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Collbran's Ty Wallace Finishes NFR as Reserve World Champion for 2020

By: Grumpy Smith

This last week, the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) was held in Arlington, Texas and with Ty's performance over the last year he was able to once again secure a spot at the event for the fourth time. Each December, the NFR takes the top 15 in the world in each event, and puts on the 10 day "Super Bowl" of rodeo. Ty came into the competition in the no. 9 position, a position which didn't last long. Most of Plateau Valley knows the name Ty Wallace and identifies it with bull riding. For those who do not know Ty, he has become one of our nation's top bull riders, having worked his way up from a high school standout, to one of the premier riders on the Professional Rodeo Circuit.

Let's stop here and take a little closer look at Ty. I've always been curious about the history of how elite athletes evolve to the top of



Ty won 1st Place during the 5th round of the NFR after earning a 91.5 on "Freddy Fender", the second highest score in the ten day event and only one of his three, 1st place rides.

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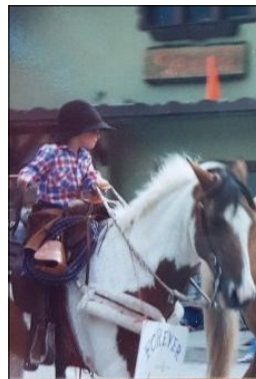
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their sport, so in Ty's case, I was fortunate enough to talk with his parents, Fred and Missy Wallace.

Ty started riding when he was 3 years old (yes, 3), initially on horses and then sheep (mutton bustin') at the Collbran rodeo grounds. As he grew older, he moved on to calves, steers, then jr. bulls, sr. bulls and then professional bulls. In high school, due to a lack of bull riding events on the western slope during winter months, his father Fred would load him up in the truck, drive him over the hill to the

Front Range (usually Greeley) where he would compete, then load him back in the truck and drive him home. Fred said this was pretty much every weekend during those years. Like most professional athletes, dedication is the cornerstone of his career.

After graduating from Plateau Valley High School in 2012, Ty attended Odessa College in Texas where he competed and won the College National Finals Rodeo in bull riding his freshman and sophomore years.



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Christmas

*When I remember Christmas,
And the lowly Christ Child's birth,
I think of all the changes
He would make here on the earth.*

*He'd visit all the lonely,
And provide for every need.
He'd take away our selfishness,
Extinguish thoughts of greed.*

*He'd give the little children
The love they need so much,
And heal the sick and weary with
His kind and gentle touch.*

*He'd fill our hearts with courage
To strive to do our best,
And lace our dreams with hopefulness
When we lie down to rest.*

*Please welcome in the Christ Child
When He knocks at your heart's door,
And help Him spread His blessings
To those who care no more.*

*Let's help Him fill this Christmas
With joy that will not cease,
For the lowly Christmas Christ Child
Is today The Lord of Peace.*

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Luke 2:11
*For unto you is born
this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ
the Lord.*

Where Is This?



Can you guess where
this is located?

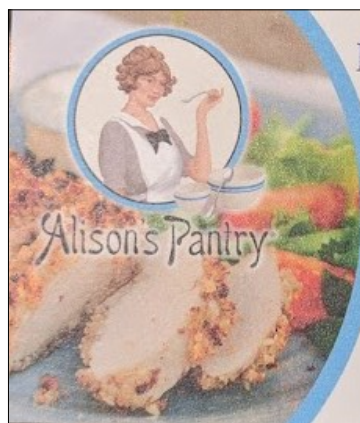


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**The Twelve Days of Christmas,
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*An English Christmas Carol
rewritten by Pat Hubbard and
Annie Hughes*

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my true love gave to me
A crow in a juniper tree

On the 2nd day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 3rd day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 4th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 5th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 6th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 7th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Seven heelers heeling
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs

Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 8th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Eight marmots squeaking
Seven heelers heeling
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 9th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Nine turkeys trotting
Eight marmots squeaking
Seven heelers heeling
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 10th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Ten lions leaping
Nine turkeys trotting
Eight marmots squeaking
Seven heelers heeling
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears



Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree
On the 11th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Eleven hawks a hunting
Ten lions leaping
Nine turkeys trotting
Eight marmots squeaking
Seven heelers heeling
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree

On the 12th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me
Twelve bossies bawling
Eleven hawks a hunting
Ten lions leaping
Nine turkeys trotting
Eight marmots squeaking
Seven heelers heeling
Six skunks a spraying
Five (million!) Cedar Bugs
Four killdeer
Three black bears
Two porcupines
And a crow in a juniper tree



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Home Town Heroes: Donald J Atterbury Jr.

