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## Answerline

Q. What was the city of Snyder originally named?  
A. According to the Texas Calendar, Snyder, Texas was originally named "Hide Town."

## Briefs

**Early Release**  
Westbrook ISD students will be released from classes at noon on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, so that students may participate in the Mitchell County and Westbrook Stock Show. The Westbrook show has been rescheduled to Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

**Relay for Life**  
The RFL team, Unit Warriors, will be waiting tables at Pizza Hut on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to close to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Tips received will go toward the Relay for Life, and bake sale items will be available for purchase as well.

**Immunization/Flu Clinic**  
Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization/flu clinic for children with no insurance, Medicaid or underinsured and adults with no insurance on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. The clinic will be held at First United Methodist Church Education Center at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut. Bring immunization records and Medicaid card. For more information please call (325) 754-4945.

## Obituaries

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Clyde

Hubert "Hub" Ratliff  
Austin

Mary Ella Miller  
Abilene

Blassa Flores  
Snyder

Travis "Doyle" Mayes  
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## Around Town

Happy 24<sup>th</sup> birthday Daniel Perez (Jan. 9)...  
Who's the Cowboys fan at 10<sup>th</sup> and Eastover...  
Monte McCright slipping and sliding on the ice...  
Eric Roberson has plans for next Christmas...  
Was that a roadrunner in Buck's Café?...  
Good luck and best wishes to Niki Curry in her new job...  
Congratulations, Richy Womack...  
Jessica Saldivar on accident watch from her front porch...



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## Commissioners okay tax abatement

The Mitchell County Commissioners' Court convened on an icy Friday morning to declare their intent to consider a tax abatement agreement with Luminant Generation Company LLC. Court members also approved a public meeting regarding the agreement to be held January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mitchell County is one of a few locations being considered as a location for a solar energy farm, and Luminant officials have said that the location providing the best incentive deal will get the project. The energy company would like to have a 100% abatement for 10 years, but that deal is not deemed advantageous to the taxing entities in the county.

The county has already established a reinvestment zone in expectation of entering into the agreement with

Luminant. The power company is looking at a site near the western and northern edges of the Champion Creek Reservoir for the location of the solar farm. The project, a 150-megawatt solar plant, would employ between 130 and 170 temporary workers and generate three permanent jobs once construction is complete.

Luminant owns the land under consideration, and the approval by the commissioners' court moves the process another step forward. The project's value was estimated to be \$300 million back in October. Since that time, the project's value has been estimated to be at least \$200 million.

Though the order approved and signed in court Friday doesn't list any details of the agreement, members of the

court have agreed to offer a 100% tax abatement to the energy company for the first three years. After that, Luminant's taxes will be abated 90% for the fourth and fifth years of operation, then 80% in years six and seven, and 70% in the eighth, ninth and tenth years.

"Originally, they (Luminant) wanted a 100% abatement for 10 years, so we chiseled that down a little bit," County Judge Ray Mayo said.

New legislation limits the amount that a solar farm can be depreciated to 20% of its original value. That means that the taxing entities will be collecting taxes, after the initial 10 years, on the farm with a value of at least \$40 million. According to Luminant officials, most solar

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## Livestock show this weekend

Clippers have been buzzing this week, as all the swine, sheep, cattle and goats are readied for the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show. Boys and girls from Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine FFA chapters, as well as Lone Wolf 4-H members, are set to exhibit livestock projects this weekend, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the county ag barn in Colorado City.

According to livestock association president Brodie Harris, there are 109 students signed up to exhibit 303 animal projects in the show.

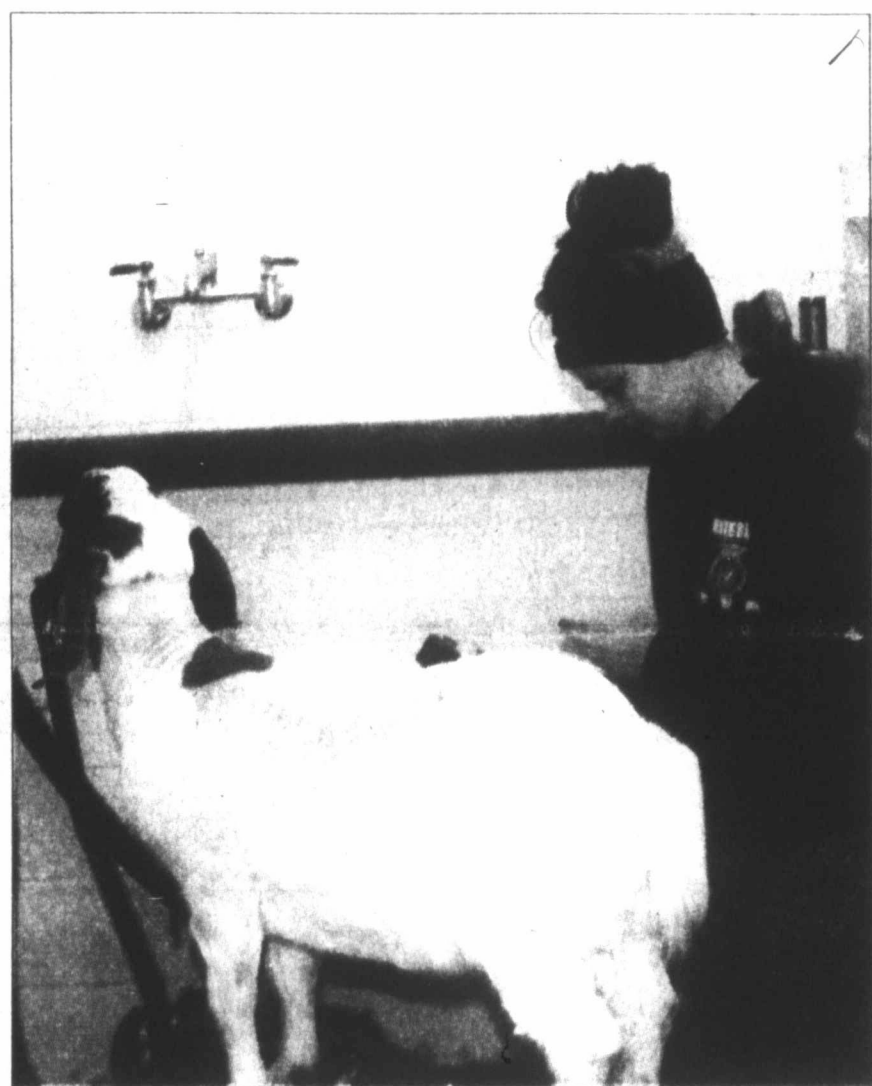
Parents, students and show organizers were busy with the final preparation work this week, as weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The show kicks off bright and early on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> with the hog show beginning at 9 a.m. The exhibition of hogs, goats and lambs will start off the show, and the PeeWee Goat Show will follow, along with the exhibition of heifers and steers.

The buyers' meal and premium sale will be held on Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meal is provided at no cost to all buyers and is prepared by Matt Syler and Brandon Hale. All stock show participants, buyers and immediate family of exhibitors are invited to the brisket and

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**GETTING THEIR GOATS** - Krystin Northcutt (left) and Morgan Hunter have been exercising, washing and clipping their goats in preparation for this weekend's livestock show. See pages 6 and 7 for the show's schedule of events, as well as officers and committee chairpersons.



## Icy conditions keep first responders busy

Law enforcement officials, members of volunteer fire departments and first responders had their hands full last week as winter weather invaded Mitchell County and the surrounding area. While the number of accidents soared over the four days of winter precipitation, no major injuries were reported.

Officials from the Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook fire departments estimated that personnel worked about 10 to 15 wrecks each caused by ice on I-20. Besides actual reported accidents, each department also saw well over 100 vehicles sliding off the highway over the four-day winter event.

Colorado City Chief Rick Goodney said that about eight volunteers of the local department spent nights at the station, because the calls for traffic con-

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## Womack is elected to CNB board of directors

The City National Bank of Colorado City is pleased to announce the election of Richy Womack to the bank's Board of Directors.

Richy is a 1985 graduate of Colorado High School and received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Angelo State University in 1989. He began his career at CNB in March 1993 working as an operations officer in the Trust Department.

Richy received extensive training in investments and securities from his predecessor George Womack for a number of years before being promoted to Vice President and Cashier in 1995. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in January 2014.

Richy is a board member



Richy Womack

of the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center in Sweetwater.

He is married to Jody Womack who is the counselor at Kelley Elementary.

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## Hospital agrees on abatement terms

The Board of Directors of the Mitchell County Hospital District met Tuesday night in a regular meeting to discuss the terms of a tax abatement agreement the district is prepared to offer Luminant, as an incentive for the company to locate a solar energy farm inside the county.

Hospital CEO Robbie Dewberry notified board members that he had notified Ryan, the law firm representing Luminant, of the details of the financial incentive.

Like the county, MCHD is offering to abate the company's taxes 100% for the first three years, and then reduce the abatement to 90% for the next two. Following the fifth year, the abatement percentage will drop to 80% for two years and then to 70% for the remaining three years of the agreement.

After the initial ten years, the hospital district will be able to collect taxes on the project which cannot be depreciated below 20% of its original value which is estimated to be close to \$200,000,000.

