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Answerline

Q: How much money does the lottery generate for the State of Texas?

A: Last year was the 12th consecutive year that the Texas Lottery generated more than \$1 billion in revenue for Texas. This was the breakdown of funds for 2014.

Prizes to winners	\$2.817 billion
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School Fund	\$1.203 billion
Retailer Bonus & Commissions	\$219.5 million
Fund for Veterans' Asst.	\$11.5 million
Other	\$5.4 million

Briefs

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held Jan. 19th at 6 p.m. by the Housing Standards Commission of Colorado City. The meeting will be held in the Bob Reilly Learning Center. The reason for the hearing to go over properties that have come up for demolition. A list of said properties can be found on page 7 of today's Record.

Council Meeting

The City of Colorado City Council will meet Tuesday, January 12th at 6 p.m. in the Bob Reilly Learning Center.

Loraine Council Meeting

The City of Loraine City Council will meet Thursday, January 14th at 6 p.m. at Loraine City Hall.

Obituaries

Delmas Bowlin
Loraine

Chaires R. Bowen
Loraine

Mildred Rose
Loraine

Around Town

Happy belated birthday Hannah Blankenship (Jan. 6th)... What was under Susan Anderson hood of her red pickup? A bunny of course... Happy belated birthday Alex Rocha (Jan. 6th)... Bill Barlow enjoying some free time... Janet Mayo thinking she is falling apart... Audra Hoback freezing at the mission... Don Stewart doing some hog hunting... Jose Adkinson ginning some cotton... Happy birthday Alex Rocha (Jan. 6th)...



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Missing mother found dead

On Monday, January 4th, 39-year-old Amber Sevier was found dead in her vehicle in a ravine submerged in water. The woman had been reported missing by family members after failing to return home Saturday night.

The search for Sevier began as early as Sunday morning, as the woman had failed to return home after being at Lake Colorado City. She was seen leaving the lake area around 10 p.m., and cell phone records indicated that she had attempted to make a phone call about 10:30 p.m.

from an area near Wood's Boots along I-20.

The call did not connect, and that was the last investigators could find on Sevier until her vehicle, a dark blue Volkswagen Jetta, was located on Monday.

Search parties were formed Monday afternoon, as friends and family members gathered to divide up the county into sections for searches. According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, it was family members searching around the Lake Champion Creek area on ATVs



Amber Sevier

that were the first to spot the car.

Toombs said that family members had been searching near 7 Wells on the south side of Lake Champion on four-wheelers and took the time to stop and go down to look into the ravines. The car was about ¾ submerged under water, and it took emergency personnel about two hours to get the vehicle out.

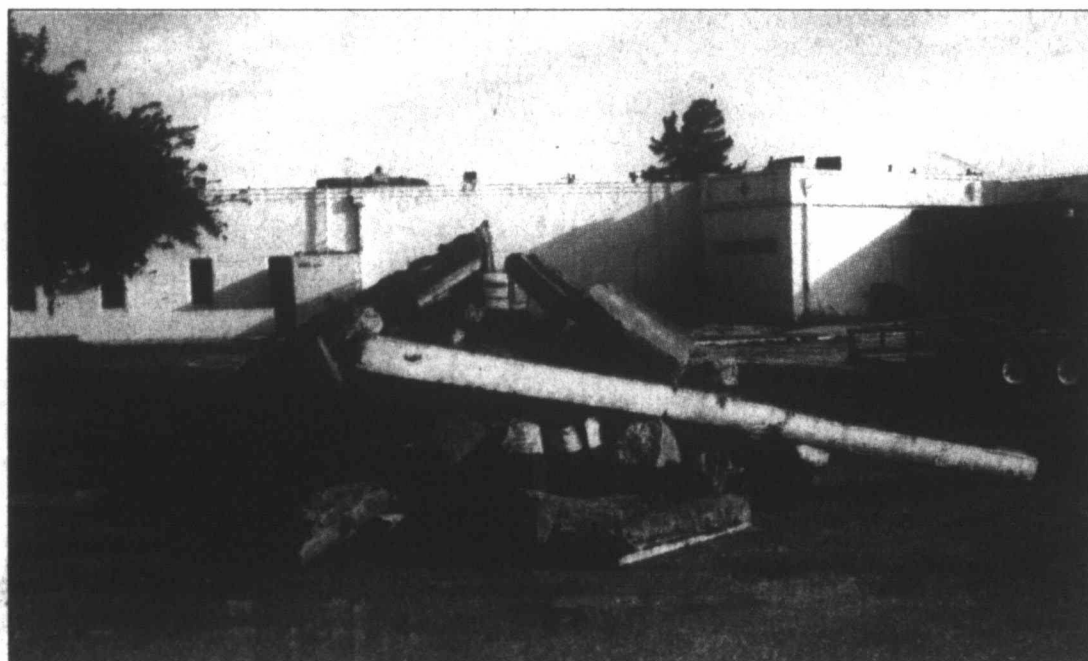
Sevier's body was found inside the vehicle and has been sent to Dallas for an autopsy. The sheriff said that a preliminary autopsy would be made available in a

few days, but the final autopsy would not be back for a couple of months.

How the car became submerged is anybody's guess at this point, but the investigation is continuing, according to Toombs.

"It's definitely tragic, and we may never know how it happened," Sheriff Toombs said Tuesday morning.

Sevier was married to David Sevier and was the mother of two boys, Hayden and Carter Peaslee.



OUT WITH THE OLD... Ellis Construction crews have been tearing up the concrete surrounding the old hospital building on Chestnut Street in anticipation of the complete demolition. Hospital officials say a ceremony will be held toward the end of the month before the structure is demolished.

Hospital board okays plans to negotiate with doctor

Following an executive session Monday night, the Board of Directors for Mitchell County Hospital authorized Administrator Robbie Dewberry to enter into contract negotiations with Dr. Jade Booher. The doctor is completing her residency with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine.

The physician has been to the local hospital and expressed an interest in being a healthcare provider in a small town. If she and Dewberry come to a contract agreement, she would be available to come to Colorado City in June of 2017. That timing might just be right, as the construction of the new rural health clinic is slated to be completed in the

months just prior.

The beginning stages of demolition have begun around the old hospital building on Chestnut Street. Ellis Construction crews could be seen breaking up the old pavement surrounding the structure, as they get ready to perform the demolition.

Dewberry said that demolition See HOSPITAL, page 5

Maryneal man killed, suspect shot by police

According to DPS, Lance Light was pursued and eventually shot by Sweetwater Police Officers after a shooting that left a Maryneal man dead last week. Lonnie Odell Sturdivant was shot and killed by Light last week in the Nolan County community.

Although the murder victim may not have been the intended target, police are not saying who the target might have been since it is still under investigation.

DPS Troopers say that 54-year-old Light fled the scene in a vehicle after shooting and killing

59-year-old Sturdivant last Saturday. The vehicle was located south of Sweetwater by DPS and a high-speed chase ensued.

The chase ended at the intersection of I-20 and Hwy. 70, where the suspect produced a gun and pointed it at officers. Light was then shot by Sweetwater Police, and as of Monday, he was in critical condition at a local hospital.

The investigation continues by the Sweetwater Police Department, Nolan County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers.

Westbrook Stock Show slated this weekend

The county stock show is just a couple of weeks away, and Westbrook students are taking the opportunity to hone their showmanship skills at the Westbrook Local Stock Show. The event is set to be held Saturday, January 9th in the school show barn.

Westbrook ISD ag teacher David Bray said there are just over 100 entries in this year's show that begins at 10:30 a.m. Bray estimated that close to 80 hogs, 15 goats and 16 steers will be exhibited, and this year's show will conclude with the peewee pig show.

Kevin Kelly, ag teacher from Valley High School, will serve as judge for the event.

Penny Bray and her team will be putting the full kitchen in the barn to good use, as they will be serving up goodies at the concession stand.

OPEN CARRY LAW IN EFFECT NOW

Local law enforcement see no problems from new law

With the passage of House Bill 910, the License to Carry Handgun became effective January 1, 2016. The new law is very similar to the concealed carry law, but the fact that guns can now be openly, legally carried by license holders has raised a lot of questions.

Local law enforcement officers and deputies don't foresee a problem with the new law, as the same restrictions apply to open carry that applied to concealed carry. Those wishing to openly carry firearms have to go through the same background check and licensing regulations as with concealed carry regulations.

"I don't have a problem with it (the new law)," Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said. He went on to say that many citizens in the county have Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHL), and there haven't been problems with them.

"It's not the people you know," Toombs said Monday, "it's the people that you

don't know. It puts you on edge a little bit."

The sheriff said that he thinks law abiding licensed gun carriers will abide by the restrictions of the new law. However, he expects that there will be some people who



will try to get by without going through the process of getting a license.

