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Answerline

Q: When do the Wolves and Lady Wolves start district in Basketball?
A: The Lady Wolves started last Friday with a loss over Stanton and traveled to Sonora Tuesday night. The boys district will start Friday night at home against Coahoma. The Lady Wolves also play Coahoma Friday night here.

Briefs

Early Release
Westbrook ISD students will be released from classes at noon on Friday, January 16th, so that students may participate in the Westbrook Stock Show. The Westbrook show will be held Friday, January 16th at 1 p.m.

Flu Clinic
Mitchell County Hospital District will hold a flu and pneumonia clinic on Wednesday, January 21st from 3 to 6 p.m. in the east tower of the hospital. Seasonal flu shots will be given for \$25, high-dose flu shots will be \$40 and pneumonia shots will cost \$90.

Tax Help
AARPF Tax Help officials will be at the Mitchell County Public Library on February 17th and March 17th to assist with federal income tax preparation. Anyone wanting assistance can visit the library between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on each of those days.

Headstart
Headstart is now accepting applications for 3 and 4 year olds. Call Jeri Garcia (325) 728-1029 for more information.

CHS Band Boosters
CHS band boosters will meet Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 6 p.m. in the band hall.

Mitchell County Girls Softball
Sign-ups for Mitchell County Girls Softball will be Thursday, Jan. 22nd and Monday, Jan. 26th at the C.C. Thompson Room from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Cost is \$60 per player. 1st year players need to bring birth certificate.

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Happy 67th birthday Carl Graham (Jan. 16)... George Walker and Joe Maddox taking in the stock show. Happy birthday Chelsey Lamb (Jan. 8th)... Jesse Gonzalez staying inside where it's warm... Happy 11th birthday Mallory Kern (Jan. 13th)... Tony Turner meets Willie, Jase and Jep while visiting San Angelo... Happy birthday Scott Free (Jan. 15th)... Congratulations John and Hallie Bivins on the birth of your baby boy... Happy birthday Mark Waldrip (Jan. 15th)...



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Commissioners sign abatement agreement

Members of the Mitchell County Commissioners' Court met Monday morning and signed a tax abatement agreement to offer an economic incentive to Luminant, regarding a solar farm that may be built near Lake Champion. A representative from Luminant, as well as two staff members from Ryan, the law firm representing the power company, were present for the meeting.

The county's lawyer, Chuck Kimbrough of Austin, drew

up the order to execute the tax abatement, as well as the agreement document. Now that county leaders have signed the agreement, it will be forwarded to Luminant's CFO, Bob Frenzel.

Mitchell County is one of a few locations being considered as a location for a solar energy farm, but no decisions on the final location have been made according to the company's lawyer. Luminant's Don Montgomery was present at the commission-

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City council nixes utility company deal

Following a short closed session, city council members authorized City Manager David Hoover to end negotiations and revoke a bid regarding the purchase of Mitchell County Utilities.

Councilman Andrew Fuller moved to pull the plug on the deal. Craig Jolley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It appears as though the council is reluctant to take on any more debt, especially in the face of recent infrastructure investments.

City council members ap-

proved a bid by a company out of San Angelo to complete work on extending sewer and water lines to the site of the planned Stripes Travel Center. Roberts Construction was awarded the bid totaling \$611,518.

Hoover was complimentary of the construction company, saying that Roberts has done work for the city before.

"We don't have to worry about the quality of work with them," he said Tuesday night during the regular council meeting.

The city had been seeking bids

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MORE THAN A WRECK - Loraine emergency crews rushed to the Loraine bridge early Friday morning and found two vehicles fully engulfed in flames. Luckily, both drivers escaped without injury. Photo courtesy of Debby Mitchell.

No injuries in fiery wreck caused by slick roadway

Loraine's big bridge is often the scene of traffic accidents when the roads are slick, and that was a truth that held firm early last Friday morning. A lady driving a pickup lost control on the bridge and was hit by an 18-wheeler. The wreck caused a fire that burned for over an hour, but both drivers escaped without injury.

At approximately 5:50 a.m. on Friday morning, Shady Mitchell was one of the first responders

to get the call that there was an accident on the Loraine Bridge. His wife, Debby, looked out the window as the couple lives in close proximity to the bridge. She informed her husband that it was much more than a wreck, as she could see flames shooting up in the air.

The story of the wreck was told to Mitchell by the driver of the 18-wheeler. Both vehicles were westbound, crossing the bridge. The pickup was travel-

ing in front of the semi, when the driver lost control and the vehicle went sideways on the slick road.

Due to an inability to maneuver on the icy bridge, the 18-wheeler hit the pickup and both slid into the guardrail. A passing motorist saw the accident and stopped to help. He helped get the driver of the pickup out of her vehicle just in time.

Shortly after both drivers exited the vehicles, the accident

See ACCIDENT, page 5

Stock show exhibitors brave cold weather

Stock show exhibitors are used to showing their animal projects in the cold, so the cold snap last week didn't even slow down the 109 members of the Lone Wolf 4-H, Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine FFA entered in the 78th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show and Premium Sale. The show took place last Friday, and the annual premium sale was held on Saturday in the Mitchell County Ag Barn.

"I think the show went really well," Livestock association president Brodie Harris said Tuesday. "The economy and oil prices may have affected the sale some."

See STOCK SHOW, page 12



GRAND CHAMPION SWINE - The Grand Champion Swine, exhibited by Calvin Spencer (center), was purchased by City National Bank and Fuller Foods for \$2,100 during the livestock show premium sale Saturday. Spencer is joined in the photo by: (l-r) Royce Clay, Andrew Sauer, Creed Spencer, Jim Cogburn and Berkley Wood.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER - Fuller Foods bought the Grand Champion Steer exhibited by William Maddox at the 78th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show for \$1,600. Seen here are: (l-r) Rick Alvarez from Fullers, Mason Maddox, William Maddox and Chris Green.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB - Kynzie Hardegree exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb at the stock show this weekend. Her lamb was purchased for \$1,600 by Fuller Foods during the premium sale. Hardegree is seen here with Rick Alvarez of Fuller Foods and Braylee Stone.



GRAND CHAMPION GOAT - TLR Welding & Fabrication purchased the Grand Champion Goat, exhibited by Nadia Davila (right), for \$1,550 at the premium sale Saturday. Davila is pictured with Peyton Northcutt, Dakota Follis, Layton, Rylan and Kendall Williams.



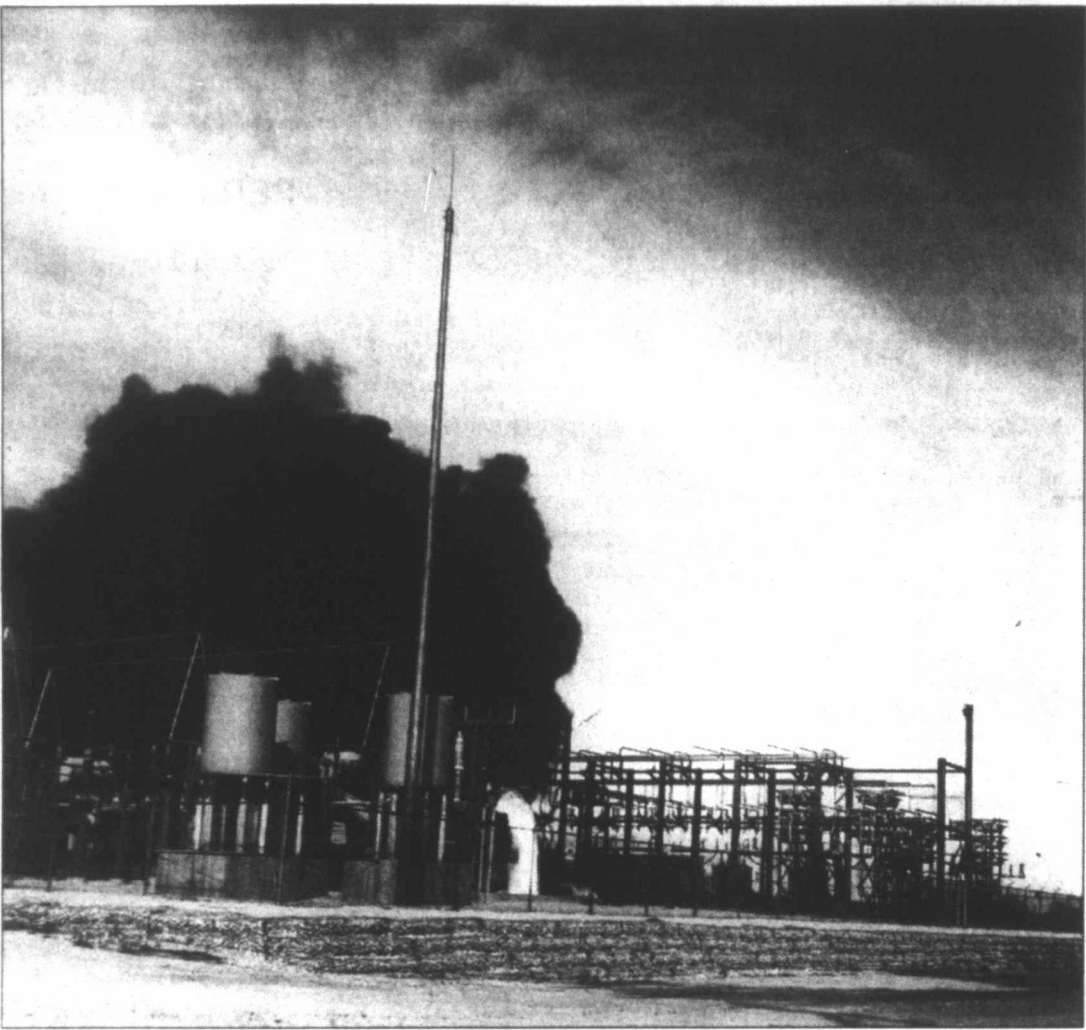
GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER - The Grand Champion Heifer, exhibited by Brandon Barkley, was sold for \$1,550 to Fuller Foods and City National Bank during the livestock show premium sale Saturday. Barkley is pictured with Cole Strain, Royce Clay and Rick Alvarez.

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LOCAL NEWS



WATERFALL OF FIRE – A transformer in a substation near County Roads 464 and 466 blew up last Thursday afternoon, creating a very dangerous situation with burning oil and sparking electricity. The Snyder Fire Department, equipped with a special response truck, was called in to extinguish flames with a dry foam. Photo courtesy of Misty Rich.

