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## Briefs

**Baseball Fundraiser**
The Colorado High School Baseball program will host a fundraiser soon. Signs will be sold to businesses to be hung on the outfield fence during the 2018 season.
Cost is $150 per sign initially. The $100 fee is what the sponsorship costs, and the extra $50 pays for the sign to be made. If you renew your sponsorship next season, the fee will drop to $100, because the sign will already be made. If you would like a sign for your business or family or for more information, email CHS baseball coach Tino Silva at csilva@ccity.esc14.net.

**Art Exhibitors**
Carolyn Walker's art is displayed this month at FirstBank and Trust. Nathalie Kelley's art is displayed at PR Creative Media. Take this opportunity to go by and view the works of both these talented artists.

**Book Club**
The Mitchell County Public Library will host Book Discussion Club for Adults on Thurs., Jan. 11th from noon to 1 p.m. at the library, located at 340 Oak Street. There's no certain book required. If you're reading something interesting, please attend and join in the discussion.

**Women's Retreat**
It's time for the annual Godly Girlfriends women's retreat, held each year in February. This year's event will be held at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring. The dates are February 23 & 24. Tickets and information are available by going to www.godlygirlfriendsretreats.org.

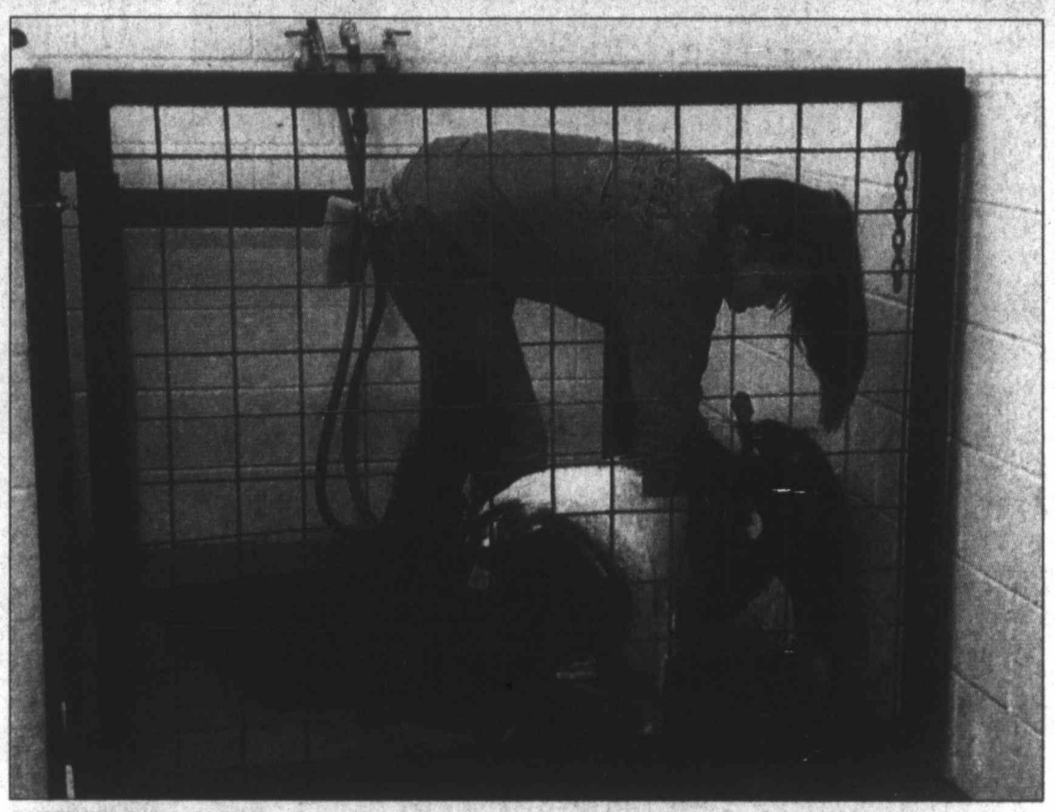
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**PUTTING ON A SHINE** – Colorado FFA member Conley Niblett was seen washing up her pig so she could give it a good clipping in preparation for the 81st Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show coming up this weekend. *Photo courtesy of Jennifer Morris.*

# Rural fire contracts top city, county agendas this week

## COMMISSIONER'S COURT

Rural fire contracts were the main topic of Monday's Mitchell County Commissioners' Court meeting. City Manager David Hoover attended the meeting, and officials from the county and the city vowed to work together to provide whatever is needed for the fire department volunteers to make sure they can fight fires with the knowledge they have insurance, funding and support to do the job.

County Attorney Sterling Burleson discussed the latest version of an interlocal agreement between the city and the county. He said the city provided him a copy, but he didn't recommend commissioners approve anything right away.

Part of the agreement proposed by the city included the county paying for half the salary of a driver and maintenance engineer. It also included language about lost time when city workers have to leave and fight fires.

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## CITY OF COLORADO CITY

The city council discussed and approved an interlocal agreement between the city and the county to provide fire services for all citizens. According to City Manager David Hoover, there are many details that may have to be adressed in the future, but the agreement makes it possible for firefighters and vehicles to stay covered by city insurance.

City officials are under the impression the way the funds are being dispersed may cause the whole arrangement to change. There are no solid answers yet, but approving the agreement was an issue that needed to be resolved before the end of the month.

Hoover said because the county is paying the fire department directly, bypassing the city completely, the volunteer FD may need to become an independent, separate entity. Over the course of the next year, the city attorney and Hoover will be looking into the legalities of the way business is being done now.

The agreement approved by the council will go back before commissioners on Friday.

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# It's stock show time!

The 81st Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show is set to take place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 11th, 12th and 13th. Preparations are being finalized and exhibitors are getting their animals cleaned up and clipped up and ready for the show.

All exhibitors should be aware that they are required to stay after the sale on Saturday and help with returning the ag barn to its original status, which means all the pens and other equipment will have to be taken down and everything cleaned up.

In past years, inmates from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have helped set up and tear down the pens and other hardware it takes to put on the show. The extra help hasn't been available this year, so exhibitors, their parents and other adult leaders have stepped in to make

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# CISD Board of Trustees extends Spencer's contract

After convening in closed session Monday night, Colorado ISD Board of Trustees voted to extend Superintendent Reggy Spencer's contract. Board president Sally Neff made a few comments on behalf of the board.

