

SMH to conduct CEO interviews this week

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Stephens Memorial Hospital is closer to having a new CEO after a few months of Mike Easley serving in the interim since last Dec. 5. The hospital board has narrowed its candidate list down to four qualified applicants and will be conducting screening interviews this week. These interviews will take place at noon Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, with the board inviting the candidates on site for the selection of the CEO. While a specific timeline is not yet set for when the hospital board will name its finalist for the position, official interviews will likely

be conducted shortly after screening. Easley told the American that they will keep the names of the top candidates private until announcing the name of the finalist once a decision has been made. At their latest meeting Thursday, Feb. 27, Easley also updated the board on the hospital's progress in getting designated as a critical access hospital (CAH). The interim CEO said that the fourth survey will be conducted with the state architect during the week of Sunday, March 16, after the first three surveys yielded bad results. After the survey in Oc-

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BHS Band wins sweepstakes

Competing in the UIL area concert and sight reading competitions Wednesday, Feb. 26, the Pride of Breckenridge Buckaroo Band scored division 1 ratings in both categories. Pairing those scores with the division 1 ratings they received in the marching contest in October, the Breckenridge band earns a "sweepstakes" honor. *Contributed photos*

County supports formal pursuit of historical recognition for school site

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Preserving history in Stephens County and Texas as a whole consistently tops the minds of important figures in the county, as well as its community members and historical authorities. Many county residents are adamant about preserving the vast history of a once-thriving boomtown and vital oil-producing region. Stephens County commissioners took another step in preserving that history last Monday, Feb. 24, supporting and approving the formal pursuit of official historical recognition for the Booker T. Washington School site in Breckenridge.



J.D. Wilson, right, stands with Stephens County Judge Michael Roach after commissioners voted their support and endorsement of the former Booker T. Washington School student's desire to get historical recognition for the once-African American school, along the lines of erecting a historical marker at the site of the school.

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J.D. Wilson was a student at Booker T. Washington School for six years before BISD was fully integrated beginning in 1966. The BISD school board voted in favor of integration to begin for grades seven through 12 for the 1964-65 school year. Wilson, one of the first four Black student-athletes to play for the Buckaroos at Breckenridge High School, presented to the commissioners court on the Booker T. Washington School site about getting the extra push needed to get the process through. Wilson is on a committee that is working to maintain the history of Booker T. Washington School locally and working to get a historical marker pushed

through. He added that they have the funds required for the marker. "We still have one living teacher, Mattie Marie Orman, she's like 86 years old and she's in California," Wilson said. "We'd love to get this through before anything happens to her." Wilson went over a brief history of the school, which is the narrative the committee has added to an application for the historical marker to send to Austin. The early history began

with Black families being drawn to Breckenridge during the oil boom era, between 1921 and 1927. Two African American churches were originally where Black children attended school during that time - Mount Olive Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist Church, both of which are still around. Wilson said that the two churches were relocated to higher ground following a flood in 1926 in which a lot of the flats in the south-

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Kenneth Raney of the Alamo Letter Society described the desire to place a bronze copy of the historical William B. Travis letter at every courthouse in Texas and asked for permission to place one at the Stephens County Courthouse.

Photo/Alex Kielar

Commissioners approve placement of historical Travis letter at courthouse

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At their latest meeting Monday, Feb. 24, Stephens County Commissioners discussed a resolution regarding the implementation of a historical piece into the county. They heard from Kenneth Raney on behalf of the Alamo Society who presented the desire to place a copy of the historical William B. Travis letter at the Stephens County Courthouse. After hearing from Raney, commissioners approved the placement of the three-foot, 204-pound bronze copy of the letter. The Travis letter was an open letter, written Feb. 24, 1836, to the "People of Texas and All Americans in the World."

Travis, the commander of the Texian forces at the Battle of the Alamo, called for reinforcements with the message: "I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid with all dispatch." He then ended the letter with "Victory or Death" as a final cry and it is also commonly referred to as the "Victory or Death letter." Raney stated that he has been asked to serve as the Stephens County chair of the Alamo Letter Society, which is a non-profit organization whose goal is to place the letter in all 254 courthouses in Texas. "There are 15 or 16 of

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Weekly Local Forecast

Wednesday, Mar. 5 High 65 Low 44 Precipitation 0%	Thursday, Mar. 6 High 77 Low 58 Precipitation 0%	Friday, Mar. 7 High 76 Low 41 Precipitation 0%	Saturday, Mar. 8 High 53 Low 36 Precipitation 24%
Sunday, Mar. 9 High 72 Low 44 Precipitation 5%	Monday, Mar. 10 High 79 Low 51 Precipitation 0%	Tuesday, Mar. 11 High 82 Low 57 Precipitation 1%	Hubbard Creek At capacity: 1,183.31 Current: 1,169.71

