
㉞	HGTV	Fixer Upper	Love It or List It			Love It or List It			Renovation (N)		LogCabin LogCabin		
㉟	TVL	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Queens	Queens	Queens	
㊱	SYFY	◀ The 12 Disast...	★ Santa's Slay (05) Bill Goldberg.			Happy! "Saint Nick"			Happy!		Happy! ▶		
㊲	DISC	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch			Border Live			Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		
㊳	TCM	◀ King of Kings	★★ Remember the Night			★★ Christmas in Connecticut							
㊴	TOON	Drama I.	Drama I.	Gumball	Gumball	DB Super	DB Super	DB Super	DB Super	DB Super	DB Super	DB Super	
㊵	TNT	◀ A Christmas C...	★★★★ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.			★★ Fred Claus (07) Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti.							
㊶	TBS	◀ Man of Steel	BigBang BigBang			BigBang BigBang			BigBang BigBang		Frontal The Five-Year Engagement ▶		
㊷	BET	◀ NewEdition Story	★★★ Selena (97) Edward James Olmos, Jennifer Lopez.			★★★ What's Love Got to Do With It? ▶							
㊸	VH1	Movie	★★★ Pretty Woman (90) Richard Gere.			★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days							
㊹	FX	◀ Transformers: ...	Transformers: Age of Extinction (14) Nicola Peltz, Mark Wahlberg.			Better			Better		Better ▶		
㊺	TBN	In Touch Ministries	Huckabee (N)			GottaDo Hour of Power			Victory		Huckabee		
㊻	PARMT	◀★★★ Star Trek Beyond	Chris Pine.			★★★ Star Trek Beyond (16) Zachary Quinto, Chris Pine.			The Dark Knight... ▶				
㊼	MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	★★ Bad Santa (03) Billy Bob Thornton.	★★ Little Nicky ▶				
㊽	BRAVO	Below Deck	Buying It Blind			Sweet Home (N)			Get a Room (N)		★★ Get Hard (15) Will Ferrell.		
㊾	HBO	◀★★ Pacific Rim Uprising	Isle of Dogs (18) Koyu Rankin, Bryan Cranston.			Tomb Raider (18, Action) Hannah John-Kamen, Walton Goggins, Alicia Vikander.			The Shop		★★★ Taken (08) Liam Neeson.		
㊿	MAX	◀★★★★ Tales Tour Logan	★★★ The Bourne Identity (02, Action) Franka Potente, Brian Cox, Matt Damon.			★★★ The Bourne Supremacy (04) Matt Damon.			★★★ Sunshine (07, Adv) Chris Evans, Cillian Murphy. ▶				
①	FMC	◀★★★ How to Train Your Dragon 2 (14) Kit Harington, Jay Baruchel.	How to Train Your Dragon 2 A young Viking & his friends must do battle when two dragon hunters threaten the peace.			Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Ray Romano.			▶				
②	NGEO	Drugs "Philly Dope"	Drugs "Super Meth"			Drugs, Inc.			Drugs, Inc.		Drugs, Inc. ▶		
③	UNI	Como dice dicho	Los 10 Mandamientos			La Gran Sorpresa			María		Noticiero Doble Sentido ▶		

SUNDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST CHANNELS												
③	KFDX	Football Night in America (L)	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Seattle Seahawks Site: CenturyLink Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)			KFDX 3 News (N)			Texas-Reporter	Ent. Tonight ▶		
⑤	KOCO	America's Funniest Home Videos	Prep and Landing	Prep and Landing 2	The Year: 2018 A look back at the historic and most memorable moments. (N)			KOCO 5 News (N)	KOCO 5 News (N)	Rizzoli & Isles "Bridge of Tomorrow" ▶		
⑥	KAUZ	◀ NFL Football	60 Minutes	Madam "Family Separation: Part 1" (N)			God Friended Me "The Good Samaritan"	NCIS: Los Angeles "Fool Me Twice"	News 6 at 10 (N)	Texas Bucket	Mantracker ▶	
⑦	KSWO	America's Funniest Home Videos	Prep and Landing	Prep and Landing 2	The Year: 2018 A look back at the historic and most memorable moments. (N)			7 News at 10 (N)	M*A*S*H	Outdoorsman	Raised Hunting ▶	
⑨	KWTV	◀ NFL Football	60 Minutes	Madam "Family Separation: Part 1" (N)			God Friended Me "The Good Samaritan"	NCIS: Los Angeles "Fool Me Twice"	News 9 at 10:00 (N)	Sports Blitz	Ent. Tonight ▶	
⑭	CW	Black-ish	Black-ish "Stuff"	Masters of Illusion "Christmas Magic"			Charmed "Jingle Hell"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Cleveland Show	★★ A Very Brady Sequel (96) Gary Cole, Shelley Long. ▶	
②	KJTL	Ice Age Christmas	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Rel "Kids First Visit"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	NFL Game Day Prime Big Bang Theory ▶	
⑬	PBS	Father Brown "The Wrath of Baron Samdi"	Masterpiece Classic "Little Women"			Masterpiece Classic "Victoria: Warp and Weft/The Sins of the Father"			Hillary "Home"		Doc Martin "Rescue Me" ▶	