American Legion Post 86 would like to thank some of the veterans who have served the American Legion and our community.



We live in a valley filled with men and women who have ensured our freedom.

These service members have offered their lives in the defense of the greatest country on earth.

In our ongoing recognition of Plateau Valley servicemen and servicewomen American Legion Post 86 would like to request current or former area residents to submit service information about prior or current military members of their families.



NAME: Donald J Atterbury Jr.
BRANCH: US ARMY
ASSIGNMENT: Vietnam
SERVICE: 1961-1967

Donald J. Atterbury Jr. was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on November 12, 1943.

He first enlisted in the Army in January 1961 and re-enlisted in November 1963. He served two

tours of Vietnam: December 1963 to June 1964 and May 1965 to October 1965. He received an honorable discharge in January 1967 as a Specialist 4.

He received the following service accommodations:

- Good Conduct (First Award)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam)
- Medal Marksman (Rifle M-1)
- National Defense Service Medal – Vietnam Service

After discharge from the Army Don started working as a carpenter. In 1979 he married Vicky and helped her raise her three sons. Not long after their marriage he started his own carpenter business. Don and Vicky spent vacations in Collbran with her sister and brother-in-law Karen and

Larry Clifton. Don passed away on February 1, 2019 and is dearly missed by his wife, three sons, grandchildren, great grandchildren and Karen and Larry Clifton.

Specialist Atterbury is the embodiment of a true hero, not only did he enlist in the Army during a time of certain war – he re-enlisted and served two tours of duty during some of the bloodiest years. He answered our nation's call, he defended the Constitution of the United States and is a Home Town Hero. May you Rest in Peace.

~Commander, post 86

"Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." -John F. Kennedy 1961 inaugural address

A Little Western Flair

The Annual Cowboy Christmas Craft Fair was cancelled this year, but that didn't stop Tanya Gately and Kama Farrington from setting up their own craft fair. Their first "Christmas Crafts with Western Flair" open house was a success. The last few weeks they have worked together to create a variety of crafts for the valley. They opened their doors for Saturday and Sunday, December 12th and 13th, offered a few refreshments, and sent home some happy customers. If you missed out, the success will probably result in a repeat next year, so be on the look out.



HopeWest Helps Community Honor Loved Ones

HopeWest organized a drive-thru remembrance, a Plateau Valley Lights of Life—Winter Memorial on Friday, December 11 at the Plateau Valley Clinic Campus. Participants enjoyed hot cocoa, and baked cookies, and honored the memories of their loved ones. Special solar paper lanterns were hung on the tree to honor loved ones lost.



Colorado Tree a Part of History

The U.S. Capitol Tree, also called the People's Tree, was illuminated in Washington, D.C. earlier this month. This year's 55-foot-high Engelmann spruce came from Colorado. Each year, a tree is chosen from a different National Forest and this year's tree was chosen from The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests. The tree's journey began on November 6th and ended with the lighting ceremony on December 2nd. The tree is decorated with ornaments from around Colorado. Many residents of the Plateau Valley area helped create the very ornaments hung on the tree on the West Front Lawn of Capitol Hill.

The initiative was made possible with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small as well as volunteers locally and across America, who provided vital support of time and resources. 2020 sponsors include Kenworth

Truck Company, Apex Transportation, 42 Degrees, Spireon, Inc., Hale Trailer, Chuck Leavell, STIHL, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Truckload Carriers Association, Great West Casualty Company, Valley Crane, Red Wing Shoes, National Forest Foundation, Society of American Foresters, LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc., The Joy Trip Project, Loki, Montrose County, Delta County, Seirus, TravelCenters of America, Bass Pro Shops and Vesmir.