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Obituaries



Drucella Ann (Beasley) Thompson

November 25, 1932 – February 7, 2025

Drucella Ann Beasley Thompson was surrounded by family as she went home peacefully to her Lord and Savior on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025 at the age of 92. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Dru was born in West Somerset, Kentucky on Nov. 25, 1932 to Fannie Dureen Dodson and Virgil Elza Beasley. At the age of 12, her parents divorced and she moved with her mother and her sister to Birmingham, Alabama. Shortly thereafter, her mother met and married Bob Sears, who was a loving and positive father figure in Dru's life. During her high school years, Dru worked at Pizitz department store in downtown Birmingham, where she earned the money to buy her own clothes. She graduated from Ensley High School in 1950, and during her senior year, won second place in Foods at the Fair and was voted "Ideal Eyes" by her classmates. Dru always wanted to be a stewardess, and after her high school graduation and a short period of time working for Birmingham Fire Insurance Company, she moved to Memphis, Tennessee and became a stewardess for Southern Airways. She later moved to Nashville and was working as a stewardess for American Airlines when she met the love of her life, Patrick Whitacre Thompson, on a Valentine's Day blind date. At the time, Pat was in the Air Force and stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina but happened to be in Nashville for a week of training. It did not take long for Dru to know that this tall, handsome Texan was the one for her, and they married just three months later on May 5, 1956 in Birmingham. Dru and Pat soon moved to Austin, where Pat attended and graduated from law school at the University of Texas and where their first two children were born, Teresa Ann Thompson and Dru Ellen Thompson. Dru always desired to pursue a college education for herself, and during their time in Austin, she attended night classes at the University of Texas. The couple moved to Pat's hometown of Breckenridge in the Fall of 1963, and Dru continued her education by commuting to nearby Cisco and Abilene for college courses. The family began attending First Christian Church in Breckenridge, where Dru loved volunteering at the annual Chili Walk-In and where the family continued to attend church for decades. In the summer of 1967, Dru and Pat welcomed their son, John Patrick Thompson, and one year later, the family built and moved into the home where Dru would spend the rest of her life loving and caring for Pat and their children and making countless wonderful memories with generations of her family.

Dru was a woman of many talents and interests. She was an incredible seamstress and loved sewing and smocking children's clothes for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She sewed, altered and hemmed countless prom dresses and party gowns for her daughters and granddaughters and also made several coronation gowns and trainbearer dresses for the Breckenridge Coronation. She enjoyed quilting as well, and in her later years, crocheting became the hobby she enjoyed most. She crocheted baby blankets and clothing, and in 2022, she donated over 600 of her crocheted children's toboggan hats to the local elementary schools. Through the years, her grandchildren learned that if anyone could mend something, whether it was a favorite shirt, dress or stuffed animal, it was her. And she loved doing it. Dru also loved to fish. She never missed a chance to drop a line in the water, and she always cleaned and cooked whatever she caught! She spent many a day fishing on Hubbard Lake, Mr. Ratliff's boathouse, and on many other tanks and ponds around Breckenridge. Dru loved being outdoors and had a real gift for gardening and yard work. She was always growing vegetables and beautiful flowers in her yard and learned to tend a garden at a young age. One of her favorite roles was serving as the Grounds Chairman at First Christian Church, where she tirelessly groomed and planted the church flower beds year-round. In 1986, Pat and Dru bought a vacation home in Alto, New Mexico that became their home away from home for the next 30 years. They would travel there several times a year, enjoying the snow in the winter and an escape from the Texas heat in the summer. They loved taking day trips all over New Mexico and collecting Native American artwork, pottery and jewelry. But their favorite memories from Alto are being there with their children and grandchildren for annual golf tournaments, fun New Year's parties, Valentine's toasts on the back deck, picnics on the mountain, and dinners at the Club. Dru's greatest joy in life was always her family. There was nothing she loved more than planning and preparing a holiday meal or hosting a backyard cookout for her family. Every gathering was filled with her fun-loving spirit and the love and energy she poured into her family. What a full life she lived and what a beautiful legacy of love she leaves. Most importantly of all, Dru loved the Lord and was a follower of Jesus Christ. For this reason, her family finds comfort and rest in the knowledge that she is made perfect by her Savior and rejoices in the firm assurance that they will be with Dru again one glorious day.

Dru is preceded in death by her grandson, James Sloan Everett, Jr.; her mother and stepfather, Fannie Dodson Sears and Bob Sears; her father, Virgil Elza Beasley; and her sister, Frances Beasley Ammons.

Dru is survived by her husband of 68 years, Patrick W. Thompson; daughter, Teresa Thompson Everett, and husband, Jim, of Breckenridge; daughter, Dru Ellen Fambro, of Breckenridge; son, John Patrick Thompson, and wife, Margaret, of Dallas; her grandchildren, Sarah Everett Fowler and husband, Jason; Katharine Everett Meuli and husband, Toby; Caroline Everett Jurgensen and husband, Luke; Elizabeth Ann Everett; Rebecca Lafon Everett; Matthew Whitacre Fambro; Travis Conner Fambro; Kate Thompson Newell and husband, Paul; Maggie Anne Thompson; Patrick Whitacre Thompson, II; and Liesl Everett LaMar and husband, Luke; her great-grandchildren, Hubbard, Esther, Silas, Josiah and Iris Fowler; Scarlett, Samuel and Cody Everett; Heidi, Dru and Sloan Jurgensen; and Oliver Meuli; her sister-in-law, Jean Ann Titus; her half-brother, Todd Beasley; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would also like to recognize and extend their deepest appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful, God-sent doctors, nurses and caregivers who loved and cared for Dru over the past several years of her life. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to Dr. Kelli Windsor, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Sandra, Carissa, Bonnie, Toni, Patsy, Josephine, Suzanna, Joyce, Debbie and Solaris Hospice.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at First Christian Church in Breckenridge, with Rev. Sonny McCauley and Rev. Andrew Channer officiating. A family-only burial preceded the service at Breckenridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church of Breckenridge.

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these that have already been done," Raney said.

He added that the original bronze letter is in the grass in front of the Alamo church building.

"Bill McNutt's daughter, who was doing her seventh grade history work, saw the letter on the lawn and said, 'Dad, why don't we put one of these on all of the courthouses in Texas?' So this bright little girl is basically the genesis of the idea to do this."

Raney said that the Alamo Letter Society is in the process of getting county chairs together

for the project.

He said that he has raised the \$4,500 it would cost to purchase the bronze and that the next step is for the court to decide how and where they want to display it.

He gave commissioners a packet with examples of how other counties have handled it.

Raney also added that they will hold an unveiling ceremony once the letter is installed.

Judge Michael Roach said that they will continue to have discussions on where exactly they want to install the letter.