All members of the board were satisfied with those terms, and Dewberry said he will send out notifications to the other taxing entities that the hospital district plans to offer a tax abatement agreement to Luminant.

Board member Mark Merrell asked Dewberry how he felt about the terms of the agreement, and Dewberry responded by saying, "I think it's the best of both worlds. It's a good deal for both of us."

Tuesday's meeting was the first meeting of the new year for the board, bringing with it the need

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Relay for Life theme is "Don't Stop Believing"

The Relay for Life of Mitchell and Scurry Counties committee is ready to kick-start the initiative for this year's upcoming relay. "Last year's relay was a huge success and we want to build off of that and make this year's Relay even bigger and better," said Committee Chairman, Cliff Shiller.

Relay for Life is the premier fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. This event is designed to give everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save more lives. Teams are made up of family members, friends, and coworkers that camp out and take turns walking around a track to represent the idea that cancer never sleeps.

Relay for Life events are also a time to recognize cancer survivors and caregivers and their personal journey and fight against a disease that takes from everyone all too often and all too much.

The official relay theme this year is the 80's, inspiring the local chapter to designate their theme "Don't Stop Believing", based off the band Journey's 80's hit. All teams and participants are encouraged to embrace the 80's theme with camp décor, costume, etc.

The date is set for April 11, 2015 with some notable changes in venue and time. Due to the anticipated clinic construction at Mitchell County Hospital District, the relay will take place at the Mitchell County Sports Complex and will start at 12:00 p.m. on April 11th and end at 12:00 a.m. April 12th. "We are hoping that the time change of noon to midnight instead of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. will encourage more teams to sign up and make it easier for participants to stay the duration of the event," said Cliff Shiller, Committee Chairman.

All proceeds from the event

will allow the American Cancer Society to fund life-saving cancer research, education, advocacy and provide local patient services, such as gas cards, lodging and wigs, just to name a few.

The Relay for Life of Mitchell County will kick-off this year's fundraising efforts Monday, March 16-20, with Paint the Town Purple Week and would like to urge businesses and individuals to participate by decorating offices and houses with purple. The participant displaying the most spirit and most purple will be awarded a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year. Paint the Town Purple week will conclude on March 20, with the return of the Relay for Life jail where several local citizens will be locked up and must post bail (raised funds) to break free.

Those wanting more information about forming a team or how to get involved, call Relay Chairman Cliff Shiller at 728-3431, ext. 7187 or ACS Relay for Life Staff Partner Josh Steed at 1-800-227-2345. It's not too early to start forming your teams, signing up and begin fundraising. Teams, participants and survivors can also register on the website: [www.relayforlife.org/ColoradoCityTX](http://www.relayforlife.org/ColoradoCityTX).

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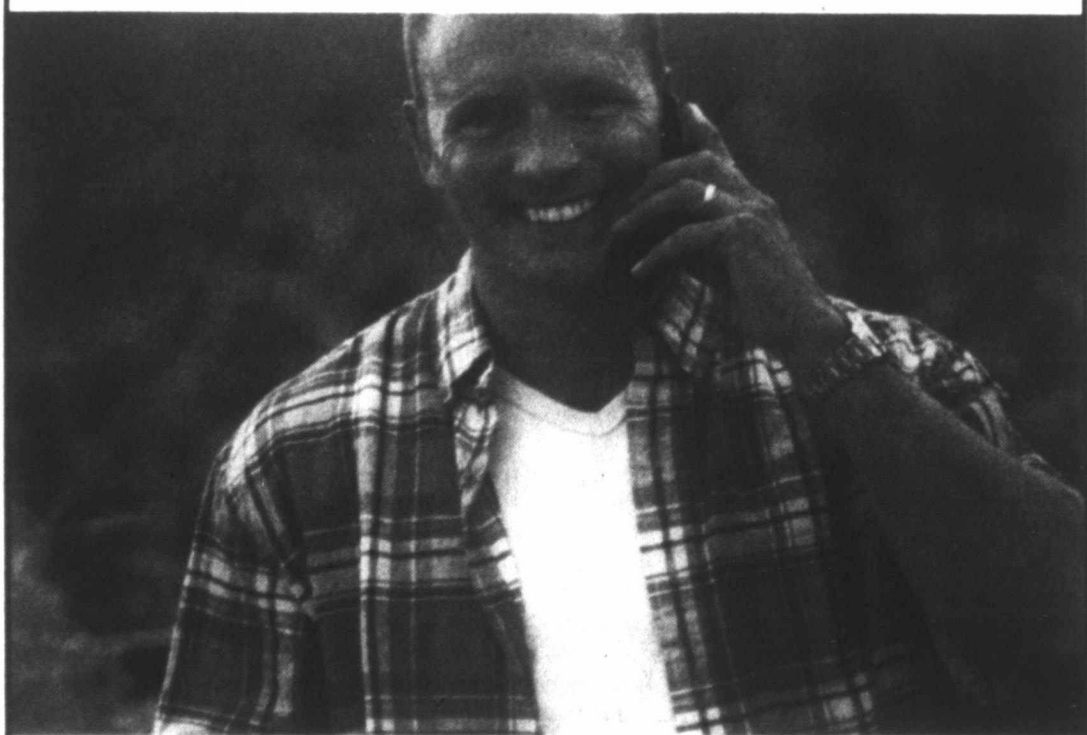
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## OBITUARIES

### James "Red" Donald Black 1936-2015

CLYDE-- James "Red" Donald Black, 78, died Friday, January 2, 2015 at an Abilene hospital. Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the Bailey Howard Funeral Home Chapel with Bobby Matlock officiating. Visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Mr. Black was born September 28, 1936 in Sweetwater to Jimmie Newton and Esta Meada (Mearse) Black. He attended Snyder High School. Mr. Black married Velesta Sumruld July 2, 1955 in Snyder. He was a bookkeeper working for Key Brothers Implement Co. till 1981 and then an Inventory Manager in the oilfield, working for Transco Exploration before retiring in 1996. They moved to Clyde from Houston in 1996. Mr. Black loved to play golf.

Mr. Black is survived by his wife, Velesta of Clyde; one son, Toby Dale Black and wife Reba of Baird; two daughters, Darla Faye Turner and husband Tony of Colorado City and Rita Lynn Black of Fort Worth; one sister, Beverly Sturdivant and husband Milton of Baird; six grandchildren, Angela Cline and husband Robby of San Antonio, Ashley Johnson and husband Robert of Mansfield, Shelbi Turner of San Angelo, Sebastian Turner of Bangor, Washington - Kitsap Bangor Naval Base, Paden Black of Big Spring and Myla Black of Big Spring; and two great-grandchildren, Alexis Johnson and Kyndall Davis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vonnie Black.

Online condolences may be made at [www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com](http://www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com).

### Hubert "Hub" S. Ratliff 1932-2014

AUSTIN--Hubert "Hub" S. Ratliff, peacefully passed away at the age of 82. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 26, 2014 at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen with Chaplain John Ellis officiating.

Hubert grew up in Colorado City. He was a Boy Scout. He also attended McMurry College in Abilene and graduated from University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He discovered a love for acting and became an amateur thespian. He also developed an interest in rocketry, all before the United States had even considered putting a man on the moon.

He was inducted into the Army Signal Corps in 1954 and graduated basic training at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He served as surveillance radar maintenance technician. He also performed the duties of unit clerk in the 35<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade at Fort Meade in Maryland.

After being discharged from the military, he attended law school at George Washington University of Law School in Washington, D.C. He left school just a few classes shy of graduating, as he decided he did not want to be an attorney. He wanted to pursue mathematics and an upcoming new field, computer technology. He worked for IBM, as well as several think tanks. He was part of the team that developed drone guidance systems, and decades later, was able to see one of his creations in action at an air show, one up close at a museum, and was thrilled to find out those drones were still being used. Hub was also involved in creating stealth aircraft technology and worked on projects within the space program. He would leave IBM to pursue a career in commercial real estate, among his many other interests.

Hub married Caroline Jackson, and fathered two boys, Robert Bradley Ratliff and Harry Lee Ratliff. He is also survived by his brother, Bob Ratliff.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Harry Ratliff Sr. and his mother, Isabel Smith Ratliff.

Memorials may be made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church of Colorado City and/or to Heart of West Texas Museum.

### Mary Ella Miller 1934-2015

ABILENE-- Mary Ella Miller, age 80, passed away on January 1, 2015 in an Abilene care center. A funeral ser-

vice was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Westbrook Cemetery.

Mary Ella was born on May 7, 1934 in DeQueen, AR to Fred and Lila Golden. She married Lee Roy Miller on April 21, 1950 in Colorado City. Mary owned the Green Top Cafe in Westbrook in 1968 and 1969. She moved to Abilene in 2008. She was a loving Christian mother.

Those left to cherish Mary's memory are her children, Larry Miller and wife, Tina of Midland, Lee Roy Miller Jr. and wife, Debra of Westbrook, Ronnie Miller and wife, Janie of Big Spring, and Jane Smith and husband, Mike of Abilene. She is also survived by seven grandkids and nine great-grandkids, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy Miller; her brothers, Merle and Howard Golden; her sister, LaVern Moore; and granddaughter, Danala Cherie Miller.