Texas law says that law enforcement personnel have the right to ask for proof of gun licenses, anywhere and from anybody. That didn't change with the new law, and Toombs expects deputies to see

an increase of having to ask for proof of licensing as guns are seen more and more in public.

Colorado City Police Chief Luis Aguilar said that he expects the dispatchers to



receive an increased number of calls from concerned citizens, as firearms in public become more common place. He, like Toombs, expects no trouble from current licensed gun carriers, but CCPD officers are training on the changes that have taken place with the passage of the new law.

Many citizens want to know where carrying openly is permitted, and the answers

are complicated.

According to the Texas Penal Code, guns are prohibited on the premises of a business that derives 51% or more of its income from the sale or service of alcoholic beverages. Guns are also banned on the premises of where a high school, collegiate or professional sporting or interscholastic event is taking place.

The carrying of handguns and other weapons is also prohibited at correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, amusement parks, churches and at any meeting of a governmental entity.

While the prohibitions seem simple, questions have arisen about public buildings. The Mitchell County Commissioners' Court is looking into prohibiting guns in the courthouse, and personnel at City Hall are doing the same. Currently, firearms are prohibited in meeting rooms and courtrooms.

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LOCAL NEWS

Young announces candidacy for D.A.



ENTERING THE RACE — Sweetwater attorney John Young, joined by his wife Tracy and two children, Spencer and Lauren, filed for District Attorney for the 32nd Judicial District with Republican Party Executive Director Kyle Whatley in December. Photo courtesy of Young.

After 27 years as both a prosecutor and defense lawyer, long time Sweetwater attorney John Young filed as a candidate for District Attorney for the 32nd Judicial District of Texas at the Republican Party Headquarters in Austin. Young's wife, Sweetwater native Tracy (Hrbacek) Young and their two children, Sweetwater High School graduates Spencer and Lauren, joined Young in his

bid to become District Attorney.

Young, a former felony prosecutor in the 140th District Court of Lubbock County, Texas and prominent criminal defense lawyer in West Texas for the past 25 years, said that experience in the courtroom is the most important qualification for the job. "Over the past 27 years, I have tried over 90 criminal cases in state and federal courts across Texas and have been

the lead lawyer in over 20 capital murder cases—the most serious cases in the criminal law. The citizens of the 32nd Judicial District deserve a District Attorney that has the experience to try the most difficult types of criminal cases to insure that those guilty of crimes against our community do not go unpunished," Young said.

Additionally, Young, who has been Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1998, has been the lead lawyer in "well over 1000" criminal cases during his career and has represented the accused in some of the most high profile cases in West Texas, including the "Wal-Mart Kidnaping" case, the mother of Hailey Dunn, the Colorado City missing teenager case, the House of Yahweh sexual abuse cases and, along with famed criminal defense lawyer George Parnham, the Dyess Air Force Base child starvation cases. He has appeared on MSNBC, Nancy Grace, CNN with Connie Chung, American Justice and Dr. Phil in connection with his cases.

"I've wanted to be a District Attorney since I was 18 years old, after interning with the legendary Henry Wade in the Dallas County District Attorney's office," Young said. "Mr. Wade fought against abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade case and prosecuted Jack Ruby in the aftermath of President Kennedy's death. He set the standard for tough, aggressive prosecution among Texas prosecutors. I want to bring that same fair, but aggressive prosecution to the citizens of this district."

Young believes aggressive prosecution begins with supporting law enforcement and working with the various agencies to insure they have the tools to do the dangerous job of protecting our citizens. "The District Attorney must have the experience to aid law enforcement in protecting the community, especially in the fight against the drug cartels and violent criminals," Young said. "I want to work with law enforcement in Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher counties to strengthen our drug interdiction efforts and take the

fight against violent criminals to the streets, to stop violence before more innocent people suffer at the hands of these violent criminals."

Young believes his work as both a prosecutor and a defense lawyer make him "uniquely qualified" to serve as District Attorney. "I have been on both sides of the courtroom. I know how defense lawyers think and I know the 'tricks of the trade', so to speak. I will be ready to fight for the people of this district on the day I am sworn into office—I won't need a 'learning curve', I will be ready to protect the citizens of this district on day one."

In addition to his extensive experience in the courtroom, Young has been a frequent lecturer on topics such as trying sexual abuse cases, ethics, rules of evidence and practice pointers, sharing his experience with other lawyers across the State. He has authored papers on trying sexual abuse cases and trial practice tips for attorneys. Additionally, he has served on the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee and has practiced in the United States District Courts in the Northern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas and in the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. He is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Although Young has been the lead lawyer in over 1000 criminal cases, he says guilty pleas and dismissals are not what the public deserves in its criminal justice system. "While allowing those guilty of crimes against our community is a necessary part of the system, guilty pleas and dismissals are not what effective prosecution is about, Young said. "I've tried over 90 cases to juries across Texas," he noted he has tried "almost every type of case in the criminal law, including murder, sexual assault and drug cases. "I have served as lead counsel in over 20 capital murder cases." Capital murder cases are the most serious cases in the criminal law where the State of Texas may seek the death penalty. "Before I ask a jury to put a needle in someone's arm, we have to make sure we have it right; but when someone takes the life of one of our kids, I'll guarantee you they won't walk away from it in this district," Young said.

"Our God has shown great grace and mercy to me and my family and has richly blessed me with an extraordinary wife and great children. He has given us the opportunity to live in a wonderful part of Texas and allowed me to pursue my dreams as a lawyer in West Texas. I am asking the folks of this district to allow me use my 27 years of courtroom experience to help make this part of Texas a safer place for my family and theirs," Young said.



Velinda Edwards

January EOM named at M.C. hospital

By Audra Hoback, MCHD Marketing Director/Grant Writer

Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Velinda Edwards as the January Employee of the Month. Edwards has worked for MCHD at the Wallace Unit for 18 years.

"Velinda is the most efficient person. She is dependable and her work is always very accurate," said Rachel Powell, LVN.

"I want to thank my co-workers for nominating me and giving me the honor of being selected Employee of the Month. They are a great bunch to work with and I appreciate them," said Edwards.

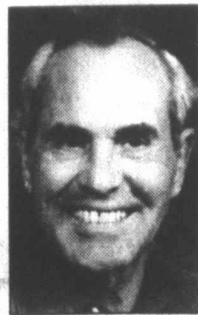
OBITUARIES

Delmas Marion Bowlin 1931-2015

LORAIN— Graveside services for Delmas Marion Bowlin, 84, were held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Loraine Cemetery in Loraine. Family visitation was held on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Loraine. Delmas passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

He was born on Sunday, November 15, 1931 in Loraine. He graduated from Loraine High School in 1950. Delmas married Betty Jo Owen on December 24, 1950 and they had two children, Bobby and Lea Ann. He was a long-time farmer and worked with his brother, Fred Bowlin in the John Deere business. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Loraine.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Gwen Bowlin of Levelland; one daughter and son-in-law, Lea Ann and Robert Ernest of San Angelo; one brother and sister-in-law, Fred M. and Barbara Bowlin of Del Rio; and sister-in-law, Pat Bowlin of Colorado City. He is also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Lela Bowlin; wife, Betty Jo Bowlin; and one brother, Sanford Yates Bowlin. Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.millerfamily-funeralhome.com.



Charles R. Bowen 1932-2015

LORAIN— Charles R. Bowen, age 83, passed gracefully from this realm on Sunday, January 3, 2016 in Lubbock after a long, productive, and accomplished life. The family is grateful he is at peace. Visitation is Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 104 W. Market Avenue, Loraine, Texas 79532, with a celebration of his life following at 2:30 p.m. Burial is immediately afterward at the Loraine Cemetery.

Charles Riley Bowen was born September 27, 1932 to Charles Roy Bowen and Mary Alice Riley Bowen and was raised in Post. After high school, he attended and graduated from Texas Tech University, where he was involved in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Saddle Tramps spirit organization, and the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His love of the Red Raiders continued until his last breath. In the Student Union Building at Tech he met Mary Rose Templeton, the love of his life, and they eventually married on September 18, 1954 in Clovis, New Mexico. They enjoyed a delightful marriage of 52 years, celebrating the milestone Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2004. In the years immediately after college, he fulfilled his ROTC military obligation in the United States Army at Fort Benning, Georgia and then Fort Riley, Kansas where he obtained the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the 1st Infantry Division (the "Big Red One"), 26th Infantry Regiment. Upon Honorable Discharge, he and his young family returned to Texas where he embraced his natural calling to be a public education administrator in various West Texas school districts before becoming director of guidance at Abernathy Independent School District, where he served the community for more than 20 years. Many, many grateful people have stories about how Mr. Bowen helped shape and mold their lives with his special skill at counseling and mentoring, both for post-high school education pursuits as well as for vocational opportunities. The world is a far better place because he cared so much about the futures of Abernathy ISD students.