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CABLE CHANNELS												
⑧	WGN	◀★★★ The Matrix	★★ The Matrix Reloaded (03) Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.			★★ The Matrix Revolutions Keanu Reeves. ▶						
⑫	TRUTV	InsideJoke	InsideJoke	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	InsideJoke	InsideJoke	InsideJoke ▶
⑬	ESPNC	◀ NCAA Football	NCAA Football Classic '09 Humanitarian Bowl			NCAA Football Classic '00 Independence Bowl			NCAA Football ▶			
⑭	ESPN2	Axe Throwing World Championship	E:60			NCAA Basketball Diamond Head Classic (L)			SEC	Football ▶		
⑮	ESPN	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			Poker World Series			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N) ▶		
⑯	USA	◀ Harry Potter & the Deathly H...	★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2			Modern Modern ▶						
⑰	LIFE	◀ Christmas Aroun...	Three Holiday Tails (18) Julie Gonzalo.			A Twist of Christmas (18) Vanessa Lachey. ▶						
⑱	FOOD	Holiday Baking	Guy's Grocery Games			GingerbreadGiant (N)			Holiday Baking	Cookie Challenge		Gingerbread Giants ▶
⑲	CMT	◀ Twister	★★★ Twister (96, Act) Bill Paxton, Jami Gertz, Helen Hunt.			★★★ Top Gun (86) Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer, Tom Cruise. ▶						
⑳	FREE	★★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause	★★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (00) Jim Carrey.			Life-Size 2: A Chris... ▶						
㉑	NICK	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	★★ Cheaper by the Dozen 2 Steve Martin.			Friends	Friends	Friends	Mom ▶	
㉒	A&E	◀ Triple 9	★★★★ John Wick (14) Keanu Reeves.			Nightcrawler (14) Bill Paxton, Jake Gyllenhaal. ▶						
㉓	INSP	Gunsmoke "Friend"	The Cowboy Way (N)			Christmas in the Smokies Sarah Lancaster.			★★ Gunsmoke: One Man's Justice ▶			
㉔	MSNBC	All The President's Men	Revisited			Dateline "Down the Back Staircase" ▶						
㉕	CNBC	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			Deal or No Deal			Deal or No Deal		Profit "Santa's Toys" ▶	
㉖	CNN	CNN Newsroom	Impeachment			The Seventies			The Seventies		The Seventies ▶	
㉗	DISN	Stuck in the Middle	Good Luck Charlie, It's Christ...			Bizaard.			CoopCami Raven's.		Raven's. AndIMack ▶	
㉘	AMC	Movie	★★★ The Polar Express (04) Tom Hanks.			★★★ The Santa Clause 2 (02) Elizabeth Mitchell, Tim Allen. ▶						
㉙	FNC	Fox News Sunday	Scandalous			The Next Revolution			Life, Liberty & Levin		Scandalous ▶	
㉚	FSSW	Waves	Mavericks	Mavericks	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball Dallas vs Portland (L)			Mavs Post ▶			
㉛	HIST	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire: The 12 Cuts of Christmas "Merry Ax-mas" (N)			Forged in Fire ▶						
㉜	TLC	◀ 90 Day Fiancé (N)	90 Day Fiancé (N)			Return to Amish (N)			Amer. Gypsy Wedd		90 Day Fiancé ▶	
㉝	ANPL	Crikey! It's The Irwins	It's The Irwins (N)			Amanda/Rescue (N)			The Zoo		Rescue "Lava Dogs" ▶	
㉞	HGTV	Dream H.	Dream H.	Hawaii (N)	Hawaii (N)	Bahamas	Bahamas	IslandLif	IslandLif	House	House	Bahamas
㉟	TVL	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	2½Men	2½Men	Queens	Queens	Queens
㊱	SYFY	◀ Pirates of the Caribbean: On ...	★★ The Addams Family (91) Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston.			Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's C... ▶						
㊲	DISC	Alaska/Frontier	Alaska: Exposed (N)			Alaska/Frontier (N)			The Last Alaskans		Alaskan Bush People ▶	
㊳	TCM	◀★★★★ Holiday Inn	★★ The Holly and the Ivy Ralph Richardson.			★★★★ A Christmas Carol (51) Alastair Sim.			★★★ King of Kings ▶			
㊴	TOON	Bakugan	Bakugan	Gumball	Gumball	FamilyGuy BobBurg.	Amer.Dad	FamilyGuy RickMort	FamilyGuy RickMort	Truth/Truth	Venture ▶	
㊵	TNT	◀ Love Actually	The Intern (15) Anne Hathaway, Robert De Niro.			★★ Failure to Launch ▶						
㊶	TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	The Guest	★★ Fred Claus Paul Giamatti. ▶	
㊷	BET	◀ Bobby Brown Story	★★ Hairspray (2007, Musical) John Travolta, Zac Efron, Nikki Blonsky.			Martin Martin ▶						
㊸	VH1	◀★★ Varsity Blues	★★★★ Casino (1995, Crime Story) Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro.			Menace II Society ▶						
㊹	FX	◀ Transformers: A...	★★★★ Deadpool (16) Morena Baccarin, Ryan Reynolds.			★★★★ Deadpool (16) Morena Baccarin, Ryan Reynolds. ▶						
㊺	TBN	R.Bonnie	R.Morris	Huckabee	J.Osteen	K.Shook	Creffo	John Gray	Huckabee	The Christmas Ca... ▶		
㊻	PARMT	★★★ The Mummy (99) Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.	★★★ The Mummy Returns (01) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.			▶						
㊼	MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous ▶
㊽	BRAVO	Housewives Atlanta	Housewives Atl. (N)			Vanderpump R. (N)			Dirty John (N)		Watch (N) Housewives Atlanta ▶	
①	HBO	◀ Pete Holmes: Dirty Kingsma... Clean	★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (09) Jennifer Garner, Matthew McConaughey.			Sally4Ever (N)			★★★ Blockers (2018, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz, John Cena. ▶			
②	MAX	◀★★★ The Siege Denzel Washington.	★★★ Atomic Blonde (2017, Action) James McAvoy, Sofia Boutella, Charlize Theron.			Thoroughbreds (17) Olivia Cooke, Anton Yelchin, Anya Taylor-Joy.			★★★ Spice (09, Hor) Sarah Polley, Delphine Chanéac, Adrien Brody. ▶			
③	FMC	◀ Let's Be Cops	The Best Man Holiday (2013, Comedy) Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs, Monica Calhoun.			The Best Man Holiday (13) Monica Calhoun. Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.			★★★★ Trainwreck (15) Amy Schumer. ▶			
④	NGEO	GenghisKhanTomb	Secrets of Christ's Stonehenge (N)			America Before (N)			Stonehenge Decoded		America Before ▶	
⑤	UNI	Aqui y ahora	Los 10 Mandamientos			Crónicas			María		Noticiero Republica deportiva ▶	

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Friday's unlisted clue: STAMP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Saturday's unlisted clue hint: NATIONAL — SERVICE

1886 Copper Liberty Island Torch
 305 feet Eiffel New York UNESCO
 Bartholdi France Robed woman Walking
 Broken chain Icon Tablet

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Is your pet gifted?

Community Christmas Dinner

Everyone is Invited - No charge

Please join us for the Mahan Family
Community Christmas Dinner

At the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center
317 N. Main (Entrance on Cypress) • Altus, OK

December 23, 2018
Noon to 2 p.m.

Community Christmas Eve Worship

Martha Road Baptist Church welcomes the community to come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at their Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. This will be a short but meaningful service for the whole family. Refreshments will be served after the service. The church has several Christmas trees that are colorfully decorated for family pictures. Martha Road is located four miles north of Altus on Highway 283. For more information please go to our website at www.martharoadbaptist.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/martharoadbaptist

Jackson County Listing of Area Churches

ADVENTIST

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

1304 N. CHALMERS, ALTUS, OK 73521

APOSTOLIC

THE APOSTOLIC TRUTH

2400 GALAXY DRIVE, ALTUS, OK 73521

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

FREEDOM CHURCH

1400 FALCON ROAD, ALTUS, OK 73521

GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1505 TAMARACK ROAD, ALTUS, OK 73521

TEMPLO SINAI SPANISH ASSEMBLY

805 N. BLAIN ST., ALTUS, OK 73521

BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

420 HUGHES DRIVE, BLAIR, OK 73526

EMMANUEL BAPTIST

800 N. FORREST, ALTUS, OK 73521

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

300 N. MAIN, ALTUS, OK 73521

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 4TH STREET, DUKE, OK 73532

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

615 W. 4TH OLUSTEE, OK 73560

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST

16010 CR S. 210, ALTUS, OK 73521

LANDMARK MISSIONARY

BAPTIST N. HWY 283, BLAIR, OK 73526

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

721 W. NONA, ALTUS, OK 73521

MARTHA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

20388 E. CR 158, ALTUS, OK 73521

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

401 E. LIVEOAK, ALTUS, OK 73521

PRAIRIE HILL BAPTIST

P.O. BOX 311, OLUSTEE, OK 73560

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST

620 W. NONA STREET, ALTUS, OK 73521

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST

1100 ASA LEE, ALTUS, OK 73521

TABERNACLE BAPTIST

321 N. LEE STREET ALTUS, OK 73521

TRINITY BAPTIST

1300 N. BENSON, ALTUS, OK 73521

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

1200 S. PARK LANE, ALTUS, OK 73521

CATHOLIC

PRINCE OF PEACE

1500 FALCON ROAD, ALTUS, OK 73521

CHRISTIAN

FIRST CHRISTIAN

2501 N. PARK LANE, ALTUS, OK 73521

CHRISTWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Bob Gomeringer, VFW Post #4876 Post Surgeon, and Mary Gomeringer, Ladies Auxiliary sort clothing to be donated to the hospitalized veterans at the Clinton Vet Center as a part of the "Warmth For Winter" program. This is \$2,000 worth of clothing.