COLLBRAN CARES PROGRAM

By: Town of Collbran

The Town of Collbran has created a program for the month of December with part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relieve, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding that was allotted to our municipality. The program "Collbran Cares" was created to help keep our most vulnerable safe and healthy during the uptick of COVID-19 cases being seen throughout Mesa County.

Through local businesses, we are able to provide daily lunches and groceries once a week. If you live in Plateau Valley, are a senior, a veteran, or you are health compromised, and would like to participate, please call Town Hall at 970-487-3751.

Another benefit to the program is being able to support local businesses. The Collbran Café is preparing approximately 50 lunches a day. Many local entrepreneurs are supplying meals and delicious desserts through Har-

vest House. Marigold Market has been a huge help in ordering and organizing our grocery deliveries every week. Main Street Liquor has placed a sizable order for non-alcoholic beverages and we were able to purchase delivery supplies through Collbran Supply.

Along with the Collbran Cares Program, the Town is offering our businesses a community grant through a reimbursement program to help with some of the costs that have arisen from this pandemic.



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The Town of Collbran has received approval to put together a program that will help our senior population, veterans, and health compromised individuals with a few daily meals during the week and a small grocery tote on the weekends until December 31, 2020 (when the CARES Act funding ends for this year). If you know of anyone that would benefit from this short-term program please email Kris Melnikoff at k.melnikoff@townofcollbran.us or call Town Hall 970-487-3751.

The Town of Collbran would like to thank the following for participating and helping us with this program!

Main Street Liquor Store
Marigold Market

The Collbran Café
The Harvest House

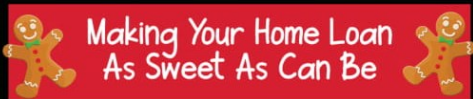
*Please note, this program is designed for the senior population of our valley, health compromised individuals, and veterans of the Valley.



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Grand Valley Power Opens 2021 Scholarship Application Period

Grand Valley Power is now accepting applications for its 2021 scholarship program. This year, GVP is awarding \$20,500 total to local students for continuing education. Scholarship awards range from \$1,500 to \$2,000, with one being renewable up to four years. All of the scholarship opportunities are open to any applicant residing in a home served by Grand Valley Power and pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education. (See attached for flyer.)

Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2021 with excep-

tion to the Western Colorado Community College Electric Lineworker Scholarship, which is due June 1, 2021. You can find applications at all high school counseling offices, Colorado Mesa University's financial aid webpage under the *Outside Scholarship Resources* tab, or at gvp.org/scholarship-program.

A committee of educators appointed by the board of directors will review all applications received by the due date and select an awardee. The committee selects scholarship recipients based on a combination of weighted criteria, including financial need, academic, volunteer or work achievements and a personal essay. Grand Valley

Power has been awarding scholarships since 1996 and has given back over \$210,000 to local youth for education and training.

"Grand Valley Power is dedicated to empowering the future generations of our community. Providing students with the financial support they need to continue their education is an important part of our guiding principles and we look forward to seeing the wonderful impact our scholarship students make," stated Grand Valley Power's Communications Manager, Christmas Wharton.

For questions about the scholarship program or requirements, please email scholarships@gvp.org or call us at 970-242-0040.



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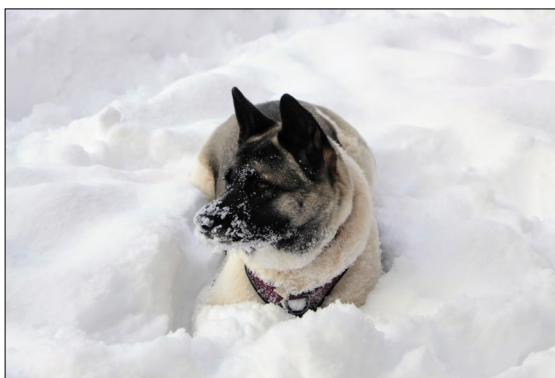
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The Valley received some much needed snow the 2nd weekend in December and everyone is hoping it will continue right through the winter. Most of Mesa County has continued to find themselves in Exceptional Drought Conditions through November and parts of December. This snow will hopefully bring the much needed moisture.