Upon retirement in the late 1980s, Charles and Mary Rose relocated to her hometown of Loraine where they both worked for a few more years in the Windham School District of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In his 10 years with TDCJ, Charles worked with Project RIO (Re-Integration of Offenders) and was supervisor of continuing education; again, working tirelessly and passionately to help the underserved and marginalized to better their lives, with a deft and compassionate touch. In addition to all of these career efforts, he was a committed volunteer fire fighter and emergency medical technician, both in Abernathy and in Loraine, never missing an opportunity to lean into the aftermath of civic emergencies for the betterment of those in peril and distress, always putting their welfare before his own. He was a lifelong Baptist and member of First Baptist Church of Abernathy and then a deacon at First Baptist Church in Loraine. He sat on the school board for the Loraine ISD. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and served as Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges in both Abernathy and Loraine. He loved to fish, hunt, and share good times with family and friends, always with entertaining tales, good humor, and a twinkle in his eye.

Charles R. Bowen was preceded in death by this beloved soul mate and friend, Mary Rose Templeton Bowen, on October 26, 2006. In the intervening years, he yearned and ached to return to her, and now he has. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Charles Roy and Mary Alice Riley Bowen, in 1965 and 1974, respectively.

He is survived by children, Barbara Nell Bowen Gonzales and husband Jake of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Brenda Lee Bowen Kinning and husband Doug of Lubbock, Charles R. (Buddy) Bowen, Jr. and wife Jan of Georgetown, Bradley Templeton Bowen and wife Denise of Fort Worth; sister, Mary Nell Copeland of Abilene; grandchildren, Wesley Bewley and wife Amanda, Marshall Bewley and partner Shaun Boliver, Andrea Bowen, Michele DeLange and husband Burke, and Andi Ferguson and husband Kyle; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Bewley, Haley Alexander, Kaycee DeLange, Cayden DeLange, Alyssa Ferguson, and Alexis Ferguson; and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, caregivers, and even strangers more numerous than the stars in the West Texas night sky.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Loraine (104 W. Market Avenue, Loraine, Texas, 79532).

Our Daddy and Grandpa had a notable quote on his office wall for years that said, "I have room in my life for one more friend, and he is everyone." He taught us so much about friendship, love, respect for others, service, and selflessness. Rest in your reward, dear gentleman, and thanks for the lessons. Our legacy is to carry all of that proudly yet humbly forward and to perpetuate those same deeds.

Mildred Shoals Rose 1922-2016

LORAIN— Mildred Shoals Rose known as "Millie" passed away peacefully on January 3, 2016 at the age of 93. She was born February 13, 1922 to Bertha Pettigrew and Bedford Shoals of Acworth.

Services will be Monday, January 11, 2016 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Robert M. Castle, officiating. Rev. Homer Reddick of Canaan Baptist Church, Loraine will deliver the eulogy. Graveside services will be Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Mitchell County Cemetery, Colorado City at 1:00 p.m. and under the direction of Wells Funeral Home, Wichita Falls.

Mildred was united in marriage to the late Morgan Rose and to that union 10 children were born.

Morgan and Mildred Rose moved to Loraine in 1947. They joined Canaan Baptist Church the same year. As a member she served on the Deaconess board, Mission Society Board, Benevolent Committee, Kitchen Committee and sang in the Adult Choir. She also served as the church treasurer for many years.

Morgan and Mildred farmed together for 24 years. Later, Mildred worked as a Nurse's Aide at Loraine Convalescent Hospital. Upon her retirement, she volunteered at Loraine Adult Day Care always sharing her faith.

Mildred was known for her quick wit and her faith in God. Her favorite saying was "Thanks to the Good Lord." She enjoyed family gatherings and having her children and grandchildren around her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, Billie Rose, Sidney Rose, Shirley Jossell (Johnson), Sherry Rose, Kenneth Rose (Pam), Sylvester Rose (Virginia), Sandra Harris (Lamont), Wayne Rose (Josie) and Jerry Rose; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.



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LOCAL NEWS

I-20 accident leads to 4 arrests



NEAR LORAINE — A wreck near Lorraine on Saturday ended with the arrest of four of the six occupants of the vehicle. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in the accident.

A one-vehicle wreck on I-20 near Lorraine Saturday ended with four of the six people in the vehicle being arrested. Two of the four were from Odessa and two were from Sweetwater.

A brown minivan was traveling eastbound on I-20 around mile marker 225 between Colorado City and Lorraine when the vehicle struck a guardrail, taking out several feet of rail before coming to a stop, according to emergency response crews.

Witnesses say that two of the van's occupants got out and ran away from the accident site. First Responder Doyle Mitchell said that he left the accident site once everything was under control and began searching downtown for the two who disappeared from the wreck. He found them walking around in downtown Lorraine.

In talking to the people in the vehicle, DPS Troopers learned that there was a gun in the vehicle at the time of the crash. As the scene was being investigated and cleared, the weapon could not be found.

Thorough searches of the occupants were performed at the scene and also at the Mitchell County Jail where they were transferred. However, no sign of the weapon was found.

Members of the Lorraine Volunteer Fire Department contin-

ued to search the area, but the gun was not found Saturday. On Sunday morning, Lorraine VFD Chief Doyle Mitchell returned to the scene and the gun was found right near where the accident took place.

"I just didn't want to see the gun end up in the hands of some kids or someone who might do something bad with it," Mitchell said.

Through further investigation, it was learned that the gun was stolen.

The driver of the minivan, 30-year-old Roseanne Gonzales, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Driving with License Invalid, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon and Prohibited Item/Substance in a Correctional Facility. Another occupant, 21-year-old Robert Whittington was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication, Open Container and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, as was 19-year-old Joshua Coronado. Also, 20-year-old Hilario Loya was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tampering with Evidence, Theft of a Firearm, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, Open Container and Possession of Paraphernalia.

None of those arrested were from Mitchell County.

Barlow retires after 25 years at funeral home

Bill Barlow retired from Kiker-Seale Funeral Home at the end of December after helping families tend to the business of their deceased loved ones for almost 25 years. So, some folks may not recognize him without his suit and tie. Nowadays, the man can be found enjoying the time off in his sweat suit and tennis shoes, and he's enjoying the change.

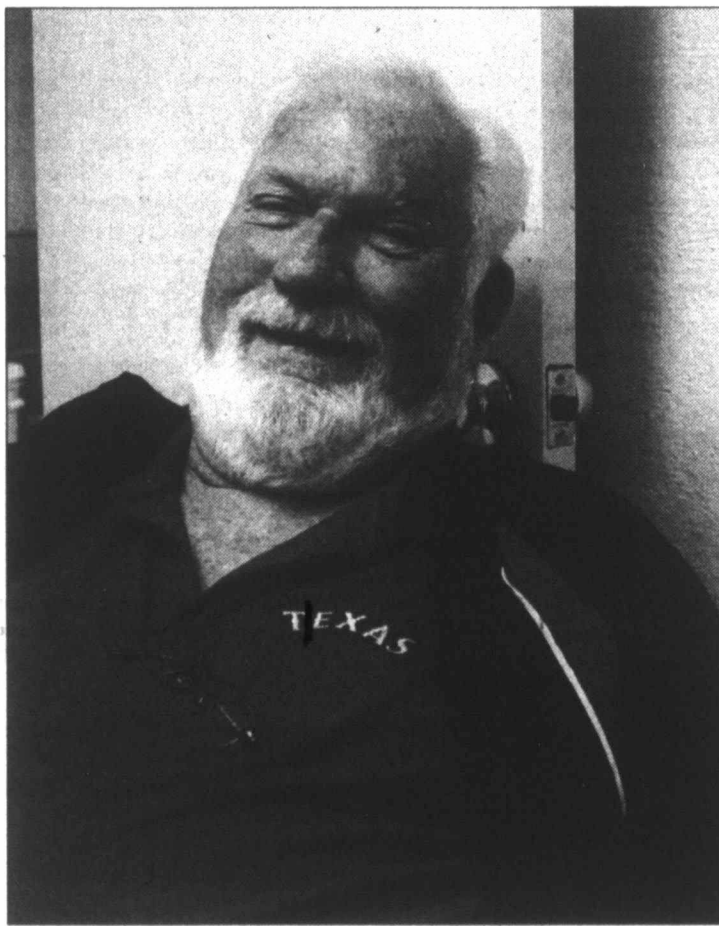
It may be a little early to announce Barlow's retirement, as he said that he has plans to return to the funeral home part-time. But, for now, he's free as a bird... to finish up some honey-do chores around the house.

While still in high school, Barlow wanted to be an undertaker. He said he understands it's a job that very few people want to do, but he's always found the work interesting. Though it was his chosen career path, there were some obstacles that delayed the journey a little bit.

Because of the cost of education, certification and licensing, Barlow found the training too expensive after he graduated from high school. He enlisted in the Army and worked for the National Guard. After he retired from the Army, the VA paid for him to get the education he wanted and needed to get into the funeral business.