General Tommy Franks, Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command was the featured speaker at the Kiwanis meeting in 2000 at Western Oklahoma State College.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 FA-2014-6
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
 L.R., A MINOR CHILD
 BORN OCTOBER 9, 2006.
ORDER AND NOTICE OF FINAL DECREE HEARING
 The State of Oklahoma to:
PATRICIA ROSILES BENITEZ, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; AND, CESEAR GARCIA, BIOLOGICAL FATHER
 You are notified that Antonia Avila and Miguel Avila have filed a Petition before the above named Court, praying that they be allowed to adopt the minor named in the caption hereof

without your consent, and for adoption.
 The Final Decree Hearing on the Petition is set for 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 22nd day of January, 2019, at the County Courthouse of Jackson County, in the City of Altus, State of Oklahoma, before The Honorable Clark Huey.
 Dated this 10th day of December, 2018.
 /s/ Clark Huey
THE HONORABLE CLARK HUEY
 Judge of the District Court
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 /s/ Renee Gunkel
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been sued by American Collection Services, Inc. and you must answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 30th day of January, 2019 or a money judgment in the amount of \$1,630.65 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.
 Dated this 3 day of December, 2018.
 By: /s/
DEPUTY COURT CLERK FOR JACKSON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CLERK
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that the child has been exposed in the home to an individual whose parental rights were previously terminated through consent due to significant injury to his child. The hearing on the deprived petition will be held February 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Jackson County Courthouse. As the parent of said child, you have the right to appear and to have an attorney represent you at the hearing. **FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE OR TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE ADJUDICATION OF THIS CHILD AS DEPRIVED AND MAY ULTIMATELY RESULT IN LOSS OF CUSTODY OF THIS CHILD OR THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.** Dated this 17th day of December, 2018.
 Ken Darby, District Attorney
 /s/ Kelli Rae Woodson
 Assistant District Attorney
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described property:
THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$3,487.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY
 Which currency was on or about the 7th day of June, 2018, furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled dangerous substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act (UCDSA) and/or was proceeds from such exchange, and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of the UCDSA. Said currency was also acquired by the Defendant during a period of a violation of the UCDSA or within a reasonable time after such period and there is no likely source for such property or thing of value other than the violation of the UCDSA. As a result of the information contained herein, said currency is forfeitable pursuant to 63 O.S. § 2-503(A)(6)(7) and (B). Further, you are hereby notified the State has seized and intends to forfeit the following described property:
RUGER P90 45 ACP SN 660-97029; REMINGTON R1 1911 SN RNN85118A; OLYMPIC ARMS AR-15 SN KX 7039; CALVARY ARMS AR-15 SN 09011017; CENTURY ARMS 5.56 SN C9312453;
 The State alleges that the firearms were possessed under circumstances which made it available for use in any manner to facilitate the commission of a UCDSA violation and is forfeitable pursuant to 63 O.S. § 2-503(A)(9). Firearms are commonly possessed tools of the trade representing evidence of drug distribution activity. The State further alleges that firearms are commonly purchased with proceeds from the sale of illegal drugs, as well as obtained as full or partial payment for quantities of illegal drugs and therefore are forfeitable pursuant to 63 O.S. § 2-503(A)(6). Further, Gamble was in possession of a firearm as a convicted felon which is in violation of 21 O.S. § 1283. That on or about the above prescribed date, OBN agents executed a search warrant at the residence of Lemon. During the course of the search agents seized the above listed currency, firearms, and evidence of drug distribution. Further notice is hereby given that within forty-five (45) days after receiving this Notice, the owner, claimant or other party in interest may file a verified answer and claim to said property. Said answer, if filed, is to be filed with the Court Clerk and a copy must be mailed to

the office of the OBND General Counsel, 419 N.E 38TH Terrace, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. At the end of forty-five (45) days and if no answer is filed, the State will move the Court for an Order of Forfeiture to the State of Oklahoma based upon evidence upon the facts of the unlawful use of the above-described property in compliance with 63 O.S. § 2-503 and 2-506. Dated this 4th day of December, 2018.
 /s/
 Russell S. Cochran, OBA #15540
 General Counsel
 Sunne Riedel Day, OBA #20816
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 Karissa McKinney, OBA #32255
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. U. S. Cellular intends to modify equipment on an existing communications facility at 509 N. Main, Altus, OK (Latitude: N34-38-33.6 and Longitude: W99-20-4.0) to increase network capacity. U. S. Cellular is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations (47 CFR § 1.1307) for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We respectfully request that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to potential effects on cultural or historic properties or with questions on the proposed modifications should contact GSS, Inc., 3311 109th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322; Ph. (515) 331-2103 within 30 days of the posting of this notice. (GSS #W18390)
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 Case No.: CV-18-62
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS CONTROL, JOHN SCULLY, Director, Petitioner,
 vs.
THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$3,487.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY;
RUGER P90 45 ACP SN 660-97029; REMINGTON R1 1911 SN RNN85118A; OLYMPIC ARMS AR-15 SN KX 7039; CALVARY ARMS AR-15 SN 09011017; CENTURY ARMS 5.56 SN C9312453;
 Respondent,
COURTNEY LEMON, CATRENA LEMON, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
 Courtney Lemon
 c/o Payne County Jail
 Catrena Lemon
 1540 Crossroads
 Altus, OK. 73521
 2808 Gettysburg Drive
 Altus, OK 73521
 And all others claiming an interest in the above-described property.
 You are hereby notified that the State of Oklahoma has seized and intends to forfeit the following described currency:
 Further, you are hereby notified the State has seized and intends to forfeit the following

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OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
 In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Christie Kirtley 32995 State Hwy 6 Granite, OK, an individual, hereby publishes notice of her intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Mixed Beverage License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That she intends, if granted such license to operate as a Mixed Beverage establishment with business premises located at 112 S. Hudson in Altus, Jackson, Oklahoma under the business name of Christie's Bar.
 Dated this 17th day of December, 2018
 Signature of applicant(s): If partnership, all partners must sign. If corporation, an officer of the corporation must sign. If limited liability company a manager must sign. If tribe, a tribal member must sign.
 /s/Christie Kirtley
 County of Jackson, State of Oklahoma
 Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared:
 Christie Kirtley, to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.
 /s/Jennifer Adams
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 08/28/2019.
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Published in the Altus Times 12/22/2018 and 12/29/2018.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
 Case No. PB-2018-60
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JUAN ALFONSO LINARES, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 To the Creditors of Juan Alfonso Linares, Deceased:
 All creditors having claims against Juan Alfonso Linares, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Ana Maria Linares, Personal Representative, at the law offices of Eller Legal Planning, LLC, 15205 Traditions Lake Parkway, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013, addressed to Garrett A. Eller, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: February 28, 2019, or the same will be forever barred. DATED this 17th day of December, 2018.
 /s/
 Ana Maria Linares
 Personal Representative
 Garrett A. Eller, OBA # 33501
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 15205 Traditions Lake Parkway
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LETTERS TO



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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a playstation 4 and for the playstation I want blacktops and a lot of pokeman cards. Also, I would like a pet rat. Charlie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want pokeman 2 packs, invisibility, pillow, Ipad, books, candy and new friends. Tyler

Dear Santa,
I would an Iphone, and a laptop for Christmas. Ruben

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a camru, and a computer Ali

Dear Santa,
I don't really have a list because to me Christmas is about celebrating Jesus's birthday. Jesanie

Dear Santa,
I want \$200 in Robux gift cards 2.15 LOL dolls, and slime. Faith

Dear Santa,
I more art supplies, fuzzy sweater, a new pair of glasses a new stuffed animal, a new blanket, REAL chickens, more kit-kats, a new tea cup, chalk, a new necklace, new earrings and a digital art tablet. Keanna

Dear Santa,
I want a pc Sammy

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo switch, and a big laptop Jayren

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a watercolor book and some water color paper, so the next time I use watercolor it doesn't bleed through the regular paper, a sewing kit. I would like to learn how to sew. Some chocolate would be nice.. The last thing I would like is ticket to Nevada to visit my friend.. PS and some books! PPS enjoy the cookies. Yours truly, Raiana

Dear Santa,
I want pokeman video games, a new bed, and my room re done. Triston

Dear Santa,
Thanks for delivering presents around the world. I really hope to get something good this year. Lennon

Dear Santa,
I would like some better goggles, a new swimsuit, a small notebook, vision of shadows, a new wallet, candy, a new purse, running shoes, a green water bottle, a journal, highlighters, and a coloring book for Christmas. Jordyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for telling me (when I was seven) to not hope for that toy. That was really helpful! Anyway, how are you? Hope you're good. Also, how's Rudolph? Ho, ho, ho! Penny P.S. tell the reindeer I said, "hi!" Thanks!