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Joyce Bernice (Sullivan) Barrett

Sept. 26, 1943 – Feb. 24, 2025

Funeral services for Mrs. Joyce Barrett, 81, of Carthage were held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Kirby Hill officiating. Her ashes will be interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Joyce Bernice Sullivan Barrett was born Sept. 26, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She passed this life peacefully Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 in Tyler. Joyce was one of seven children born to the marriage of Inis Bernice Williams and Frank Jefferson Sullivan. She was raised and schooled in Odessa and Kermit, graduating from Kermit High School. She was a graduate of Panola College and obtained her Bachelors of Education through Stephen F. Austin State University.

Joyce married her love Charles Wayne Barrett on June 11, 1961 and together they celebrated 58 years of marriage and raised two children before he preceded her in death in 2019. Mrs. Barrett worked as a bookkeeper for C.R. Anthony, a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Carthage. She spent many years as a real estate broker before pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher. She served as a reading resource teacher and reading specialist at Center Junior for two years and then for Jefferson Junior High until her retirement.

Joyce and Charles were both longtime members of Southside Baptist Church. She was active in her Xi Chi Lambda sorority, serving as president in 1987-1988. Most of all, she loved her family and her pet dog Boomer. Her life revolved around her husband Charles, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Johnny and Aubrey Dale Sullivan; sisters, Carolyn Harrison and Barbara Cargal.

Mrs. Barrett is survived by her devoted children, including daughter, Laura Barrett of Carthage; son, David Barrett of Holly Lake Ranch; sisters, Frankie Davis of Somerville, Norma Davis and husband Norman of Odessa; sister-in-law, Teresa Sullivan of Carrollton; grandchildren, Seth Barrett and wife Jessica of Holly Lake Ranch, and Dana Rodriguez and husband David of Tyler, Shelby Freeland and husband Jackson of Tyler; four great-grandchildren and two on the way; numerous nieces, nephews; and a host of friends.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

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tober, when they realized the hospital did not have 40 beds which they had originally thought, Easley said that he had sent in a corrective action plan, which he thought would be more clear.

"We walked the hospital one hundred times, trying to figure out where beds should be, what makes sense and what's the right number of beds. Instead of just one [number] for the maximum, get the right number so that you can staff and it makes sense," Easley said. "We felt 20 [beds] was a better number. We wrote a corrective action plan and asked to reduce to 20, but it didn't get over the right form."

Easley continued by saying that when the architect came in January, the hospital immediately failed the new survey after the architect said they were there to survey from 40 to 25 beds. But then, the state architect got involved, who walked them through every room that needs to be changed or needs to be taken off and exactly

what needs to be done. "At one point, early on, they said that we can take those units and just hang a picture over them and just cover them up," he said. "But as we progressed through it, they said they have got to come completely out. The call systems have to come completely out."

Easley said that they are in constant contact with the head of the state architecture division and he doesn't imagine them not passing this time as they were walked through the precise steps. He said they will ask for the designation to be effective April 1 and are adamant about not having it pushed any further.

Once the survey is completed and passed, the state will send its

approval to the regional Medicare office. If and when the hospital ends up being approved for CAH designation, Easley noted that they will have to start over with a new billing number and new codes, as critical access hospitals are not billed the same as a prospective pay.

He also said that they will have to get a new Medicaid number from the state TMHP and negotiate with each individual Medicare-managed care organization.

"We don't have a lot of Medicaid, but Blue Cross insurance, all of them are going to be renegotiated, because you have a new Medicare number," Easley said. "Medicare is the entry of a hospital into the world of insurance."



Stephens Memorial Hospital Board President Tom Echols, left, and interim CEO Mike Easley at the board's Thursday, Jan. 30 meeting.

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east port section of the city flooded.

"In the summer of 1927, the Breckenridge Independent School District moved the frame building from the old school campus on the hill to the corner of Robertson Powell Street, and that's where the campus sits now," Wilson said. "This became the location of the Booker T. Washington School, and for all the African American students in Breckenridge until 1964. The nearby communities enclosed the building with center blocks to make it more secure."

After full integration into BISD, the Booker T. Washington building was taken over in 1967 as a community and health center and used by the community action program until 1976 when it was then left vacated.

A fire gutted the interior of the building in 2004, leaving only the cinder blocks.

"We've got all this information, but we just need a little push to get this thing done and get it over the hill. And we're at the stage of sending them the application because the application did the same thing. We've got this narrative on file in Austin, and they said we didn't have to redo the narrative, but we just read it now for the application with something from this court, to get the ap-

plication down there. The deadline is September, but people I work with said it is best to get this in early and if we can get approved this year, maybe we set them up for next year."

County Judge Michael Roach presented Wilson with a brick that he took from the building when it was torn down.

"I thought, you know what somebody may want a piece of this. And then I was told I may have been stealing," Roach joked. "So I had this in my office and I was going to create a shadow box about the history of Booker T. Washington. So I'll just give you a piece of it, so now I'm not in trouble anymore."

The full narrative of the resolution read by Roach is as follows:

"The Stephens County Commissioners Court hereby supports and endorses the formal pursuit of the historical recognition of the Booker T. Washington site, including but not limited to, applying for state historical marker, inclusion or oth-

er relevant historical registers. Stephens County Commissioners Court encourages local government agencies, community organizations, historians and citizens to collaborate in preserving the memory and physical remains of the Booker T. Washington school, thereby ensuring that this vital piece of our shared heritage is honored. The Stephens County Commissioners Court acknowledges the importance and recognizes the celebration of the diverse culture and educational history within Stephens County and commits to supporting efforts that highlight such contributions. Finally, a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to any appropriate historical or preservation authorities to demonstrate Stephens County's commitment to memorializing and protecting this historically significant site."

The entire commission was in favor of the resolution as stated and moved to have the process pushed forward.