Neff said Spencer is evaluated using eight indicators: school and organizational climate, personnel management, administration and fiscal/facilities, professional growth development and board-superintendent relations.

"Once again, Mr. Spencer has exceeded the board's expectations on performance and has received an exemplary score," Neff said.

She continued, "The board and Mr. Spencer have set goals and objectives for the district. Mr. Spencer has worked diligently to attain results for CISD. He has far exceeded his responsibilities and accountability for all district operations."

"Thank you, Mr. Spencer, for your continued effort to make Colorado Independent School District successful. You are one of the most concerned, caring and giving superintendents, and we know your first priority and commitment is always for the students and staff at Colorado Independent School District," Neff said.

In other business, the board approved a Resolution of School Trustees Election, an Order of Election and Notice of General Election. Two seats are up for election in May, Place 4 currently held by Sheila Plagens and Place 6, currently held by Henry Reyna.

As part of the election business, the board also approved a resolution to hold the joint election with the City of Colorado City. In Texas, school board elections must be held in conjunction with another entity holding an election.

A lease agreement between CISD and Mitchell County was also approved for the use of electronic voting equipment. Election day will be Saturday, May 5th.

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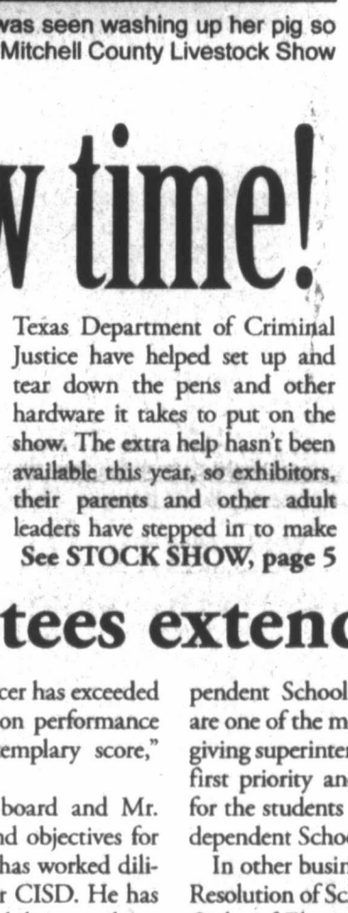
# AWT to locate center in Mitchell County

Atmospheric Water Technology (AWT) and Aid Water Global are working together to bring state-of-the-art technology to the water production game, and Mitchell County citizens and entities will benefit from the latest decision. Joe Rivera, representative of AWT, said Tuesday a decision has been made to locate a distribution center and possibly more here.

Company officials are planning to be in town on January 18th to meet and nail down some of the specifics. Rivera said he's going to leave all the details for them to announce, but it's big news for Colorado City and all of Mitchell County.

Rivera said the overall econo-

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**GIG 'EM** – Jordan Smith, 2017 graduate of CHS, returned to high school last week to talk with students about Texas A&M University. She shared some of her experiences so far and talked about the academics and traditions of A&M.

# Smith returns to CHS to speak to students

Jordan Smith, daughter of Paul and Missy Smith, was an active student during her time at Colorado High School, and now she's a busy undergrad at Texas A&M University. She came back to CHS last week to talk to students about the university and share some of her experiences with them.

Smith acted in One Act Play, performed in three Howl Nite programs, performed with the CHS Band and graduated with honors from CHS. She also managed to graduate with 38 college hours under her belt, so she's technically a sophomore at the university in College Station.

Things haven't slowed down for Smith, as she joined the Corps of Cadets at the college and will be taking 19 hours this spring semester. She is a recipient of a good scholarship that pays the unmet portion of her tuition.

With the award comes great responsibility. Smith must complete 30 college hours per year, with all hours completed in the spring and fall semesters. With 12 hours under her belt, she'll have to take 18 hours to meet the requirements of the scholarship.

She's majoring in International Students and hopes to become a translator after she graduates and work for a corporation, governmental entity or as a diplomat. The major came about when Smith realized she's always wanted to go on a mission trip. Her mom and her brothers, Cadon and Ethan, have traveled abroad on an evangelical mission, so she's looking forward to doing the same.

Smith paid a visit to CHS over the holiday break to share a little bit about A&M with local students and talk about the school she loves. She estimated TAMU had an enrollment of about 70,000 students for the

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# Sharyland customers should see lower bills

Back in July, the announcement was made that Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC with Sharyland Utilities, LP and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services LLC to swap assets. The close of the transaction in the latter part of 2017 means Sharyland customers should see lower electric bills resulting from lower electric delivery charges with Oncor.

All of Sharyland's approximately 54,000 retail distribution customers will now be served by Oncor.

According to an article that ran in *Energy News* in October, the deal will mean significant savings in the delivery component of their electricity bills. Utility

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# LOCAL NEWS



**BUILDING MUSCLES** – Spencer and Melanie Cannon (center, holding scissors) cut the ribbon to officially open their new business, C-City Muscle and Fitness Center on Friday. Clients are already utilizing the center, enjoying the fact that it's available 24-hours per day. Those attending the Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting included: (l-r) Jimbo Morgan, Amanda Jo Ritchey, Janna Ratliff, Gerry Ritchey, Spencer Cannon, Melanie Cannon, Sue Mason, Sherry Dockrey, Jim Dockrey, Susan Anderson, Starla Paschall and Jerry Shields.

## Disciple Now participants to conduct Sunday food drive

Colorado City's youth from First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church will participate in Disciple Now this weekend. They are sponsoring a food and toiletry drive to benefit Loraine ISD, as part of the event.

Students will be blitzing the residential neighborhoods in Colorado City on Sunday, January 14th. They will gather canned foods, snacks and personal hygiene items that can be picked up as needed and/or sent home on the weekend with LISD students who are in need of such items.

Items to be collected include: Easy-prep or no-prep snacks and food, such as ramen noodles, instant mac and cheese cups, crackers, granola/cereal bars, etc; canned goods, such as fruits, vegetables, soups and more; and personal hygiene items, like shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Anyone wishing to donate items should simply put the items on the front porch or their home by 1 p.m. this Sunday afternoon. FBC Youth Minister Lori Dockrey said the youth will be divided up into six small groups and each group will cover only their own zone or territory, in an effort to cover the entire town.

