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These stories are from pages 4 and 11 of First News. Read the stories and then try the puzzle. The answers to the clues are all words in the stories. Answer the clue and then underline the word.

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