Top to bottom: Powderhorn opened some new terrain last weekend and hopes to open more this weekend. Snowboarders loved the fresh powder. Guests enjoy the outdoor fire pits. Jen Nichols took her daughters Finlei and Violet up to ski.

SNOW



Julie MacDonell's dog Naomi loves playing in the snow. Grand Mesa Lodge received 25" this last weekend.



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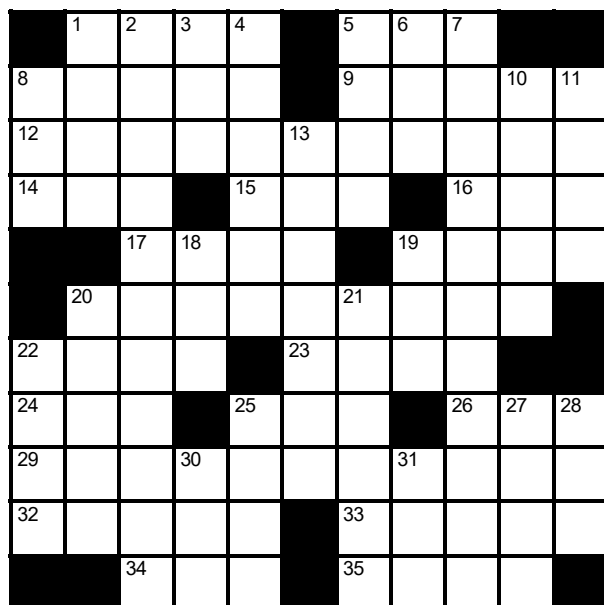
Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1 Scores, in cribbage
5 "The Sweetheart of Sigma ---"
8 Last President of Czechoslovakia
9 Burroughs' was naked
12 Primary
14 "So many ---, so little time" (Mae West)
15 Upper limit
16 Carpet fuzz
17 Copycat
19 Sand ridge
20 Fellow student
22 Kind of egg drink
23 --- Christian Andersen, fairy tale writer
24 One third of an elipsis
25 Lisa Simpson's instrument
26 Dance
29 Bright
32 Played by Yo-Yo Ma
33 Island with two small neighbors, Gozo and Comino
34 Beat recording?
35 Unaccompanied

Down

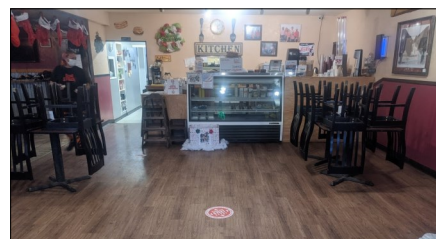
- 1 Skin



- 2 In any way
3 Coagulate
4 Pizza portions
5 Cut out
6 Barbarian
7 Where to find a kernel
8 Concentration measure
10 Marsh bird
11 Promotional hoopla
13 Dillon or Earp
18 Mush
19 Karate proficiency measure
20 Exact duplicate
21 Axioms
22 Financial stability org.
25 Peg away
27 Upon
28 School group
30 Antlered animal
31 Congressional spending watchdog

Picture Answer

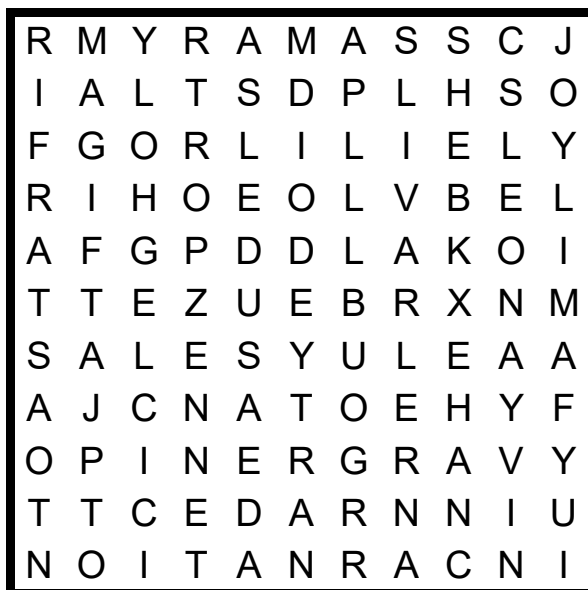
Did you figure out the picture from the December 4th Issue? It's on the floor of the Collbran Café after earning their 5-star variance.