Anyone in Loraine wanting to be part of the event should take their items to the Loraine school office, located at 800 S. Lightfoot.

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# OBITUARIES

## Celia C. Diaz
## 1932-2018



COLORADO CITY – Celia C. Diaz, 85, passed away peacefully at the Hendrick Hospice Center of Abilene on Thursday, January 4th, 2018 with family by her side.

She was born on October 23rd, 1932 to Jose and Ezquel Lujan Carrasco in Colorado City. Celia was a woman with a large heart who always put her family first. Her children and her grandchildren were her world. She had a joyful personality, always smiling and cracking jokes or teasing those that she loved. She was the type of woman who liked to know everybody and to make sure that everybody knew her. Being the woman that she was, she took pride in helping to raise several of her grandchildren when her children needed her assistance for a little while. As a woman with a very large family, it comes as no surprise that she was an amazing cook. Her tortillas were one of her specialties. Other than cooking, Celia enjoyed sewing, watching her soaps and collecting souvenirs. Her warm smile, tender heart and comforting words will be missed by all that knew her.

Celia is survived by her children, Eddie Diaz of Colorado City, Sonny Diaz of Houston, Alice Diaz of Colorado City, Cecelia Diaz of Colorado City, and Delia Diaz also of Colorado City; by 33 grandchildren and by several great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister Sabina Carrasco; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, by her husband, Ernesto Diaz Sr. and by her sons, Frank Diaz, Joe Diaz, Freddie Diaz, Ernesto Diaz Jr, and Alfred Diaz.

A graveside service for Celia will be held on Friday, January 12th at 2 p.m. in the Mitchell County Cemetery. The family will be present for a visitation at Kiker Seale Funeral Home from 12 noon until the time of the service, with a rosary to be performed at 1 p.m.

Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

## Alfonso Vasquez Sr.
## 1942-2018



COLORADO CITY – Alfonso Vasquez Sr., 75, passed away at his home on January 3rd, 2018.

He was born on April 20th, 1942 in Sweetwater and was the son of Ramon and Damiana Contreras. Alfonso was a very private person who loved his faith and his family with all his heart. He worked for many years for TxDOT and people in the area can still see him standing in the GradeAll driving down the road with a big smile on his face. He was the type of man who enjoyed the simple things in life and made sure to enjoy every aspect of his life. Though he was private, he never missed the opportunity to cut up and joke around with just about anyone. No matter how busy his day to day life was, he always made time for his children and grandchildren who he loved with all his heart. In his spare time, he could be seen listening to music, watching music videos from the 1950's to 1960's on YouTube and playing his guitar. Those that knew him know him by a plethora of nicknames such as Fonz, Ponch, Fonzarelli, Yuka, Dad, Grampa, Grampy, and Papi.

He is survived by his mother, Damiana Badillo Contreras of Colorado City; his sons, Luis Vasquez of Colorado City, Alfonso Vasquez Jr. of Wimberly, and Marcos Vasquez of Colorado City; his daughters, Leticia Mitchell of Colorado City and Patricia Vasquez also of Colorado City; and by their mother, Velia Vasquez. Also surviving are his brothers, Martin Badillo of Abilene and Guadalupe Badillo of Arlington; his grandchildren, Kris, Krisha, Kayla, Brittany, Marcos Jr., Matthew, Audie, and Issac; as well as his great-grandchildren, Destyni, Kyrin, Ximena, Kira, Liliana, Zaiden, and Connleigh; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ramon Contreras; his sister, Elida; and his son, Lucio Vasquez.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, January 6th at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Udegbunam officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery. A visitation for Alfonso was held on Friday, January 5th from 6-8 p.m. at Kiker Seale Funeral Home with a rosary performed at 7 p.m.

Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

## Iva Helen Lee
## 1927-2017



WACO – Iva Helen Lee, 90, passed away peacefully at Senior Care of Hewitt on December 15th, 2017. Services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 20th, in the Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel with Rev. Brian Coats officiating.

"Aunt Iva," as she was affectionately known by family and friends, was born in Colorado City. She grew up in Mitchell County and boarded the train for Fort Worth when it was time to start school at TCU. She was the first woman to enroll in TCU's brand new four year aviation program. She received a BA in physics and math, and graduated with honors. Next, she taught for nine years in public schools, including time in Germany at the Army Dependents' School. Other years were spent with Shell Oil in New Orleans, the Atomic Energy Commission in Ames, Iowa, and TRACOR in Austin. Iva then moved to Waco to be near family and spent 23 years with McLennan Community College.

Aunt Iva was very active in retirement with volunteer work for Meals on Wheels, Woods Homeowners Association, Neighborhood Watch, and Waco-McLennan County Library, among others.

Iva was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Biggerstaff Lee; father, James Ralph Lee; and brother, James Rodney Lee.

Surviving Iva are nephews, Ralph Norman Lee and wife, Diana, and James Curtis Lee and wife, Kimberley; niece, Rebecca Lee Maxwell and husband, Bradley; and sister-in-law, Sara Norman Lee.

For those so desiring, the family requests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels at 501 W. Waco Dr, Waco, TX 76707. The family invites you to leave a message or memory on our "Tribute Wall" at www.WHBfamily.com.

## Stuart Alan Yeager
## 1980-2018



MIDLAND – Stuart Alan Yeager, 37, passed away on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018. The family received friends on Monday, January 8th from 5-7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 9th at 10 a.m. at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park, with a reception at The Branch @ npw following.

Stuart was born on June 12th, 1980 to Lynn and Dennis Yeager in Fort Stockton. He moved to Midland in 1992 and grew up involved in the family business. He graduated from Midland High School and played various sports through his senior year. He is a graduate of Texas State Technical College with an Associate of Science degree in Robotics. He was employed with DOWDCO for many years as Production Coordinator, then later served as President for DB Bits & Coring. Stuart was a good samaritan, always helping other people, and he served on a delivery route for Meals on Wheels for several years.

He is survived by children, Hannah Grace and Hudson Stuart; his parents, Dennis and Lynn Yeager of Fredericksburg, his sister and brother-in-law, Autumn and Chad Faucheux of Fredericksburg; nieces and nephew, Ellie, Ava, and Parker.