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like... LP5 number 363, beanie boos, fnaf toys, Itunes gift card Riley Jo

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an original lego kit, Denver Nuggets shorts, a tablet, a display case for legos, some balloons and a bike. Ben

Dear Santa,
I want to go to the movies. Aliza

Dear Santa,
I don't want any presents I am fine for this year. I know you will be sad but I am going to see a movie. Haili

Dear Santa,
I hope I get lots and lots of stuff. Chris

Mrs. Miranda's Kindergarten Rivers Elementary School

Dear Santa,
We hope you and Mrs. Claus, the elves, and reindeer are doing fine! We are a little concerned that you may not find us this year. We move around so much being in the air force and we hope you are keeping up where we are now. We are in Altus, Oklahoma and we go to Mendel Rivers Elementary.

We are learning how to read and write and we are learning our numbers. We are trying to get along with each other. Our teacher said we are very caring to each other when we are hurt or need help with something! Here is a list of things we would like for Christmas: Madelyn Stillinger wants a Skateboard, Callie Easter and Julia Ouper would like a LOL Mystery Doll, Annabelle Fioritto would like a new Rainbow Bike, Damien Sandoval and Bryce Braham would like a Lego Dinosaur, Logan Hernandez would like

a Nintendo 6, Noah Buckley would like a Lego Rocket Ship, Elizabeth Keele would like a Giraffe Stuff Toy, Alice would like a MuMu KiKi (Pickachoo), Cora McAuley would like a Makeup Set, Philip Gaitan would like a Lego Box full of Legos, Calvin Pohnert would like some Hot Wheels, Isabelle Rast would like Holly Pockets, Hudson

Doyle would like The Incredible Legos Set, Kinaya Fields would like a Baby Doll that cries and needs a pacifier, Catherine Robidoux would like a Hatch able Egg, Sophia Lockman would like a new Barbie Doll, Gabrielle Brome would like a Batman, Alexandra Payne would like a Teddy Bear, Alissa Borrayo would like a Barbie Car for her barbies, Cecilia Hoffman would like a Boxy Girl, Brylee Cain would like a Paw Patrol Set, Liam Nelson and Gage would like a Rampage Dinosaur.

We love you and hope you have a safe trip on Christmas Eve!

Blair Public Schools PreKindergarten

I want a purple robot kitty with a purple fluffy tail. - Paizly

I want a PS4. I only like Play Station PS4. I want to take a ride in Santa's sleigh. - Knox I want a racecar. - Kazik

I want Legos. I want a baseball bat. - Zane

I want Marsall from Paw Patrol. I want Marshall everything. I want Chase and Skye. - Gracelynn

I want a purple Fingerling. - Tinzy

I want a puppy. - Rhylyn

I want a monkey and my guys. - Jesse

I want an airplane. - Omar

I want a horse and a cowboy costume. - Deagan

I want a baby doll that can go to the bathroom and a baby bed. - Ella

I want a doll house and a puppy. - Destyn

I want a nerf gun. - Rowan

I want Santa to take me to the movies. - Jose

I want a toy chainsaw. - Kobe

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Hollis Livestock Commission

Will be closed on
**Saturday, December 22nd and
Saturday, December 29th,**
for the Christmas and New Year's
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Saturday, January 5, 2019.



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I want a Fur Real tiger with a collar and leash.
— Chancee
I want a baby bed and a doll house.
- Avery

Blair Public Schools Kindergarten

I want Beyblades. I want a hoverboard and an Infinity Gauntlet.
— Brandon

I want a remote control four-wheeler and a toy Santa.
— Reed

I want a microphone and a piano, maybe a baby doll, and a pen light.
- Landrie

I want a lot of Batman stuff and Ironman stuff.
— Sawyer

I want a bike and a truck.
— Don

I want a make-up set, uhhmm nail polish.
— Kylee

I want a dinosaur Fingerling.
— Michael

I want a real phone...make that a toy phone instead.
— Bailey

I want a doll house, some make up, lipstick, nail polish, and some new barbies, and some of that sticky paper, and

I want my own phone.
— Izabella

I think I want a yo-yo, a unicorn bracelet, and maybe an emoji pencil.
— Weslieh

I really want a Barbie and a Barbie house.
— Maila

I want a dolphin necklace because mine broke. I want a bracelet like the necklace. That's all.
— Kelsey

I want an OKC Thunder picture. I want a Golden State Warriors picture too.
— Cooper

I want a rescue starship, Marshall's fire truck, a hat for my dad, and a hoe for my mom to get grass out.
— Braylen

I want a regular doll and a dollhouse.
— Ariel

I want a Barbie dollhouse and Barbie dolls. I want a new bike with no training wheels. That's all.
— Stevie

I had a blue airplane. Then the remote control broke, and I want a new one. I want a Barbie set with a Barbie car too.
— Ceanna

I want a rainbow skateboard, and I want a stuffed animal dog, and that's good for right now.
- Tommy

Blair Public Schools 1st Grade

Dear Santa - I want like a snake...a toy snake, and a brand new ForteNite, and brand new EDF (Earth Defense Force) video game.
— Attikus

Dear Santa – My elf on a shelf. My elf is cool. I want a monkey.
— Lance

Dear Santa – I want a Nintendo Switch, Barbie dream house, and a future job as a teacher. Then I'll say yay.
— Timbree

Dear Santa – Barbie doll shirt and skirt, playdough, and a dress for mom.
— Holly

Dear Santa – I want a scooter.
— Selena

Dear Santa – I want a computer, tablet, and Barbie doll.
— Rylee

Dear Santa - I want you to bring me an electric motorcycle.
— Jax

Dear Santa – I want stuffed animal from Descendants, and even mom wants a present. Dad wants a present. Santa, my name is Addisyn.
— Addisyn

Dear Santa – I been good. I want a toy chain saw please. From Levi.

Dear Santa – My name is Blake and I would like legos, games for my switch, The Meg movie, Iron Man legos, and a baby brother.
Love Blake.

Dear Santa — Bike, car kids can drive, tablet.
— Easton

Dear Santa - I want a Ipod tablet computer, pictures for my wall, classic car, bike, Santa's key, new back pack, lunch box, guitar, and shoes. Merry Christmas.
— Abigail

Dear Santa — \$100, toy car, hover board, a pet lizard, Xbox IX, video game.
— Emilio

Dear Santa – I want a computer and video games. I want a new puppy named Scout or Violet.
— Jaxon

Dear Santa - Barbie.
— Brooklynn

Dear Santa – I want a scooter, dolls, and trolls.
— Chevelle

Dear Santa – I want a new Barbie, soccerball, and a new bat.
— Madison

Dear Santa – I want legos, a scooter, and legos and scooter for my brother.
— Phoenix

Dear Santa – I want a Bey-blade because my brother broke it. And a rocket ship for Cheese Its. And one of those big cars that you drive in...the mini cars. And another Bey-blade so I can battle someone. And that's all.
— Clint

Dear Santa – I want an LOL Surprise Doll. I want a mini finger. I want note from Santa.
— Morgan

Blair Public Schools 2nd Grade

Dear Santa – My name is Nylah. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most is a Babrrie set.
Love Nylah

Dear Santa – My name is Khonner. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most for Christmas is a Bablade gete and Xbox I.
Love Khonner

Dear Santa – My name is Anayeli. I am 8 years old. I have been good. What I want for Christmas a skateboard, scooter, a doll house please.
Love Anayeli

Dear Santa – My name is Dixen. I am 8 years old. I have been good. I want most for Christmas cozmo robot.
Love Dixen

Dear Santa – My name is Peyton. I am 8 years old. I have been okay this year. What I want is a hover board, bike, and firestick.
Love Peyton