Grass fire call turns into engulfed substation fire

A little before 4 p.m. last Thursday, members of the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department were called to what was described as a small grass fire. A couple of members of the department took a truck out and quickly saw that they were not equipped to deal with what they found.

According to "Shady" Mitchell, the call came in as a small grass fire near County Roads 464 and 466. As the small crew was on its way to the location, the dispatcher came over the radio to say that a couple of guys had the grass fire about stomped out but would appreciate the department coming to wet the ground.

"No problem," Mitchell thought. But as the Loraine firemen approached their destination, a plume of black smoke began rising in the air.

When the firefighters arrived on scene, the source of the black smoke became apparent: A huge transformer containing about 55,000 pounds of oil had blown up in the middle of an electrical substation.

What resulted has been called a "waterfall of fire", and Mitchell said it looked like a fireworks display as electricity was sparking all around.

A couple of crew members from Eon, the company that owns the substation, informed Mitchell that

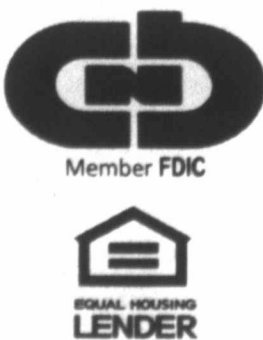
the Snyder Fire Department had been contacted to fight the electrical fire. Snyder's department owns a special response unit with dry foam specially designed to fight electrical fires.

One of the Eon crew members estimated that there was about 200,000 volts of electricity contained in the substation. He asked Mitchell to help form a half-mile perimeter around the fire to prevent any traffic from entering the dangerous area.

Personnel from Oncor were called in to turn off the electricity, and members of the Snyder Fire Department were able to extinguish the blaze.

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OBITUARIES

Charles H. Lane
1938-2015

ODESSA-- Charles H. Lane, 76, passed away from a brief illness on January 6, 2015 in Cornith.

Visitation was held Friday, January 9th at Sunset Funeral Home between 6-8 p.m. and funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 10, 2015 Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiating.

Charles was born on May 17, 1938 in Anadarko, OK to the late Charles W. and Joyce (McCurdy) Lane. He was raised in Anadarko until he and his family moved to Odessa. Charles graduated from Odessa High School and attended Odessa College. He entered the US Army serving overseas in Germany. After he was discharged, he returned to Odessa and began working in the petroleum industry.

Charles married Darlene McKinley in 1963 in Odessa, a marriage that lasted 49 years. She preceded him death in 2012. Charles loved to fly and fish. He retired at 65 in 2003.

Charles is survived by three daughters, Penny Scott of Roanoke, Patty Hunt of Odessa, and Kelly Sachse and husband Scott of Midland; five grandchildren, Kyle Scott, Morgan Caudillo, Cydney Sachse, Justen Hunt and Taylor Sachse; two great-grandchildren, Elijah and Nina Caudillo.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Door of Hope, 200 W 1st St, Odessa, TX 79761.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign the guest registry at www.sunsetodessa.com.



Burial was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Loraine. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Garcia was born November 14, 1945 in Loraine to Jose and Nicolasa Guerra Garcia and had been a lifelong resident. He married Manuela Vallejo on June 20, 1970 in Loraine. He was a longtime farmer. Mr Garcia enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren riding around in his truck.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Manuela Garcia of Loraine; three daughters, Letisia Lopez and husband Chris, Angelic Garcia, Michelle Bolin and husband David, all of San Angelo; three sons, Frank Garcia, Jr. and wife Laura, and Marcos Garcia, both of Loraine and Adrian Garcia and wife Amy of San Angelo; two sisters, Anita Lopez and Rosa Garcia, both of Loraine; 14 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and his loyal dog Butch.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Juanita Garcia.

Memorials may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center and American Cancer Society.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Perry Doss Echols
1964-2015

IRA-- Perry Doss Echols, 50, died unexpectedly on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in Snyder.

Services for Mr. Echols were Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 2 o'clock p.m. at First Baptist Church Snyder with Reverend Danny Williams and Mr. Brad Gartman officiating. Burial was held at the Dunn Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Perry Doss Echols was born on June 29, 1964 in Fort Hood. Growing up, Perry rode horses, worked cattle, worked in the fields and was a top hand. After graduating from Snyder High School in 1982, Perry went on to enjoy a collegiate rodeo career at Tarleton State University, going to the College National Finals two times and serving as a National Student Representative of College Steer Wrestlers. While rodeoing, he developed many close friendships that he carried throughout his life. After college, Perry moved into the Echols homestead near Ira where he enjoyed ranching and farming his land and that of his family. He supplied livestock for several colleges and rodeo clubs. Perry was a skilled, competitive shooter and formed close friendships with shotgun enthusiasts from all over the country.

Perry Echols is survived by his parents, Thomas Carl and Kay Echols of Snyder; his brother, Van Echols and wife Angela of Lubbock; and sister, Rhonda Echols Gartman and husband Brad of League City. He was the best uncle to Carson and Clayton Echols and Garin and Grayson Gartman.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Perry and Iva Lee Echols of Dunn and Doss and Vena Maner of Littlefield.

Donations can be made in honor of Perry Echols to the Scurry County 4-H Program.

Scurry County Extension Office - 4-H
2605 Ave. M
Snyder, Texas 79549
Visitation was held Tuesday, January 13, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com.



Kevin Lee Brownfield
1966-2015

BIG SPRING-- Kevin Lee Brownfield, 48, died Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 9th at the funeral home.

He was born February 3, 1966 in Odessa, and married Christy Norwood August 8, 1997 in Big Spring.

Kevin enjoyed hunting, fishing, being at the lake and dancing. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys and NASCAR fan. He loved eagles and was a great cook.

He is survived by his wife, Christy Brownfield of Big Spring; three sons, Kyle Brownfield, Dylan Register and Garrett Brownfield all of Big Spring; two daughters, Kendra Hawkins and husband, Alan of Oklahoma and Kayla Brownfield of Big Spring; his parents, Floyd and Nancy Brownfield of Big Spring; two sisters, Janis Brownfield of Big Spring and Hollie Adams and husband, James of Abilene; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bud Norwood.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.



Frank Garcia
1945-2015

LORAIN-- Mr. Frank Garcia, age 69, died Saturday, January 10, 2015 at his residence. A Mass of Christian

Graveside services for Helen Ruth Webb will be Saturday, January 17th at 10:30 a.m. at the Westbrook Cemetery.

Helen Ruth Webb

POLICE REPORT

On January 4th at 12:32 p.m., an officer met with a complainant in reference to a burglary that had occurred at her residence in the 1100 block of E. 9th. Unknown person or persons had removed medication from the residence without her consent.

On January 5th at 11:36 p.m., an officer performed a vehicle stop in the 2200 block of Hickory for the violation of a defective license plate light. While the officer was speaking with the driver,

he could detect the strong odor of alcohol. After failed field sobriety tests, the driver, a 21-year-old male, was arrested for DWI. A 23-year-old female passenger was arrested for public intoxication. They were both taken to the Mitchell County Jail where they were booked accordingly.

On January 6th at 10:49 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a possible intoxicated driver who had struck a vehicle at a local eatery in the 100 block of E. I-20

and drove away without contacting the owner. The driver was located driving erratically on South Highway 163. He was arrested by a State Trooper and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On January 8th at 7 a.m., an officer responded to a local motel in reference to an unwanted person who had pushed his way into a room. While the 24-year-old female was at the police department, she was found to possess a Nolan County Warrant. She was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where she was booked accordingly.

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LOCAL NEWS



LOCAL ART — Members of the West Texas Art Guild, Linda Mathis (left) and Carolyn Walker, stand with a display of artwork by Walker at First National Bank. Each month, artwork by different artists will be on display at the bank, and everyone is encouraged to go by and have a look. Photo courtesy of Mark Waldrip.

Art on display at local bank

Members of the West Texas Art Guild are an active bunch, and their latest project is underway. Each month, artwork by members of the art guild will be on display in the lobby of First National Bank, and citizens are welcome to stop by the bank to catch a glimpse of local talent.

The first member of the organization featured is Carolyn Walker, a former art teacher at Colorado High School. Paintings by Walker are up in the lobby now and will continue to be featured through the end of January.

After teaching in the Texas public school system for almost 30 years, Walker returned to her first loves, painting and teaching art. Although she had enjoyed much success while teaching art to high school students, she decided to focus on her own art after retirement.

Walker has extensive training

in art, both academically and professionally. She attended many workshops taught by professional artists in her quest to gain more knowledge.

Presently, she is doing a lot of work in watercolor, primarily working on Yupo paper. She is in demand, teaching workshops using this plastic paper as a support for paintings. She also teaches workshops in drawing, oil, watercolor and acrylics.

Walker has a Master of Education degree with an art emphasis, and a Master of Fine Arts degree, with a major in painting and a minor in drawing. She illustrated a coloring book and also a book by Lee Jones, "Red Raiders Retaliates."

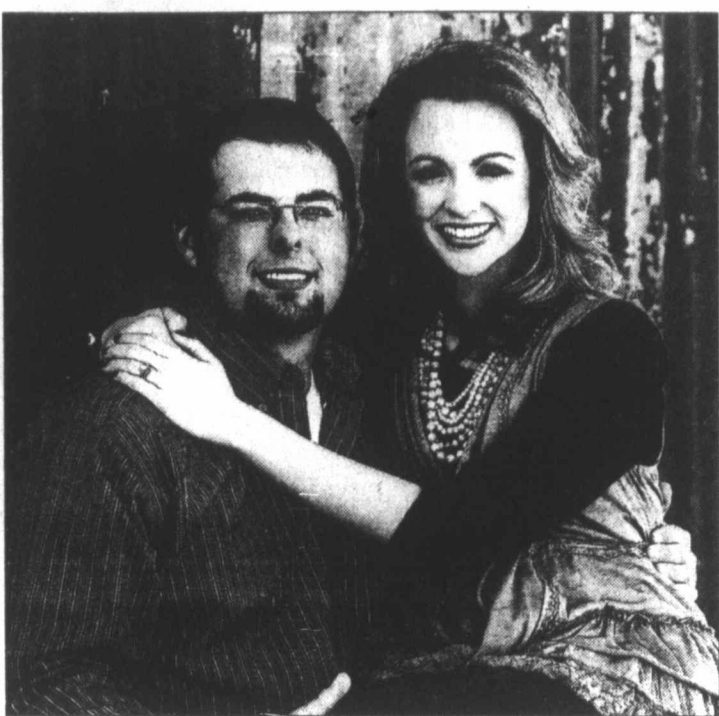
Walker served as a teaching assistant to Jan Herring in Cloudcroft, New Mexico for five years and also assisted Herring in a number of locations in Texas.