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How data can help rein in health care costs

All-Payor Claims Database would help state budget writers control future expenses

As Texas leaders navigate a state budget stretched by growing demands for education, water, energy and property tax relief, one of the largest and fastest-growing cost drivers is health care for teachers and state employees.

During this budget cycle, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) have requested nearly \$1 billion above baseline spending just to keep up with rising health care costs. Without additional funding, TRS-Active-Care average member premiums could rise by nearly \$2,200 per year by 2027, and ERS reserves may be fully depleted by 2029 — jeopardizing benefits for the roughly one million Texans whose health care is administered by these

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retirement systems.

One powerful tool that could help policymakers and budget writers assess cost trends and explore potential savings is the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (APCD), housed at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Fully funding the APCD would cost just \$4.5 million per year, a fraction of the additional funding requested for ERS and TRS, yet it could provide the transparency and data needed to evaluate cost-saving reforms.

“With health care costs rising rapidly, the

state needs better data to make informed decisions,” said Charles Miller, Director of Health & Economic Mobility at Texas 2036. “The All-Payor Claims Database offers a fact-based approach to understanding cost drivers and identifying opportunities to strengthen the system for both taxpayers and public servants.”

A national challenge, a Texas opportunity

Rising health care costs are not unique to Texas. States across the country are grappling with increasing expenditures for public employ-

ee health plans and private sector insurance. More than 20 states have established their own All-Payor Claims Databases, recognizing the power of data to help control costs, improve transparency and strengthen competition in health care markets.

Texas, with its rapidly growing population and one of the largest economies in the world, has the opportunity to be a leader in using data-driven solutions to address these challenges. Investing in the Texas APCD now would put Texas at the forefront of innovation in health care policy, providing a model for other states looking to rein in expenditures while ensuring access to quality care.

Established by House Bill 2090 in the 2021 legislative session, the

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Ask Rusty: Should I wait until age 70 to claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am a married woman, at my full retirement age, and the primary earner in my marriage. How do I know if I should take my Social Security now or wait till 70? I will lose quite a bit if I take it now. How will it affect my taxes if I take it now while still working a full-time job? **Signed: Undecided**



Russell Gloor

Social Security Matters

Dear Undecided: As you apparently already know, waiting until you are 70 to claim Social Security will result in you getting your maximum possible monthly SS retirement benefit. After your full retirement age, you get about 8% more each year you delay claiming up to age 70. But deciding exactly when to claim should consider both your financial needs and, importantly, your life expectancy. If you don't urgently need the money now and your life expectancy is at least “average,” then waiting until age 70 to claim is usually the right choice. But if you urgently need the money, or your life expectancy is less than average (mid-80s for a woman your current age), then claiming before age 70 is usually prudent.

Regarding taxation, Social Security benefits may be taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status. If you file taxes as “married/jointly” and your combined income (including your work income) exceeds \$32,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income is over \$44,000, then up to 85% of your SS benefits becomes taxable income (the thresholds are low-

er for those who file as a single). So, your full-time work income will likely affect how much of your Social Security benefits are subject to income tax by the IRS.

In the end, only you can decide when you should claim Social Security. Taxation of benefits may be a factor to consider since you are still working full time (thus more of your SS benefits will be taxable). But waiting longer to claim results in a higher benefit for the rest of your life (your SS retirement benefit will be .667% more for each month you delay, up to age 70). If the “rest of your life” is a long time and you don't urgently need the money, waiting is often the right choice. If not, claiming earlier may be wiser.

If you want to get a more personalized estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest you use the tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/.

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Mort and the rumor mill...

Uncle Mort doesn't own a smartphone, and only recently found a well-worn flip phone for \$10 on eBay. Neither does my ancient uncle own a computer, claiming he'd never remember where the off/on switch is, or how to use it should the screen magically light.

Still, he claims to be a “follower of social media,” but his sources are second-hand at best, and often third, fourth and fifth, be they fact, fiction or fantasy. One of his “sources” is the guy who delivers bread to the general store a few miles up the lane from his spread in the thicket. The man usual-

ly drops off more than bread.

He is full of rumors, jokes and stories, leaving smiles—and sometimes thigh-slapping laughter—in his wake. The other day, he asked, “Do you know what I ‘herd’?” ... “A small HERD of cattle and a few goats and sheep.” ...

Recently, Mort and his buddies jumped to attention when the breadman mentioned that a friend of his second cousin (on his dad's side) lives in New York City, where his wife works daily in Manhattan. (Mort always clarifies with “where them tallest buildings

are.”)

She swears she saw President Donald Trump and his sidekick (“almost-equal-kick?”) entering the CBS President's office. (She admits that the pair may have been AI versions of the President and of Elon Musk.) Anyways, she thinks she heard President Trump campaigning to get the name of a popular weekly TV program changed from Face the Nation to The Nation Faces Me. And Musk was promoting the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper to become our 52nd and 53rd states, assuming that Canada will become #51.”