He took a two-year course, which he finished in about 15 months and graduated with an associate's degree in March of 1991. He was living in Merkel at the time and knew he wanted to stay in West Texas, as he was born and grew up in Abilene.

On April 15, 1991, Barlow moved to Colorado City and took the job with Kiker & Sons, as the funeral home was named at that time. Because he's worked there for so long, the funeral director knows a thing or two



IN CASUAL ATTIRE — Bill Barlow can be seen around Colorado City in more casual clothing, as he has retired from the usual suits and dressy attire of a funeral director. The reason for the change? Barlow has retired from Kiker-Seale Funeral Home after nearly 25 years of work.

about the history of the home.

He said that the first entry in "the book" was made on February 14, 1926, by Davis Kiker, and the home was named Kiker Funeral Home. When Davis' son, Doyle, joined him in the business, it was renamed Kiker & Sons. In 1971, Bill Seale bought the place and it became Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, as it is today.

In talking to Barlow, it is clear that he made the right choice when he picked his career. It's a job most would not want, but he enjoys it to this day.

"I love the job. I always told myself I'd like to work some-

where that I can work until I'm 70, and now I'm 70," Barlow said Tuesday.

Over the years, the funeral director has had the opportunity to make tough situations better for many families in Mitchell County. He has held funerals and buried loved ones of all ages, touching each family with a gentle smile and consoling demeanor.

As far as plans for the future, Bill and his wife, Donna, have plans to visit their kids and grandkids. He also has a few honey-dos to tend to before the career starts calling again.

"I'm a pretty good handy-man," Barlow admitted.

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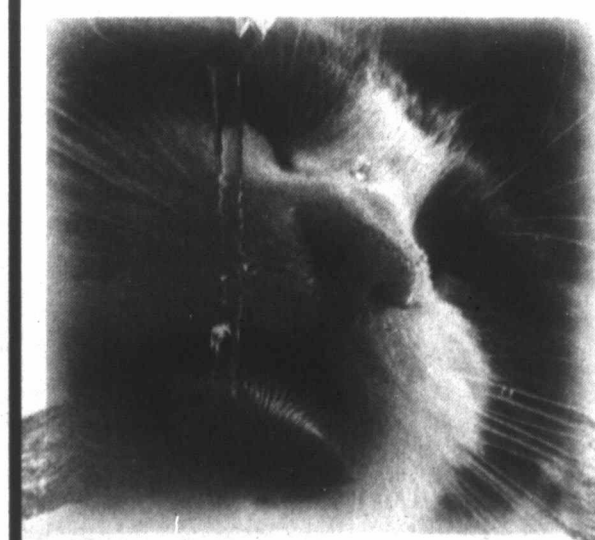
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BOOT CAMP GRAD - Donovan J. Harvey, a graduate of Westbrook High School, graduated Marine Corps Recruit Department in San Diego, California, on December 18th, 2015. Harvey is the son of Elizabeth and step-father John Goerdel of Colorado City. He completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of over 500 recruits in Alpha Company. He will report to Camp Pendleton on January 12th. Then he will go to North Carolina for combat engineering.



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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Stories from the Glasscock Co. Courthouse

I had fun when I was the keynote speaker at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's annual meeting recently. It took place in Garden City, the county seat of Glasscock County. The county judge, Kim Halfmann introduced me. But before she got to the introduction, she told the crowd, "Tumbleweed has a hat that has pins on it from places where he's made a speech. Glasscock County does not have a line item in the budget for pins, but I made him a special one." She presented me with a clothespin with the words Glasscock County written on it in red ink. It now has a prominent place on my hat.

The county is named for George Washington Glasscock, who was a partner with Abraham Lincoln in the flatboating business in Springfield, Illinois. He moved to Texas when he was 24 and became a landowner and state legislator. He donated land for the county seat of Williamson County. The county seat, Georgetown, is named for him.

Glasscock County is located between the Pecos and Concho rivers and has 1,250 residents. The courthouse, built in 1910, is being restored at county expense. "A lot of the younger citizens are showing interest in the restoration and asking questions about the history," says Alan Dierschke, county treasurer. The removal of paneling has revealed some unique stenciling on the walls.

The courthouse used to have eight coal burning fireplaces. "We're going to restore the three that were in the upper floor. There was a big pile of coal in the back of the courthouse. People would go out there with a bucket, fill it with coal and bring it in."

For years the courthouse had no heating or air conditioning. A district judge changed that. "He was holding court on a hot day. The windows were open and the lawn guy was mowing the lawn, making so much noise that the judge couldn't continue court. The next commissioners court meeting he ordered the district courtroom to have central heat and air."

This is the second courthouse in Glasscock County. The first one was built in 1894. It had two stories: one for the jail, the other for county offices. After the move into the present courthouse, the jail went unused for seven consecutive years. Then someone required a trip behind bars. "The jail hadn't been used in such a long time that a mesquite tree had grown up in front of the door to the jail. In order to put the prisoner in there the prisoner had to cut down the mesquite tree before he could go in."

The original name of the town was Gardner City. "A guy named John Gardner was a prominent citizen here and had the first store. When it came to have a post office, Gardner City was proposed but the postal department thought Garden City would be a better fit."

Garden City High School has won the state championship in 6-man football twice in recent years. The mascot is a bearcat. "We haven't quite figured out what a bearcat is."

When "praise God anyway" was hard to say Desk Difficulties

By Monte Wilke

One Sunday I preached a sermon, "Praise God Anyway", no matter the circumstances, no matter how you feel or the stress you are under. Some people in the church had a plaque made with that motto, which I still have, many years later.

Not long after this, I was trying to assemble a desk for the pastor's study from some old vanity drawers, a top from a discarded shoe display, and a front and legs that were new. I was working on the desk out on the front porch of the parsonage. I had the top

glued on and was getting ready to attach the legs. The sun was warming up, so I picked up the desk to move into the shaded carport. When I did, the top came unglued, and so did I! Noma opened the kitchen window and asked, "What are you supposed to say?" I yelled back, "Later!"

Well, that sermon came back in full force, and I thought, "All right, this is just what I was talking about." The glue had pulled the veneer loose from the tops of the old vanity ends, and when I turned them upside down, I discovered holes where the top was

screwed to the base. I screwed the desktop on, rather than gluing it, and the screws made it good and sturdy. I finished the desk in the antique green that was so popular at the time, and used that desk for several years until I could buy a new one.

When my granddaughter needed a desk, I gave it to her. She painted it pink and later handed it down to her daughter when she needed a desk.

What may seem a disaster can be turned into a blessing with just those simple words that really do work: "Praise God Anyway!"

School Board Month held each January to recognize members

January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the more than 7,100 locally elected citizens who deeply care about the success of all Texas children. These dedicated men and women serve without pay on local school boards.

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages parents, district staff, and community leaders to show appreciation to board members for their unfailing commitment to the future of Texas schoolchildren.

"The full potential of our state and nation depends on how well our students

are prepared to embrace and master the challenges ahead. Critical to achieving this goal is ensuring excellence in public education. In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues, deal with financial uncertainties, and provide excellent educational experiences for all of our children," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "These local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the well-being of every student."

"Please join me in recognizing the important role that school boards play

in providing a quality education for young Texans. We applaud them for seeing that our students have the tools necessary for success and building an even stronger foundation for the Texas of tomorrow," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local public school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.2 million public school students.

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By Ace Reid



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

Texas highway patrolmen have been sent to the Mexican border since the 1990's. Total cost for this is unknown, but \$800 million has been allocated for this unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of Texas. The federal government is tasked with protecting our borders, not the state of Texas.

I totally support our laws and law

enforcement officers. I want to be clear about this. I am not criticizing the men whose job it is to enforce laws and protect us! I am very much opposed to the politicians who hide their motives and confuse this issue.

Tax money has been spent this way since the 90's. I am sure of this. The highway patrol will verify officers have been sent from Mitchell County.

Also, for those who advocate sending the army to enforce and patrol along with border patrol agents, go to the internet and check the high school student, a USA citizen, killed at Redford, Texas while herding his goats. He was shot by the military. There has been no military patrolling since.

Thank you,
Donald E. Stewart

Events Calendar

Jan. 9	Westbrook Stock Show	Westbrook Ag Barn
Jan. 12	City Council Meeting	Bob Reily Learning Center
Jan. 14	Loraine City Council Meeting	Loraine City Hall
Jan. 14-16	Mitchell Co. Livestock Show	County Barn

To add an event to the calendar, please call 325-728-3413.