### Blasa Flores 1939-2015

SNYDER-- Mrs. Blasa Flores, 75, died on Thursday, January 1, 2015 in Snyder after a brief illness. Services for Mrs. Flores were held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Roy Badillas officiating. Interment followed at Snyder Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Flores was born on November 29, 1939 in Robstown to Marcelo and Uvinia (Flores) Herrera. She married Nesto on December 22, 1954 in Snyder. He died January 1, 1994. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by six daughters, Janie Hernandez and husband Lino, Abilene, Margaret Flores and Samuel Rivera, Colorado City, Mary Mena and Pete Villa, Snyder, Uvinia Sanchez and Steve Rivera, Snyder, Patricia Dellao and husband Ruben, Snyder, Isabel Benitez and husband A.J., Snyder; five sons, John Flores and wife Brandi, Snyder, Reynoldo Flores and wife Patsy, Snyder, Antanacio Flores and wife Lee, Coleman, Raymond Flores and wife Priscilla, Snyder, Joe Flores and wife Maria, Monahans; one sister, Sabas Martinez, Colorado City; 46 grandkids; 71 great-grandkids; two great-great-grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nesto Flores; brother, Hilario Herrera; sister, Gabina Partida; daughter, Alicia Flores; son, Ernest Flores Jr.; three grandsons and two granddaughters.

A rosary service was held Sunday, January 4, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be posted at [www.bellcypertseale.com](http://www.bellcypertseale.com).

### Travis "Doyle" Mayes 1931-2014

KATY-- Travis "Doyle" Mayes, 83, passed away Sunday, December 28, 2014, surrounded by loved ones.

Doyle was born on November 28, 1931 in Loraine, to Olen and Estelle Mayes. He grew up in Loraine and entered the US Army in 1947 where he served his country honorably, as a combat engineer in the Korean War. He was discharged of service in 1950. After his military service, Doyle returned to his home town, Loraine, to work with his father in the family propane business. He became a plumber and serviced the cities of Loraine, Colorado City, Roscoe, and Sweetwater until his retirement in 2003. Doyle was well known for his friendly manner and tireless energy by the residents of these communities.

Doyle leaves his wife of 48 years, Liz Mayes; his son, Bill Mayes; daughter-in-law, Lee Nell; daughter, Debbie (Brown) Weatherford; son-in-law, Larry; son, Tommy Browne; grandchildren, Jack, Shannon, Hunter, Wade and Callie; one great grandson, Camren; and his brother Wendell Mayes.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Malcom.

A memorial service honoring Doyle's life will be held at the First Baptist Church, in Loraine, on Saturday January 10, 2015 at 11 a.m., 104 West Market Avenue, Loraine, Texas 79532.



## RFL team to hold fund-raiser

It's a new year, and the Unit Warriors are kicking things off in a good way by raising funds for this year's Relay for Life. The RFL team, the Unit Warriors, is made up of medical department employees of the Wallace Unit.

As medical professionals, most of these employees are unaccustomed to waiting tables, but

that's just what they will be doing Thursday night, January 8<sup>th</sup> at Pizza Hut. Let these folks serve you supper. You can see them in action from 5 p.m. until close.

Besides earning good tips for a good cause, these citizens will have bake sale items available for purchase also.

All proceeds go to Mitchell

and Scurry Counties Relay for Life, so be generous as these helpful people raise money to help fight cancer. Relay for Life is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

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# LOCAL NEWS



**IT'S OFFICIAL** — Several elected officials were sworn in at the Mitchell County Courthouse on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Seen here are: (l-r) County Clerk Debby Carlock, Justice of the Peace 1&4 Ricky Grissam, District Clerk Belinda Blassingame, County Judge Ray Mayo, Precinct 2 Commissioner Jeremy Strain, Justice of the Peace 2&3 James Williams and Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Preston. Photo courtesy of Teresa Beckmeyer.

## Flu clinic to be held at MCH

There have been several confirmed cases of flu in Mitchell County, and hospital officials are warning those who have not been vaccinated to get a flu shot. In order to make getting the vaccination easier for patients, Mitchell County Hospital District is holding another flu clinic in January to help stop the spread of the influenza virus.

A flu and pneumonia clinic is set to be held on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. Everyone six months and older should get a flu shot, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Cost is \$25 for the seasonal flu shot, \$40 for a high-dose flu shot and \$90 for the pneumonia shot. Hospital officials will need to see all Medicare, Medicaid and CHIPS cards. Those with private insurance should also bring their insurance cards to see if the vaccines are covered.

According to Iris Boyd, Infection Control Nurse for MCHD, the local hospital is giving a quadrivalent vaccine that covers four different strains of the flu. Most places give a trivalent vaccine, which protects patients against three strains of the flu.

Boyd reminds citizens that hand hygiene is very important,

especially during flu season. She also urges sick adults to stay home to prevent spreading the disease, and parents should keep sick children home from school as well.

The CDC says there are three actions which help fight the flu, and getting a flu shot is the first step. To prevent the spread of flu, close contact with sick people should be avoided. Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze will also help prevent spread of the disease.

Also, wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, because germs are spread this way.

The third step advised by the CDC is to take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines and are not available over-the-counter.

Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.

Vaccines are a good way to prevent influenza but they are not foolproof. It is possible to contract a strain of the flu that has not been covered with the flu shot, but many-times taking the vaccine will shorten the length of the illness or lessen its severity.

Only people with severe, life-threatening allergies to flu vaccine or any ingredient in the vaccine should not get a flu shot. Allergies might include gelatin,

antibiotics or other ingredients. Anyone with an allergy to eggs or any of the ingredients in the vaccine should talk to their doctor before getting the vaccine.

For more information on the flu, visit the CDC's website to find out what to do if you get sick with the flu, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

The best and first step in avoiding the flu starts with a flu vaccine. If you haven't had one already, make plans to attend the hospital's flu clinic on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Free tax help is available through AARP

The AARP Free Tax Help, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will again be providing free income tax preparation service for all middle and low income taxpayers for the 2014 tax year, beginning in February of 2015.

Last year, this program was responsible for attaining over \$1 million in refunds for citizens of the Big Country due to the well-trained volunteers.

Volunteers will be at Mitchell County Public Library on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Free Tax Help Team will provide assistance at the library for all ages.

The tax help team will also

be visiting surrounding towns, and citizens are welcome to take part at these locations if the local times do not fit into their schedules.

The Sweetwater Public Library is the site for help on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>; Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>; and Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Tax help will be available at the Snyder Senior Citizen Center on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fisher County Courthouse is the place to be for tax help in Roby. Tax experts will be there Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and again Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## TUMBLEWEED SMITH Bluegrass at Pearl

Pearl is a small out of the way place near Gatesville. It has an old school and a couple of other buildings. About 50 people live there. It used to be called Way-back, apparently due to a spelling mistake. The correct name sent to the post office department in 1884 should have been Swayback, named for a nearby mountain. In 1890, Ephraim Davenport became postmaster and changed the name to Pearl to honor his son.

I first heard about Pearl from Danny Brown, a banjo player who lives in Blanket. He asked me if I had ever gone to the bluegrass festival in Pearl. I told him no. He said it is really something. The next time I was in Coryell County I followed a small winding road and ended up in Pearl to find out about bluegrass.

One of the first people I met there was Bill Cruise, who looks to be in his 40's. He sold his successful computer business in Houston in 2001, retired and moved to Pearl. He and his wife built a fine home there. "We looked all over the hill country and found this to be exactly what we were looking for," he said.

The first weekend of every month (except September) Pearl is crowded with travel trailers and RV's, all transporting people who love and play bluegrass music. "The festivities usually start on Thursday," says Bill. "We start having jams around noon and go 'til 2 or 3 in the morning. I usually give up around midnight."

He says there is some incredible talent that shows up for the festival. "Pickers come from throughout the state and beyond. We have people from Montana, Prince Edward Island, all over the US and Canada. We have beginning players, young and old, as well as super advanced, high-end musicians who have appeared on radio, television, Nashville, just all over the place."

The event takes place in the old school building, which has become known as the community center. Classrooms are used for teaching how to play fiddle, guitar, banjo or bass. Stage shows take place in the auditorium on Saturday. There's a new group every 45 minutes. Every seat is taken and people are standing along the walls. "There's usually about 10 or 12 different bands that do their picking and singing and grinning, having a good time, then folks that want to have an opportunity to play on stage. A picker will sit in with one group, then move to another one. It's all acoustic, no amplification except for the mike."

Bill was part of the audience for years, then got involved with it. "I came in and wanted to learn how to play guitar. I got accepted into the group just immediately and learned guitar. I love playing and have become part of the bluegrass family. One of my greatest pleasures is teaching others. I'm sort of an intermediate player now."

The festival at Pearl has a website, [www.pearlbluegrass.com](http://www.pearlbluegrass.com). There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome.

## What to know about Medicare in 2015

By Bob Moos  
Southwest public affairs officer  
U.S. Centers for Medicare and  
Medicaid Services

The New Year always brings a few changes to Medicare. Here's a brief rundown of what to expect in 2015.