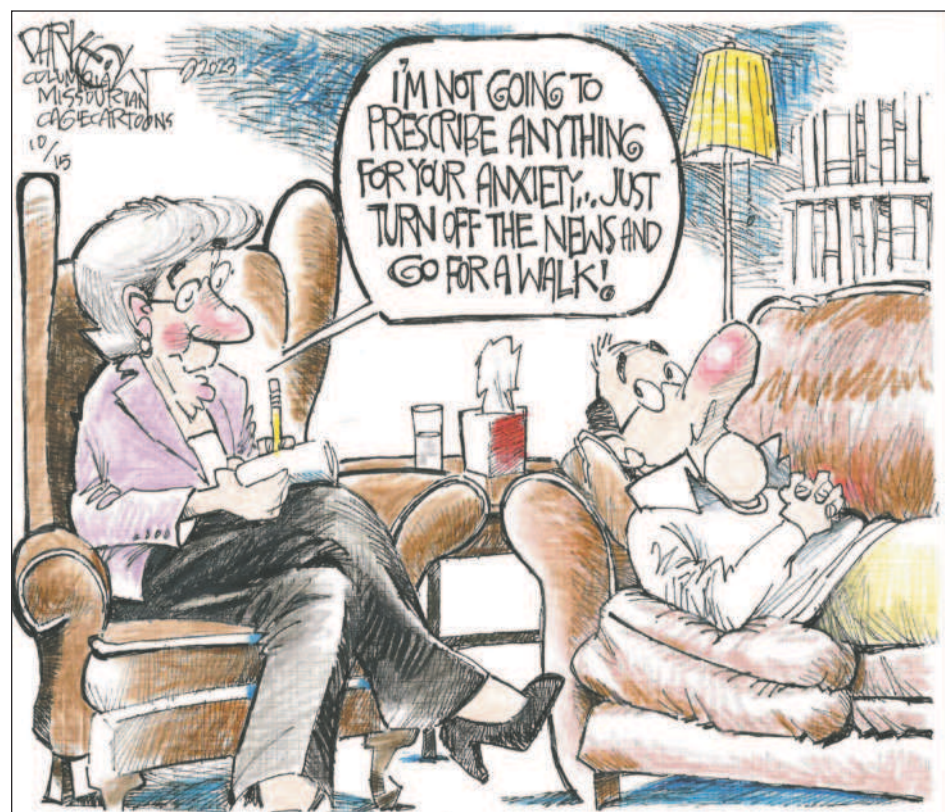
Don Newbury

The Idle American

That sounded “about right” To Mort, who spent the rest of the day informing others of the Trump-Musk sightings....

All the agency shake-ups in DeeCee remind a longtime friend, John Nickols, of his brief tenure almost 50 years ago when he and another Quantico-trained FBI rookie were agents in the Albuquerque, NM, field office. Well-armed and well-trained, the pair received word about a federal fugitive believed to be holed up in Ruidoso, NM, where he had formerly lived and his family still resided. So, they headed for Ruidoso in hot pursuit, finding nary a fu-

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Newbury

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gitive after disturbing both nooks and cran- nies. After all, they rea- soned, the “tip” came from a usually reliable FBI source. Whatever, it was a pretty lousy way to spend Christ- mas Eve.

Later, the “source” admitted innocently sharing flawed informa- tion. The fugitive was in Reynosa, Mexico, NOT Ruidoso. Soon, the fu- gitive was arrested by other agents. “Many people had goose for Christmas,” Nickols re- members. “My partner and I had a wild goose chase.” Cool Hand Luke would have said there was a definite failure to communicate.

An avowed Chris- tian, he spent most of his career as a highly successful high school and college basketball coach and as a respect- ed university teacher. He was a pace-setter in everything, except perhaps as a guitarist, where maybe “hobby” is a better fit. However, he befits the descrip- tion “Bum” Phillips, longtime Houston Oil- er Coach, once offered when asked if star run- ning back Earl Camp- bell was in a class by himself. “If he’s not,” Bum drawled, “It don’t take long to call the

roll.”...

In this space two weeks ago, I wrote about the recent colli- sion of aircrafts result- ing in their crashing into the Potomac River. In the five paragraphs reflecting on earlier crashes involving Bran- iff International, I relied on memory for details, and failed miserably, perhaps committing more “goofs” than any other in my 22 years of weekly meanderings.

I erred in several ref- erences to Braniff, and persons who want to learn accurate details of this airline’s remark- able history may Goo- gle Braniff Airways Foundation.

The Foundation al- lows Braniff’s rich her- itage to live into per- petuity. I am sincerely sorry for my mistakes— all of them of the head and not the heart—and offer deepest apolo- gies....

Dr. Newbury, long- time university presi- dent, continues to speak and write. *The Idle Amer- ican*, begun in 2003, is one of the longest-run- ning syndicated col- umns. Contact: 817-447- 3872. Email: newbury@ speakerdoc.com. Web- site: www.speakerdoc. com.

Data

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Texas APCD has yet to receive legislative fund- ing. Despite that, the Texas APCD has moved forward in establishing the framework for col- lecting payor data and is currently receiving monthly data submis- sions from payors.

Texans want action on rising health care costs

Texans are struggling with rising health care expenses, with the av- erage annual premium for family coverage ex- ceeding \$25,000, about one-third of the state’s median household in- come. About one in 10 of Texas adults —

2,300,000 people — report having med- ical debt in a given year. And Texas has the highest percentage of children whose fam- ilies struggled to pay for their child’s med- ical bills in the past 12 months at 14.9%.

The high price of health care is leading many Texans to make tough choices — often at the expense of their health. A statewide poll by the Episcopal Health Foundation found that 65% of insured Tex- ans skipped or post- poned medical care in the past year because of expenses, includ- ing check-ups, treat- ments and filling pre-

scriptions.

Recent polling un- derscores widespread public concern about the financial pressures of health care. In Tex- as 2036’s Texas Voter Poll, 87% of Texans ex- pressed concern about financial entities influ- encing medical deci- sion-making through ownership of doctors’ offices and hospitals, and 75% supported in- creased oversight of health care mergers to maintain competition and control prices.

With the health care market evolving rap- idly, data from the APCD

can help Texas leaders evaluate and respond to emerging trends, ensuring that rising health care costs don’t undermine other crit- ical budget priorities.

Texas 2036 is a non- profit public policy or- ganization committed to building long-term, data-driven strategies to ensure Texas’ prosper- ity up to its bicentennial and beyond. Our solu- tions are nonpartisan, grounded in thorough research and focus on critical issues that seek to improve lives and op- portunities for all Tex- ans.