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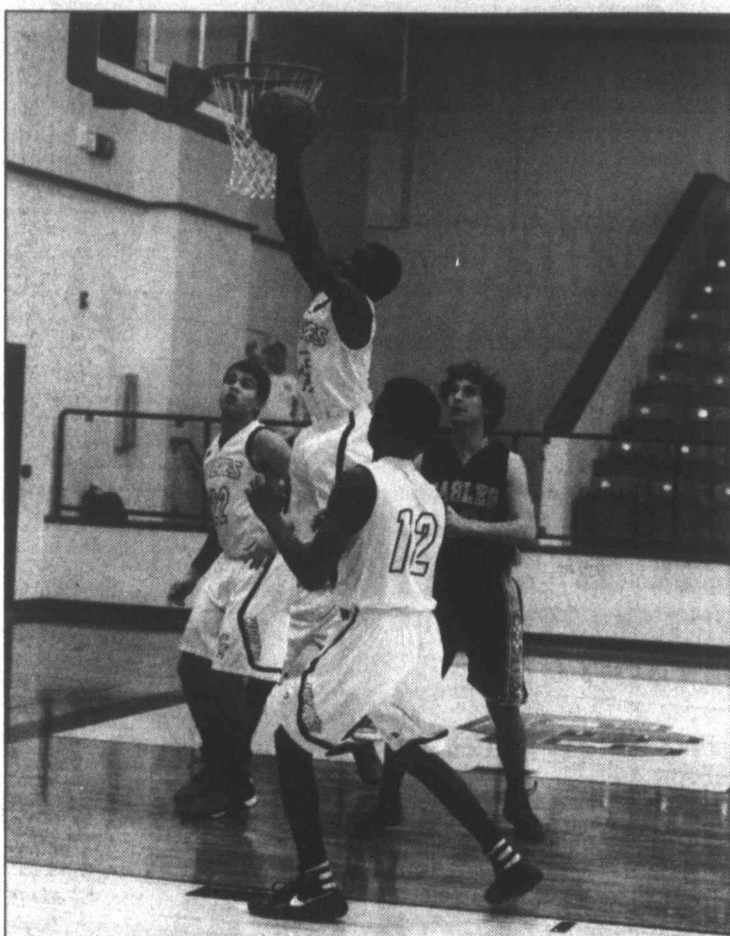
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SPORTS

Wolves add wins over winter holiday



OFF THE FLOOR - Omar Boone got some air while scoring in the Wolves' routing of TLCA Tuesday night. The Wolves beat the San Angelo team 71-41 at home.



SET IT UP - Markis Monroe sets up the offense in the Wolves' win over TLCA Tuesday evening in the new gym. The Wolves came out on top 71-41.

While schools were on winter break, the varsity Colorado Wolves basketball team saw plenty of action and added four wins to improve their season record to 12-5.

Molik Boone, the 6'2" senior forward, was named Player of the Week for his outstanding performances. Boone was one of the highest scoring Wolves in the last three or four games, while also getting double-digit rebounds.

The Wolves faced the Hamlin Pied Pipers during the break and got a convincing 73-35 win. The Colorado City boys had hot hands in the first period of the game, scoring 20 points to Hamlin's 6. The rest of the game continued in that fashion, and the Wolves led 38-14 at halftime.

Colorado City scored another 18 points in the third frame and 17 more in the final period to take the win. Omar Boone and

Molik Boone were the top scorers for the Wolves, scoring 17 and 16 points respectively.

The Snyder Tigers proved to be tough competition, but the Wolves overcame and won 37-30.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick lead, finishing the first quarter two points ahead of the Wolves. The Colorado City boys answered back in the second frame, outscoring Snyder 14 to 8 and taking a 20-16 lead into the locker room at the half.

The second quarter made the difference in the game, but the final two frames were also in the Wolves' favor. Colorado City outscored Snyder 6 to 4 in the third and 11 to 10 in the final to hang on for the close win. Kwentin Malveaux led the Wolves' offensive efforts with 10 points.

In a game against Borden Co., the Coyotes' rally in the final period threatened but the Wolves

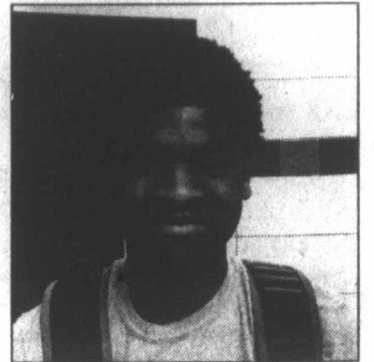
proved to be too much and won the contest 53-40.

Colorado City got off to a great start by outscoring Borden Co. 18 to 8 in the first period and 13 to 8 in the second. Another good third quarter saw the Wolves scoring 14, while the Coyotes scored 11.

The threat came in the final frame of the game, when Borden County rallied and outscored the Wolves by 4. The damage had already been done, and the Wolves beat the Coyotes in the end.

Markis Monroe was high scorer in the game with 12 points, and Molik Boone added 11 points as well.

On Saturday, January 2nd, the Wolves traveled to Post to take on the Antelopes and get their fourth win of the week 53-42. It was a close scoring game until the third period when the Wolves came together to outscore Post by 5 points.



Molik Boone

The score after the first quarter was 14-12 Wolves, and Colorado City led at halftime 26-22. Scoring 14 points to Post's 9 in the third widened the gap. The Wolves outscored Post in the final period by 2 to get the win.

Casey Hammond led offensively with 13 points, while Molik Boone had 12.

The Wall Hawks come to town on Friday, January 8th to take on the Wolves.

PUBLIC HEARING

HOUSING STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2016; 6:00 P.M.

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| 4. Remains of Structure
Location
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Location
Legal Description | Patterson, Jon F. Sr.
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Location
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Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion.

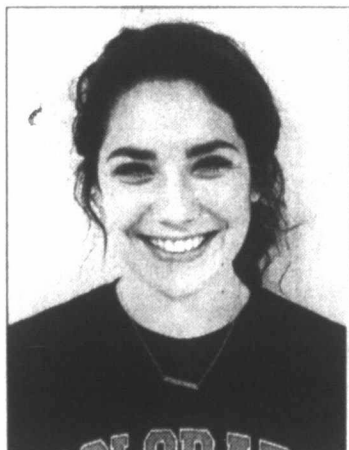
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ATTEST:

Donna Madrid
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Lady Wolves open district Friday



Taylor Epperson

"Our district will be very tough again this year. Having seen all our district opponents play, I believe every game will be a battle. Our philosophy is to try to make sure you secure wins at home and try to steal as many wins on the road as possible. We were picked 2nd in the pre-season polls behind Sonora. We still have a very young team with one senior, two juniors, and seven sophomores. I believe we are getting better as the season has progressed, but it has been slower than expected," Head Coach Barry Kimball said.

The girls got a 51-32 win over Post on Saturday to improve the season record to 13-5.

Kaitlyn Kimball and Baylie Lindsey were the leading scorers in the game with 11 points apiece, and Taylor Epperson scored in double digits as well with 10 points. Makaylah Rivera scored 8 in the win, and Clancy White pitched in 5 as well. Alexis Muñoz scored 3 for the Lady Wolves, while Kaci Phariss got 2 points and Sara Roach sunk a free throw.

Taylor Epperson was named Player of the Week for her outstanding performance in the game against Post.

The Lady Wolves open district play Friday night in Stanton with the JV girls' game beginning at 4 p.m., followed by the varsity girls at 6:30.

It was in Stanton last season the Lady Wolves lost a thriller 48-46 to see who represented the district as the #2 and #3 seed. As the #3 seed, the Lady Wolves were defeated by Jim Ned in the first round of the playoffs.

Most of the Lady Wolves from last season return and should be a force in the district race this season. Compiling a 13-5 record thus far, the young Lady Wolves are eager to start the district race.

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LOCAL NEWS

HOSPITAL

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A MITCHELL COUNTY TRADITION — Kelley Dockrey exhibited the reserve champion lamb back in 1980. The Mitchell County Livestock Show is a longtime tradition here that teaches students about perseverance, hard work, animal care and agriculture.

Livestock show is next weekend

The time is drawing near for the 79th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show, and a few changes have been made. The upcoming show will be dedicated in memory of Eldon Harris.

Harris was an exhibitor in the show as a child in the show he came to love. As an adult, he served on the livestock show association board for several years and as swine superintendent for many more. Harris often donated hogs to kids that couldn't afford to buy one and even provided them a place to keep it and ready it for a show.

Eldon bred and sold show hogs during the 1990s while his son, Brodie, was also an exhibitor. Brodie said he remembers being beaten in the show by the very pigs his dad had sold.

"He was always a big supporter of the livestock show," Brodie said Tuesday.

The biggest change coming up is that the show will be held a week later than normal to better fit school schedules for the students participating. The show kicks off on January 14th and continues until the 16th.

All animals are required to be in the barn on Thursday, January 14th by 4 p.m. Weighing will begin at 5 p.m.

The show will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, January 15th, with the hogs showing first. This year, the number of hog entries is limited to four, down from six in previous years, due to the high number of hog entries and limited space in the barn.

Kevin Thomas of Jacksboro High School will serve as the judge of all categories this year.

All animals will be shown on Friday, with goats following hogs, then lambs, the peewee goat show, heifers and steers

showing last Friday evening.