**The best news is that there are no changes in Medicare's Part B premium and deductible.**

The standard premium for the part of Medicare that covers doctor visits and outpatient care will remain at \$104.90 per month in 2015, just where it's been for the last two years. That means more of your Social Security cost-of-living adjustment will stay in your pocket.

A small number of people with Medicare — about 4 percent — pay surcharges on their Part B premiums because their annual incomes exceed \$85,000. They, too, will see no increase in their premiums for physician visits and outpatient services.

The Part B deductible for 2015 will also be the same as in 2014 — \$147. That's what you pay out of pocket for doctor appointments and outpatient care at the beginning of each year before your Medicare coverage kicks in and helps to cover costs.

**You'll get bigger discounts on your drugs in the "doughnut hole."**

If you have a Medicare drug plan, the health care law is shrinking the coverage gap, or "doughnut hole," and what you must pay out of pocket when you're in it. For 2015, the gap begins once you and your drug plan together have spent \$2,960.

When you reach the doughnut hole, you'll receive bigger discounts on your brand-name drugs — 55 percent in 2015, instead of 53 percent this past year — and

larger price breaks on your generics — 35 percent in 2015, instead of 28 percent previously.

The discounts will continue to grow, year by year, until 2020.

**If you're dissatisfied with your Medicare Advantage plan, you can quit it beginning Jan. 1.**

If you're unhappy with your private Medicare Advantage health plan, an annual "disenrollment" period allows you to return to the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program between Jan. 1 and Feb. 14. You can also pick a drug plan to go with your new coverage.

A word of caution here: There are a few things you can't do during the six-week disenrollment period. You can't switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another. Nor can you switch from the traditional Medicare program to an Advantage plan. Most people will need to wait until the annual enrollment period in the fall to make either of those changes.

If you're one of the few Medicare beneficiaries who pay a Part A premium, your monthly bill will shrink a little in 2015.

Part A covers inpatient hospital stays, care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice services and some home health care. Most beneficiaries, or their spouses, have worked long enough to qualify for premium-free Part A coverage. For the 1 percent who must pay, their monthly premium will drop from \$426 to \$407 in 2015.

The Part A deductible that beneficiaries pay when admitted to the hospital will increase modestly — from \$1,216 to \$1,260. Once you meet your deductible, Medicare covers the full cost of your first 60 days in the hospital — there's no

co-payment.

**Medicare's websites will make it easier for you to compare health care providers.**

Medicare's "compare" websites — found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) — are good places to begin your research when looking for a nursing home, hospital, home health agency, dialysis facility or physician. This year, Medicare will make the websites even simpler to use.

The nursing home compare and the physician compare websites already display star ratings and have proved especially popular with consumers. Similar star ratings will be added in 2015 to help you compare hospitals, home health agencies and dialysis facilities.

**You now have access to your personal health information through Medicare's "blue button."**

Having ready access to your Medicare claims data gives you a better understanding of your health information and greater control. It also makes it easier to share your medical history with your doctors, caregivers or anyone else you choose.

Visit [mymedicare.gov](http://mymedicare.gov) to use Medicare's "blue button" today. You can download 12 to 36 months of claims information for Medicare Parts A and B and 12 months of claims information for Part D to your computer or mobile device.

As I said, this is just a quick look at Medicare's more noteworthy changes. The "Medicare and You 2015" handbook you recently received in the mail has a complete summary. If you'd like, you can also visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and download a free digital version of the handbook to your e-reader.

Make the most of your Medicare benefits by staying informed.

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By Ace Reid



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## Diamonds in the alley

...looking at things in a different light

By Monte Wike

From the store where I worked, I had to walk west through a section of paved alley to get to the car. It was ordinary asphalt, black, cracked, well-used. I paid no attention to it, it was just an alley, a necessary walk.

Then there came an evening in late autumn when the sun was just at the right angle, and suddenly that ordinary asphalt was turned into a street of solid gold! Of course I thought of the golden street (not streets!) of heaven. From then on I became more aware of

the alley, its unrecognized role in the city traffic and utilitarian purpose.

Sometime after this, I came that way after a slight drizzle. The streetlight halfway down the alley turned everything to glittering diamonds. It was a dazzling sight.

Had the alley changed? No, just the lighting, and the way I looked at things.

People are the same way. They may be ordinary, utilitarian, going about their customary jobs. No reason to notice them. They may be as close as

the nearest restaurant, the clerk behind the checkout counter making the machine and money go "ding, ding". It may be a tired single mom struggling to make ends meet working two jobs.

But take another look, see them in a different light. See them in your shoes, and you in theirs. All they may need is a smile, the smallest gesture of friendship and encouragement. They may need an opportunity to talk and vent their problems. There may well be a street of gold or an alley of diamonds just waiting to be discovered.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Last week, I threw out a random sample of school tax rates. The "random sample" was inadvertently lost by me and the *Record*, lending an apparent bias, which didn't exist, but incited one of the editors. I must admit, my advanced age compromises my awareness. I'd like to elevate my conversation above the personal as follows:

Government is a parasitic vine which sucks up wealth and controls the host with grants, welfare imbedded with hooks.

The constitution is law providing

government in healthy doses with prescribed limits.

That parasitic vine is naturally straining to grow out of the limits while conservatives strain to stem that expansion of power.

Government grows by taxing and spending in excess of the prescribed limits.

Taxes on income, commerce, property and a growing array of fees, permits and penalties are the tentacles which feed the parasite. The host (taxpayer) is forced to avoid as much loss as possible and grab onto any tent available.

Tax abatements, exemptions, grants and welfare are teats on which we are dangled like puppets, while we try to kick off the tentacles.

The parasitic vine cannot see its tentacles and pretends to be self-sustaining. The same delusion one may have that his auto is a perpetual motion machine while the gas tank is filled with stolen octane. The delusion increases into euphoria until there is no gas to steal — no stuff to tax.

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

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Johnathan Fitzgerald, 18, DPS, Poss of Marijuana, 12/26/14.

KeVante Brown, 20, DPS, Poss of Marijuana, 12/26/14.

Jaci Dawn Jordan, 20, CCPD, DWI 1<sup>st</sup>, 12/28/14.

William Huckabee, 48, DPS, DWI, 12/26/14.

John Henry, 54, DPS, Parole Violation, 12/29/14.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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rol were coming in so rapidly, there was no time to go home.

"The volunteers stayed for two reasons," Goodney said. "Number one, we knew we were going to get some wrecks, and number two, it was safer for the volunteers to stay instead of hurrying to the station after a call."

Two of the more memorable accidents involved 18-wheelers carrying raw chicken. One of the trucks wrecked out at the west highway exchange and the other near the Country Club Road exit. "There was chicken galore," Goodney said Monday.

The volunteers mostly work traffic control to help law enforcement officers stay safe while dealing with accidents. Occasionally, other expertise is needed. Goodney said volunteers from the local department cut one vehicle out of the cables in the median.

Loraine's Doyle Mitchell said the calls for assistance came in almost constantly on the eastern side of the county. "They were coming in one right after the other," he said.

Mitchell estimated that there were about 200 to 300 vehicles that slid off the road, of which 10 to 15 were actual wrecks. While most of the accidents were quite minor, Mitchell said that a few roll-overs occurred as well.

"The number of accidents we saw are just a minute figure compared to all the close calls," Mitchell said. "The roads were so slick, they reminded me of a game of air hockey."

Mitchell said he found it particularly noteworthy that some of the drivers needing assistance were from places where icy, snowy weather is the norm in the winter.

"They don't know about our black ice. It only takes a five-foot spot of black ice to send a car out of control," he said.

Mitchell said he felt particularly sorry for a trucker that was part of a driving team. While the man was sleeping, the other driver flipped the 18-wheeler on the icy interstate. The man sat in Mitchell's car for quite some time clothed only in his shorts.

Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department Chief Brandon Hale said that volunteers saw about 20 actual accidents, but the number of slide-offs were in the hundreds in the western part of the county as well.

There were so many, sometimes it's hard to remember what day it is," Hale said Tuesday.

Luckily, Hale said that there were no major injuries sustained from the accidents. Only one person had to be transported to the hospital due to seatbelt injuries, a small number considering road conditions and the number of travelers on the road.

After the roadways began to clear, many residents and businesses in the county experienced power outages. Most only lasted for a few hours. It was reported by Sharyland Utilities that those to the west of Mitchell County suffered even longer periods without electrical service. The energy distribution company said that thousands were without power in the Midland/Odessa area.

## ABATEMENT

farms have a life of 15 to 25 years.

Part of the order signed by commissioners Friday shows that construction of the solar project is expected to be complete on or before January 1, 2017 and will generate a minimum gross electrical power of 100 megawatts.

The order also states that during construction, "the company will use reasonable commercial efforts to utilize location construction labor force personnel, to the extent that such personnel are

cost-competitive, and properly qualified and experienced in the required skills for the work."

The county can declare default if the company fails to substantially complete construction of the improvement for the project on the property on or before January 1, 2017. If the company commits a default, the county can pursue all taxes abated under the agreement, as well as all interest, penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of investigation and litigation.