Matters

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1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. In 1 Kings 20:29, how many footmen (soldiers) of the Syrians were killed in one day? 5,000; 10,000; 50,000; 100,000
 3. Who made the first “piggy bank” by placing a chest with a hole in it near the altar? Ezra, Jehoiada, Ahab, Jethro
 4. From Jeremiah 7:32, what did the Lord say that Tophet will be called? Syria, Valley of Slaughter, Galilee, Mount Zion
 5. Who was the father of Elisha? Josiah, Shaphat, Zadok, Joshua
 6. In Esther 1, how many provinces did Ahasuerus reign over? 11, 90, 127, 140
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 100,000, 3) Jehoiada, 4) Valley of Slaughter, 5) Shaphat, 6) 127

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Noah

Noah was the great-grandson of Enoch who “walked with God and was not, for God took him.”

The writer of Genesis gave more than four chapters to Noah and his descendants. During Noah’s time, the people of the earth became wicked and God was sorry that He had made man. In His sorrow and grief, God decided to destroy all living things that he had created.

Noah was a just man and found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God called Noah to build an ark, or large boat. This ark was to protect Noah and his three sons and the 4 wives during the destruction by water all of the living things on the earth. Noah was also instructed to take animals of every kind into the ark. This he did.

Genesis 6

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1. BASE PROPOSAL: Providing and constructing a new clear span 40'x50'x16' metal building. a. Concrete slab with 3,000 psi compressive strength, 4" thick, reinforced with #4 bars at 18" OCEW subgrade preparation as specified.

2. ALTERNATE 1: Electrical work will include all necessary upgrades and/or improvements necessary to provide: a. Minimum of eight (8) 110V receptacles and located so that two (2) are on each wall. Location to be determined by District.

a. Minimum of eight (8) 110V receptacles and located so that two (2) are on each wall. Location to be determined by District. b. Minimum of four (4) LED flood/security lights. Location to be determined by District.

3. ALTERNATE 2: Providing and constructing a new 20'x50'x16' metal weld up lean-to shed. a. Native soil floor. b. All iron is to be primed. c. Metal sheeting shall be 26 gauge "R" panel with 30-year manufacturer warranty against fading.

4. Material, labor, and all associated costs for closed-cell sprayed foam insulation for interior of 40'x50'x16' weld up metal shop. Sprayed insulation shall be a minimum of two inches thick for walls and three inches thick for ceiling.

5. Material, labor, and all associated costs for painting sprayed foam insulation for interior of 40'x50'x16' weld up metal shop. 6. Electrical allowance to furnish and include electrical, equipment, and materials, as specified in the scope of the project.

Obtaining the Proposal Documents Information and Proposal Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.civcastusa.com

Proposals may be downloaded from the designated website. Proposers are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Proposal Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format.

Instructions to Proposers For all further requirements regarding sealed Proposal submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Request for Proposal Documents. This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Stephens Regional Special Utility District By: Danny Stephens Title: President Date: February 26, 2025

2. ALTERNATE 1: Electrical work will include all necessary upgrades and/or improvements necessary to provide: a. Minimum of six (6) 110V receptacles located on the exterior of the structure. Location to be determined by District.

Pursuant to Section 22-4(B)(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Breckenridge, the Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing: DATE: Monday, March 24, 2025 TIME: 5:30 PM PLACE: City Commission Chambers, 105 N. Rose Ave.

The property owner of 612 W. Wheeler & 614 W. Wheeler (currently legally described as Brown Addition, Block 4, Lot 6 and Brown Addition, Block 4, Lot 5) request to replat these properties into one lot. The property owner plans to build a single-family home across the two lots.

Any and all persons interested in the above referenced item may attend such hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. By: /s/ Cynthia Northrop Cynthia Northrop City Manager City of Breckenridge, Texas

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the were issued on the 20th day of February, 2025 under cause No. 6324, pending in the County Court of Stephens County, Texas to Karen Holland. The mailing address of Karen Holland is 6501 FM 576 W, Moran, TX 76464. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this the 20th day of February, 2025. By: /s/ Karen Holland

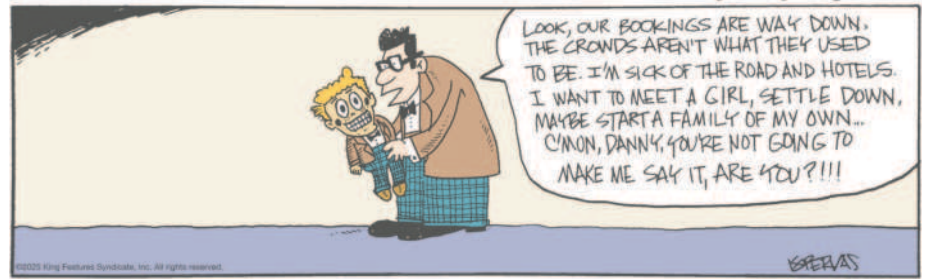
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO CALL A GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING. Stephens County Texas is preparing a grant application for funding under the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The project will consist of purchasing a one-ton truck for precinct 1 and 3 for the maintenance of roads. The application process requires a public meeting to inform the general public regarding the development of the proposed project. The public meeting will be held to allow the citizenry to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service areas, and alternatives to the project.