Dear Santa - My name is Abdon. I am 7 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most for Christmas is a tablit and Pokemon cards.
Love Abdon

Dear Santa – My name is Bradyn. I am 7 years old. This year I have been good and bad kinda. What I would like most for Christmas is a hover board and phone. P.S. I promise to leave you milk and cookies.
Love Bradyn

Dear Santa – My name is Arianna. I am 8 years old. This years I have been good. What I would like most for Christmas is a paint set and a books.
Love Arianna

Dear Santa – My name is Parker. I am 9 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most of all is a firestick.
Love Parker

Dear Santa – My name is Marly. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most for Christmas is a Barbi camper and dream house. P.S. I promise to leve you sum milk and cookies.
Love Marly

Dear Santa – My name is Cooper. I am 9 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most for Christmas is a hover board. I promise to leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the raindeer.
Love Cooper

Dear Santa – My name is Kopen. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like most for Christmas is P.S. I promise to ledwe you milk and cookies.
Love Kopen

Dear Santa – My name is Macy. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. What I would like must for Christmas is a horse. I will you milk.
Love Macy

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Dear Santa – My name Ella. I am 9 years old. This year I have kinda been good. What I want most for Christmas is a dirt bike and phone watch. P.S. I do not now if we have the stuff. If we do I will make you sum. Love Ella

Dear Santa – My name is Kelton. I am 8 years old. I have been good. What I want most for Christmas is a gas powered drit bike, electric scooter, RC pro truck, and stuff to tie birds down for hunting. P.S. I promise to leave you milk and cookies. Love Kelton

Dear Santa – My name is Ad-disyn. I am 7 years old. I have been very good. What I want for Christmas is dolls, and an Amenean girl doll please. Love Addisyn

Dear Santa – My name is Jayson. I am 9 years old. I have been kinda good. Can I have a XMAX 2-sided truck, remote control transformer, and V.R. truck please? Love Jayson

Dear Santa – My name is Ayden. I am 8 years old. I have been good. I have even been helping with dishes at home. What I want please is Halo 5. Love Ayden

Dear Santa – My name is Paige. I am 9 years old. I have been kinda good. What I want for Christmas is one magic silver bell from Santa's sleigh and kitty slippers. Love Paige

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Randy Taylor (left center front), Brian Whitacre (center front) and Sean Voskuhl (right center front) are joined by members of OSU Cooperative Extension, the Oklahoma Public Library system and AARP during check-presentation ceremonies funding mobile hotspots for the libraries in Atoka, Davis, Marietta and Okemah.

OSU, AARP team up to help bridge the 'digital divide'

BY DONALD STOTTS
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Oklahoma State University's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has teamed up with AARP Oklahoma to expand the ability of select public libraries to enhance broadband access in some of the state's more rural areas.

"Access to the internet has become increasingly important," said AARP State Director Sean Voskuhl. "We hope to empower Oklahomans to be able to access digital services such as healthcare, entertainment, and job and education resources, while also being able to be more socially connected and personally fulfilled."

In November, AARP Oklahoma provided a \$3,000 grant to fund 12 internet hotspots in Atoka, Davis and Marietta through the division's rural broadband outreach program. The grant also will fund data services for three mobile hotspot devices previously made available through the program in the Okemah Public Library.

"The hotspot devices use cellular networks, the same as smartphones," said Brian Whitacre, OSU Cooperative Extension agricultural economist and the program's principal

investigator. "They can be used inside a home; taken to restaurants, community centers and the like; and even go on a road trip. As long as the cellular network provider used by the hotspot has service in that area, the devices will provide broadband access."

The mobile hotspot technology can be used to hook up multiple devices. Individual libraries have specific policies about who can check out the hotspot devices and the length of the loan period. Generally speaking, most libraries with such a program allow adults with a valid library card to check out the devices for a period of one week.

Participating public libraries now include the Atoka County Library, the Davis Public Library, the Elgin Community Library, the Grove Public Library, the Guthrie Public Library, the Love County Library in Marietta, the Reiger Memorial Library in Haskell, the Okemah Public Library, the Thomas-Wilhite Memorial Library in Perkins, the Sayre Public Library and the Seminole Public Library.

"It seems as though everyone wants to use the mobile hotspots, so much so that it's December and we still have a waiting list a month into the pro-

gram; the devices are not sitting in the library but are checked out and being used continuously," said Jonathan Edwards, branch manager of the Davis Public Library.

Whitacre said AARP's help in bringing broadband capabilities to Atoka, Davis and Marietta – and in helping to enhance the program in Okemah – is greatly appreciated, as well as being an example of benefits gained through cooperative partnerships between the university and public and private organizations.

"It's very easy for individuals who have broadband access to take it for granted," he said. "Think about all you do through the internet. Many people living in rural areas are not able to do those taken-for-granted activities as easily."

Surveys of patrons at participating libraries indicate OSU's rural broadband outreach program is overwhelming popular, with more than 90 percent of respondents ranking it as a nine or higher out of 10. A number of respondents even called the mobile hotspots "a blessing."

Whitacre added there were many favorable comments about the mobile hotspots making it easier for parents to help their children with home-

work, playing an instrumental role in the start-up of small businesses, assisting in the planning of community events and keeping people in touch with family members residing within or outside their hometowns.

Randy Taylor, OSU Cooperative Extension assistant director, said the program is one way DASNR is helping the university meet its state and federally mandated land-grant mission.

"Extension has a long history of working to improve the quality of life for Oklahomans, rural and urban, and this program reflects our continuing commitment as technologies and lifestyles change," he said.

The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is one of two state agencies administered by DASNR, and has been helping Oklahomans solve issues and concerns of importance to them since the organization's establishment in 1914.

Anyone interested in additional information about either the library mobile hotspots or potential ways to enhance broadband access to rural Oklahoma should contact Whitacre by email at brian.whitacre@okstate.edu or by phone at 405-744-9825.

Food safety tips for this holiday season

STORY BY TORI LOCK
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The Christmas season is here, and many will be gathering around the dinner table devouring their favorite holiday meals.

Oklahoma State University's Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center wants to make sure you keep food safety tips in mind when preparing those holiday meals.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates each year about 1 in 6 Americans get sick from food-borne diseases," said Peter Muriana, FAPC food microbiologist. "While the U.S. food supply is one of the safest in the world, food safety during the holidays is a must in order to prevent bacteria from growing and causing illness."

Muriana suggests the following food safety tips to ensure your holiday meal is not only delicious, but also safe.

- Shop for holiday foods safely. Buy your meat preferably 1 to 2 days before you cook it, and keep the meat separated from the fresh produce when bagging. Extra caution should be used when buying fresh, stuffed turkeys because of the potential for bacteria growth in the stuffing. Pick up the meat, dairy, egg and eggs just before checking out.

- Develop a master plan. Take into consideration your refrigerator, freezer and oven space to keep hot foods at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and cold foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. If you use coolers, make sure you have plenty of clean ice and check it frequently to make sure the ice has not melted.

- Wash hands often. Wash hands before, during and after food preparation to minimize bacterial contamination. Wash with hot water and soap up to your wrists and between your fingers for approximately 20 seconds.

- Separate to avoid cross-contamination. Use two cutting boards: one for preparing raw meat, poultry and fish, and the other for cutting fruits and vegetables, cooked food or preparing salads.

- Wash all fresh pro-

duce. Rinse fruits and vegetables thoroughly under cool running water and use a produce brush to remove surface dirt. Even wash prepackaged greens to minimize bacterial contamination.

- Thaw frozen meats safely. Defrost meats in the refrigerator for approximately 24 hours, depending on size, or submerge meat in its original package in a pan of enough cold water to cover the meat. Allow 30 minutes thawing time for every pound.

- Cook to proper temperature. Use a thermometer to make sure food has been cooked enough to kill bacteria. Turkey, stuffing, side dishes and all leftovers should be cooked to at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Keep guests out of the kitchen. Holidays occur during cold and flu season, and preventing guests from sampling the food while it is being prepared limits the amount of germs getting on the food. Serve appetizers to give guests something to nibble on until the meal is ready.