## LIVESTOCK

FROM PAGE 1

sausage meal with all the trimmings.

Harris would like to invite everyone to come out to the sale and support the students. The money the exhibitors get from the premium sale at the local show help the kids go on to show in the major stock shows around the state, such as Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Austin and San Angelo.

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will provide a full concession during the show on Friday and will be serving pulled pork sandwiches along with lots of other goodies.

Chase McPhaul will be judging sheep and goats. McPhaul is the son of Rick and Tracy McPhaul and the grandson of Shirley McPhaul and Kay Fite. Aaron Cooper will judge steers, swine and heifers.

A Pee Wee Showmanship Goat Contest will, once again, be a part of the show. Youth less than nine years old and not yet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are eligible to participate. Exhibitors will show goats furnished by the Mitchell County 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors.

Kent Boyd and John Senter

If the project comes to fruition in Mitchell County, several "improvements" will be constructed, such as solar modules, mounting systems, electrical collection systems, combiner boxes, inverters, project substation, meteorological equipment, operations and maintenance facilities, transmission facilities and other ancillary equipment necessary to safely generate and transmit solar power and electricity.

With copies of the signed order in hand, Mayo said he

will deliver the letters of intent to enter into a tax abatement deal with Luminant to the other taxing entities in the county, including Colorado ISD, Mitchell County Hospital District and the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation

District.

A public meeting will be held on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in the courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Mayo said he expects commissioners to vote on the terms of the actual agreement at that time.

## WOMACK

FROM PAGE 1

They have four children: Ramzi, Huntyr, Talya and Kazdyn. Richy is the son of Sue Womack, also a long time CNB employee and the late Kent Womack.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, President Royce Clay said he is very pleased about the selection of Richy as a Board

Member. He added that Richy is continuing the long history of the Womack family's contributions to The City National Bank spanning more than 50 years.

"Richy possesses exceptional banking skills and extensive experience and will make significant contributions to the Board of Directors," Clay said.

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## Mitchell County

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| FUND NAME                           | CHECKING ACCOUNT                        | CHECKING AMOUNT | TDCA ACCOUNT                                 | TDCA AMOUNT                                            | FUND TOTAL   |
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| 2014 002 CASH-INSURANCE TRUST FUND  | INS. TRUST MAIN                         | 14,166.02       |                                              |                                                        | 14,166.02    |
| 2014 010 GENERAL                    | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL         | 850,960.51      | TEXPOOL<br>TDCA/FNB<br>TEXPOOL               | 1,009,033.28                                           | 1,859,993.79 |
| 2014 015 SPEC.REVENUE-SPORTS COMP.  | MAIN                                    |                 |                                              |                                                        |              |
| 2014 016 RECORDS MGT.FUND-COURT FEE | MAIN                                    | 12,610.92       |                                              |                                                        | 12,610.92    |
| 2014 017 RECORDS MGT.FUND-SB770     | MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                         | 8,131.86        | TEXPOOL                                      | 14,121.12                                              | 22,252.98    |
| 2014 018 RECORDS MGT.FUND-DIST.CLK. | MAIN                                    | 10,491.76       |                                              |                                                        | 10,491.76    |
| 2014 019 COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND   | MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                         | 14,614.87       | TEXPOOL                                      | 151,314.71                                             | 165,929.58   |
| 2014 020 ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIAL    | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL<br>MAIN | 690,821.76      | TDCA/CNB<br>TDCA/FBWT<br>TEXPOOL<br>TDCA/FNB | 134,885.06<br>129,761.03<br>900,491.71<br>4,000,000.00 | 5,855,959.56 |
| 2014 021 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 1    | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                 | 53,961.67       | TEXPOOL                                      | 294,495.14                                             | 348,456.81   |
| 2014 022 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 2    | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                 | 34,891.86       | TEXPOOL                                      | 233,958.26                                             | 268,850.12   |
| 2014 023 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 3    | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                 | 14,912.48       | TEXPOOL                                      | 183,757.22                                             | 198,669.70   |
| 2014 024 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 4    | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                 | 39,417.45       | TEXPOOL                                      | 81,972.88                                              | 121,390.33   |
| 2014 030 PUBLIC LIBRARY             | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                 | 72,216.85       | TEXPOOL                                      | 24,676.04                                              | 96,892.89    |
| 2014 032 JP COURT BLDG.SECURITY     | MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                         |                 | TEXPOOL                                      |                                                        |              |
| 2014 033 RECORDS ARCHIVE FUND       | MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                         | 19,124.95       | TEXPOOL                                      | 27,662.05                                              | 46,787.00    |
| 2014 034 JUSTICE COURT TECH.FUND    | MAIN<br>TEXPOOL                         | 6,356.42        | TEXPOOL                                      | 10,282.35                                              | 16,638.77    |
| 2014 040 LAW LIBRARY                | MAIN                                    |                 |                                              |                                                        |              |

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|                                | MAIN                    | 7,494.82        |              |              | 7,494.82      |
| 2014 045 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT | MAIN<br>MAIN<br>TEXPOOL | 65,524.51       | TEXPOOL      | 562,749.14   | 628,273.65    |
| 2014 050 BAD CHECK             | MAIN<br>MAIN            | 11,714.09       |              |              | 11,714.09     |
| 2014 055 DISTRICT ATTORNEY     | MAIN<br>MAIN            | 5,315.32        |              |              | 5,315.32      |
| 2014 060 DEBT SERVICE FUND     | DEBT SERV               | 19,774.57       | TEXPOOL      | 334,415.65   | 354,190.22    |
| 2014 070 SPORTS COMPLEX        | MAIN<br>MAIN            | 51,535.39       |              |              | 51,535.39     |
| 2014 075 JAIL CONST.& PROGRESS | PROJ FUND               |                 | TEXPOOL      |              |               |
| 2014 091 PAYROLL CLEARING      | P/R<br>P/R              | 2,889.65        |              |              | 2,889.65      |
| 2014 092 TAX CLEARING          | MAIN<br>MAIN            |                 |              |              |               |
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|          |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                               |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday | All animals in the barn by 4 p.m.<br>Weighing will begin by 5 p.m.                                      |                                                                                                               |
| Friday   | Show starts at 9 a.m. in this order:<br>Hogs<br>Goats<br>Lambs<br>PeeWee Goat Show<br>Heifers<br>Steers |                                                                                                               |
| Saturday | 8 a.m.                                                                                                  | Premium Sale Set-up                                                                                           |
|          | 11:30 a.m.                                                                                              | Buyer's Meal<br>Prepared by Matt Syler<br>and Brandon Hale;<br>Sponsored by Lonestar<br>Ag Credit, Sweetwater |
|          | 12:30 p.m.                                                                                              | Awards                                                                                                        |
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**STOCK SHOW PREPARATION--** Juan Reyes (L) and Randall Dixon (R) of the Colorado FFA exercised their goats Monday in preparation of this weeks stock show. 106 Kids from the three county schools will exhibit 303 animals friday.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## SCHOOL MENUS

### Colorado ISD Kelley Breakfast Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Apple strudel, cheese stick or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday — Mini pancakes, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday — Sausage roll, cheese stick or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday — Breakfast burrito or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday — French toast or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

### Colorado ISD Hutchinson, CMS, CHS & Wallace Breakfast Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Apple strudel, cheese stick or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday — Biscuit, scrambled eggs or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday — Pancake wrap, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday — Banana bread squares or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday — Waffles, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

### Colorado ISD

### Lunch Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Cheeseburger, oven fries, garden salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday — Baked potato w/ ham and cheese, hot roll, garden salad, corn, snowball salad, choice of milk.

Wednesday — Pizza, garden salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday — Meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot roll, apple pineapple d'ite, choice of milk.

Friday — Pizza sticks w/spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots w/ranch, apple slices, brownie cookie, choice of milk.

### Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Pancakes, bacon, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday — Cheese toast, fruit, animal crackers, cheese stick, milk, fruit juice.

Wednesday — Biscuit and gravy, fruit, breakfast parfait, milk, fruit juice.

Thursday — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit, cereal, toast, milk, fruit juice.

Friday — Breakfast burrito, fruit, oatmeal round, yogurt, milk, fruit juice.

### Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Corn dog, baked

beans, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'ite, milk.

Tuesday — Beefy queso nachos, garden salad, baby carrots, refried beans, lime sherbet, milk.

Wednesday — Beef and bean burrito, veggie cup, Mexicali corn, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday — Chicken nuggets, garden salad, mash potatoes, fresh grapes, breadsticks, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Friday — Pizza choice, tomato, cucumber cup, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, milk.

### Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Pancakes, bacon or cereal, toast or oatmeal round, yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday — Sunrise sandwich or cheesy toast or cereal, Texas toast or animal crackers, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday — Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs or cereal, Texas toast or breakfast parfait or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast or cereal, Texas toast, animal crackers, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday — Breakfast burrito or cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round, yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

### Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday — Corn dog or pizza sticks w/spaghetti sauce, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'ite, milk.

Tuesday — Beefy queso nachos or grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, baby carrots, garden salad, lime sherbet cup, milk.