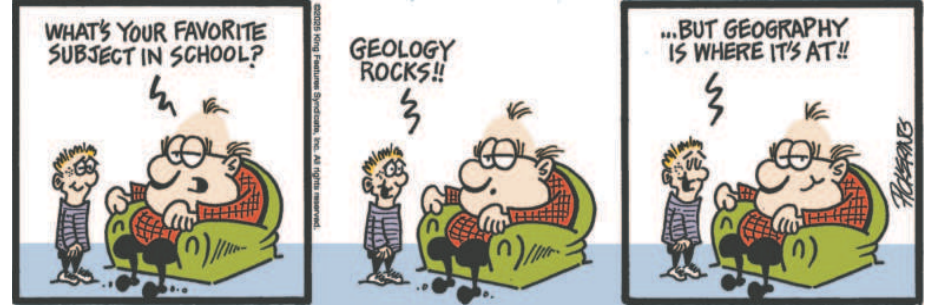
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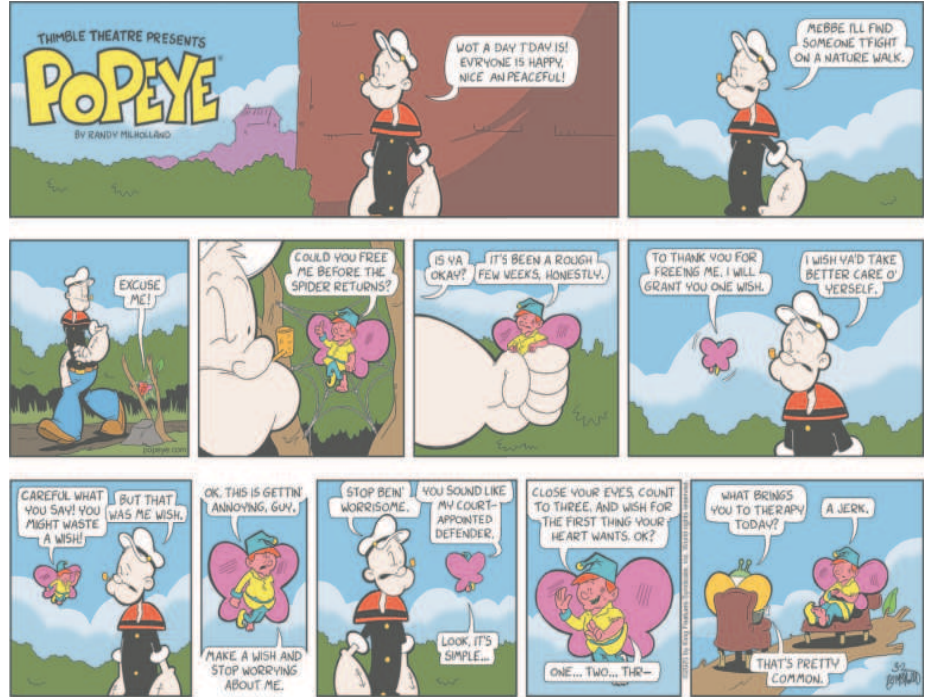
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Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

Table with 10 rows of word puzzles. Each row contains a number, a clue, a partially filled word, another clue, and another partially filled word.

SCRAMBLERS

Scramblers puzzle area including a cartoon by Haggblum, a list of words to be scrambled (ARCHING, CAMPS, LOPPER, INVIED), and a 'TODAY'S WORD' box.

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Joni Jackson will represent the Buckaroos in the Big Country FCA All-Star Festival softball game at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5.

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Five Buckaroo athletes one coach selected for FCA All-Star Festival

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Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes revealed its 2025 All-Star rosters last week for the All-Star Festival set for June 3-7 in Abilene and Brownwood.

The 26th annual All-Star Festival includes football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball and cheerleading.

The Buckaroos will have representation in a few of those sports at the festival. Three Breckenridge cheerleaders were selected — Solae Mendez, Cabel Perkins and Giselle Reyes.

Senior Hunter Clayton was selected to represent Blue boy's basketball and his coach, Brent Lucas was selected as one of two coaches of that team.

"I'm really excited to be a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) All-Star basketball game. I felt Hunter Clayton was a good candidate for playing in the game and he's definitely worked hard to earn that privilege," Lucas said. "Hunter has improved over the years and he was asked to take on a role this year. Hunter did a great job and we're extremely proud of him. I'm excited for his future outside of basketball because he's a really good young man with a great family that supports him in all his activities. The future looks good for Hunter because of the kind of person that he is. Again, I'm extremely proud of him as are his teammates and his family as well."

The game will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, June 6 at ACU Moody Coliseum.

Lastly, Joni Jackson was selected for the red softball team as the senior is in the middle of a strong season. The softball game will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5 at Brownwood High School.

Jackson's head coach, Jocelyn Gonzales noted that she was lucky enough to play in the FCA Volleyball game when she was a senior and still talks to some of her teammates to this day.

"I first want to congratulate Joni because this is just another accolade to add to her list... It is such a great experience and a week long of serving others along with the Lord," Gonzales said. "Although Joni is an incredible athlete, she is also firm in her faith. I love watching her trot the bases and point up to the sky when she crosses home plate after hitting a homerun. I know that God has giant things planned for her and is moving mountains through her."

Gonzales added that although the FCA All-Star Game will be her last game as a high school student, Jackson will always be a strong representation of Breckenridge softball.

"There is no doubt that she will turn heads with her skill every day she goes out there for practice and especially wrapping up the week at the ball game," Gonzales said. "I can't wait to be there to cheer her on!"



Hunter Clayton will play in the men's basketball game at 7 p.m. Friday, June 6 at ACU Moody Coliseum.

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Girls powerlifting wins regional, seven lifters off to state meet

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With a region-high 18 lifters competing Friday, Feb. 28, the Breckenridge girls powerlifting team won the regional powerlifting meet at Bells High School.

The Lady Bucks were named Regional Team Champions following the last deadlift attempt of the day with a total of 46 points, beating out second-placed Ponder who scored 42 points.

There were 10 girls of the 18 competitors to medal and four of those placed first in their weight class to be named regional champions - Isabelle Biddison, Ashlyn Owen, Joni Jackson and Maria Duran. The first place and second place finishers qualified for state. The Lady Bucks to earn second place were Cabel Perkins, Rihana



The Breckenridge Lady Buckaroos powerlifting team shows off their awards from the regional powerlifting meet last week at Bells High School

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Fuller and Rylee Fuller.

Falling just short of qualifying, but setting a new personal best were Sofia Lopez with 630 total pounds (65-pound increase) and Collom Perkins with 610 total pounds (35-pound increase).