He is preceded in death by grandparents, Richard and Simone Stewart, and Henry and Virginia Yeager all of Colorado City.

Pallbearers were Lee Bingham, Josh Brown, Austen Campbell, Chad Faucheux, Brian Fralin, Brandon Hill, Casey Riggan, and Keith Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Meals on Wheels.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.




**WE ARE HERE** – Debby Mitchell (right) recently gifted Wallace Senior Center a sign for the building. This should clear any confusion on the location of the center. She's seen here with board president James Williams. *Photo courtesy of Julie Erwin.*

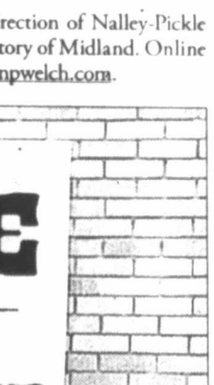
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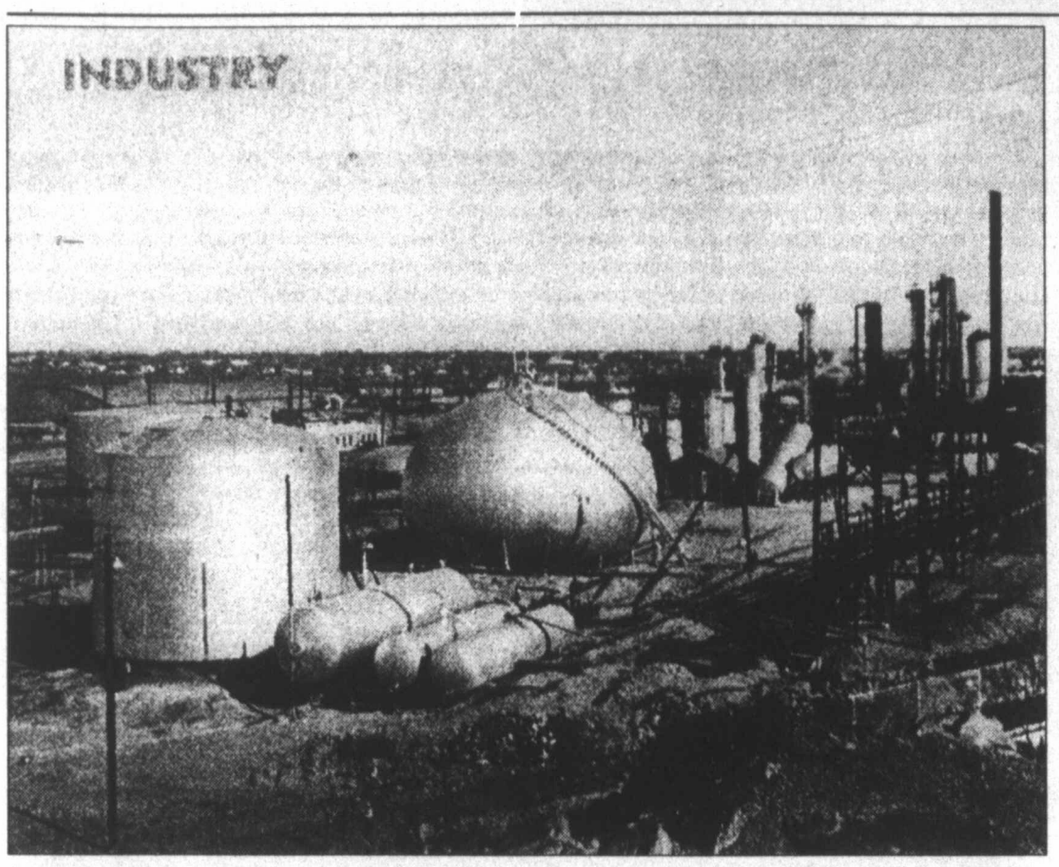
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# LOCAL NEWS




**A LOOK BACK...** Rayanne Carlock shared a few pieces of historical memorabilia with us regarding Mitchell County, and the *Record* staff would like to share them with our readers. This photo was printed in a Chamber of Commerce pamphlet in the early 1960s. The cutline reads, "A diversification of industry brings a stable economy to Colorado City with Texas Electric Service Company's Morgan Creek Power Plant and the Col-Tex Refinery being two major employers for the county. Other basic industries contributing to Colorado City's economy include oil and gas producers, well servicing companies, Colorado City's own Tumbleweed Company, distributing tumbleweed decorations on a nationwide scale, and a number of other small manufacturing companies."

## Welch named TxDOT Abilene, Big Spring Area Engineer

Neil Welch, P.E., has been named TxDOT Abilene's Big Spring Area Engineer. He will oversee construction and maintenance operations for Borden, Howard, Mitchell and Nolan Counties in the agency's Abilene District. Welch's first day with the District was Monday, January 8th.



**SAVING SIM MAN** – MCHD employees practice skills on the sim man (simulation mannequin). Jacob T. Asdown, MSN, RN, Injury Prevention Outreach Coordinate with UMC Health Systems provided valuable hands-on training to MCHD Staff. Here he demonstrates new tunicate techniques to the EMS staff, Jesse Stark, Jordan Ortegon, Let Mitchell, Ava Ramirez and Debbie Dupree. *Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.*

Welch joins TxDOT from the City of Lubbock, where he served as the assistant city engineer since 2013, acting as the streets engineering department head and supervising the ROW department, inspection groups and utility permitting personnel. Prior to this position, Neil was the City's capital projects engineer, responsible for managing the City's design and construction projects.

Welch began his first TxDOT career in 1999 in the Lubbock District Design Office. In 2002 he was named central design engineer and was responsible for overseeing major design projects until he began his work with the City of Lubbock. He received his professional engineer's license in 2003.

Welch fills the opening left by previous Big Spring Area Engineer Matt Evans, P.E., who was named Director of Construction for the San Angelo District. Wayne Ekdahl, P.E., TxDOT Abilene's Director of Construction has been serving as interim Area Engineer.

## Ellis named superintendent at Colorado City State Park; looks forward to new duties

Hometown man Jeff Ellis has been named TPWD Park Superintendent at Lake Colorado City State Park. He, his wife Sandy and their two boys live at the park, and Ellis said he couldn't be any happier with the changes.