Wednesday — Chicken sandwich or beef and bean burrito, salsa, Mexicali corn, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday — Meaty pasta bake or chicken nuggets, garden salad, mashed potatoes, fresh grapes, breadstick, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Friday — Pizza choice or ultimate taco salad, Spanish rice, salsa, tomato and cucumber cup, baby carrots w/ranch, mandarin oranges, milk.



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** — Abigail Woods, Terron Young and Sheree Vanderpool have been chosen as students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

## Students of the week chosen at Hutchinson

Three students have been chosen as Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Abigail Woods, Terron Young and Sheree Vanderpool.

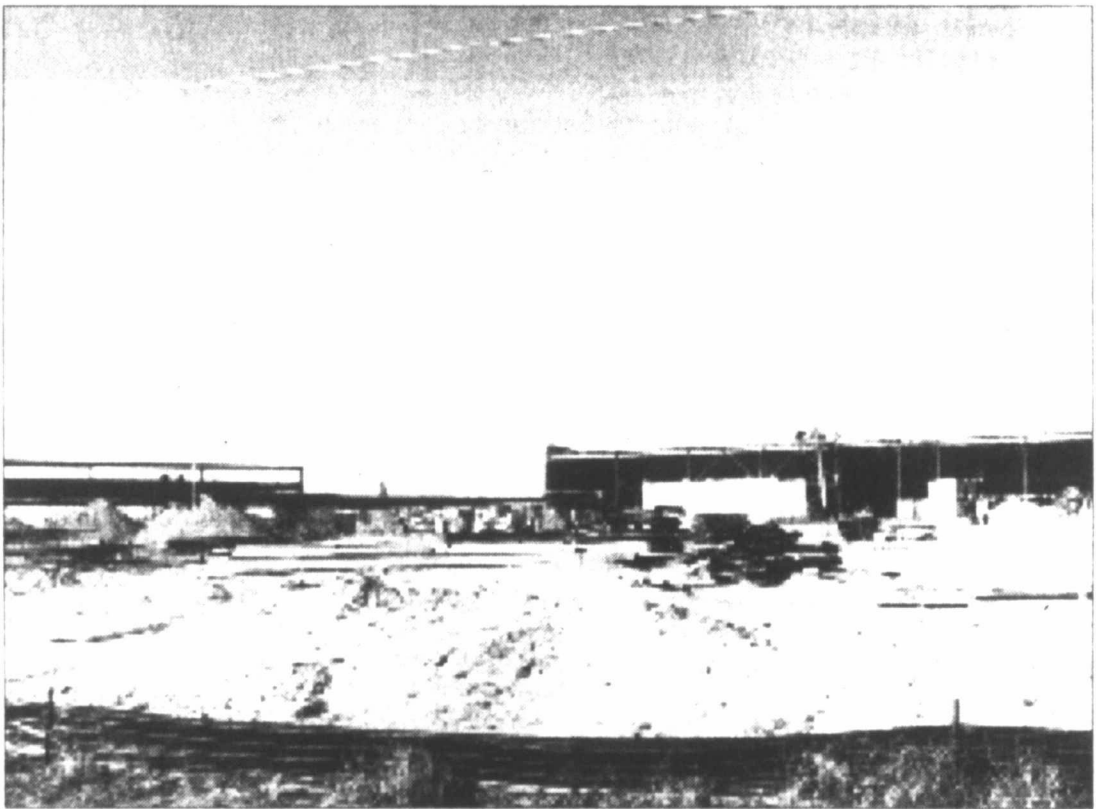
Abigail is a third grader in

Mrs. Toombs' class. Her favorite subject is science. She has a dog named Dottie. Her favorite thing about Hutch is the swings.

Terron is a fourth grader in Ms. West's class. His favorite subject is P.E. and his hobby is football.

His favorite thing about Hutch is the teachers.

Sheree is a fifth grader in Mrs. Roach's class. She has a dog named Bear. She says science is her favorite subject, and art is her favorite thing about Hutch.



**CLASSROOMS COMING** — Construction is progressing at the site of Colorado ISD's new K-8 campus. More steel has been put up, and work is continuing on several buildings despite the cold, inclement weather.

## CISD seeking gifted, talented nominations

Colorado ISD offers a special program for students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. The gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the appropriate campus counselor's office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing.

At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing. Nominations for the G/T Program are open until January 19th.

## Westbrook students enjoy early release days

Students at Westbrook ISD will be glad to hear that they will get to be released early from school for the next two Fridays coming up in January.

All students will be released at noon on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in

order for some students to participate in the Mitchell County Livestock Show.

Another early release is planned for Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, when students will, again, get out of class at noon that day. This

early release is taking place to help students participating in the Westbrook Stock Show.

The Westbrook Stock Show will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the new ag barn.

## Westbrook stock show rescheduled for Jan. 16

Plans were made to hold the Westbrook Stock Show last weekend, but unfortunately, those plans didn't work out and the show was postponed. Organizer David Bray said there were

a number of factors that caused the postponement, but the show has been rescheduled.

Westbrook students will be released at noon on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, as the stock show is set to begin at 1 p.m. that day in the new show barn.

Westbrook ISD ag teacher David Bray said there are about 140 entries in this year's show that kicks off at 1 p.m. Friday

afternoon. Bray estimated that close to 80 hogs, 20 head of cattle and 20 goats will be exhibited.

Kevin Kelly, ag teacher at Valley ISD, will serve as judge for the event.

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

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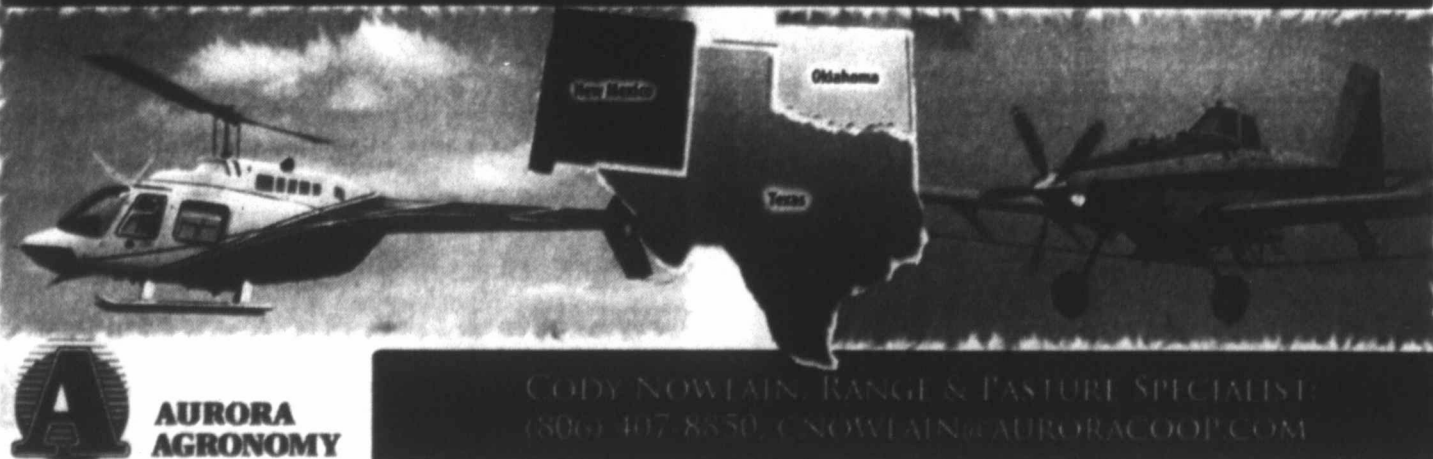
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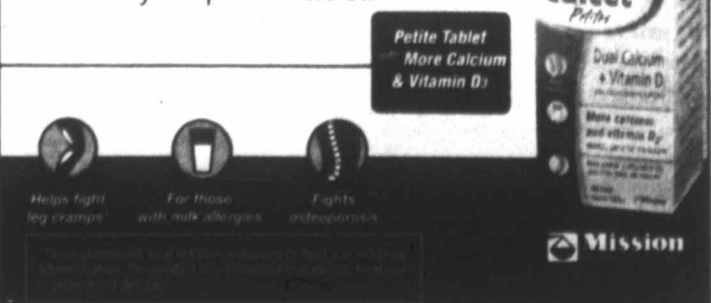
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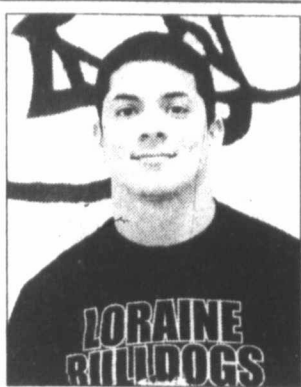
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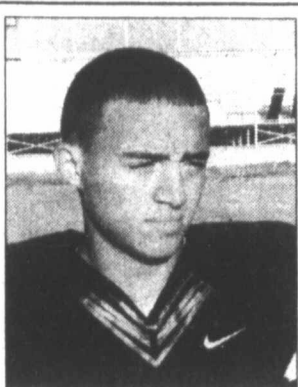




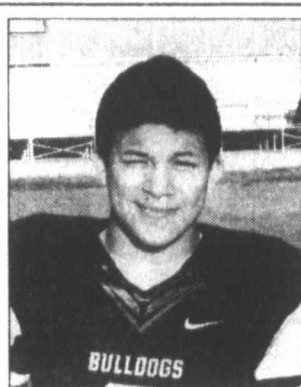
# SPORTS



Sebastian Benivamondez



Patrick Tillis



Sonny Benivamondez

## Bulldogs named to All-State

After the best and longest season in the history of Bulldog football, three Loraine players have been named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches' Association All-State Football team.