While in Cloudcroft, Walker owned her own art school for five years, as well as the Prude Ranch at Fort Davis for two years.

Serving as an art show judge, Walker has juried and judged numerous art exhibits, and she continues to maintain an active exhibition record of her personal artwork. Her work can be viewed at Heritage Art Gallery in Coleman and Walker Studio and Gallery in Colorado City.

She is a member of the West Texas Art Guild in Colorado City, the San Angelo Art Club and West Texas Watercolor Society in Lubbock.

Stop by First National Bank to see some of Walker's works of art. The display will have everyone looking forward to more featured artists.



Jake Crenwelge and Jordan Hammond

Couple to exchange vows in April ceremony

The parents of Jordan Diane Hammond of Colorado City and Jake Scott Crenwelge of Snyder are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children.

The bride is the daughter of Clay and Robyn Hammond. The bride's grandparents are the late Jimmie and Bonnie Hammond and Travis and Lucy Turner. The groom's parents are Scott and Lana Crenwelge. The groom's grandparents are Jane Crenwelge and the late Ted Crenwelge and the late Beverly Glasscock.

A wedding is planned for April 25th at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

The bride attended Midwestern State University and graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. The groom attended Texas Tech University and graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics.

The bride is employed by Dr. Michael White, DDS and Robinson and Hamblen Dentistry in Snyder.

The groom is a partner of Crenwelge Farms.

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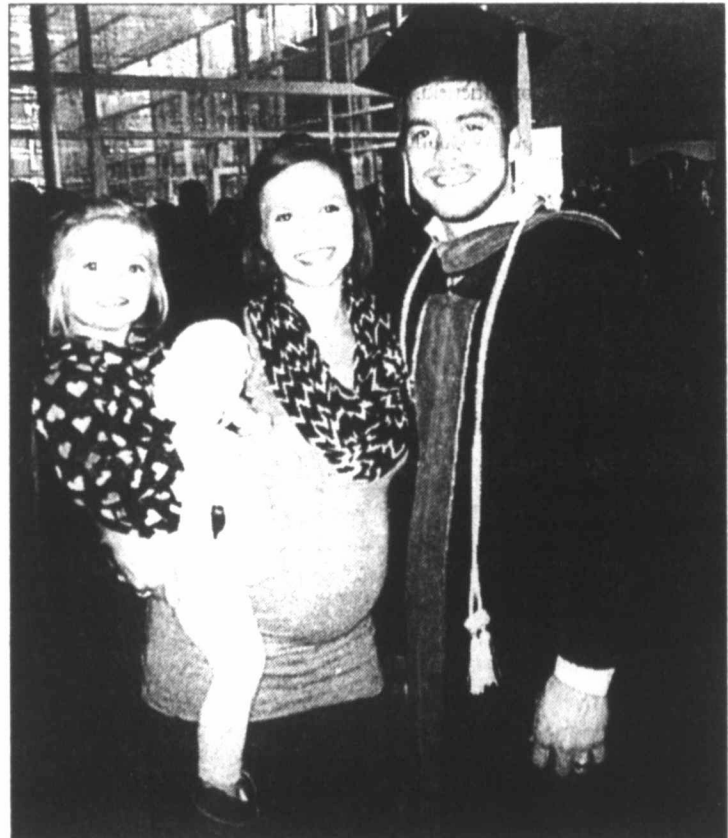
The Colorado City Housing Authority will hold a public hearing January 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the 5 year action plan. Meeting location will be 439 Oak, Colorado City.

CITY OF COLORADO CITY COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 9, 2015

A General Election will be held on May 9, 2015 to elect a Mayor and three (3) Council Members for positions in District #1, District #2, and District #5 for two year terms.

Filing will be held from January 28, 2015 through February 27, 2015. Candidates filing packets may be picked up in the City Secretary's Office during regular office hours. Additional election information is available by calling City Secretary Donna Madrid at 325-728-3464.

Donna Madrid, City Secretary



GRADUATE—Nathaniel Thomas is pictured with his wife, Brittany and his daughter Bailey after graduation. Thomas is employed at TTI Inc. in Irving.

Thomas receives master's degree

Nathaniel Jordan Thomas received his Master's of Business Administration Degree

on Friday, December 19, 2014 from the University of Texas at Dallas. Thomas is a 2001 Plano High School graduate. He received his Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M, College Station in 2005.

He is the son of Mary Munoz Thomas and the late Gary Thomas of Plano. His grandparents are the late Pablo and Paula Munoz and Tom and Kathryn Thomas.

January 16-18

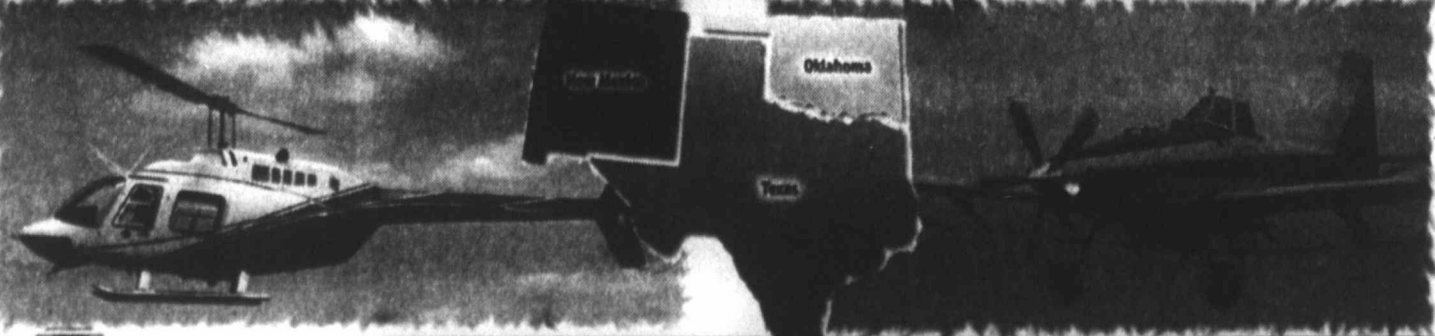
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Jeff has a way with animals

I've known Jeff Heinatz of Alpine for a long time and have been a fan of his wildlife photography. I went out with him one morning near Fort Davis and watched him photograph a fox that flashed across an opening in some brush. I'll bet that thing wasn't visible for a tenth of a second and I knew it would be impossible to get a photo of it. But Jeff showed me his camera and there it was. I have a large copy of that photograph on my wall. I also have a picture of coyote pups that Jeff photographed.

Jeff has the patience of Job. And it pays off. Once he was hiking in the Big Bend area and hadn't seen anything all morning. He stopped to have lunch under a large madrone tree. After he got settled, he could hear some breathing nearby.

"I didn't know what it was," says Jeff. "Finally I looked around the trunk of that madrone tree and saw a big black bear that had been under the same tree the whole time. He was asleep. So I waited until the sun got to a spot in the sky that allowed some light on the bear's face so I could take a picture of it without using a flash. He heard the camera clicking and woke up and looked at me. After a few minutes he walked straight over to me and rubbed his nose back and forth in my hair. I just sat there and let him do it. He didn't seem to be aggressive at all but he was curious. I really didn't want him that close, though."

Jeff said the bear looked to weigh around 400 pounds. "He was taller than I am. He hung around with me for a while, then stood up and broke some branches so he could get to some madrone berries. Those branches were big enough for me to do chin-ups on and he just tore them off like they were nothing. After he ate some berries he put his face next to mine and blew his breath on me. Then he walked off."

Jeff's best day with a camera involved another bear. "I had always wanted to photograph a bear killing something. I was waiting for a bear to come out in the open from some bushes. While I was waiting for that, a herd of javelinas walked into the same brush where the bear was. It got very quiet for a minute. Then it hit the fan. There was a fight going on that you just wouldn't believe. I didn't have a video camera to get the sound, but it was awesome. Finally I heard a skull crack and the bear came out of there with a half-grown javelina and got on the trail with me, about ten feet away. He looked at me and I got a good picture. Then he went under a tree and just laid down for his javelina dinner."

"While I was watching all this I heard some footsteps behind me. It was a mountain lion. Apparently it had heard all the commotion and came down to check it out. The bear and mountain lion got into a fight. I was so close the hair was raining down on me. The fight lasted about 30 seconds and the bear was the winner. I couldn't get very good pictures because the fight took place in some heavy brush. I was frustrated but at least I got to experience something that not many people get to see. That was my best day in the field."

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The ink blotter at the post office Soaking Up Excess

In those old days, the tall table at the Post Office where folks could address or open their mail, was fitted with stick pens, two ink wells and several blotters. The pens were dipped into the ink wells every word or so, and the excess ink on the envelope blotted up with the blotters. The blotter was made of very porous and absorbent material. When they were well used, they would be replaced with fresh ones. The blotters were also used at the bank and every home had at least one. Fountain pens were used at home, and often the blotter was fixed to a curved wooden apparatus with a knob on the top. That way the blotter could just be rolled back and forth across the letter and picked up any wet ink. It was quite a revolution in writing utensils when ballpoint pens were introduced in

1946.

I had not thought of those old blotters until I used a paper towel today to soak up a bit of coffee I had spilled. Then a scripture came to mind that tells us that Jesus came to blot out our transgressions.

The blotter did not eliminate the ink on the envelope or counter-check, but just soaked up the excess, leaving a stain in reverse of the message or signature. Jesus does not overrule our personalities when He forgives sins, He just takes the punishment. Our sins are transferred to Him and He bears the stain of forgiveness. He does not prevent us from sinning but eagerly soaks up the excess. The blotters were used repeatedly. They never failed to soak up the ink but would be replaced when they became unsight-

ly, bent or were taken home. Blotters with a message or advertisement on one side were very popular give-a-ways in those days.