A west Texas native, Ellis graduated from Western Texas College with a degree in agriculture and went on to Angelo State University where he graduated with a degree in Animal Science, Range and Wildlife.

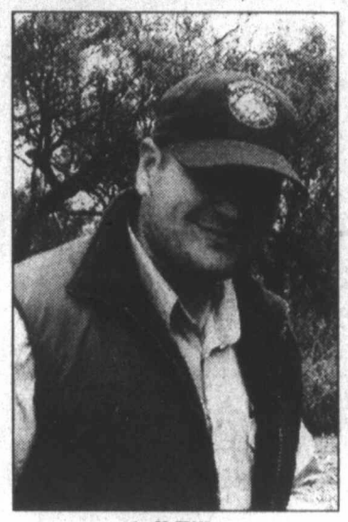
Growing up in this rural area, Ellis developed a love of the outdoors at an early age. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor activities from the time he was a child and that passion continued as a teenager.

Ellis had been in the position of Lead Operations Ranger when Superintendent Kyle O'Haver moved from Colorado City to a state park in Galveston. That's when Ellis began taking over the superintendent's duties.

He interviewed for the superintendent position in mid-December, and he's been anxiously awaiting the news ever since. On Friday, Ellis got the call notifying him he had been promoted to superintendent.

O'Haver started several programs at the local state park which Ellis plans to continue. Kayaking with a Ranger is one such program. It has been popular and successful with the citizens, and Ellis wants to keep it going.

He also has plans for a few new things. Students in the CHS Ag/Wildlife class will be visiting the state park on January 24th to take part in a course called Survival 101. Ellis will be teaching the teenagers certain skills and knowledge required in survival training.



Jeff Ellis

Students from the three county schools will be visiting the park in March to meet the TPWD Buffalo Soldiers. All 3rd through 7th graders will participate in that event. A "fun run" or 5K is something that is being planned at the park as well.

Ellis would like to add a few recreational things to the park as well, such as horseshoes, washer-pitching boxes and basketball goals. There may even be a portable beach volleyball net added in the swimmers' beach area.

Lake Colorado City is at about 42% capacity, so there's plenty of water for swimming, and the boat ramp is still open. Ellis hopes visitors will make a special trip out to the park to see what's new and enjoy nature with a hike, camping and more.


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# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## TUMBLEWEED SMITH
## The new Big Spring

"We're so proud of the way our spring looks now. It's great to see people enjoying it." – Debbie Wegman, Big Spring Visitors Center.

Big Spring resident Aubrey Weaver has a friend who wrote a song about Big Spring and wanted a photo of the city's namesake for the album cover. Aubrey took his friend to the spring and was disappointed in the way it looked. "I was struck by the fact that it was not attractive," says Aubrey. "It did not make a good first impression."

Aubrey, a student of architecture and design, went to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and told Debbie the spring needed some attention. He gave the CVB board a power point presentation. "I pointed out that we should hire the best landscape design firm we could find to make improvements."

Debbie took it to the city council. "Everybody seemed excited about the prospects," says Debbie, who became project manager. The firm chosen to do the renovation was KDC Associates of Midland. Kelly Cook was the architect in charge. "From the beginning we felt a very strong sense of urgency to make sure it was done right," says Kelly. "A lot of spirits inhabit this place and we wanted to honor those."

The cost of making improvements to the spring was just under 2 million dollars, which came from hotel/motel taxes, grants and donations. The area around the spring now has an amphitheater, three overlooks, a pioneer dugout, a large stone and steel patio, and a series of steel monoliths depicting eight time periods. "On those monoliths we did artwork which replicates some of the elements of each period," says Kelly. A tall steel shaft on the amphitheater stage contains names of explorers and others who were historically significant in the development of the city.

A walking path is shaped like a turtle. Debbie says the turtles represented water and good fortune to the Native Americans. Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca first recorded the spring in 1533 and he found Indians living by the spring then. It was the largest body of water in a one hundred mile area. Use of the spring dried it up, but it is flowing once again. Water streams through two ponds before reaching the big body of water. One of the smaller ponds used to be a good swimming hole. "There are three areas where there are waterfalls," says Debbie.

The grand opening of the spring took place last November. Dignitaries made speeches and a Comanche chief performed a blessing ceremony. "To me, it's like an open air cathedral," says Aubrey. "I had a lot of fun going through this process," says Debbie. "It was a lot of work but it was very rewarding. And to see the final outcome was just more than I could have ever imagined." Architect Kelly Cook says it wasn't just a design or construction project. "This one was special." The city council has approved phase two of the renovation, which includes a pavilion and parking area. Something old has become new. The spring is an oasis of calm.

## Stenholm suggesting Non-Partisan Commission on Redistricting for Texas

**Submitted by**
**Charlie Stenholm**
**Former Member of Congress**

As we enter the new year, Congressional approval ratings by party remain at historically low levels. Democrats at 13% and Republicans at 28% according to the current Gallup Poll.

To quote the great Philosopher Yogi Berra "slump, I ain't in no slump, I just ain't hitting". Congress just ain't hitting and unfortunately the same can now be said about our Texas Legislature and for the same reasons.

We are a divided Nation. But that is nothing new. In fact, it has always been an enviable strength. It was estimated that at least 30% of the eligible voters in 1787, when the Constitution was ratified, were opposed to the very creation of the United States of America. But thankfully we had strong leaders who were willing to compromise on their own strongly held beliefs for the greater good. Today compromise means an opponent in your next primary. And minimum action for the greater good of our country.

Again, borrowing heavily from the wisdom of Yogi, "I tell the kids somebody's gotta win, and somebody's gotta lose, just don't fight about it, just try to get better". It is hard to get better politically and legislatively in Texas when most of our races in 2018 will most likely be decided again in the primaries. That means the 28% and 13% will continue to prevail and the 59% who do worry about our nation's debt, struggling education and healthcare systems, disappearance of middle America, and collapsing infrastructure systems will just have to wait another 2 years for a solution. The next Congress will be no better than the current one. Adverse to work (144 days in session) 124 scheduled for 2018, more time spent while in session raising obscene amounts of money for the next election, and absolutely keeping their base (28% and 13%) happy because that's who will vote for them in March.