The junior standout Patrick Tillis was selected as a 1<sup>st</sup> Team Spreadback. Sebastian Benivamondez received 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Fullback honors, and Sonny Benivamondez received the Honorable Mention Cornerback nod.

## Wolves players make academic All-State list

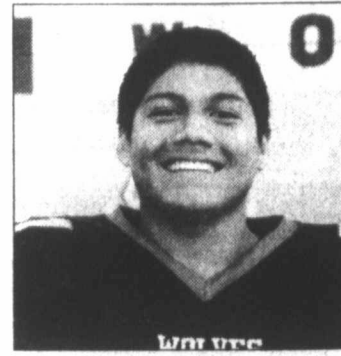
According to Coach Dan Gainey, three members of the varsity Wolves football team have been selected for the Academic All-State list by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Austin Browne and Dillon Gainey were named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and Emanuel Ventura received an Honorable Mention nod.

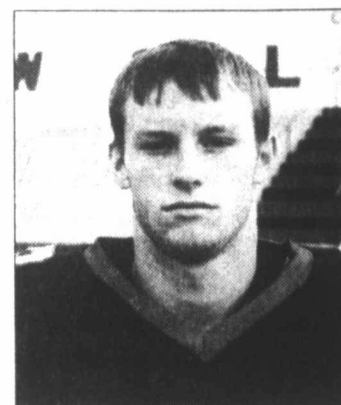
To be nominated for Academic All-State, a student must be:

- An athlete, student trainer or manager in good standing with the team
- Of good moral character
- A senior
- Have an overall grade point average of 92 or above (including courses from grades 9-11 and courses completed from grade 12).

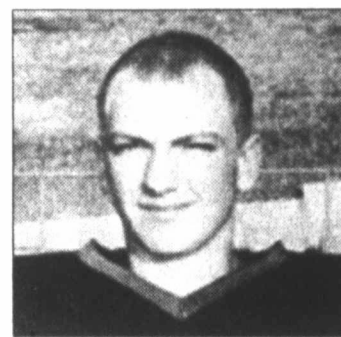
Nominations must be made by the head coach. While the student might initially meet the criteria for nomination, that does not guarantee the student a spot on a team. When reviewing the nominations, the THS-CA considers each students' GPA, class rank, SAT and/or ACT score.



Emanuel Ventura



Dillon Gainey



Austin Browne



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPS!** The Colorado City Wolves varsity basketball team brought home the championship trophy from a tournament in Anson recently. Members of the team include: (l-r) Alan DeSantiago, Shadda Cansler, Mark Muñoz, Andrew Burrola, Dillon Gainey, Molik Boone, KeAndre Malveaux, Casey Hammond, Isaiah Jennings and Jeremiah Williams. Photo courtesy of Billy Quinn.

## Wolves take 1st in Anson tournament

Wins over Seymour and Roby put the varsity Wolves' basketball team in prime position to face Blum in the championship game of the Anson Lions Club Christmas Tournament this week. The Wolves beat Blum 69-64 to take home the championship trophy and bragging rights for the tournament.

KeAndre Malveaux was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament, while Mark Muñoz and Shadda Cansler were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Roby Lions were the first to fall at the hands of the Wolves, as the Colorado City team won 54-27. The Wolves outscored the Lions in every frame, jumping out to an early lead and never looking back.

The hands of the Wolves were hot, as the C-City boys scored 30 points in the first half, holding Roby to only 18.

Offense was still the name of the game in the third period, as the Wolves scored 16 points and held the Lions to only one basket. The eight points scored by the Wolves in the last period

was enough to secure the victory.

The Wolves' KeAndre Malveaux led the team offensively, scoring 12 points. Casey Hammond contributed 9, as did Shadda Cansler. Jeremiah Williams added 6, and Isaiah Jennings scored 5 points. Mark Muñoz scored 5, and Malik Boone contributed 3 to the win, while Andrew Burrola and Alan DeSantiago each scored 2.

The Wolves then faced Seymour, beating the Panthers 57-43. The Colorado City boys came out ready to play, taking an early lead and hanging on for the win.

The first period saw the Wolves outscore the Panthers 16-10 and 17-11 in the second to give them a 33-21 lead going into the half. The Colorado City team scored 18 points in the third quarter, holding Seymour to only 8. The last quarter of the game was even action, as C-City scored 16 points to Seymour's 14.

Malveaux was, again, the lead scorer for the Wolves with 15 points against Seymour.

Hammond also scored in double digits with 10 points of his own. Williams scored 8 for the Wolves, as did Cansler. Boone added 7, while Burrola scored 4 and Muñoz 3.

The semi-finals round of the tournament proved to be a nail-biter, as the Colorado City boys edged out the Christoval Cougars 37-36. Scoring was low due to outstanding defensive efforts by both teams.

The Wolves led by three points at the end of the first period, as they outscored the Cougars 14-11. With only 11 total points scored in the second quarter, Colorado City had a four-point lead at halftime.

Both teams scored 10 points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, and Christoval closed the gap in the final frame, scoring 10 points to the Wolves' 7. Time ran out and the Wolves were able to hang on for the one-point win.

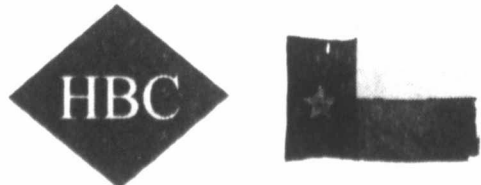
The championship game of the tournament was originally scheduled for 7 p.m. last Tuesday evening but was moved up to 1:30 p.m. due to deteriorating weather conditions. The Wolves faced the Blum Bobcats

in the championship game, pulling off another close one to beat Blum 69-64 and win the tournament.

Blum got on the board first and held a 22-18 lead after the first quarter of play. Colorado City outscored the Bobcats 16-13 in the second frame to close the gap. Blum was ahead 35-34 at halftime.

It was an outright battle in the second half, as Blum outscored the Wolves in the third 17-16, but a fourth quarter rally pulled the Wolves ahead. Colorado City scored 19 points and held Blum to only 14 in the final frame to pull off the win to become champions of the tournament.

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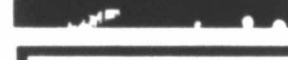
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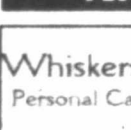
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## HOSPITAL

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to approve privileges for every member of the medical staff attending to patients at MCH. The board approved all medical staff privileges with no hesitation.

Chief of Staff Dr. Dee Roach addressed the board, saying that he is comfortable with the group of employees now working within the district. He went on to say that the staff seems content with their duties as well.

Dr. Roach said that census is up at the hospital right now, as cold and flu season is peaking. He went on to report that Family Medical Associates, the clinic for the hospital, is operating near 100%. The volume of patients seen each day is high due to seasonal illnesses.

In the past, Policy & Procedure Manual renewals have been approved sporadically, as renewals come due. Hospital administrators have decided to handle those renewals a little differently this year.

The board approved all Policy & Procedure Manuals during the meeting. Each manual will be revisited by the board only when changes have been made to each manual.

Each year, hospital administrators file an application to the State of Texas to recoup some of the losses sustained by unpaid trauma care. Last year, the hospital received over \$34,000 as a reimbursement from the state. The board authorized Dewberry

to apply for such reimbursement again this year.

Maria Rodriguez, LVN, received the nod she has been looking for during the meeting. Rodriguez has applied for and been accepted to the Texas State Technical College RN program, as she plans to further her education.

The board voted to pay for that program, in the form of a scholarship for Rodriguez. In return for scholarship funds up to \$11,000, Rodriguez will sign a three-year contract saying she will continue to work for Mitchell County Hospital for the duration.

"She's a good LVN. I think she'll be a good RN," Dewberry told the board.

## Morris reports on activities of prison medical department

Registered Nurse and Director of Nurses Chad Morris presented a report to the Mitchell County Hospital Board of Directors last Tuesday night. Morris is head of the hospital medical department that oversees care of offenders from the TDCJ Wallace Unit, Ware Unit, Price Daniel Unit in Snyder and the Wilderness Work Camp in San Angelo.

The department provides medical care for 3,000 to 4,000 TDCJ offenders. Morris said that each unit is the same in some ways but each presents its own unique challenges.

He said that the inmate population at the Wallace Unit in Colorado City is made up of mostly younger men who like to "express themselves physically." Medical personnel often see injuries sustained from fights.

The bulk of the offender population at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder is a few years older and suffer from more chronic problems, such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. There is also a large population, 300 to

400 men, who are treated for mental health issues at the Daniel Unit.

Morris said that it is the duty of his staff to make sure everyone seen in the department receives good medical care, but the prison performs no cosmetic procedures.