The seven state qualifiers will head to the state meet Thursday, March 13 at Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg.

Lady Bucks results:

105: 1. Isabelle Biddison 265, 135, 255, 655

123: 1. Ashlyn Owen 275, 140, 230, 645

181: 1. Joni Jackson 355, 205, 350, 910

198: 1. Maria Duran 365, 190, 340, 895

165: 2. Cabel Perkins 330, 165, 310, 805

220: 2. Rihana Fuller 350, 145, 330, 825

242+: 2. Rylee Fuller 420, 215, 310, 945

132: 3. Sofia Lopez 265, 110, 255, 630

123: 4. Collom Perkins 260, 120, 230, 610

165: 5. Bianca Gotschall 260, 150, 265, 675

220: 6. Raegan Robinson 225, 140, 250, 615

132: 7. Lizandra Rubio 200, 110, 250, 560

165: 7. Maddison Shockley 250, 155, 240, 645

114: 8. Kamden Tidwell 185, 110, 220, 515

148: 9. Kaisan Thompson 210, 110, 200, 520

132: BO. Preslie Malcuit 210, 105, 0, 0

242: BO. Dustie Lowrey 315, 0, 0, 0

181: DQ. Kyra Canada 275, 0, 0, 0

Lady Bucks go 2-2 at Mineral Wells

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Last week's Mineral Wells softball tournament was a tale of two days for the Breckenridge Lady Bucks.

The team started the tournament with two blowout wins Thursday, Feb. 27, 15-1 over TCA and 18-3 over Graford. The tides turned during their second day of the tournament Saturday as they lost 8-4 to Mineral Wells and 10-8 to Benbrook.

"I think the first day we came out really strong. We did well defensively and we can really hit the ball," coach Jocelyn Gonzales said. "But we just let it go without gloves [today]."

Lady Bucks 15, Lady Eagles 1

Setting the tone for her overall performance of the tournament, Joni Jackson smacked a two-run homer in the first inning to take the lead for the Lady Bucks after they walked in a run in the top of the inning. Braylen McCoy and Paisley Herring each added RBI knocks of their own in the inning as the Lady Bucks led 4-1.

Following ace pitcher Olyvia Perez striking out the side in the top of the second inning, Paisley Thibodeaux led off the bottom half with a solo homer to add to the lead.

Jackson later just barely missed her second straight home run as she hit a line shot off the top of the wall in left-center field to drive in another run. Raegan Robinson drove in Jackson with

an RBI double of her own, then Ally Reyes hit a rocket up the middle which scored Robinson.

A wild pitch wound up scoring Reyes and the inning ended as the Lady Bucks reached the 5-run per inning rule for the tournament. After two innings, Breckenridge was already up 9-1.

It was a similar story in the third inning, as the Lady Bucks tacked on five more runs to put themselves up 14-1. Thibodeaux drove in two more runs with a single and Aurrin Matheson recorded a sac fly to add another. Perez scored on a wild pitch later in the inning and Robinson added an RBI double to score Jackson who had walked earlier.

The first game ended with a strike-em-out-throw-em-out double play in the fourth inning.

Lady Bucks 18, Lady Rabbits 3

The Lady Bucks started their second game of the tournament staying hot with the bats, reaching the five run limit in each of the first two innings. Perez led off the bottom of the first with a double and Jackson added another RBI a few batters later with a triple. Robinson tied the game up with an RBI double after Graford walked two runs in to start the game.

McCoy smacked a two RBI double to give the Lady Bucks the lead and Thibodeaux drove in the fifth run with a single. After allowing another run in the second inning, the Lady Bucks answered

back with five more of their own. Jackson kept her hot streak going as she launched another two-run homer for her second of the day.

Herring recorded a two-run triple and McCoy drove in the fifth run in the inning.

Perez blooped a single to drive in a run in the fourth inning. Then Jackson recorded her third homer of the day the unconventional way, an inside-the-park home run.

Batting around in the frame, Perez drove in her second run of the inning on a fielder's choice grounder. The time limit was reached in the fourth inning after the Lady Bucks scored their 18th run. Matheson also recorded a three-run inside-the-park homer.

Lady Rams 8, Lady Bucks 4

After watching Jackson rake in the Lady Bucks' first two games of the tournament, the hosting team was afraid to pitch to her Saturday, intentionally walking her in her first two plate appearances.

The Lady Bucks made the Lady Rams pay both times they walked Jackson intentionally, as she came around to score on each. She scored on a wild pitch in the first inning to cut the deficit in half after the Lady Bucks allowed two runs in the top of the inning.

The second inning was a tough one defensively for the Lady Bucks as they allowed four more runs, ending with an inside-the-park homer to make it 6-1. They cut

the deficit down to 6-4 in the bottom of that frame, with Perez recording an RBI triple, Robinson driving one in on a sac fly and Jackson scoring on a wild pitch following her second intentional walk.

But Mineral Wells added two more runs in the fourth before the time limit was reached with the Lady Bucks at the plate attempting to come back.

Lady Bobcats 10, Lady Bucks 8

The second Saturday game started on a good note as they put up six runs in the first two innings. Robinson started it off with an RBI double in the first inning, then Perez got an RBI double of her own in the second. With two runners on, Jackson showed why pitchers fear her as she crushed a three-run home run.

Jackson now has 11 home runs through 12 games for the Lady Bucks on the season.

Following an uneventful and scoreless third inning for both teams, Benbrook got right back into the game with a five-run inning in the fourth. Robinson smacked one right back up the middle to drive in two runs to add insurance runs.

The Lady Bobcats battled back and proved to be tough outs in the fifth inning. With the game reaching the time limit, Benbrook wouldn't go down easy and wound up scratching five runs across. With six minutes in the time limit, the game was called there.