- Refrigerate leftovers. Leftovers should be divided into smaller portions, stored in several shallow containers and refrigerated within two hours after cooking. Leftovers should be eaten within 3 to 4 days. If large amounts are left, consider freezing leftovers for later use.

- Eating leftovers. Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees Fahrenheit throughout or until steaming hot. Soups, sauces and gravies should be brought to a rolling boil for at least 1 minute. Never taste leftover food that looks or smells strange. When in doubt, throw it out.

For more food safety information, visit <http://fapc.biz/videos/food-safety/2018-holiday-food-safety> or text FAPC to 80802 to download the FAPC Connect app.

FAPC, a part of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, helps to discover, develop and deliver technical and business information that stimulates and supports the growth of value-added food and agricultural products and processing in Oklahoma.

Tips to help avoid gift card fraud this holiday season

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For many consumers, purchasing a gift card takes the stress out of finding the perfect gift to give. First introduced in the 1990s, gift cards have continued to gain in popularity. It is expected about \$130 billion worth of gift cards will be purchased by the end of 2018.

While they are a popular gift, crooks are finding ways to steal the money before the intended recipient has a chance to spend it, said Cindy Clampet, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension family resource management assistant specialist.

"Gift cards are a big target for criminals and there are various ways in which consumers are scammed out of their money," Clampet said.

The simplest method involves a scam artist taking a gift card from the rack in a store, writing down the number and scratching off the strip to reveal the secu-

rity code. Once he has that information, the hacker puts a replacement strip, which are easily available online, over the code and puts it back on the rack.

Later, the unsuspecting consumer purchases the card and loads money onto it. Once the card is loaded, the hacker periodically goes online to check the balance of the card. Once it is loaded, the scammer gets busy shopping.

"Unfortunately, consumers don't even know the card has been hacked until the recipient tries to use it," she said. "One way to help safeguard your gift card purchase is to pull a card from the middle of the rack. Don't take the first one on the rack. Inspect it closely, especially the area to be scratched off to reveal the security code. If it looks like it has been tampered with, choose another card. Or look for gift cards that are kept behind the counter or are in a well-sealed package."

Another tip to avoid being scammed is to change

the security code as soon as you buy the card. Clampet said to register the card when you get home and change the PIN. Also, suggest the recipient use the card as soon as possible.

Another way sophisticated hackers steal your gift card dollars is by using robot networks, also known as botnets. Botnets test millions of combinations of gift card account numbers and stolen PIN passwords to try to log into online gift card accounts that have money loaded onto them. The botnets avoid detection by mimicking individual human browsing behavior and blending in with a website's genuine visitor traffic.

"Criminals also can gain access to your gift card numbers and PINs by hacking your computer. To help prevent that, make sure your security software is the most up-to-date version," she said. "Create and use strong passwords to help protect your priva-

cy. Also, consider purchasing gift cards online directly from the retailer."

Although the gift card industry continually is seeing an increase in purchases, many of them go unused. Of the estimated \$130 billion spent on gift cards last year, about \$1 billion went unspent.

"Fortunately, it has become harder for retailers to make money on out-of-date cards. The Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 ruled they should not expire until five years after the cards are issued," Clampet said. "However, if you purchase a gift card from a smaller retailer, only about half of those businesses still will be around in five years. So, before you turn to the gift card as the perfect gift for those who are hard to buy for, make sure it's to a store at which the recipient shops. You don't want to waste your money for a gift that won't be used."



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Altus falters against Anadarko to end 2018

BY RYAN LEWIS
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The 2018-19 high school basketball season hasn't been kind to the Altus Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs, and on Tuesday, things got a lot worse as both teams played their final games before Christmas break.

The Bulldogs will have a chance to redeem themselves when they head to the Holiday Classic in Duncan two days after Christmas, but the Lady Bulldogs have played their final game of 2018 and will have to wait until Jan. 5 to rebound from three straight losses.

The games were never going to be easy. The Lady Bulldogs were taking on Class 4A's fourth-ranked Anadarko Lady Warriors while the Bulldogs were dealing with Class 4A's fifth-ranked Warriors. Even with the tough task ahead, both Altus teams were expecting to compete and come out on top.

For the girls' team, the game got out of hand quickly as the Lady Warriors built a 20-8 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Altus had no answer for Kaylee Borden, Kimberly Stephens and Lexi Foreman who seemed to score at will. Borden led a second quarter charge by scoring eight of the Lady Warriors' 17 points to give Anadarko a 37-13 lead at the break.

Altus struggled through the first three quarters with Lakysia Johnson scoring the bulk of the Lady Bulldogs' points. Johnson had six of Altus' eight points in the first quarter and two of Altus' five points in the second quarter. Only Haley Leyja, who knocked down a triple in the second, and Kaylen Carroll, who chipped in two in the first, made it on the stat sheet before halftime.

In the third quarter, Leyja knocked down another three and Jordan Benway added two to push Altus to 18 points through three quarters. Meanwhile, Anadarko saw its best quarter yet with six different players getting involved to push the Lady Warriors' lead to 59-18.

By the end of the game, Anadarko had scored 78 points to Altus' 30 with Borden scoring 16 and Stephens and Foreman each adding 12.

For Altus, the fourth quarter was the Lady Bulldogs' best showing on the court. Jerzey Ybarra knocked down two two-point field goals as did Johnson. Carroll added a bucket as well to give Altus a 12-point quarter. But the free-throw line continues to be a problem for the Lady Bulldogs who finished 0-of-8 from the line against Anadarko.

Johnson led Altus with 12 points while Leyja chipped in six and Carroll and Ybarra each finished with four.

The boys didn't fare any better, but they did manage to keep things interesting through the first half of play and trailed Anadarko by just four points, 25-21, going into the break.

It was in the third quarter that Anadarko was able to pull away thanks to the heroics of Christian Braveheart who scored 13 of his 20 points in the quarter. Up until the break, Altus' Carson Pickett was guarding Braveheart and kept him locked down and limited to two first half points, but after halftime, Anadarko switched things up and Braveheart broke free to lead the Warriors to victory.

For Altus, Pickett led all scorers with 11 points, most coming by way of the free-throw line where he knocked down 6-of-6 in the third and fourth quarters. Tim Gloria knocked down a pair of three-point buckets to finish with six points and Derek Beach added a three and a free throw to finish with four points.

The Bulldogs will travel to the Holiday Classic in Duncan on Dec. 27.

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Carson Pickett (3) struggled from the field but still scored 11 of Altus' 30 points in Tuesday's loss to Anadarko.

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At the end of the night, coach Matt Terry, center, gathered with the senior Bulldog football players to show appreciation for all their hard work over the last four years. From left, Javon Bostic, Kobi Gomez, Terry, Garrett Pride, Nehemiah McCaskill and 20 other senior players were celebrated for their achievements this season in a packed Altus High School cafeteria.

8 Bulldogs earn All-District recognition

BY RYAN LEWIS
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Before the 2018 football season began for the Altus Bulldogs, players and coaches were hard at work ensuring the season began without a hitch.

The type of work necessary to be a Bulldog required sacrifice on many levels. Players spent less time at home, less time with their friends and less time having fun. Football in Altus is a way of life, and those who signed up to join the Bulldog brotherhood understood that in order to be successful here, you gave everything you had to give.

That type of commitment is reserved for the dedicated few. Not every player who steps onto the practice field at Altus High School has what it takes to wear the Bulldog blue beneath the Friday night lights, but for those who can withstand the long hours and the grueling workouts in the brutal Oklahoma sun and for those who have the desire to learn and willingness to correct any mistakes he may have, the outcome is rewarding.

Those who excel find themselves among the elite in Oklahoma high school football. They are the recognized few who made the greatest impact on the football field for their team. Altus has seen its fair share of superstar players and as with last year and the years before, there doesn't seem to be a shortage of players in Altus willing to give everything they have to be remembered as some of the best to ever step onto the field as Bulldogs.