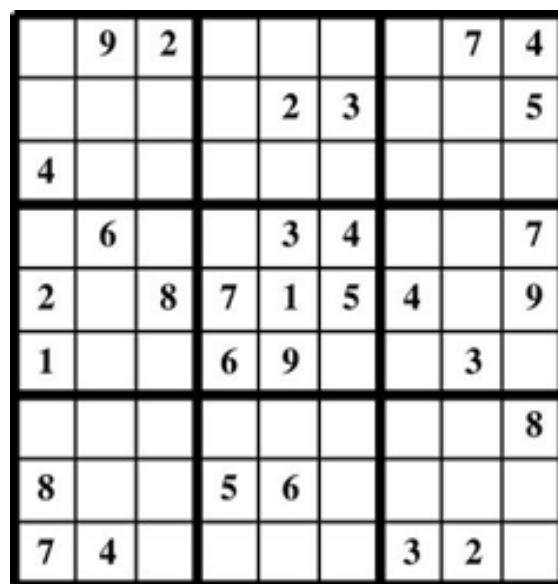
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Ham
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Icicle
Incarnation
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Ivy
Joy
Lord
Magi
Mary
Mass
Noel
Pie
Pine
Port
Red
Sales
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Star
Tinsel
Toast
Turkey
Yule



Sudoku - Easy 1.3



Answers: Pg 12

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Community Events Calendar

December:

Dec 19: Christmas Decoration Competition: See pg 15 for more details

Dec 20: Christmas Program: MBC @ 6pm

Dec 21-Jan 1: PVS Winter Break

Christmas Eve Services:

Molina Baptist: 6pm

Grace Bible: 6pm

Collbran Congregational: No Services this year

January:

Jan 12: PVHPS Annual Meeting

*In an effort to maintain the health and safety of the community, Mesa Community Center has cancelled its events for the remainder of the year.

PV Times Issue Schedule

Next Issues:
Jan 8, 22

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2nd and 4th Friday

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3:00pm

Sun: Closed



Key:

Bldg. B: Collbran Bldg. B next to Clinic

CCC: Collbran Congregational Church

CJCC: Collbran Job Corps Center

GBC: Grace Bible Church

GMC: Grand Mesa Church

GVB: Grand Valley Bank, Collbran

MCC: Mesa Community Center

MBC: Molina Baptist Church

MCPLD C: Mesa County Public Library Collbran

PVAG: Plateau Valley Assembly of God Church

PVS: Plateau Valley School

Know of events we've missed or want to add an event free of charge?

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Church Service Times:

Collbran Congregational: 11am

Grace Bible Church: 1030am*

Grand Mesa Church: 11 am

Molina Baptist: 845 am* and 11 am*

Plateau Valley Assembly of God: 1045 am

*Online services available on Facebook

Re-Occurring Monthly:

AA:

Every Friday: 7pm @ Bldg. B

American Legion:

1st Thursday: 530pm @ Julius Offices on Main Street

Awana:

Every Wednesday: 4:25-6pm @ MBC

Board of Trustees Collbran:

1st Tuesday: 6pm @ Town Hall

Community Relations Committee: 2nd Thursday: 10am @ CJCC

Crafter's Time, Art, Knit, Weave, Create, Gather:

Every Wednesday: 1030am-noon @ MCC*

Harvest House:

Wed-Fri: 9-6 on Main Street

Sat: 9-2

Horizon Club: 2nd Monday @ 11am Call Judy for details 4873539

Lions Club:

2nd Tuesday: 6pm @ CCC Dining Hall

PV CattleWomen:

4th Tuesday: 6pm @ GVB

PV Historical Preservation Society:

2nd Tuesday: 9am @ Heritage Center (Forest Service Bldg.)