Fortunately for all Texas voters in 2018 there is a constructive place to begin. And with at least 8 new members from Texas this year now is the time. Let's make this a simple political issue for every candidate. And every one of us can get involved very easily and very positively. I suggest a bill to be offered in the first days of the legislative session beginning January 2019 that creates a Non-Partisan Commission on Redistricting, patterned after the States of Iowa and Arizona that will take effect in the 2020 elections and beyond.

The non-partisan Commission will attempt to follow the following criteria.

1. That they are in compliance with the Constitution of the United States and the voting rights act
2. That they are roughly equal in population
3. That they appear compact and contiguous
4. Communities of interest are respected
5. And that they incorporate visible geographic features, town, city, and county boundaries and undivided census tracts.
6. And they are electorally competitive so long as the aforementioned criteria are satisfied.

Specifically, the Commission must start from scratch and cannot consider the residence of incumbents, candidates, or party voting patterns.

For all voters the question to ask those who ask for our vote for State Representative or Senator is, will you co-sponsor, and vote for such a bill. If not, why not? To those who want to be our representatives in Congress, will you support that legislation in the Legislature? If not, why not? Same question for those who are running for all Statewide offices.

Many of those who drafted the Constitution of the United States of America warned against political parties or as they called them factions. But it was inevitable that like-minded people would join together to influence "their" government to do what "they" wanted under the government formed by that same Constitution.

Our current 2 party system has imploded. The Constitution did not anticipate technology that would allow reapportionment every 10 years, or sooner, to draw boundary lines to protect incumbents and parties in power so creatively. Our country and the State of Texas would be much better served if the best ideas of our two parties would be articulated by their best candidates in November, not in March. Competition in a true marketplace has and will always serve America best.

That marvelous document called the Constitution was carefully constructed to keep the power of government in the people's hands as much as possible. Abolishing gerrymandering is the best place to start returning power to the people. To ALL of those who want to go to Austin to work for the people, support the bill or explain why you won't. This is one issue that could have a positive effect on this years Texas primaries as well as general election, and more importantly, the substance and quality of debate of the 115th Congress and 86th Legislature.

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## POLICE REPORT

On January 1st at 9:38 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of East 16th Street in reference to a stolen vehicle. Information was gathered and a report was later completed.

On January 1st at 6:20 p.m., an officer made contact at a listed address in the 700 block of East 7th Street for a wanted person. The subject was located at the residence and taken into custody. The subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Assault Family Violence w/ Previous Convictions.

On January 3rd at 12:38 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Concho Street for a report of criminal mischief. Information was collected and a report was completed.

On January 3rd at 5:32 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Chestnut Street for a report of a domestic disturbance. Parties were separated and an information report was filed for domestic violence.

On January 4th at 7:07 p.m., an officer took a report from an incarcerated subject at the county jail who reported people told him items were taken from his residence without permission.

On January 5th at 3:07 p.m., an officer was advised of a subject with an active arrest warrant. The officer went to the 500 block of East 14th Street to serve warrant to a 44-year-old female known to reside there. Subject was located and taken into custody without incident.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

**FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK**

Melvin Perry McMillan, Tresa K. McMillan to Michael Lee Owen, Warranty Deed.

Michael Lee Owen to Georgetown Mortgage LLC, Barbara Jones Ttee, Deed Trust.

Michael Lee Owen to Public, Georgetown Mortgage LLC, Affixation Affidavit/Man.

City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay Pres to Curtis Wade Clemmer, Release of Lien/DT.

FirstBank & Trust, Mark A. Waldrip Reg Pres to Alpha Nuevo Inc., Release of Lien/DT.

Thadd Rich dba Double D Cattle Company, Assumed Name.

Sipriano Lopez to Adela Lopez Sanchez Agent, Power of Attorney.

Ethel Rose Wadleigh Ttee, Philomena Hundsnurcher Family Irrevocable Trust to Ethel Rose Wadleigh Ttee, Ethel Rose Wadleigh Survivor's Trust, Warranty Deed.

Sylvia Clanton Tax/Ac, William Kody Hogan, Jenny Rayann Hogan to FNA DZ LLC, Transfer of Tax Lien.

Barbara Carolyn Curtis to Brennand Energy LTD, Mineral and Royalty Deed.

Interlinc Mortgage Services LLC, Marilyn Maple, Charles Merle Maple Jr., Allan B. Polunsky Ttee, Victoria Wolff Vp fka Victoria Bressner Vp to Laura Browder Sub Ttee, Terry Browder Sub Ttee, Stefanie Morgan Sub Ttee et al, Marsha Monroe Sub Ttee, Removal of Ttee &.

Brenda Gay Hammond to Brenda Gay Hammond, Carlton Hammond, Warranty Deed.

Brenda Gay Hammond, Carlton Hammond to Home Point Financial Corp, National Trustee Corp Ttee, Home Equity Security.

Brenda Gay Hammond, Carlton Hammond to Home Point Financial Corp, Home Equity Affidavit &.

Brenda S. Carpenter to Paul Lynn Packwood, Warranty Deed.

Paul Lynn Packwood to Georgetown Mortgage LLC, Barbara Jones Ttee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc "MERS" Beneficiary, Deed of Trust.

Paul Lynn Packwood to Traleeco Steel Structures LLC, Trampus Lee Sole Mbr, Mechanics Lien.

Pride Energy Company, Pride Production Co Gen Ptnr, Matthew L. Pride Pres, Esther Paulsen, Asgmt & Bill of Sale.

Koti S. Lindsey, In Her Shoes Inc dba Vickie's Gifts, Assumed Name.

Joel Selvera dba AS&J Home Remodeling & Service, Assumed Name.

Robert J. Hoback, Cherry Hoback to Andrea N. Burleson, Bill of Sale.

Robert J. Hoback, Cherry Hoback to Brandon J. Hoback, Bill of Sale.

Marlena Rice, Larry Currie to Russell Shane Whitesides, Warranty Deed.

Russell Shane Whitesides to Thomas A. Whitesides, Warranty Deed.

Lupe Rodriguez Auth Agent, Attorney General Office, Aundra George Fulcher to Lydia Ruth, Child Support Lien.

City National Bank to Jessica Vidal, Abstract of Judgment.