Ink that was not dry or blotted could be smeared by the next person touching the envelope or deposit slip. Sin can be transferred from one person to another just like a contagious disease. In fact, there are people who delight in getting others to do wrong, or join them in their wrong-dong. When we are careful to use the stain-absorbing qualities of Jesus, when He blots our sins dry, then their spread is curtailed.

Soap and bleach companies make a big thing today of the stain-absorbing qualities of their products. But nothing can match the blotting effect of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Conservation stewardship program improvements are very much needed

By Traci Bruckner

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Center for Rural Affairs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is soliciting public comments on recent changes to the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The program, the most significant step in conservation policy in a decade, was designed to reward top conservation already on the ground, as well as incentivize the integration of new and innovative conservation practices that protect and enhance the quality of our soil, water and air.

However, without crucial changes, the program will not yield those in-

tended results. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) must base producers' ranking and payments solely on environmental benefits and outcomes. They consistently overemphasize the importance of additional or new conservation activities while failing to adequately support conservation practices and systems farmers and ranchers are currently employing, which misses the mark by supporting late adopters of improved conservation systems over those who have historically placed conservation at the core of their operations.

NRCS must also ensure payment limitations are real. By statute, CSP

contracts are limited to \$40,000 per fiscal year and \$200,000 from fiscal year 2014 through 2018. But the rule doubles the statutory limit for joint operations. Worse, the rule fails to require that beneficiaries be active farmers, and allows farms to have multiple contracts despite the statutory stipulation that the entire farm must be enrolled in the CSP contract. These loopholes allow certain operations to rack up contracts far in excess of the statutory limit and gives them a competitive advantage over small and mid-sized farmers.

Visit: <http://www.cfra.org/node/5411> to make public comments.

Cornyn unveils bill making state sales tax deduction permanent for Texans

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Tx.) announced Monday that he has cosponsored S.126, legislation to provide Texans with a permanent deduction for state and local sales taxes used on their federal income tax returns.

This is a matter of fundamental fairness to Texas taxpayers, and one that has been a long time coming. With the state's sales tax rate higher than their state in-

come tax," said Sen. Cornyn. "As Texans continue to face higher health care costs under Obamacare, now more than ever they need relief from burdensome taxation so they can keep more of their hard-earned money."

Sen. Cornyn is an original cosponsor of S.126, which was introduced last week by Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV), and he has a long record of supporting the state and local sales tax deduction for Texans and

working to make that deduction permanent. This deduction provides Texans with more than \$1 billion in federal tax relief annually.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is the Senate Republican Whip, and a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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ers' meeting, and he said that a decision on the location is expected to be made public sometime in the second quarter of 2015.

The agreement details the economic development incentive offered as 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.

The county established a re-investment zone in advance 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 signed agreement moves the process an-

other 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.

When asked about the value of the project after ten years, Montgomery said that because the electricity market in Texas is deregulated, Mitchell County Appraisal District will use the state comptroller's rules to determine fair market value. That being said, new legislation mandates that the project cannot depreciate any lower than 20% of its original value.

Commissioner Bill Preston asked if transmission lines were included in the abatement agreement, and Montgomery said they were not. Oncor would be responsible for providing transmission lines.

In other business, commissioners approved payment of the bills totaling \$223,985.35 as presented by County Auditor Heidi Harris.

County Judge Ray Mayo asked Harris if the budget would

need to be amended to provide a part-time assistant for new District Clerk Belinda Blessingame. Harris said that the assistant in her office, Manda Alford, would be helping Blessingame as well.

Since Alford is already on the county's payroll, using her in dual roles will save the county money on benefits by not having to hire another employee and pay for insurance, according to Harris. Alford will help man the office of District Clerk, as Blessingame will be attending training next week.

Court members voted to keep precinct officers, such as commissioners, being paid on a salary rather than on a percentage of collected fees basis. Jury pay for 2015 was also renewed at the same rate as before. Potential jurors get \$10 for showing up for duty and \$40 per day for serving on a jury. The county gets reimbursed \$36 per day from the state.

A \$500 bid by Keith Hiser on a lot at 950 E. 16th Street was accepted by the court. The vacant lot has been appraised at \$2,830.

Board of trustees extends superintendent's contract

The Colorado ISD Board of Trustees met Monday night and evaluated the job performance of Superintendent Reggy Spencer. Following the evaluation, Spencer's contract was extended one year, through 2020.

School Board President Sally Neff read a statement which explains the board's decision.

"Mr. Spencer has again, performed exceptionally well as CISD's Superintendent. This board agrees, Mr. Reggy Spencer, continues to strive for excellence and is persistent in the improvement of our district. He is credited with the district making positive changes in the learning process," Neff said.

"A federal grant was awarded to CISD enabling our district to provide a career academy, allowing our students to gather college hours in their designated career path or obtain a certificate of completion in various vocational opportunities, at no cost to the students. The grant has also allowed Mr. Spencer to be able to bring in noteworthy speakers for our staff and students. At the beginning of this school year, two speakers traveled to Colorado City to speak. Sean Cain, the

Chief Idea Officer for the Fundamental 5, spoke to and motivated our teaching staff. And Stephen Pemberton, author of *A Chance In The World*, also spoke to our staff and students during convocation. With Mr. Spencer's motivation and dedication, CISD was truly blessed with acquiring these speakers," Neff went on to say.

"Our staff and students are working extremely hard to meet the standards put forth by the State of Texas. Mr. Spencer pushes for improvement in every subject and will continue to focus on and improve the quality of instruction for our students. We have a 100% graduation rate - 0% dropouts. Mr. Spencer believes each student can succeed and be successful. This Board of Trustees appreciates the hard

work Mr. Spencer puts forth each and every day. His dedication and commitment to the students, staff, and this District is noticed and we appreciate everything he has accomplished," Neff said.

Spencer and other CISD staff returned the appreciation by providing steak dinners to board members, along with a small gift and framed certificate. January is School Board Appreciation Month.

Two school board places will be up for election this year. CISD will hold a joint election along with the City of Colorado City.

Place 4, currently held by Sheila Plagens, and Place 6, held by Henry Reyna, will be up for election this year. Both board members expressed their intentions to run for re-election.

COUNCIL

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to install 8" lines and 12" lines, in order to compare price differences. The job is more complicated than it might sound, as it entails boring under the interstate to take the lines to the site where the convenience center will be built.

Roberts Construction supplied prices for both 8" and 12" lines, showing a difference of \$203,905.50. Hoover said that the city still has access to over \$206,000 of the \$3 million bond approved for water projects.

Hoover offered one major reason for pursuing the project using 12" lines: further expansion. He said that developers wanting to build a La Quinta just north of the old Platter Restaurant have been in contact and are eager to start work.

"They have said that they will start building the La Quinta when construction on the sewer project begins," Hoover said.

"I think it's a great idea," Hiser said and he moved to accept the \$611,000 bid by Roberts Construction. Fuller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After hearing several proposals to provide sanitation services, including one by a man wanting to help the city take over those

operations again, the council decided to table the issue. Among those speaking to the council were representatives from Republic, the company currently handling sanitation services and representatives from a small company, Knox Waste Services.

The council called an election which will be held May 9th. The election will be held to elect a mayor and three council members in districts 1, 2 and 5. Sammy Contreras is the current councilman in District 1, Craig Jolley is the representative of District 2, and Keith Hiser represents District 5. Jim Baum is mayor.

The May 9th election will be held in conjunction with the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees election.

Hoover said that the city has been notified and grant funding in the amount of \$240,000 have been set aside to help run another 8" sewer line under I-20 to facilitate the construction of a Holiday Inn Express near B&B.

Gary Smith of Grantworks was present to answer questions about the funding. He said that the money has been earmarked for Colorado City through the

Texas Capital Fund from the Texas Department of Agriculture. According to Smith, the money is awarded based on the potential for job creation and investment. The construction and operation of a Holiday Inn Express would certainly qualify under those two stipulations.

A public hearing was held regarding an application to the TDA for another Texas Capital Fund infrastructure grant. This grant totals \$42,000 and would be used to update the city's planning and zoning.

In the city manager's report, Hoover said that construction is continuing on the Super 8 motel being built at the corner of Chestnut Street and the south service road of I-20. While there have been some problems, he said that those have been worked out. Developers in charge of construction have said that a concrete apron will be poured to help prevent soil washing out during rains.

John Hagan, owner of Golden Chick Restaurant, came to city hall on Tuesday and said that the newly constructed restaurant would be open and serving customers on Monday, January 19th.

ACCIDENT

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scene burst into flames. Mitchell said that he and a small crew diverted traffic which was backed up a couple of miles, so that Lorraine firefighters could put out the fire safely.

Mitchell said that the fire burned big and long, which, in

his experience, is often caused by burning diesel. Popping tires caused loud booms, as the fire burned. He estimated that it took about three hours to clear the bridge of debris once the fire was extinguished.

There was not much left of

either vehicle, but Mitchell said he felt like everyone was very fortunate. Both drivers escaped without injury. He saw the driver of the 18-wheeler at a store shortly after the accident, and he was looking for a ride to Sweetwater.

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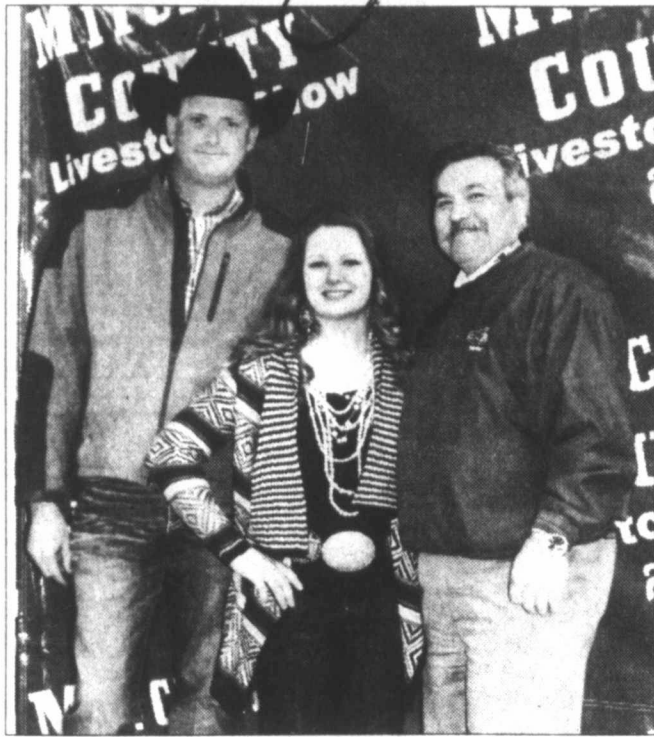
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2015 Mitchell County Stock Show



RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER – Mason Maddox exhibited the Reserve Champion Heifer at the 78th Annual Mitchell Co. Livestock Show. She is seen here with Judge Aaron Cooper.