Work Sessions every Tuesday @ 9am

PV School Board:

3rd Wednesday: 6pm @ PVS Media Center

Some activities have resumed.

Don't see your re-occurring meeting listed and meetings have resumed?

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Help Wanted/Opportunities:

Medical Assistant Wanted: Immediate full time opening at Plateau Valley Medical Clinic. Contact Jessi at 487-0211 for information. Email resume to jclark@pvhealth.com. Will consider training the right person. EOE.

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Community Celebrations

♥
56 lovely center pieces were made recently and delivered to a local assisted living center this month. Thanks to the chapter members who worked hard on them and the community members who purchased arrangements to fund these. This week we finish delivering the arrangements to our customers. May we all continue to bring light into the world.
-Ruth Shepardson, Teacher/FFA Sponsor

♥
Those of us who are fortunate enough to be a veteran or old, there is a daily blessing for us. Our free lunches (which my parents always said there is no such thing as a free lunch) are delicious..... meatloaf, spaghetti, chef salad, fish & chips, hamburger.. everything is delicious, and we feel amazed each time we receive another lunch... how fortunate we are to live here. Thank you to all the people who are behind this very generous gift! Love Collbran!

-Linda and Archie Ayers

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*Have a message you would like to share?
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Community Celebrations are free of charge.*

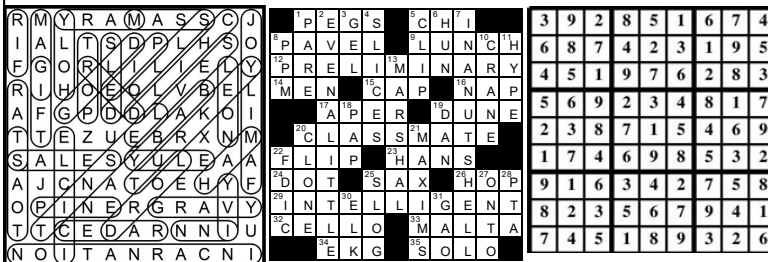
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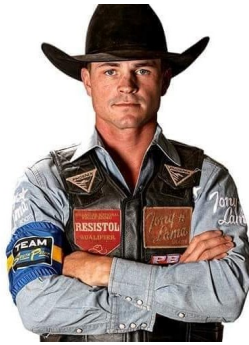
Ty also began competing in the professional circuit in 2012 where he won the Steamboat Springs ProRodeo Series on July 20, earning him \$6,070.

Fred and Missy told me that Ty is always working on the fundamentals and when he's not on a bull he is usually on a horse. Ty, who now lives in Oklahoma, also has a barrel on his ranch so he can work on the basics and keep his mind mentally sharp. (The barrel hangs and can simulate riding a bull)

Ty also enjoys roping (a sport in which he is also very accomplished), riding young colts, and ranching. He is also, like his father, a farrier, shoeing horses when he's not at a rodeo. If he's not on top of a bull, you can probably find him shoeing or riding a horse.

Ty's rodeo career is too large to cover here, but it is one of the more impressive biography's you'll read when it comes to the rodeo circuit.

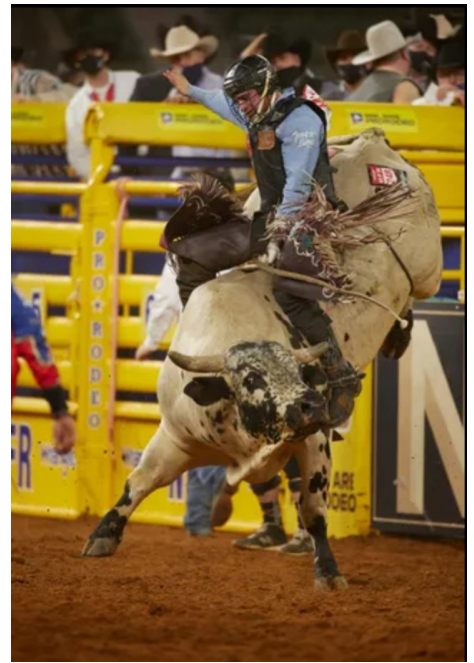
Due to injuries, Ty took the 2019 season off to let his body