Saturday, January 16th will be the day for the annual premium sale. The sale was started in 1995 to help exhibitors with expenses for the major shows.

Set-up for the premium sale will begin at 8 a.m. that morning. All buyers are welcome to enjoy a complimentary lunch prepared by Matt Syler and Brandon Hale beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meal will be sponsored by Lone Star Ag Credit in Sweetwater.

Once everyone has had a chance to eat, the awards ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. The sale is set to start about 1 p.m. that afternoon.

The 2015-16 board of directors responsible for preparations for the show are: Brodie Harris, president; Jim Cogburn, vice president; Dee Roach, secretary; Margo Connell, treasurer; Jeremy Strain, finance chairman; and Dalton Maddox, premium sale chairman.

Mitchell County Vocational Ag Teachers are advisors for students exhibiting animals. They are: Robin Senter, Colorado City; Jennifer Morris, Colorado City; Lindsey Sykes, Loraine; and David Bray, Westbrook. Mitchell County Extension Agents Robert Ferguson and Audra Graves will also serve as advisors.

Livestock superintendents and assistants in each category will be: Kent Boyd and John Senter for cattle, Nub Morris and Amanda Jo Ritchey for sheep, Mike Hill and Tip Chaney for hogs, and Mike Jordan and Tommy Morris for goats.

The livestock show is open to the public, and everyone is invited out to see the work put into livestock showing by the students.

cannot begin in earnest until the construction of a laundry facility can be completed for Mitchell County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. According to Administrator Gary White, the building is finished, and crews were installing the HVAC system earlier this week.

Before the old hospital is torn down, hospital officials will hold a ceremony that is open to the public. At this time, it looks like it will probably be held the last week of January.

Two requests for nursing scholarships were approved by the board Monday night. MCHD granted a request from Jennifer Hale, MCHD Cardiac Rehab Manager, for \$18,000 for her to go back to school to get

her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Angelo State University.

In return, Hale will contract to work at the local hospital for three more years after receiving her degree which will begin in January of 2017.

"I think this will be very beneficial for us," Dewberry said.

Another request was presented to the board. It was the first request ever made by someone who is not employed by the district. Andra McKinney Maxwell, longtime school teacher, has retired and is going back to college to obtain her second bachelor degree.

While the board felt the hospital could not afford the whole amount, the district will come

through with \$6,000 for Maxwell. In return, she will be contracted to work for one year for MCHD.

Board members Patty Pharis and Mark Merrell spoke to Maxwell's credit by saying that she was a good employee for CISD.

Dewberry said that he had a good interview with Maxwell. "I think she'll do well," he said.

Cheryl Warren asked if it would be a possibility to revisit the subject later to see if more money was available, and Dewberry said it might be possible to help with student loans in the future.

Hospital Financial Officer Joe Wright presented statistics during the financial report, comparing November of 2015 to November of 2014. The statistics showed little change in the two years, but there were exceptions.

Family Medical Associates has certainly seen an uptick in clinic visits. In November, 1,446 visits

were made to the clinic, compared to 1,162 at the same time last year. Also, 366 x-rays were performed this year, and 328 were done in November of 2014.

Due to understaffing, many TDCJ offenders have been moved from local prisons and the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder. The move has resulted in the loss of \$23,000 per month for the district, as the medical departments at the prison are seeing fewer offenders.

In his administrator's report, Gary White said that there are 80 residents in MCNRC at this time. Though the facility is licensed for 110 beds, White estimated that 85 to 90 residents was a more realistic maximum number.

The facility will be offering nurse aide certification classes quarterly to help combat a shortage of Certified Nurses Aides. Currently, the facility still needs to CNAs and one LVN.

LAW

FROM PAGE 1

Both entities are contacting attorneys to find out the legality of prohibiting weapons in public buildings. The city is awaiting an opinion from the Texas Municipal League.

During Monday's court meeting, commissioners discussed the idea of prohibiting weapons throughout the courthouse, but the discussion was tabled until a legal opinion has been given. Taylor County has made it illegal to bring firearms and other weapons into the courthouse.

It was pointed out by Commissioner Jesse Muñoz that heated issues receive rulings in the courthouse, and court decisions often make people angry. County Judge Ray Mayo agreed, and Commissioner Randy Anderson said he would like to see the carrying of weapons prohibited in the courthouse. Anderson also suggested asking the county employees working in the courthouse how they feel about the issue.

Texas law does prohibit a person from bringing a firearm onto the premises of a polling place, with the exception of peace officers. County Clerk Debby Carlock said that the

law would affect the courthouse when the lobby is being used for voting.

Private businesses can choose to outlaw the carrying of weapons on the property, but Chief Aguilar said he would like to see those businesses posting the proper signage that refers to the Texas law posted in both English and Spanish to clarify the prohibition to all customers and employees.

The police chief said that he hopes that the public will not overreact to seeing more guns carried openly, but citizens should still be aware of guns being carried where they should not be, such as near schools, hospitals, etc.

Aguilar also pointed out that the new law does not allow for people to tuck a gun in their waistband and tote it around town. Weapons must be holstered in proper shoulder or hip holsters.

The police chief said that the DPS website has a great "Frequently Asked Questions" section about the new law. Citizen can access the website's information for clarification or call the police station.



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	General Fund	ESEA Title I	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,994,006	\$0	\$791,014	\$18,978	\$2,803,998
State Program Revenues	967,642	0	0	3,348	970,990
Federal Program Revenues	0	81,965	0	106,211	188,176
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,961,648	\$81,965	\$791,014	\$128,537	\$3,963,164
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	\$1,011,923	\$81,965	\$0	\$23,032	\$1,116,920
Instructional Resources and Media Services	22,759	0	0	0	22,759
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	100	0	0	0	100
Instructional Leadership	0	0	0	0	0
School Leadership	124,320	0	0	0	124,320
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	65,328	0	0	0	65,328
Health Services	40,150	0	0	0	40,150
Student (Pupil) Transportation	33,378	0	0	0	33,378
Food Services	2,963	0	0	138,851	141,814
Extracurricular Activities	148,678	0	0	0	148,678
General Administration	268,899	0	0	0	268,899
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	290,071	0	0	0	290,071
Security and Monitoring Services	2,115	0	0	0	2,115
Data Processing Services	79,234	0	0	0	79,234
Community Services	2,388	0	0	0	2,388
Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	0	0	450,000	0	450,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	0	0	346,670	0	346,670
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	0	0	38	0	38
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	858,548	0	0	18,200	876,748
Intergovernmental Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	80,515	0	0	0	80,515
Other Intergovernmental Charges	24,989	0	0	0	24,989
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,054,358	\$81,965	\$796,708	\$180,083	\$4,113,114
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(\$92,710)	\$0	(\$5,694)	(\$51,546)	(\$149,950)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Capital Related Debt Issued	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sale of Real and Personal Property	6,050	0	0	0	6,050
Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers - In	0	0	0	37,500	37,500
Transfers - Out	(37,500)	0	0	0	(37,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(\$31,450)	\$0	\$0	\$37,500	\$6,050
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	812,871	0	39,951	18,192	871,014
FUND BALANCE - August 31 (Ending)	\$688,711	\$0	\$34,257	\$4,146	\$727,114

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Breakfast Jan. 11th - 15th

Monday - Sausage biscuit or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Dutch waffle, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast boat or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Stuffed bagel, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Pancakes, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 11th - 15th

Monday - Texas basket, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Chili cheese combo, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Corn dog, garden salad, petite tomato cup, fruit cup, choice of milk.

Thursday - Chicken nuggets,

mac and cheese, green beans, garden salad, apple slices, choice of milk.

Friday - Hamburger, hamburger garnish, oven fries, baby carrots with ranch, peaches, crispy cereal treat, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 11th - 15th

Monday - Pancakes, bacon, muffins, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Sunshine sandwich, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, fruit juice, milk, muffin, yogurt.

Thursday - Breakfast strudel, yogurt, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Breakfast burrito, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 11th - 15th

Monday - Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie cup, mandarin oranges, milk.

Tuesday - Nachos grande, fried beans, salsa, petite tomato

cup, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday - Stuffed baked potato, bake beans, broccoli apple-pineapple d'ite, milk.

Thursday - Country pot pie, garden salad, fruit gelatin, milk.