RAYMOND FULLER SCHOLARSHIP – Each year, a \$2,500 Raymond Fuller Scholarship is presented to a senior exhibiting in the livestock show and planning to major in agriculture in college. Kalynn Hardegree (center) was this year's recipient of the award, which was presented by Rick Alvarez (right) and Brodie Harris.



VIRGINIA FULLER SCHOLARSHIP – Taegen Harris was selected to receive the \$2,500 Virginia Fuller Scholarship at this year's Mitchell Co. Livestock Show. Rick Alvarez (right), manager of Fuller Foods, presented the award, along with Brodie Harris.



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB – 3K Livestock donated the buckle in memory of Frank Brownfield for the Reserve Champion Lamb which was shown by Kyler Hardegree on Friday. Hardegree is pictured with Judge Chase McPhaul.



SENIOR GRAND STEER SHOWMANSHIP – The Sr. Grand Steer Showmanship buckle, donated by the Merket family in memory of Casey and Jeff Merket, was presented to Tanner Strain at this year's livestock show. Tanner is seen here with Judge Aaron Cooper, Joan Merket Long and Bobby Lemons.



RESERVE SENIOR STEER SHOWMANSHIP – The Reserve Senior Steer Showmanship buckle went to Mark Munoz last Friday night at the livestock show. The buckle is donated by RJRS Livestock, and donors John, Robin and Ryland Senter made the presentation, along with Judge Aaron Cooper.



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER – This year's Reserve Champion Steer was exhibited by Tanner Strain, who won the buckle donated by Dalton Maddox. Tanner is pictured with Judge Aaron Cooper and his dad, Jeremy Strain.



SENIOR GRAND GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – Kyler Wood (holding goat) was the recipient of the Sr. Grand Goat Showmanship buckle at the livestock show last weekend. The buckle is donated in memory of Brylenn Jo Stone by Jeremiah and Lisa Wood and Vic and Carolyn Jeter. Kash is pictured with (l-r) Lisa, Jeremiah and Kody Wood; Carolyn Jeter, Braylee Stone, Byrne and Amanda Stone; and Ryland Senter (piggy back).



SENIOR RESERVE GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – Senior reserve showmanship honors in the goat division went to Nadia Davila (holding goat). She is seen here with representatives of RJRS Livestock, Robin, Ryland and John Senter, that donated the buckle. Courtney Correa is holding the buckle.



RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE – Brooklea Stone (holding banner) exhibited the Reserve Champion Swine at the Mitchell Co. Livestock Show last weekend. Stone is shown with Charles and Madison Rice, who donated the reserve buckle in memory of Dee Dee Rice. Judge Aaron Cooper helped out with the pig.



SENIOR GRAND SWINE SHOWMANSHIP – Delani Graham (holding buckle) received Sr. Grand Swine Showmanship honors at the stock show on Friday. The award is donated in memory of Dakota Dawson by Charles and Madison Rice and Gary Don and Belinda Rich. Graham is seen here with (l-r) Judge Aaron Cooper, Rane Dawson, Larry Don Dawson, Madison Rice and Hazel Lord (front).



SENIOR RESERVE SWINE SHOWMANSHIP – The Senior Reserve Swine Showmanship buckle, donated by RJRS Livestock, went to Calvin Spencer (holding buckle). He is pictured with: (l-r) Judge Aaron Cooper, Ryland, John and Robin Senter.



SENIOR GRAND LAMB SHOWMANSHIP – Senior showmanship honors in the lamb division went to Kynzie Hardegree. She is pictured with Nub and Maureen Morris, who donated the buckle along with Donald and Peggy Smith. Judge Chase McPhaul displays the buckle.



RESERVE SENIOR LAMB SHOWMANSHIP – Kyler Hardegree (holding lamb) received reserve showmanship honors in the lamb division of the Mitchell Co. Livestock show last Friday. He is seen here with Judge Chase McPhaul and buckle donors, Ryland, Robin and John Senter.



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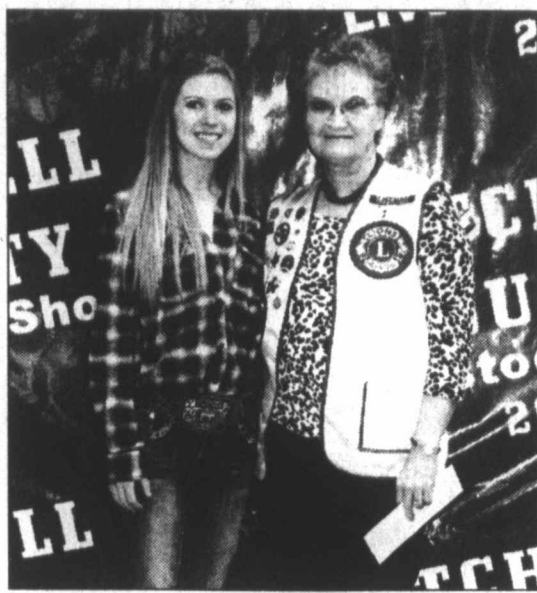


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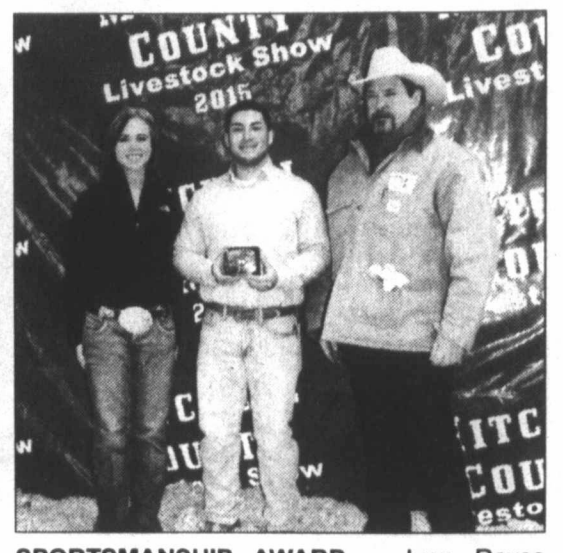
BRYLENN JO STONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — Mason Maddox (left) was the recipient of the \$500 Brylenn Jo Stone Memorial Scholarship at the livestock show Saturday. The award was presented by Bryne, Brooklea, Braylee, and Amanda Stone.



LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP — A \$500 Lions Club scholarship was presented to Delani Graham by Lion Pat Cawthron before the premium sale of the Mitchell County Livestock Show Saturday.



OVERALL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD — RJRS Livestock sponsors an award to the stock show exhibitor who exhibits in two or more divisions. Tyler Wood was named this year's award recipient, and he is seen here with John, Ryland and Robin Senter.



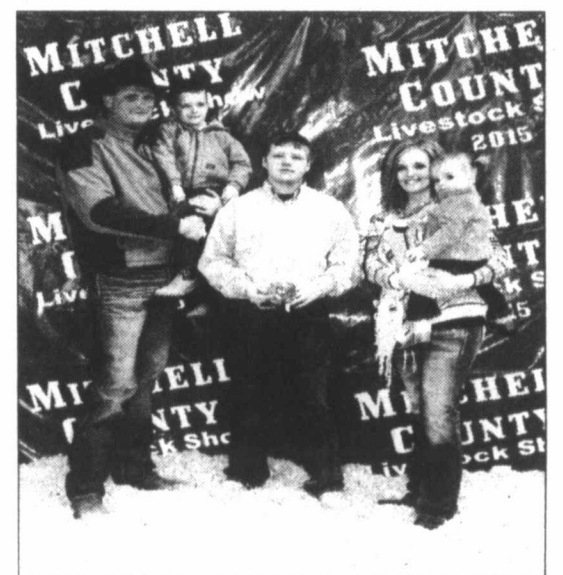
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD — Juan Reyes (center) was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award at the stock show Saturday. This award is presented to a first-year exhibitor who lends an extra helping hand and has a sportsmanlike attitude. The award, sponsored by Browne Bros., was presented by Rachel and John Beckmeyer.



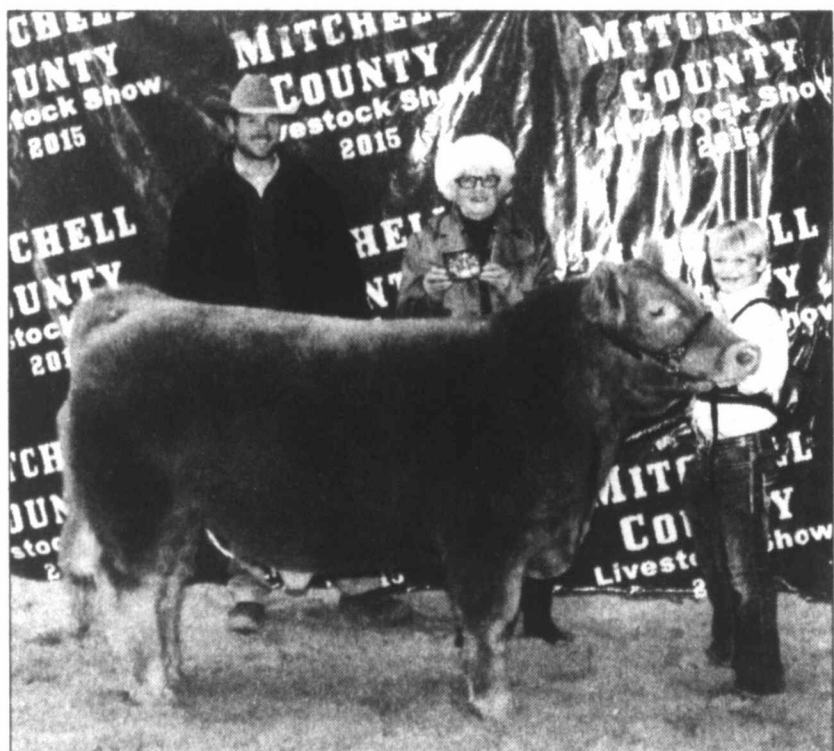
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JUNIOR RESERVE SWINE SHOWMANSHIP — Zackory Stone received the Junior Reserve Showmanship buckle in the swine division, donated by RJRS Livestock, at the Mitchell Co. Livestock Show last weekend. Stone is shown with (l-r) Judge Aaron Cooper, Robin Senter, John Senter and Ryland Senter (front).