This season, only Ardmore had more players selected to the 5A-1 All-District football team. If you include honorable mentions, no other team in the district beat Altus.

Garrett Pride made the list as Linebacker of the Year after a stellar season in which Pride recorded 67 tackles — including two for a loss — one sack and an extra-point block.



Daniel Riley, left, and Izaiah Hall were two of three senior Bulldog football players who stood up to speak at Wednesday's banquet. Each talked about what being a Bulldog meant to them and how they built relationships that will last forever.

Pride was one of the main driving forces on the Bulldog defense. A leader on and off the field, Pride never gave up on a play or his teammates and kept his feet churning until the whistle blew.

Pride gave credit to his coaches and teammates for his success saying that without them, he never would have become the player he is today.

"I am very blessed," Pride said, "to be named Linebacker of the Year for District 5A-1, but none of that would have happened without the help from all of my coaches and my teammates pushing me in the weight room and on the field. I owe a lot of my success to Tommy Pride and Brandon Ybarra for teaching me the right steps every day to become a better linebacker."

While Pride was the only Altus player to receiver player of the year recognition, he was far from being the only Bulldog to make the Class 5A-1 All-District team.

Joining him on the list were players you would expect to see there. Kobi Gomez, Izaiah Hall, Koby Bates, Joel Arroyo, Trey Pierce, Scotty Brown, Ryan Borrego and Danny Jameison were all selected at their respective positions with players like Jake Duncan, Tim Gloria, Daniel Riley, Nehemiah McCaskill, Javon Bostic and Noah Briones all

receiving honorable mention recognition.

Like Garrett Pride, Gomez said he is honored to receive the recognition but that it should be shared with the people who made his great season possible.

"It's awesome to receive the recognition," Gomez said, "but I could not have done it without my offensive line and my skill players. Being a triple option quarterback, the ball gets spread around a lot, and I'm just thankful to have had the opportunity."

Gomez did his part as well. He never seemed to know the meaning of the word "quit," breaking tackles and side-stepping players for big gains or touchdowns on a regular basis. He finished the season with 80 carries for 555 yards and six touchdowns while also completing 15 of his 36 pass attempts for 352 yards and three touchdowns.

Hall was also recognized for his contributions to Bulldog football. A force to be reckoned with once the ball was in his hands, Hall often lowered his head and ran through defenders on his way to the end zone. He finished the season with 138 carries for 1083 yards and 11 touchdowns and could have finished with more had he not missed two games due to injury.

Hall was held below 100 yards rushing in just three

games but had his best game of the season against El Reno when he rushed for 293 yards. Like Garrett Pride and Gomez, Hall knows his success was a product of his offensive line's performance this season.

"It's an honor," Hall said. "I want to give a thank you to my offensive line. They did a great job opening up holes for me, and to Coach [Dusty] Davis and Coach [Matt] Terry for giving me the rock."

As for players like Bates at wide receiver, oftentimes, they are overlooked thanks to the offensive scheme the Bulldogs run. Bates only got called on a few times in the passing game, but when he was called on, he made the best out of his opportunity.

On the year, Bates finished the season with three catches for 94 yards and two touchdowns, but his real impact was felt when he was blocking where he oftentimes freed up his side of the field to pave the way for a Bulldog running back. The same can be said for Arroyo who worked tirelessly to keep his quarterback and running backs upright.

On the defensive side of the ball, Brown, Pierce and Borrego helped shut down opposing offenses all season with great success. Brown finished the season with 79 tackles, seven of which were for a loss, and one interception, Pierce finished with 63 tackles, three of which were for a loss, one sack, and five fumble recoveries and Borrego finished with 56 tackles, one of which was for a loss, three pass breakups and one fumble recovery.

All the Altus players mentioned as part of the Class 5A-1 All-District roster put in hours of work and sacrificed quite a bit to ensure the Bulldogs had a successful season, and on Wednesday, coaches and parents came together to honor the Bulldog football team for their contributions throughout the season at the 2018 Altus Bulldog Football Banquet.

Altus swimmers destroy the competition

BY RYAN LEWIS
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The Altus High School boys' and girls' swim teams returned to the pool recently after the threat of inclement weather on Dec. 8 forced the postponement of the Yukon Invitational.

It was Altus' first meet since the Edmond Invitational on Dec. 1, but even with the extended break, the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs were well prepared for the seven teams that came to compete, taking the team title well ahead of second-place Duncan and third-place Yukon.

It was a packed house at the Linda Wiginton Aquatic Center where Altus had little trouble defending its home turf. For the girls' team, Altus finished first with 449.5 points through 22 events. Duncan was closest for second but still far behind with 350 points. Yukon was third with 245.5 points and Lawton MacArthur finished in fifth with 215 points.

For the boys, the gap was

even larger. The Bulldogs finished first with 548 points to second-place Duncan's 384.5 points. Yukon was third with 242 points and Lawton MacArthur came in fourth with 217 points. Also at the meet was Putnam City, Bethany, Lawton High and Lawton Eisenhower.

The Lady Bulldogs kicked things off with the 200-meter medley relay where they coasted to victory with a time of 2:22.25 — 11 seconds ahead of second-place Bethany. On the team for Altus was Lynzie Herron, Alyssa Hargis, Carly Stork and Kylie Allemeier. MacArthur was right behind Bethany while Duncan finished fourth.

The Bulldogs kept Altus going with a first-place finish in the boys' 200-meter medley relay. Sam Annis, Canyon Bain, Chase Hubbard and Caleb Shive gave Altus a decisive victory in the race, finishing with a time of 1:59.27, well ahead of second-place Duncan's time of 2:08.04.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs experienced

the winning feeling often throughout the day as Altus finished in first place in all but eight of the meet's 22 events.

It was a perfect way to end 2018 as the team's look to regroup and make a run for a state championship as soon as school resumes in 2019.

Altus' results were as follows:

Girls 200-meter medley relay — 1. Altus (Herron, Hargis, Stork, Allemeier), 2:22.25.

Boys 200-meter medley relay — 1. Altus (Annis, Bain, Hubbard, Shive), 1:59.27.

Girls 200-meter freestyle — 1. Allemeier, 2:28.90. 3. Haleigh Frith, 2:41.88. 7. Jessica Massey, 2:53.96.

Boys 200-meter freestyle — 1. John Purdue, 2:24.51. 3. Bain, 2:32.13.

Girls 200-meter individual medley — 2. Herron, 2:52.51. 6. Gracie Furfey, 3:31.98.

Boys 200-meter individual medley — 1. Hubbard, 2:33.36. 5. Anthony Basaldua, 2:53.72. 6. DJ Brown, 2:57.37.

Girls 50-meter freestyle — 2. Stork, 32.34. 3. McKenzie Nettleton, 34.03. 7. Ariel Browne, 34.94.

Boys 50-meter freestyle — 1. Shive, 25.66. 2. DeMarco De La Paz, 27.36. 4. Jake Duncan, 27.95. 5. Dan-

iel Riley, 28.22.

Girls 100-meter butterfly — 2. Stork, 1:28.84. 6. Furfey, 1:52.94.

Boys 100-meter butterfly — 1. Hubbard, 1:03.41. 3. Annis, 1:11.08.

Girls 100-meter freestyle — 2. Sarah Scott, 1:07.79. 3. Herron, 1:10.34. 4. Frith, 1:15.34.

Boys 100-meter freestyle — 1. De La Paz, 1:01.76. 5. Riley, 1:09.03. 6. Aiden Kille, 1:09.05.

Girls 400-meter freestyle — 2. Allemeier, 5:10.69. 4. Massey, 6:11.64. 6. Nettleton, 6:24.60.

Boys 400-meter freestyle — 1. Canyon Hart, 4:55.79. 2. Purdue, 5:12.91. 6. Basaldua, 5:45.45.