"One thing we have to remember, and something I tell my staff all the time, is that we are not there to punish," Morris said. "We have to follow the hospital's vision and 'Do the right thing for every patient, every time.'"

Hospital CFO Joe Wright said that contracts with the State of Texas to treat the offenders brings in approximately \$250,000 per month for the hospital. In a typical week, four or five offenders are seen at MCHD.

It's no secret that Morris is surrounded by competent people on his staff. RN Beverly Cogburn serves as administrator over the three units.

Good staff with good leaders and a good work ethic produce excellent results.

The department has been

touted by auditors as one of the top three medical departments within the state's prison system. Morris said members of his staff have actually been called in to train staff at other units.

Hospital administrator Robbie Dewberry said that he had gotten to know both Morris and Cogburn while working as a hospital administrator in Breckenridge. "The department is recommended highly by Texas Tech and TDCJ," he said.

A yearly audit by the American Corrections Association sees the department score a 98 or 99%. Morris said that the Operational Review Audit, performed every three years, is the true test.

The ORA looks deeply into the care offenders receive from the department. According to Morris, it is a stringent review, and the department scored 95 or 96% during the last audit.

While Morris is the department head, he gives all the credit to his staff, always trying to provide the best possible care to the large population the department serves.

## January is national School Board Recognition Month

January 2015 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to thank the more than 7,300 locally elected leaders 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 education and community leaders to show appreciation to these people for their unfailing commitment to the students in their charge.

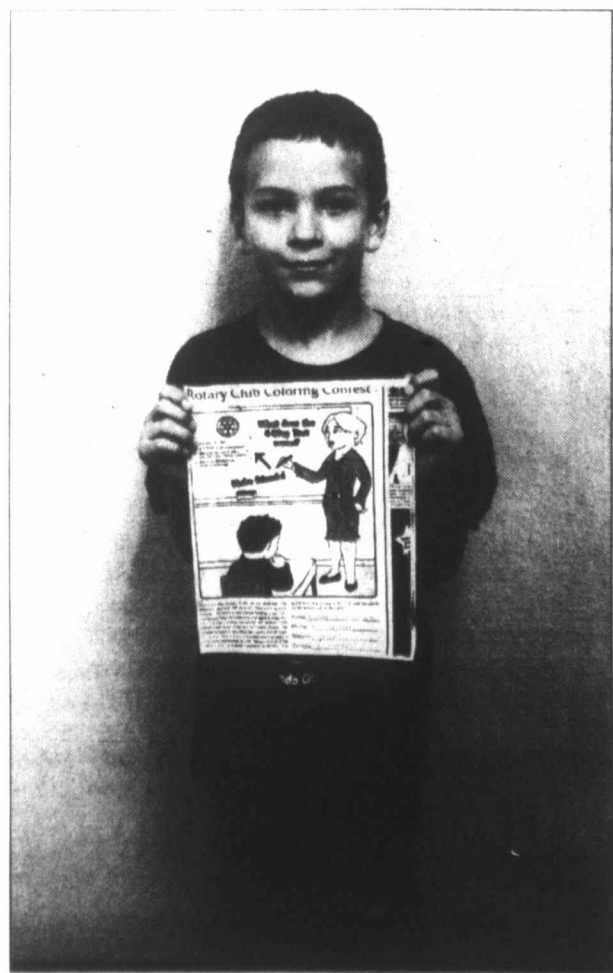
"Please join me in recognizing the service of local boards as they strive for excellence in our public schools," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "The long hours and enormous responsibilities of school board service often are invisible to those who may not fully understand the challenges facing public education. Yet, these local trustees embrace hard work as they demonstrate compassion and concern for the success and well-being of every Texas student. They work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their districts and set high standards for student success."

"In communities across the state, school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues, deal with financial

uncertainties, and still provide excellent educational experiences for all of our children. Join us in applauding them for their diligent attention to the future of Texas schoolchildren, their local communities, and this state," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit as-

sociation established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5 million public school students.



**A BUDDING ARTIST** - Ryland Ginkinger, a student at Westbrook, is the winner of the Colorado City Rotary Club's coloring contest. Ginkinger received the club's \$50 Scholastic Book award for his stellar rendering. Photo courtesy of Margo Connell.



# LOCAL NEWS



**PUSHING THE MAIL** – Icy roads last week made driving treacherous and made some hills too steep to climb, even inside the city limits. The U.S.P.S. got some help up the hill on 6<sup>th</sup> Street from this Chevy pickup.



**SLICKITY SLICK** – Driving conditions were bad last week, as all of Mitchell County's roads were impacted from the ice storm on New Year's Eve. Even in town, motorists slid off roads, wrecking their vehicles. This wreck on Hickory Street wasn't severe, but the Ford pickup had to be towed.

## POLICE REPORT

On December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:25 p.m., an officer responded to the 500 block of Pine in response to a request to speak with an officer. Upon officer arrival at the residence, he was having trouble hearing this complainant inside the home due to his dogs barking. They went outside to talk and the complainant was warned by the officer that once they were outside he would have to cease his loud cursing due to neighbors in the area. While outside, the complainant continued to yell and curse loudly enough for the neighbors to hear. He was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct language. The 46-year-old male was taken to Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:04 p.m., an officer received a call in reference to a possible intoxicated driver in a red Dodge Caliber coming into the city on FM 163. The vehicle was located in the 300 block of East 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Upon making contact with the female driver the officer could detect a strong odor of alcohol. After failed field sobriety tests the 20-year-old female was arrested and taken to Mitchell County Jail where she was booked accordingly.

On December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:54 a.m., an officer received information from a complainant that he had been a victim of fraud. Unknown person had used his identifying information to take out a loan.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:33 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of East 21<sup>st</sup> Street in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. Unknown person or persons had removed firearms from a vehicle without the owner's consent.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 p.m., an officer received information about a female subject that held an active Mitchell County Warrant. The officer had knowledge on the whereabouts of this female. The 32-year-old was located, arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where she was booked accordingly.

On December 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 12:32 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a male subject whom she knew to possess an active Municipal Court war-

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

## MCHD to offer quit for life program

By Audra Hoback,  
MCHD Community  
Relations Director

Beginning this January Mitchell County Hospital District will be offering The Quit For Life Program\*. This program is the nation's leading tobacco cessation program offered by 27 states and more than 600 employers and health plans. According to the American Cancer Society, The Quit For Life Program employs an evidence-based combination of physical, psychological, and behavioral strategies to enable participants to take responsibility for and overcome their addiction to tobacco.

The combination of medication support, phone-based cognitive behavioral coaching, text messaging, web-based learning and support tools have produced an average quit rate among employer clients of 45 percent, making this program 9 times more effective than quitting without support.

"This is a fantastic program designed to help those that want to or have thought about quitting smoking or tobacco use, but didn't think they had the resources to do it," said Jennifer Hale, R.N., MCHD Cardiac Rehab Manager.

The start of the New Year will also bring the start of this program to MCHD. Upon their visit, any patient with a history of smoking or tobacco use can expect to be asked if they have any interest in participating in the Quit For Life Program. If the answer is yes, a short questionnaire will follow and be submitted electronically. The patient should then be contacted within 1 to 3 days by a representative to formulate a plan with the patient directly.

MCHD will also receive weekly updates to ensure contact has been made with any interested

party and follow along with the progress the patient is making.

"We are always actively looking for ways to promote health and wellness within our community. This program is just another way MCHD is seeking to do that. The ultimate goal is for the program to assist the patient to the point that they are tobacco free for 30 days with the hope

they will be able to continue and maintain on their own after that," said Robbie Dewberry, MCHD CEO.

If you would like more information on the Quit For Life Program or are interested in participating, contact Family Medical Associates at (325) 728-2693 to schedule an appointment with your provider.

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*Thank you from the  
bottom of our hearts!*

The Kiwanian's toy drive, Toys4MCKids, was again a great success. We are grateful to all the Mitchell County residents that participated in any way with the drive. We are truly thankful for all the gifts, toys and donations!

Each year is different. This year, we received toys in drop boxes, and we received cash donations. This allowed lots of children to have a happy Christmas, and it put smiles on the faces of 338 Mitchell County kids.

Special thanks to:

☺ C.C. Riders Car Club for the bicycles and donations received through votes at the Toys4MCKids car show.

☺ Red Rock Oilfield Service Co.

☺ Businesses, offices and schools for collecting toys and gifts in boxes.

☺ Civic organizations, churches, Third Planet Wind Power, oilfield service companies and TDCJ for seeing a need and supporting Kiwanian's.

☺ All the faithful citizens that mail in donations year after year.

☺ Dot and Dan Smith and all the volunteers at the Community Mission are always supportive and work so hard to make the project run smoothly.

☺ Volunteers that continue to show up or work days to fill gift bags, especially Dorris Dockrey's tireless hours of help.

☺ Our news media, Colorado City Record and KVMC/KAUM, for always getting the dates, information and deadlines out to the public.

☺ Last, but certainly not least, the Kiwanian's themselves. These busy ladies put in hours and hours of work on Toys4MCKids, so that the holidays can be happier.

Each person who contributed in any way can feel good about helping kids have a wonderful Christmas. You did make a difference!

Thank you,  
Jan Lemons  
Kiwanian's President

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