TOP HAND — Brodie, Kaper, Malarie and Kaitlyn Harris presented the Top Hand Award buckle to Kutter Russell at this year's stock show. The award winner is chosen by the show committee and is based on who contributes most to the success of the show.



JUNIOR GRAND STEER SHOWMANSHIP — Joan Merket Long (holding buckle) presented the Junior Grand Steer Showmanship buckle to William Maddox at the livestock show Friday evening. The buckle is donated by the Merket family each year in memory of Casey and Jeff Merket. Judge Aaron Cooper is also pictured.



JUNIOR RESERVE STEER SHOWMANSHIP — First-year exhibitor Brandon Barkley was the recipient of the buckle for Jr. Reserve Steer Showmanship, donated by RJRS Livestock. Brandon is pictured with: (l-r) Robin Senter, Judge Aaron Cooper and Ryland Senter.



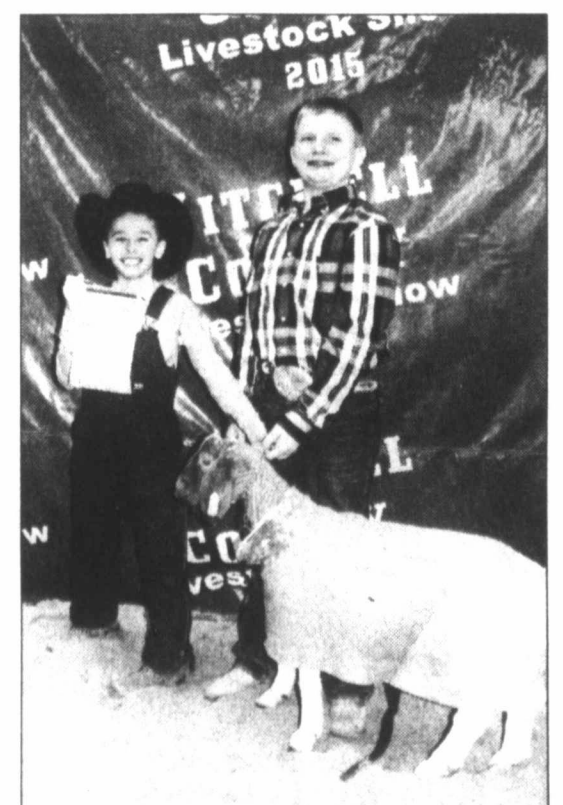
THE FUTURE OF MITCHELL CO. LIVESTOCK SHOW — Dakota Follis was the winner of the three to five-year-old age division of the PeeVee Goat Show last Friday. She showed with the help of Brittany Edmiston.



JR. GRAND SWINE SHOWMANSHIP — The Junior Grand Swine Showmanship buckle is donated in memory of Dakota Dawson by Charles and Madison Rice and Gary Don and Belinda Rich. The award went to Brooklea Stone this year, and she is pictured here with: (back row, l-r) Judge Aaron Cooper, Rane and Larry Don Dawson and Hazel Lord (front).



JUNIOR RESERVE GOAT SHOWMANSHIP — An unfortunate set of circumstances led to the untimely death of Chris Green's goat, just as he was getting ready to exhibit the animal at the Mitchell Co. Livestock Show last weekend. However, Green's weekend improved when he won Jr. Reserve Goat Showmanship while exhibiting a goat for Carrie Chaney, who was recuperating from an appendectomy. Green (holding goat) received the buckle donated by RJRS Livestock and is seen with Robin, Ryland and John Senter.



GOOD DAY FOR A GOAT SHOW — Matt Farmer is likely the face of the future of the local livestock show, as he (holding banner) was named the winner of the six-year-old and up age division of the PeeVee Goat Show Friday. Farmer showed with the help of Daniel Meguire.

Photos by Stephanie Perez
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SCHOOL NEWS

Westbrook honor roll released



CHARACTER ED AWARD— Christian Sanchez was awarded the middle school Character Ed award and Hope Eime was awarded the Character Ed award for high school. Photo courtesy of Miki Hernandez.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH—Students of the month at Loraine ISD are Sean Cuellar for middle school and Jessica Lambaren for high school. Photo courtesy of Miki Hernandez.

Westbrook ISD has released their honor roll lists for the 3rd six-weeks of the school year.

All A Honor Roll

1st grade: Jordan Bayes, Gracelyn Cannon, Damari Diaz, Jasmine Diaz, Landon Edmondson, Skye Gomez, Kate Hale, Gavin Hall, Gavin Harbour, Molli Hart, Izaia Molina, Chance Morris, Francisco Rincones, Shawn Salazar, Caleb Saleem, Wilson Scott, Dustin Spray, Bella Stark, Caiden Terry, Emmitt Whiteley, Nicholas Whitesides and Hunter Wylie.

2nd grade: Zane Beasley, Josiah Cato, Tyler Ginkinger, Caul Hoback, Hazel Lord, Corbin Martinez, Lexi Wood and Wyatt Wylie.

3rd grade: P. Matlock, Aiden

Munoz and Danielle Schwoerer.

4th grade: Kelby Blaynes Bayes, Jadis Cato, Meloney Diaz, Lane Hale, Lilianna Henderson, Braylee Stone, Colton Walter, Hadley White.

5th grade: Reagan Hale, Braxton Magers, Kaden Potter and Shammah Stark.

6th grade: Abigail Connell, Z. Matlock, Kenan Morris, Elizabeth Rubio, Brooklea Stone and Jacob Walters.

7th grade: Taylor Beasley and Jayden Holt.

8th grade: Miranda Goswick, Kendall Koch, Hayden Lopez, Taylor Parsons, Hadley Redwine and Syrrah Tenorio.

9th grade: Alex Chavez III, Kaci Ferris and Haleigh Haven.

10th grade: Brianna Lathers

and James Merrick.

11th grade: Becca Knowlton.

12th grade: Chelsey Lamb, Trevor Lamb and Jay Williams.

A Average Honor Roll

2nd grade: Kristin Allen, Don-nace Burton, Jeanette Cantu, Katlyn Edmondson, Camden Elder, Reese Elder, Kaden Medrano, Lillian Ponce and Aiden Redwine.

3rd grade: Zen Clanton, Conner Holt, Lexi King, Brooklyn Magers, Teodora Molina, Lexi Morre, Gauge, Aiden Sullivan and Addison Terry.

4th grade: Pahton Dominguez, John Michael Martinez, Autumn Moore, Madison Munoz and Alexia Rincones.

5th grade: Kailee Baylee, Nicholas Boyd, Jeremiah Ramirez and Destiny Tenorio.

6th grade: Ivory Ballenger, Christopher Garcia and Kirsten Koch.

7th grade: William Geiger, Quinn King, Bryson Magee, Kason Proctor and Alexander Tenorio.

8th grade: Erica Gutierrez, Adrian Hale, Brianna Hale, Kamrun J. Martinez and Leah Wood.

9th grade: Alyssa Boedeker, Cristobal Chavez, Ivy Gutierrez, Rosa Gutierrez, Cami Miller, McKenzie Webb and Kierra Witte.

10th grade: Georgianna Aleman-Rivera, Neil Cooper, Shae Hale, Maci Hopper, Katlyn Rees and Sebastian Rincones.

11th grade: Garrett Brownfield, Anthony Gutierrez, Becca Knowlton, Shannon Morris, Tanner Strain and Taylor Webb.

12th grade: Madison Anderson, Sarah Andrews, Nikatha Conley, Donovan Harvey, Katie King, Alexis Redwine, Austyn Rivera and Kayla Sanders.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Kelley Breakfast Menu Jan. 19th-23rd

Monday — Oatmeal round, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

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

Thursday — Sausage biscuit or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Colorado ISD Hutchinson, CMS, CHS & Wallace Breakfast Menu Jan. 19th-23rd

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

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

Wednesday — French toast, bacon 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. 19th-23rd

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

Tuesday — Texas chili, cornbread, potato rounds, veggie cup, fresh fruit, carnival cookie, choice of milk.

Wednesday — Chicken fajita salad, Spanish rice, salsa, corn, baby carrots w/ranch, peaches, choice of milk.

Thursday — Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, garden salad, green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat, choice of milk.

Friday — Cheese burger, hamburger garnish, corn, baby carrots w/ranch, peaches, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD

Breakfast Menu Jan. 19th-23rd

Monday — Holiday!

Tuesday — Chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, animal crackers, cheese stick, milk, fruit juice.

Wednesday — French toast, bacon, fruit, breakfast parfait, milk, fruit juice.

Thursday — Breakfast pocket, fruit, cereal, toast, milk, fruit juice.

Friday — Muffin choice, fruit, oatmeal round, yogurt, milk, fruit juice.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 19th-23rd

Monday — Holiday!

Tuesday — Asian chicken; baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple, sugar cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Tex-Mex stack, petite tomato, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Thursday — Hamburger, hamburger garnish, western beans, potato rounds, diced slices, pears, milk.

Friday — Chicken parmesan, green beans, garden salad, fresh apple, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 19th-23rd

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

Tuesday — Chicken-n-biscuit or cereal, toast or animal crackers, cheese, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday — French toast, bacon or cereal, toast or breakfast parfait or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday — Early bird sandwich or cereal, toast or animal crackers, cheese stick fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday — Muffin, sausage or cereal, toast or oatmeal round, yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 19th-23rd

Monday — Steak fingers, roll w/gravy, crinkle-cut fries or chicken fajitas, salsa, seasoned corn, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Tuesday — Asian chicken w/brown rice or pig in a blanket, baby carrots w/ranch, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, sugar cookie, milk.

Wednesday — Tex-mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa or turkey and cheese wrap w/chips, petite tomato cup, milk.

Thursday — Chicken parmesan w/breadstick or pizza choice, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, milk.

Friday — Stew, cornbread or chicken sandwich, tater tots, western beans, diced pears, milk.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK — Hutchinson Elementary's students of the week are Jordan Wooddell, Natalie Lindsey and Kyrell Emerson. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Students of the week named

Three students have been chosen as Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Jordan Wooddell, Natalie Lindsey and Kyrell Emerson.