Friday - Pizza choice, baby carrots with ranch, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh grapes, cookie, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 11th - 15th

Monday - Cheese omelette wrap or pineapple yogurt parfait or cereal, chilled pineapples, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast quesadilla or sausage biscuit and gravy or cereal, chilled pears, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - French toast sticks or blueberry bagel or cereal, cinnamon applesauce, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Chicken and waffle sticks or breakfast pizza or oatmeal or cereal, chilled peaches, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Homestyle cinnamon rolls or breakfast taco or cereal, chilled mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 11th - 15th

Monday - Steak fingers or ham

Gainey and Sutton on dean's lists

Derek Gainey of Colorado City has been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Carissa Sutton, also of Colorado City, has been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's Honor Roll at McMurry University. To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete 6-11 credit hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Westbrook chose the Students of the Month for December. They are Sebastian Rincones, Taylor Parsons, John Michael Martinez, and Hadley Gould. Photo courtesy of Sandra Sullivan.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINEES - Westbrook has chosen their student of the month nominees for the month of December. They are (back row l-r) Conner Holt, Vanessa Betancourth-Torres, Kelcee Witte, Carli Garrison, Lexi King, Caul Hoback; (middle row) Scott Ferris, Nicholas Whitesides, Jordyn Bayes and Lexi Wood; (front row) Jonathan Williams, Grace Potter, Zayden Pineda, Xzavier Magers and Mary Whiteley. Photo courtesy of Sandra Sullivan.

Lady Wildcats win over Baird on home court

The Baird Bears traveled to Westbrook to take on the Lady Cats varsity basketball team in December. But the Wildcats got the best of the Bears, winning 50-39 and improving their season record to 9 wins and 6 losses.

Both teams scored in double digits for the first quarter, but Westbrook took the first lead 18-12. A slow second period saw Baird outscoring the Lady Cats 8-4, but Westbrook still took a 22-20 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Westbrook girls went into

the third period ready to play and managed to outscore Baird 15 to 6. Though the Bears rallied back and each team scored 13 points in the final frame, the Lady Cats proved to be too much for Baird and got the win.

Emily Whitely continues to lead the Lady Cats offensively, scoring 14 points in the contest. She was 100% from the free throw line and sunk 50% of the three-point shots she attempted.

Miranda Goswick scored 12 points and sunk 55% of her free throws. She is also credited with

an impressive 11 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 block.

Brianna Lathers also scored 12 points and got 5 rebounds and 1 block, while Georgie Rivera scored in double digits with 10 points. Hadley Redwine got 8 rebounds during the game.

District action begins next week for the Lady Cats, as Borden Co. is set to come to Westbrook for the first district game on Tuesday, January 12th. The JV girls will play at 5 p.m. and the varsity game will immediately follow.

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NEW! 2002 Locust- SOLD!
2128 Chestnut- SOLD!
REDUCED! 1241 Austin- Move in ready! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. \$82,500
REDUCED! 1032 Cedar - 3 Bedroom, 1 1/5 bath. Priced to sell. Call Cheri. \$49,500
721 E. 11th - Unique house and old church building. Over 3,000 Sq. Ft. Call Cheri.

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1189 Register Road- Spacious 2-2 lake front home with large shop and porch. \$139,500.

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NEW! 121 Pacific - Loraine- Rockin H Bar and Grill. \$40,000

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2304 LCR 252- 2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath mobile home w/sunroom on lot with dock and boat ramp. Call Cheri.
1346 LCR 248- Double wide mobile home. Completely furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/ attached car port, large metal garage and large metal shop beside the home. Priced to sell.
REDUCED! 2146 LCR 252- 2 Mobile homes. Buy one to live in and rent one. Remodeled 3 bedroom, new kitchen cabinets, stainless steel appliances in kitchen, completely furnished! Call Cheri to view.

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BACK ON THE MARKET! 1138 LCR 248
Newer home. 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 garage, 1 carport. Custom built home.

NEW! 950 Marshall - 2 Bedroom, 1 bath remodeled.
NEW! 912 Chestnut - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 carport.
NEW! 1848 CR 121- Mobile home 3/2/2 with shop. Great buy!
NEW! 1341 Chestnut - UNDER CONTRACT!
832, 840, 848 Chestnut - 3 Duplexes. Great buy!
105 22nd - 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage.
2001 Hillcrest- Move in ready, a must see! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 carport. Completely remodeled. Has all new appliances. Owner will look at all offers.
REDUCED! 620 Vine St.- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car carport in back. Mother-in-law apartments behind the house. Buyer will help pay closing costs. Owner wants to sell and will look at all offers.
833 10th - Owner finance available. GREAT BUY! \$36,000. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath brick home. Seller wants to sell. Call Tresa for details.

Mobile home with land \$30,000. Extra land available 21.5 ac and sale barn.
NEW! 2358 Fm 1229 - SOLD!
REDUCED! 7277 CR 404 - SOLD!
1300 LCR 248- SOLD!
REDUCED! 4739 CR 307- Lake front bungalow house with 6 ac fenced great for animals. Will rent. Call Tresa.

NEW! 2240 Louis Lane- Lake lot. Priced to sell at \$12,000. Water and septic.
NEW! 2326 LCR 256- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Newer brick home.
NEW! 1362 Laguna Dr.- 3/2/2. Newer home.
NEW! 1138 LCR 248- 3/2/2 Newer home.
2922 LCR 252- Very clean. 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, brick home. Great property for entertaining.
NEW! 4243 CR 307 - SOLD!
905 LCR 311- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 carport, storage building. Move in ready!
1158 LCR 248- 4 Bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage.
REDUCED! 3094 LCR 252- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, 1 carport.
2116 LCR 252- 2-2 Nice shop. \$59,500.
558 LCR 256- Nice home. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. \$138,500. Seller will pay some closing cost.
REDUCED! 4305 LCR 307- A must see. Completely remodeled to much to tell on this one. Priced to sell! \$135,000

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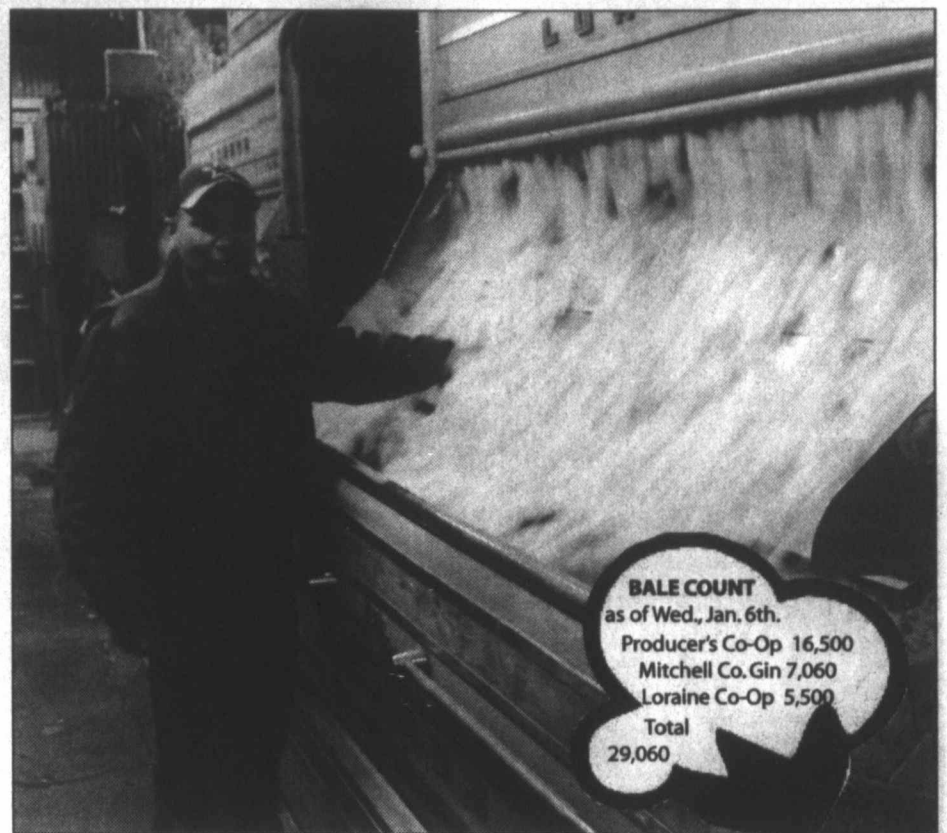
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LOCAL NEWS



BALE COUNT
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Mitchell Co. Gin 7,060
Loraine Co-Op 5,500
Total
29,060

WEST TEXAS WHITE STUFF - Producer's Co-Op's Jose Adkinson is operating the gin's stands, as ginning season is running at full tilt. The local gin is expected to have ginned over 16,000 bales of cotton by 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Keeping fit while you age is important to overall health

Regular physical activity at any age can help you live longer, feel better and reduce health problems. But far too many people, including baby boomers, don't get the exercise they need. According to the 2012 Participation Report from the Physical Activity Council (PAC), 34 percent of Americans over the age of 55 are physically inactive. Since regular exercise helps control blood pressure, body weight, cholesterol and so much more, boomers need to find ways to get their bodies moving so they can live longer, healthier lives.

"Though any amount of exercise is beneficial, ultimately adults should work up to getting at least 30 minutes most days of the week, as long as they feel comfortable and pain free," said world-renowned nutritionist Joy Bauer. "From taking a Zumba class to walking and stretching, getting regular physical activity helps the joints stay loose, maintains muscle mass, and gets the blood flowing - all of which make everyday tasks easier."