Girls 200-meter freestyle relay — 1. Altus (Stork, Herron, Hargis, Scott), 2:06.67.

Boys 200-meter freestyle relay — 1. Altus (De La Paz, Annis, Shive, Hubbard), 1:47.64.

Girls 100-meter backstroke — 3. Hargis, 1:19.78.

Boys 100-meter backstroke — 1. Shive, 1:09.85. 3. Hart, 1:16.22. 5. Justin Wheeler, 1:25.35.

Girls 100-meter breaststroke — 2. Browne, 1:38.27. 5. Sanchez, 1:45.90.

Boys 100-meter breaststroke — 3. Bain, 1:20.55. 7. Brown, 1:30.50.

Girls 400-meter freestyle relay — 1. Altus (Scott, Frith, Hargis, Allemeier), 4:48.15.

Boys 400-meter freestyle relay — 1. Altus (De La Paz, Annis, Hart, Purdue), 4:21.94.

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Chamber president and head of the Altus/Southwest Oklahoma Economic Development. He was actually trying to sell the business to Bush because they had always bounced ideas for businesses off each other and saw eye-to-eye on opportunities. In January, Jeremy realized that he loved Altus and wanted to stay here and use his entrepreneurial spirit to build businesses here, not in Florida where he grew up and met Jessica.

But Jeremy knew that he was just over his head with too many responsibilities. Bush suggested he could help take on some of the duties. By July, Bush announced he was leaving the Chamber and economic development to join the Buxtons with a new company called the Buxton Bush Group.

Since creating the group, the team, which also includes their wives, Jessica Buxton and Becca Bush, has launched several business adventures and are lining up more. They opened a second White Buffalo Coffee Bar on North Main, purchased Smiley's Tires, Tunes and Tints, purchased Gilreath's Liquor and expanded Buxton's Design Company, its engraving and garment printing business.

The group has also opened Pendleton's, a primarily men's clothing store on North Main. It does have some women's wear, but the group realized there are many women's apparel or boutique stores in town. Bush said he wanted to offer something for men with a few

items for women.

"We wanted to complement what's downtown, not compete with other businesses," Bush said. Jeremy jumped in to note that many of the local businesses have sent gifts to welcome them downtown.

The group plans to rebrand the liquor store as Salt Fork Spirits and Wines and open under a different ownership a Salt Fork Tap House next to the liquor store. They eventually will open "Scratch Bakery" and they plan to open a third White Buffalo Coffee Bar in Lawton in April.

And by the end of 2019, the group plans to open Props, a sports bar on Falcon Road where the former Polynesian Garden restaurant used to be.

Jeremy has a strong logistics background and Jessica keeps up the businesses' social media platforms as well as focusing on branding.

Even Jeremy's parents have relocated from Florida to Altus to help out. His dad, Victor, has worked in construction and HVAC for years while also serving in law enforcement. That helps because they usually refurbish old buildings. And his mother, Dani, has 30 years of retail experience.

One of Jeremy's challenges had been keeping track of accounts receivable and accounts payable and running monthly profit and loss statements so that he knew where he was financially in each of his businesses — which keep expanding.

Becca Bush has the accounting skills the team needed to keep track of the various

businesses and let the four participants know where they stand with each one. After being months behind in book-keeping, Jeremy, tongue in cheek, said Becca's a "phenomenal detective" because she has the ability to look at all of his receipts and realize which business to apply the receipts to.

Becca says they hide her in a back room where she can concentrate and not be interrupted. What started as part-time has become full-time work for her.

So, was stepping away from a guaranteed salary as an Air Force pilot and the head of the local Chamber and economic development agency a difficult challenge?

"It's great to do a lot of the same things I was encouraging other people to do," Brian said. "I was honestly never worried. I believe in everyone."

Likewise, Jeremy said he's following the passion of his entrepreneurial spirit. Brian complimented his vision and business savvy. "He has a sixth sense to find ways to improve a business," he said.

That business sense starts with training employees to focus on the customer's needs. Their employees are called "leaders" and they allow those leaders to make decisions without consequences. "They don't need to talk to an owner to make a customer happy," Jeremy said.

Brian says the "counter-culture" encourages employees to serve customers. "It's the opposite of thinking about serving ourselves," he said. And they're banking on that approach to pay dividends.

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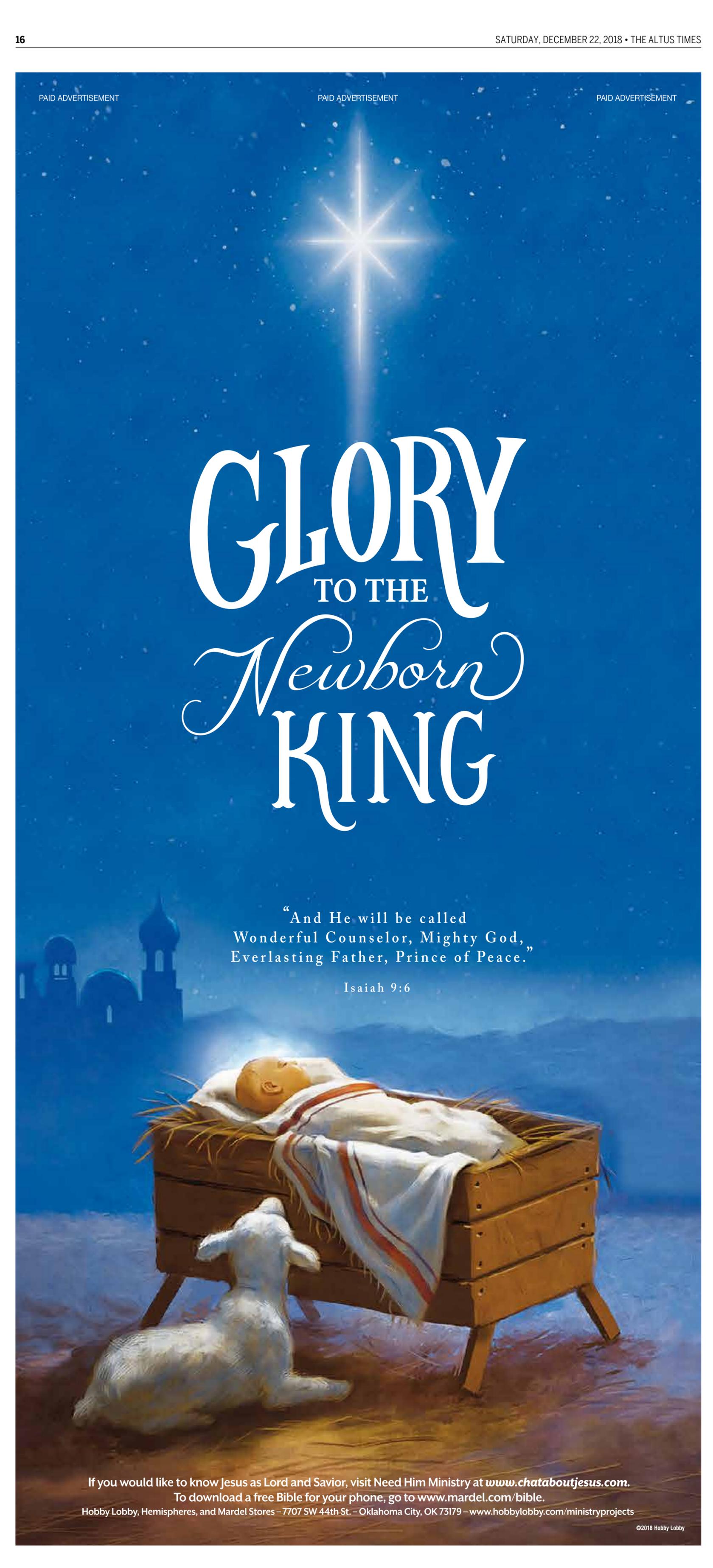
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