Jordan is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. Her favorite subject is reading. She has a dog named Opie. Her favorite thing about Hutch is going to P.E.

Natalie is a fourth grader in

Mrs. Godina's class. Her favorite subject is math and her hobby is cooking. She has a dog named Suki. Her favorite thing about Hutch is all the school spirit.

Kyrell is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. Her favorite subject is playing X-Box. She says reading is her favorite subject, and fun Fridays in P.E. are her favorite things about Hutch.



LIFE LESSON — Kelley Elementary students got to visit the county ag barn, the site of the livestock show, and it was the first time to see real live sheep, goats, cows and pigs for some. Here, local 4-H member Kalynn Hardegree lets the students touch a lamb's wool. Photo courtesy of Melinda Alexander.

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SPORTS

Westbrook stock show to be held Friday

After a schedule change, the Westbrook Stock Show will be held this Friday, January 16, beginning at 1 p.m. at the new ag barn. Westbrook students will be released at noon that day to allow exhibitors to participate in the show.

Westbrook ISD ag teacher David Bray said there are about 140 entries in this year's show that kicks off at 10:30 Saturday morning. 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.

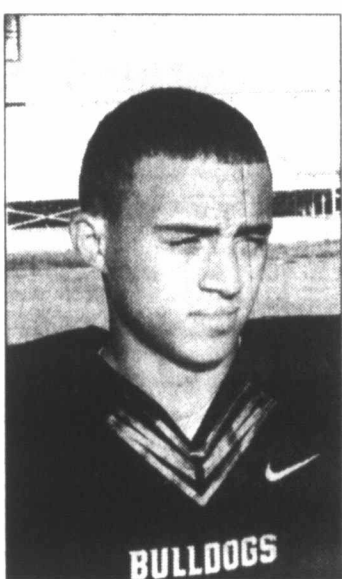
Tillis is named All Big Country MVP in Class A football

Loraine standout junior spreadback Patrick Tillis, picked up another honor earlier this week, being named the Big Country Offensive MVP in Class A. Tillis was also named to the 1st team defensive back.

Joining Tillis on the Class A All-Big Country team was Sonny Benivamondez who made the second team as a defensive back.

Honorable mention honors went to J.T. Cooper, Sebastian Benivamondez and Oscar Gonzalez on offense.

Defensive honorable mention went to Javon Walthall, Sebastian Benivamondez, and J.T. Cooper.



Patrick Tillis

8th grade Wolves A win Coahoma tournament

The 8th grade Wolves A team won the Coahoma Tournament last week. In game one the Wolves defeated Stanton 44-38 with Markis Monroe leading the way scoring 13 points. Also, scoring was Bubba Williams 10, Omar Boone 8, Reid Harris 6, Tracy Smith 4 and Jacob Munoz with 3.

In the championship game, the Wolves smothered Coahoma 33-17 with Bubba Williams leading the way with 17 points. Omar Boone added 6 Markis Monroe had 5 Tracy Smith also scored 5.

Coach Clint White said "We did a good job of jumping out to a quick lead and never letting go. We didn't shoot as well as we normally do, but our defense more than made up for it. Not allow-

ing a single point in the 2nd and 3rd quarters is a tough feat. The 6 points they scored in the first came on two very well-contested 3 pointers."

"I'm very pleased with our effort defensively. I'd also like to make note of the guys that played well but just couldn't get a shot to fall. Reid Harris has emerged as an exceptional defender. Also, the Eades brothers, Keegan and Keelan, both came in and played several critical minutes. We had a couple of kids participating in the stock show, so it was nice to have those guys come in and really hold their own. I couldn't be more proud of our team in winning the Coahoma Tournament for the second year in a row," White said Tuesday.

8th grade Wolves A beat Stanton, 37-13

The Wolves 8th grade A team defeated Stanton 37-13 Jan. 12th. The victory puts the Wolves A team record at 8-0 this season.

Leading scorers were Tracey Smith with 10 points, followed by Markis Monroe with 9, Omar Boone had 8 and Jacob Munoz scored 5, along with Reid Harris.

Coach White said, "It was our third time to play Stanton this year, and our second in five days, so I was a little worried we might be getting a little complacent. That being said, I feel like we

came out a level of intensity that Stanton could not match.

"We had a very specific game plan to thwart their two big kids, who are very good players. We executed the game plan perfectly. We played defense better than I've ever seen. We did not shoot the ball well at all, and we even missed several lay-ups, but our defense made all of that irrelevant. We did all over the place on defense; it was really fun to watch," Coach White said.

Lady Bulldogs lose to SA Cornerstone

The Lady Bulldogs were defeated by San Angelo Cornerstone 55-16 on January 6th.

San Angelo Cornerstone jumped to a big lead in the 1st quarter with 18 points, while the Lady Bulldogs only scored 7 points. In the 2nd quarter, San Angelo would score 14 points and Loraine would add 4 making the score 32-11. Then in the 3rd

quarter San Angelo Cornerstone scored 12 more points and the Lady Bulldogs only managed 5, bringing the score to 44-16. The 4th quarter would be trying for the Lady Bulldogs as Cornerstone added 11 and Loraine added 0.

Katie Barrera scored 7 points and Jessica Lambaran scored 4 to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Brilee Young also had 3 points.

Bulldogs lose close game to Cornerstone

The Loraine Bulldogs lost a close game to San Angelo Cornerstone 53-51 Jan. 6th in Loraine.

Patrick Tillis lead the Bulldogs with 36 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

Javon Walthall recorded 9 rebounds, 1 steal and scored 2 points. Sebastian Benivamondez scored 7 points, had 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

It was a slow third quarter that was the deciding factor of the

game. The 'Dogs scored only 3 points while San Angelo scored 11, and that gap made the difference in the game.

Coach Eric Sanchez was pleased with the team's effort and said they continue to improve.

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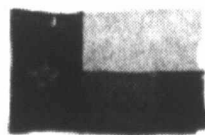
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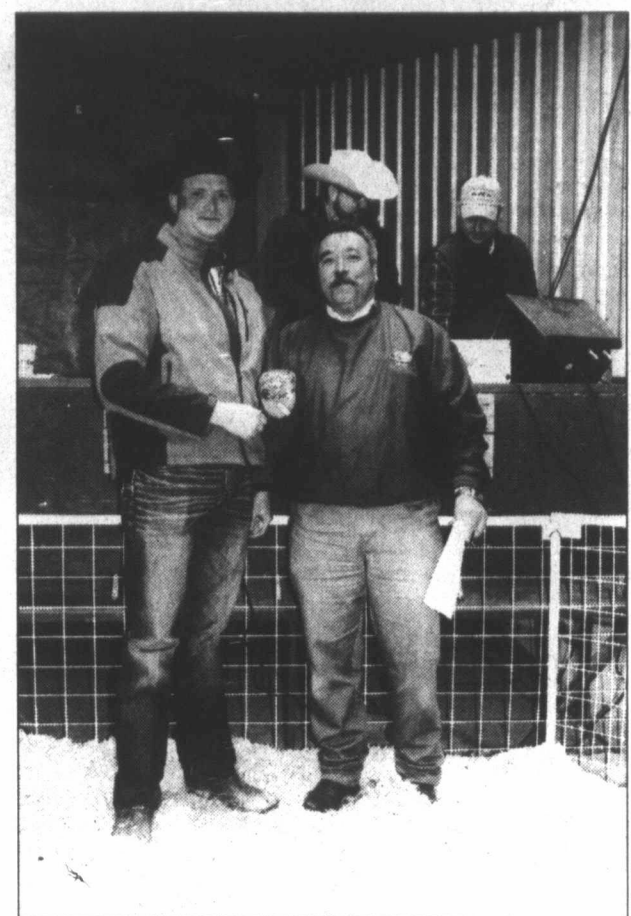
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YEARS OF SUPPORT - Livestock association president Brodie Harris presented a belt buckle to Fuller Foods manager Rick Alvarez before the premium sale Saturday to thank him for the years of support the local super-market has given to the Mitchell County Livestock Show.



Melissa Lujan

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By Audra Hoback, MCHD Community Relations Director
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LOCAL NEWS

STOCK SHOW

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but overall it was a success again this year."

Harris went on to tell the story of one exhibitor that had some bad luck at the beginning of the show. Chris Green was set to show a goat, and the animal was already weighed-in and being kept in what is virtually a storage room at the ag barn. This year, there were so many hogs entered in the show, there was no room to pen the goats and lambs in the climate-controlled part of the ag barn.

Green's goat suffered a seizure Friday morning during the swine show and died, leaving the exhibitor with no animal project to show; an unfortunate fate by anyone's standards. However, the best was yet to come for Green.

Another exhibitor, Carrie Chaney, had undergone an emergency appendectomy Monday and was looking for someone to help with her goat in the ring. Green stepped up, and in the process, was named Junior Reserve Goat Showman, garnering him a buckle and bragging rights.

According to Harris, the livestock show committee met Friday night after the show and decided to put Green in the sale, despite the fact that he had no animal to sell. The committee wanted Green's hard work leading up to the sale to be rewarded in some way.

Local businesses and individuals pulled together and his goat sold to Fuller Foods and Hurst Farm Supply for over \$1,000. Individuals and other businesses added on to the "purchase", bringing Green's total to close to \$2,000, according to Harris.

"It's always amazing to me how local businesses and people pull together to help each other out," Harris said. "These companies, that are mostly not oilfield-related, come together every year to make this show a success, regardless of oil prices or the economy."

While sales totals may have suffered some because of the slow economy, each exhibitor, no matter the results of the show, had the opportunity to be part of the premium sale. Money brought in by the sale makes it possible for the kids to go on to show their animals in the bigger shows, such as Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and others.

William Maddox exhibited the Grand Champion Steer which sold to Fuller Foods for \$1,600. Reserve Champion Steer was exhibited by Tanner Strain.

The Merket family donated the buckles for junior and senior showmanship. Joan Merket Long attended the show to make the presentation to William Maddox in the junior division and Tanner Strain in the senior division.

The steer showmanship awards are presented each year in memory of Casey and Jeff Merket. Bobby Lemons accompanied Long in the presentations, as he was the county extension agent that mentored the Merket boys when they were participating in the livestock show.