The American Council on Exercise recommends older Americans choose exercise programs that include cardiovascular, muscle conditioning, and flexibility exercises. Low-impact, non-jarring exercises such as walking and swimming are good options. A key to sticking with a fitness

program is making sure it's enjoyable.

Also, whenever beginning a new fitness activity or program, make sure you do it safely.

Wear comfortable shoes that fit well.

Stay hydrated with plenty of fluids.

Listen to your body. If it hurts or it feels like too much, stop.

You also need to be aware of danger signs while exercising. Stop the activity and call your doctor or 911 if you experience pain or pressure in your chest, arms, neck or jaw, feel lightheaded, nauseated or weak; become short of breath; develop pain in your legs, calves or back, or feel like your heart is beating too fast or skipping beats.

"It's important to see your doctor before beginning any workout routine to receive a thorough cardiovascular evaluation," said Bauer. "Once you've been cleared by your doctor, I recommend starting out slowly."

The best way to find a regimen that will stick is to choose something you enjoy. You'll be more likely to stick with it and reap all the benefits the physical activity has to offer.

For example, if you enjoy dancing, it won't feel like exercise and it can also be a social outlet. Combining physical activity with social time is a total win-win.

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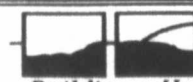
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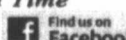
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LOCAL NEWS



FEATURED ARTIST – Pam Walker of Big Spring is the West Texas Art Guild's featured artist for January. She has been painting since she was a teenager. Some of her works are on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust where they can be viewed by the public and purchased. Photo courtesy of Linda Mathis.

FB&T artist of the month enjoys working with acrylics

Pamela Walker of Colorado City is this month's featured West Texas Art Guild artist. Her work is on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust and will remain there throughout January to give people a chance to take a look at the artist's creativity.

Walker began painting at the age of 15, and like many artists that start young, she is self-taught. She spent a good deal of time watching artists on television shows, and her work is inspired by artists like Charles Russell, Bob Ross and P. Salinas. She credits Ross with giving her the courage to try wet-on-wet media which give her paintings a special style with colors blending together.

Like many of the artists she admires, Walker favors landscape painting and she also creates a lot of floral pieces that lend well to her overall style. She paints mostly with acrylics, but she also dabbles in oils and has begun to

get into photography.

Walker has a full-time job as a nurse at the Big Spring State Hospital, so she paints in her spare time. She said that being a member of the local art guild has helped her stay motivated, and she has gained quite a bit of knowledge from the other artists.

Always a creative crafter, Walker also crochets and makes Christmas ornaments. She's been teaching her grown daughters, Renee Wilson and Fallon Walker, some of her techniques as well.

Fallon is an artist in her own right, but she uses a little different medium than most. She has a graphic design degree from Angelo State University, and computer software is used to create her masterpieces.

The display at the bank shows Walker's consistent style and is open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and view the lovely paintings.

City to be rezoned; looking for volunteers

The City Zoning Commission met Tuesday evening to discuss how to begin to establish comprehensive zoning regulations. Commission members present were: Cherry Hoback, Sherry Brown, Jim Baum and Bob Brookshear.

City Manager David Hoover brought to the board copy of the 2015 International Zoning Code which can be used as an example of how zoning is now used.

Colorado City's zoning was established several decades ago and has been changed a little at a time so that the entire town is now a piecemeal patchwork of zoning codes.

A committee was elected by the commission, but other members of the community are needed so that a variety of input is given and considered. Committee members in place now are Bob Brookshear, Becky Siebold, Jim Baum and David Hoover.

The city manager expressed a need for a variety of citizens to

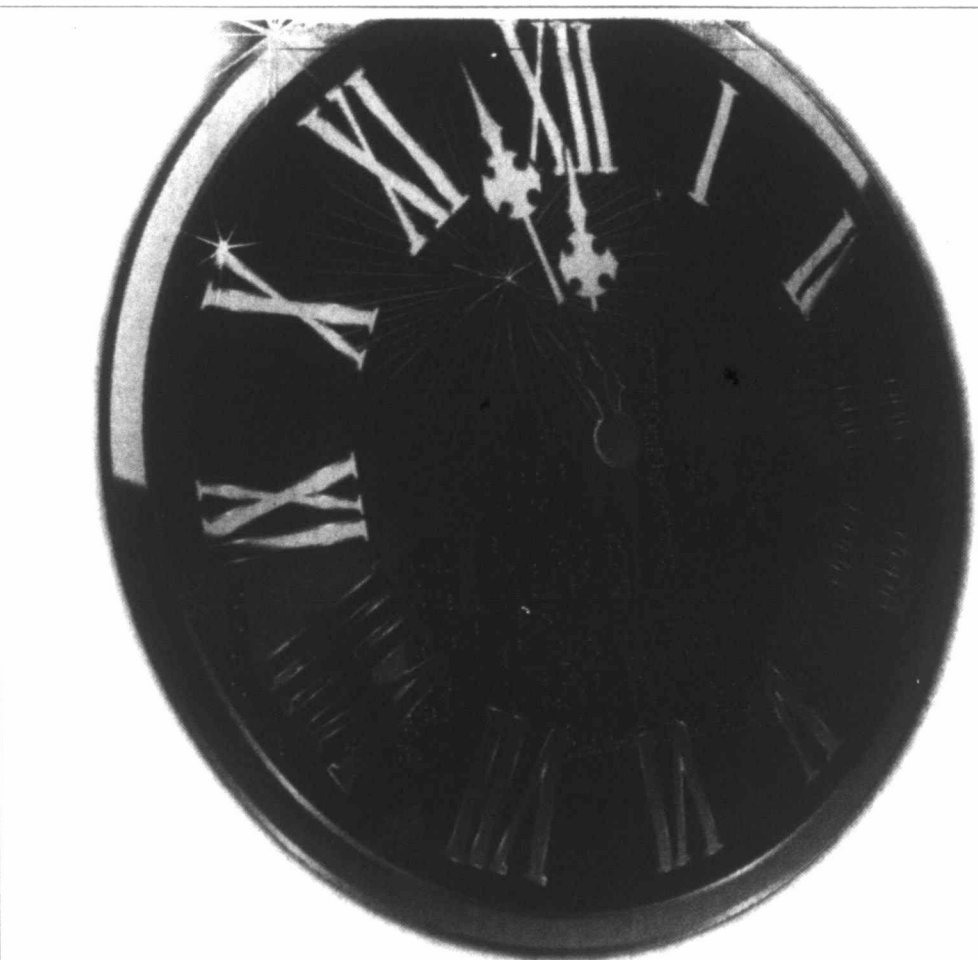
weigh in on zoning. Meetings will begin soon, and the committee will be overhauling the city's entire zoning regulations. Business people, real estate agents, those with zoning experience, and basically anyone interested in providing input about how the city needs to be zoned are welcome.

Anyone interested should visit City Hall at 180 W. 3rd Street and talk to City Secretary Donna Madrid. As meetings are set, dates and times will be announced on the Record's Facebook page and in the newspaper.

Brookshear advised his fellow committee members to take a drive around town and in the city's extra territorial jurisdiction areas to see what types of structures exist there now and to make a note about what they think should be located there in the future.

"There's a lot of work to do ahead of us," Hoover said. But, the outcome will be good for the city.

WESTBROOK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,297,572	\$ 44,437	\$ 7,342,009
State Program Revenues	2,140,811	43,336	2,184,147
Federal Program Revenues	-	125,895	125,895
Total Revenues	9,438,383	213,668	9,652,051
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	2,131,637	91,861	2,223,498
Instructional Resources and Media Services	131,902	-	131,902
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	443	-	443
School Leadership	169,496	-	169,496
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	74,068	-	74,068
Health Services	38,592	-	38,592
Student (Pupil) Transportation	267,576	-	267,576
Food Services	-	237,092	237,092
Extracurricular Activities	350,374	-	350,374
General Administration	375,783	-	375,783
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	871,355	-	871,355
Security and Monitoring Services	12,647	-	12,647
Data Processing Services	96,581	-	96,581
Intergovernmental:			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	3,042,553	-	3,042,553
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	48,131	-	48,131
Total Expenditures	7,611,138	328,953	7,940,091
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,827,245	(115,285)	1,711,960
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	115,966	115,966
Transfers Out (Use)	(209,453)	-	(209,453)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(209,453)	115,966	(93,487)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,617,792	681	1,618,473
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,199,747	857	4,200,604
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,817,539	\$ 1,538	\$ 5,819,077



Time to Celebrate

As we count down to a brand-new year, we'd like to take a moment to say thanks to the friends and customers who have made 2015 such a memorable year for us. We owe our success to all of you, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year. We hope 2016 brings nothing but good times to you and yours.

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