City National Bank to Lynn Denton, Abstract of Judgment.

City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay Pres to Darrell L. Carpenter, Brenda S. Carpenter, Release of Lien/DT.

Hannah Wilson dba Keep It Classy Salon, Assumed Name.

Sterling Cattle Co, Jimmy Sterling Pres to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

Chester Kent Berry, Barbara Jean Berry to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

Thomas Ward Thompson to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

Rick Alvarez, Rebecca Alvarez to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

S L Martin Inc, Trent L. Martin Pres to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Easement & R/W.

Nelda Ruth Hestand, Ivey Reid Biggs, David Crowder Sanders Jr., Lorie Jane Sanders Escobar to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Easement & R/W.

Arvil Lindley Smith to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

Louise Feaster, Randall Feaster Att-in-fact to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

Irma Flores to Sunrise Pipeline LLC, Right of Way Easement.

National Bank of Andrews, Ricky Kidd Sr/Vp to Melvin Perry McMillan, Tresa K. McMillan, Release of Lien/DT.

First National Bank, J. Randall Palmore Pres to Gore Oil Company dba Crego Exploration, Release of Lien/DT.

Chad Castillo, Kim Castillo to Capital Farm Credit FLCA, Tommy Henderson Branch Mgr II, Correction Agreement.

Carolyn Boyd Jeter to Public, Lonnie Lee Walraven Deceased, Affidavit of Heirship.

Caleb Henderson to K Lemons Investments LLC, Warranty Deed.

Donald Hugh McLaughlin to Jason Silva Ttee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc "MERS" Beneficiary, Quicken Loans Inc, Deed of Trust.

**FILED IN COUNTY COURT**

Brooklyn Taylor Lowery, Poss Marij < 2 oz, 11-11-2017.

John Gomez, Theft of Serv >=$20<$500, 6-12-17.

Aubrey Miller, Terroristic Threat of Family/Household, 12-13-17.

**ARRESTS**

Ronald Terry Parham, 56, CCPD, Asslt Fam Vio w/Prev, 1-1-18.

Adam Michael Duran, 31, Sterling, Warrant: FTA POM, 1-1-18.

Freddie Theron Peace, 51, MCSO, Asslt Class C, 1-1-18.

Christina Nicole Gutierrez, 34, MCSO, Warrant: Theft by Check, 1-2-18.

Kimberly Dawn Kirby, 36, THP, Warrant: Surety off, 1-2-18.

Matthew Withrow, 37, THP, Viol of Occup DL, 1-3-18.

Alexis Mare Lozano, 23, Crockett, Aband/Danger Child, 1-3-18.

Donald Ray Marsh, 27, MCSO, Warrant: Parole Vio, 1-4-18.

Aubrey Lee Miller, 44, CCPD, Warrant: Terr Threat, 1-5-18.

Manuel Moreno Garza, 49, CCPD, Agg Asslt DW, 1-6-18.

Eric Acosta Arguijo, 22, Game Warden, No Hunting License, No Hunter Safety, 1-6-18.

# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNTY

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Hoover told the court that more than half of the fire calls coming in are not from inside the city limits, so it makes sense for the county to pay for half the salary. The city manager explained that the city is experiencing money issues, citing the closure of the Ware Unit as a big part of the problem.

Talk then turned to insurance coverage for the firemen and for the equipment. Currently, the fire department reimburses the city for the equipment insurance. Court members and County Auditor Heidi Harris said they will research how much it would cost to put firemen from all three departments on workman's comp coverage.

The city council was set to discuss the agreement and possibly take action during the council meeting Tuesday evening. County officials agreed to work together to get all the issues resolved. The court is expected to address the topic again in a called meeting on Friday.

BOED President Woody Anderson and Director Sue Young provided an update regarding the desalination plant. Final adjustments are ongoing at the plant, Anderson said. Work is ongoing on the wind turbine as well, and crews hope to have it completed in six to eight weeks.

All final payments have been withheld until every component of the plan it operational and is functioning properly to produce water. Young said synching of the computers with the Reverse Osmosis system is happening this week and what's lacking is a request for proposals for the maintenance and operations of the plant. She said Burleson is working on that now.

Anderson said that BOED had hired someone to clean up the weeds on the inside of the fencing, and Commissioner Jeremy Strain sent a crew to get rid of the weeds along the outside of the fence line. Anderson requested that a crew be sent to mow and move an old pumpjack sitting on the corner of the property, if possible.

Strain asked what money was left in the budget to make the final payments on the plant. Harris said only $10,000 has been budgeted for the desal plant this year. Any money required above that amount will have to be amended to the budget.

"We are real close to seeing a return on the investment," Anderson assured the court.

Corix Utilities is expected to bid on the RFP to take over operations of the plant.

While Hoover was addressing the court about the interlocal agreement, he added that the desalination plant is going to be an important asset in the future of the county. He said the state water board is going to be conducting a survey on the brackish water in the state.

"It (the plant) will be a big benefit," Hoover said.

## STOCK SHOW

FROM PAGE 1

sure the work gets done.

Another change has been made to the show schedule as well. All donors should be aware that no belt buckles will be awarded until Saturday. Awards, scholarships, champion and showmanship buckles will be presented before the sale begins at 1 p.m.

The change is expected to speed up the show on Friday and make it easier for donors to be photographed with recipients.

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will provide lots of goodies at the concession stand, in an effort to feed the hungry exhibitors, spectators, adult leaders and anyone else making out to the show. Board members and volunteers will be serving breakfast burritos and donuts the morning of the show. Delicious pulled pork sandwiches, nachos, hot dogs, Frito pies and loaded baked potatoes are on the menu for lunch.

Weigh-in starts on Thursday, the show takes place on Friday and awards are presented and the ribbon sale will be held on Saturday next week. On Thursday, January 12th, all animals will be due in the Mitchell County Ag Barn by 4 p.m. and weighing will begin by 5 p.m. The show kicks off bright and early Friday morning, January 13th with the hog show at 8 a.m., followed by goats, lambs, heifers, steers and the Pee-Wee Goat Show.