RJRS Livestock donated buckles for all the reserve showmanship awards, and John, Robin and Ryland Senter presented the buckles in each division. Brandon Barkley was named Reserve Junior Steer Showman, and Mark Munoz was the recipient in the senior division of the steer show.

First-time exhibitor Brandon Barkley showed the Grand Champion Heifer this year, which brought \$1,550 in the premium sale on Saturday. Fuller Foods and City National Bank split the cost of the heifer at the sale. Mason Maddox showed the Reserve Champion Heifer. Buckles for the heifer division were donated by Champion Septic and Hurst Farm Supply.

In the swine category, Calvin Spencer exhibited Yorkshire pig that was named the Grand Champion Swine. The pig brought in \$2,100 at the sale and was purchased by City National Bank and Fuller Foods. Brooklea Stone showed the Reserve Champion Swine.

The Grand Swine Showmanship buckle went to Brooklea Stone in the junior division and Delani Graham in the senior di-

vision. The buckles are donated by C4 Show Pigs and Charles and Madison Rice in memory of Dee Dee Rice.

Reserve showmanship buckles went to Zackory Stone in the junior division and Calvin Spencer in the senior division.

Kynzie Hardegree, of Lone Wolf 4-H, showed the Grand Champion Lamb which sold for \$1,500 to Fuller Foods. Her brother, Kyler Hardegree, had the Reserve Champion Lamb.

Kynzie Hardegree was the recipient of the Senior Lamb Showmanship buckle which was donated by Nub and Maureen Morris and Donald and Peggy Smith. Kyler received the Reserve Senior Swine Showmanship buckle, donated by RJRS Livestock.

The Grand Champion Goat and the Reserve Champion Goat were exhibited by Lone Wolf 4-H's Nadia Davila at this year's show. TLR Welding & Fabrication bought the animal at the premium sale for \$1,550.

Kash Wood was named junior goat showman, and Kyler Wood garnered the honor in the senior division. Goat showmanship buckles are donated and presented in memory of Brylenn Jo Stone and are sponsored by Jeremiah and Lisa Wood and Vic and Carolyn Jeter.

Chris Green received the reserve junior goat showman buckle, while Nadia Davila received the buckle in the senior division.

Following the goat show, a Pee Wee Goat show is held, and there were two full classes of the young goat showmen. A ribbon was awarded in each class. Dakota Follis exhibited the winning goat in the 3-5 year old age division, assisted by Brittany Edmiston. Matt Farmer took the honors in the 6 and up division, with the help of Daniel McGuire.

A special award was presented by the Mitchell County Livestock Association Board on Saturday. Rick Alvarez, manager of Fuller Foods, was honored with a buckle for his years of generous support of the local stock show.

The buyer's meal of delicious brisket and sausage with trimmings was sponsored by Lone Star Ag Credit and prepared Matt Syler and Brandon Hale. Several scholarships and awards were presented before the premium sale.

The Overall Showmanship Award, presented by John, Robin and Ryland Senter on behalf of RJRS Livestock-Senter Brothers, went to Kyler Wood. Those eligible to receive this award exhibit outstanding showmanship qualities and must exhibit in two or more divisions.

John, and Rachel Beckmeyer presented the Sportsmanship Award, sponsored by Brownie Bros., to Juan Reyes. He was chosen as a first-year exhibitor who lent an extra helping hand and displayed sportsmanlike qualities.

Kalynn Hardegree was the recipient of the \$2,500 Raymond Fuller Scholarship, and Taegen Harris received the \$2,500 Virginia Fuller Scholarship.

The Top Hand Award, presented by Brodie, Malarie, Kaper and Kaitlyn Harris, went to Kutter Russell, who went above and beyond the make the show a success.

STEERS

American
1st - Crystal Olivarez
2nd - Mark Munoz
3rd - Seth Chaney
British Lightweight
1st - Makaili Reyes
2nd - Berkley Wood
3rd - Landon Strain
4th - Madison Anderson
British Mediumweight
1st - Allison Torres
2nd - Tyler Rivera
3rd - Alexia Rincones
British Heavyweight
1st - Kalynn Hardegree
2nd - Hanna Garcia
3rd - Christopher Olivarez
Exotic
Class 1
1st - Jacob Munoz
2nd - Cole Beckmeyer
3rd - Sarah Andrews
4th - Seth Chaney
5th - Chelsey Lamb
Class 2
1st - William Maddox
2nd - Tanner Strain
3rd - Kalynn Hardegree
4th - Mark Munoz
5th - Kynzie Hardegree

6th - Berkley Wood
Class 3
1st - Mason Maddox
2nd - Alexis Munoz
3rd - Kyler Hardegree
4th - Brittany Edmiston
5th - Landon Smith
6th - Alexis Munoz
Class 4
1st - Mason Maddox
2nd - Donovan Harvey
3rd - Donovan Harvey
4th - Rebecca Campos
Class 5
1st - Tanner Strain
2nd - Sara Roach
3rd - Mason Maddox
4th - John Michael Martinez

Grand Champion - William Maddox
Reserve Grand Champion - Tanner Strain
Junior Grand Showmanship - William Maddox
Junior Reserve Showmanship - Brandon Barkley
Senior Grand Showmanship - Tanner Strain
Senior Reserve Showmanship - Mark Munoz

HEIFERS
1st - Brandon Barkley
2nd - Mason Maddox
3rd - Seth Linam
4th - Donovan Harvey
Grand Champion - Brandon Barkley
Reserve Grand Champion - Mason Maddox
GOATS

Class 1
1st - Nadia Davila
2nd - Kyler Wood
3rd - Jayden Holt
4th - Kash Wood
5th - Josh Salazar
Class 2
1st - Kyler Wood
2nd - Kyler Wood
3rd - Danye Vigil
4th - Carrie Chaney
5th - Josh Salazar
6th - Krystin Northcutt
Class 3
1st - Carrie Chaney
2nd - Carson Mitchell
3rd - Krystin Northcutt
4th - Morgan Hunter
5th - Regan Vasquez
6th - Javier Ventura
Class 4
1st - Nadia Davila
2nd - Zachary Potter

Finewool
1st - Kynzie Hardegree
2nd - Kyler Hardegree
3rd - Kalynn Hardegree
4th - Kalynn Hardegree
Finewool Cross
1st - Kalynn Hardegree
2nd - Kynzie Hardegree
3rd - Kyler Hardegree
Mediumwool Cross
1st - Nadia Davila
2nd - Nadia Davila
3rd - Nadia Davila
Grand Champion Lamb - Kynzie Hardegree
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb - Kyler Hardegree
Senior Grand Showmanship - Kynzie Hardegree
Senior Reserve Showmanship - Kyler Hardegree

LAMBS
SWINE
Berkshire
1st - Brenlye Strain
2nd - Danye Vigil
3rd - Delani Graham
4th - Kutter Russell
5th - Brittany Edmiston
6th - Regan Vasquez
7th - Madison Rivera
8th - Cameron Davidson
9th - Tanner Harmon
Chester
1st - Calvin Spencer
2nd - Brianna Lathers
3rd - Kaymeyer Russell
4th - Kaymeyer Russell
5th - Baylee Raff
Heavyweight
1st - Katherine Munoz

2nd - Bailey Connell
3rd - Skylar Givens
4th - Braylee Stone
5th - Alexia Rincones
6th - Colton Walters
Duroc
Lightweight
1st - Delani Graham
2nd - Skylar Givens
3rd - Reagan Forbes-Hale
4th - Matthew Nixon
5th - Alexander Betts
6th - Kaden Potter
7th - Jayce Komppa
Heavyweight
1st - Braylee Stone
2nd - Dylan McGuire
3rd - Bailee Young
4th - Brianna Lathers
5th - Baylee Raff
6th - Daniel McGuire
7th - Sara Stone
8th - Aiden Sullivan
Hampshire
Lightweight
1st - Patrick Perkin
2nd - Dylan McGuire
3rd - Markis Monroe
4th - Brittany Edmiston
5th - Jay Williams
6th - Alexia Rincones
7th - Reagan Forbes-Hale
8th - Ezra Palmer
Heavyweight
1st - Sara Stone
2nd - Braylee Stone
3rd - Danye Vigil
4th - Zoe Matlock
5th - Brittany Edmiston
6th - Elizabeth Rubio
7th - Parker Matlock
8th - Sebastian Rincones
Spot
Lightweight
1st - Chris Martinez
2nd - Leah Wood
3rd - Alexia Rincones
4th - Abby Yelvington
5th - Bailey Connell
6th - Jayden Holt
Heavyweight
1st - Brenlye Strain
2nd - Jacob Walters
3rd - Jonathan Connell
4th - Regan Vasquez
5th - McKinna Komppa
Yorkshire
Lightweight
1st - Calvin Spencer
2nd - Morgan Munoz
3rd - Conner Holt
4th - Kutter Russell
5th - Jazzlyn DaRay Mendoza

Heavyweight
1st - Brooklea Stone
2nd - Krystin Northcutt
3rd - Delani Graham
4th - Kylee Danielle Matos
5th - Reagan Forbes-Hale
Crossbreed
Class 1
1st - Brenlye Strain
2nd - Daniel McGuire
3rd - Brenlye Strain
4th - Danye Vigil
5th - Dani Perkin
6th - Tanner Harmon
7th - Jonathan Connell
8th - Makenzie Kern
9th - Madison Anderson
Class 2
1st - Calvin Spencer
2nd - Morgan Munoz
3rd - Brooklea Stone
4th - Kaymeyer Russell
5th - Taylor Steckert
6th - Elizabeth Rubio
7th - Gabrielle Schwoerek
8th - Cutter Williams
9th - McKinna Komppa
10th - Jasmin Mendoza
Class 3
1st - Brenlye Strain
2nd - Reagan Forbes-Hale
3rd - Markis Monroe
4th - Katherine Munoz
5th - Brooklea Stone
6th - Kaymeyer Russell
7th - Skylar Givens
8th - Jayce Komppa
9th - Caleb Matos
10th - Kyla Lacefield
11th - Zoe Matlock
12th - Azmen Gardner
Class 4
1st - Delani Graham
2nd - Brittany Edmiston
3rd - Zackory Stone
4th - Kutter Russell
5th - Brittany Edmiston
6th - Kylee Danielle Matos
7th - Brianna Lathers
8th - Kaden Potter

Grand Champion - Calvin Spencer
Reserve Grand Champion - Brooklea Stone
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Senior Grand Showmanship - Delani Graham
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