heal from injuries in the 2017 (a broken leg/foot) and 2018 (a broken arm) seasons. Normally, riders have a hard time coming immediately back after taking a whole year off, but in Ty's case, it seemed to make him better.

Throughout the 2020 season, Ty rode 51 bulls, covering (riding) 22 (or 43%) of them and placing 1st in nine of those events. In March of this year, Ty was back in full force and was named the 2020 Fort Mohave ProRodeo XTreme Bulls Champion. An impressive win just before rodeo season took a serious change as a result of COVID. Despite the reduced number of rodeos this season, Ty worked hard to earn his spot in the 2020 NFR in Texas.

The first two rounds of the NFR Ty started off a little slow and he was bucked off. This didn't seem to discourage Ty. Through the rest of the ten day event, Ty won 1st in three rounds, one 2nd, one 3rd, and tied with Stetson Wright for 4th in the final round. In the 5th round, Ty



scored a 91.5 on "Freddy Fender", the second highest score in the ten day event. The tie for 4th with Stetson in the final round, allowed Stetson to inch by Ty to take the world champion overall position and moved Ty to Reserve World Champion bull rider. Incredibly impressive.

Congratulations Ty, and thanks for showing the world what a "Real Cowboy" from Collbran, Colorado is made of.



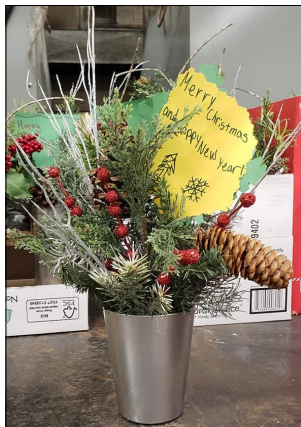
Ty poses with the stock contractors who were awarded a check for their bull Freddy Fender, and with Brother, Cody and Dad, Fred Wallace, and girlfriend, Taylor Langdon, as he receives his gold buckle during the 5th round. After the official buckle ceremony, Taylor Langdon, Friend Lee, Ty, Cody, Grandma Elaine Wallace, Joe Morgan, Mom Missy, Fred, and Sister-in-law Trenna Wallace. Sign along Highway 330 showing the town's support of Ty.

Photo Credit: Missy and Ty Wallace

FFA Donates Centerpieces

A local assisted living center in Grand Junction received more than 56 center pieces from PV's FFA earlier this month. Community members purchased a center piece, which provided the funding to create a second center piece to donate.

Genevieve Hill, Jeweli Wiltse, Josilyn Hall, Alyssa White, Emily Bailey (not pictured: Macy and Susie Bevan, Riley Junge, Kyanna Himes, Kayla Shepardson, Caley Shiflett.)



Molina Baptist Bids Farewell to the VanArsdol Family

For fourteen years, Kyle VanArsdol has faithfully led Molina Baptist Church. Both Kyle and Mandy are originally from Moab and while they themselves aren't natives of Plateau Valley, they have never felt like they didn't belong. Plateau Valley has been their home, their children's home. But despite their love of Colorado, God came knocking on their door, beckoning them back to Moab. Kyle will be returning to Moab to take over as pastor of Moab Community Church where his father recently retired after 34 years of leadership. His last service at Molina Baptist will be December 27th. There will be a farewell brunch between services.

Farewell Plateau Valley From Pastor Kyle VanArsdol

It has been really great. In June 2006, we were a small family of three arriving in Molina to start a new chapter in a new place. Like most of you, we had a reason for settling down here. Our reason was to serve Jesus as a part of the Molina Baptist Church family. We believed this calling included being a blessing to you every chance we had.

Unlike some, Mandy and I never felt like outsiders when we arrived here. We found both the church and the valley to be kind,

thoughtful and generous. You are certainly a tough people and value your space, yet when there are needs you will reach out with impressive expressions of care. You are the ones who make this a great community to live in.

Over the years we have eaten pancakes in Collbran and Turkey in Mesa. We have cried with you as we buried family, friends and even a few heroes. We have laughed with you on Halloween and clapped with you at graduations. It is truly difficult to leave such great people.

For the most part, whether you are aware of it or not, Christian values remain strong here. Our hope is that the values you bring to this place will only grow even stronger as you draw closer to the Lord Jesus in your personal faith. We pray also that you will take your faith out into the community. The churches in this valley have a lot to offer, but more importantly they can give you a place to belong, to serve, and to make a lasting difference. Give them a chance in 2021, you will wonder why it took so long.

After fourteen and half years, now a family of seven, God has called us to a new chapter, and so we go. It feels like we take more



Cypress, Kyle, Kanton, Elexa, Mandy, Sweden, Kaidric

than we could ever give back to you. We are grateful for your friendship and the blessings you have been to us over the years. We will continue to treasure it all in our hearts. If you are ever in Moab, look us up. Just like you did for us, we will make sure you never feel like an outsider either. We do not mean it to sound cliché, it comforts us to think it could become a thing. What if, when life happens and friends have to say goodbye, we could comfort them by saying, "Once a part of Plateau Valley, always a part of Plateau Valley." We would like that. We will miss you all.

*Love and Merry Christmas,
Kyle and Mandy VanArsdol*

FAO (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization) Affirms Cattle's Critical Role as Upcycler

by Sara Place, Ph.D.,

In the livestock feed versus human food debate, we haven't been using the right numbers. Rather than being a drain on global resources and competing with human food supplies by eating lots of grain, livestock are often net contributors to the global protein supply. That's the conclusion of a new study from scientists at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Livestock, especially ruminants like beef cattle, play a key role in a sustainable food system. They allow us to produce food on marginal lands that are unsuitable for cultivated agriculture. Cattle act as "upcyclers" in our food system — they upgrade plants into high quality protein for people.

The FAO researchers developed a global database of what livestock eat and found 86 percent of the feed is human inedible. Mostly, livestock eat grasses grown on marginal lands and other forage crops, like alfalfa. Marginal lands are those that are too rocky, steep and/or arid to support cultivated agriculture, such as fruit or vegetable production. Globally, livestock also eat over 1.9 billion metric tons

of leftovers from human food, fiber and biofuel production.

For example, livestock eat the residues of grain harvest (the stalks and leaves left in the field after corn harvest), the byproducts from milling grains for flour production (wheat midds), cottonseed that is a leftover of cotton production, and glycerol and distillers grains that are byproducts of soy biodiesel and corn ethanol production, respectively. If livestock didn't consume these plant-derived leftovers and byproducts, their disposal would likely result in an environmental burden. By being a part of the global food system, livestock enhance the sustainability of other food production and industries.

Considering that most of what cattle eat is not human edible, the FAO researchers found that 1 kg of protein in meat and milk only requires 0.6 kg of protein from human food. Additionally, the protein in meat and milk is of higher nutritional quality compared to the protein in grain that cattle eat.


The FAO research represents global averages, but beef production in the U.S. competes even less with human edible food. In a recent report published by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, it was estimated that on average greater

than 90 percent of what grain-finished beef cattle eat in their lifetime is human inedible forages and plant-derived leftovers. Less than 10 percent of their lifetime feed consumption is grain that could potentially be eaten by people.

Further, in a report published by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, U.S. grain-finished beef systems were found to contribute 19 percent more human edible protein than they consumed.

It's encouraging that more research is placing livestock where they belong — as a key component of the circular bioeconomy. Linear thinking in the face of a challenge like increasing food demand and climate change won't cut it. Understanding how we can enhance the upcycling super-power of livestock is key to a sustainable food system that nourishes the world responsibly.

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