A buyer's meal will show some hospitality to those who will be coming to donate money to the exhibitors on Saturday. The meal is sponsored by Lonestar Ag Credit in Sweetwater, will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Scholarships and buckles of many types will be awarded around 12:30 p.m., and the ribbon sale is set to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The show barn will be full of activity on Friday, so make plans to come out and see the work these students are doing. Then, come back on Saturday, get your bidder's card and help these kids go to the next show by participating in the ribbon sale.

## AWT

FROM PAGE 1

my will benefit from the creation of jobs and the service of the renewable natural resource of water. Rivera is a business owner and is also on the Board of Economic Development. He said future growth will depend on water.

"Sufficient water is going to be the #1 problem, and the solution will be here," he said.

The centralized location of the county was a major draw for the water company leaders, along with the cheaper cost of investment.

Watch the Record for more details on the deal to come soon.

## UTILITIES

FROM PAGE 1

delivery charges are updated twice a year, March 1st and September 1st, and are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas.

The story said Sharyland delivery charges were $10 per month, plus 7.3846 cents per kilowatt hour, much higher than Oncor's delivery charges of $5.25 per month plus 3.6513 cents per kilowatt hour. Actual savings will vary depending on how much electricity is used.

All Sharyland retail delivery areas are transferring to Oncor. Affected cities include customers around Colorado City, Midland, Big Spring, Stanton, Brady, Celeste, McAllen and Greenville to name a few.

Though the transaction closed in November, local Sharyland delivery customer Mary McMullen said she received notice of the change-over in her latest bill in December. The transition began on December 11th with customers being transitioned in groups daily, based on their monthly scheduled meter reading date occurring between December 11th and January 9th.

All customers should be transitioned by January 9th. Approximately 30 days after the actual transition date, customers will receive their first electric bill calculated with new lower Oncor rates.



**2018 CISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES** – January is School Board Recognition month, and members of the CISD Board of Trustees were honored with some gifts, a catered dinner, and certificates to thank them for their service. They are: (back row, l-r) John Martinez, Henry Reyna, Frank Martinez; (front row) Veronica Boone, Sheila Plagens, Sally Neff and Jamie Alvarez.

## CISD

FROM PAGE 1

A discussion took place about the possibility of appointing some CISD personnel to conceal and carry guns on campus. Spencer brought the topic to the board to see if they would be interested in such, and a couple of the members expressed an interest.

Jamie Alvarez said, "It would be worth looking into for the protection of our kids."

Obviously, those appointed to carry would remain unidentified to students and other personnel for their own safety, and the duty would be voluntary. Right now, it's just an idea and no decisions have been made on the topic.

Spencer said he would contact the Texas Association of School Boards for a sample policy and bring all information back before the board.

A $500 bid by Shawn Gonzalez for property at 203 Riverside was approved. The property formerly belonged to his grandparents and is still adjacent to his family's place.

An interlocal agreement to participate in the 2018-19 West Texas Food Service Cooperative was also approved by the board. The goal of the cooperative is to obtain substantial savings on specified items for member districts through volume purchasing.

When discussion student performance, Spencer said the state has moved STAAR testing dates to May, which means more time to prepare students. The various campuses in CISD are busy scheduling tutorials, bringing in skilled outside help and benchmark testing.

## SMITH

FROM PAGE 1

semester, and life in a bigger place was an adjustment.

While one might think being in the Corps of Cadets would make the adjustment to college life and a big school overwhelming, Smith said it was just the opposite for her. She said the corps acted as a cushion to the adjustment, and she feels like being part of the group with 20 other freshmen provides a sort of safety net with its comradery.

Smith said most of the classes are lecture-style, so the larger class sizes haven't been a problem for her. While her largest class thus far has had about 200 students attending, she also attends classes with about 15-20 students.

In order to be a band member, Smith had to join the Corps of Cadets. The corps began when A&M started, and everyone attending the college was required to join. In the 1960s, the corps began accepting women and people of color and made joining the corps optional. Today, there are 2,500-plus students in the Corps of Cadets and 400-plus in the band.

Physical fitness is a requirement of the Corps of Cadets. Smith has completed the physical demands, such as 19 pushups in two minutes (she can do 33), 46 situps in two minutes (she can do almost 60), and the 1 ½ mile run under 16 minutes, Smith can do it in 11 minutes.

The cadet's day begins with a morning workout and formation. Then, she participates in band practice for two hours each day. She said being in band is a lot of extra work, but the football games are a lot of fun, especially at Kyle Field. She described Midnight Yell practice, an A&M tradition, as a pep rally of sorts allowing students to practice their yells before the game.

"I've really loved it," Smith said.

Smith was eased into the corps. She participated in what is known as the Spend the Night program. She spent two nights with a sophomore cadet who was a drummer like herself.

Fellow CHS alumns Don Guazo and Darian Espinoza are also attending Texas A&M and are housed on the south side of campus. Smith said she sees them once in a while and enjoys reconnecting with them.

She said her time at CHS helped prepare her for college life. She credits the AVID program for helping her with critical thinking, and dual credit classes gave her a head start on a bachelor's degree.

Jordan is definitely not alone at A&M. Her brother Cason is pursuing an engineering degree there, and Ethan is a member of the corps and is working toward a degree in recreation, parks and tourism sciences. All three Smiths are representing Colorado City well in College Station.

## CITY

FROM PAGE 1

missioners on Friday. There have been a lot of questions surrounding the agreement, but both sides have pledged to do whatever is necessary to support the fire department.

"We can make this thing work. We're not gonna leave the fire department hanging out to dry," Hoover said during the meeting.

In other business, voters will get an opportunity to have their voices heard regarding changing the City Charter. The council supports amending the charter to reflect an option to terminate council members missing three meetings over a course of five months.

Another charter amendment was thrown out by the council. Hoover proposed that councilmen be paid $100 per meeting, up to two meetings per month. Councilman Larry Chaney spoke for the whole council when he said he wasn't for that option.

Chaney said he knew he was volunteering his time when he agreed to be a councilman, and he thinks it should stay that way. Currently, council members are paid $10 per meeting, minus taxes.

Three seats on the council are up for election in May, District 3, currently held by Marcelo Alvarez, District 4 held by Travis Lynch and District 6 held by Andrew Fuller.

Lynch stated his intention to run for re-election. Though he was not present for the meeting, Fuller has expressed his intention not to run again.

Creation of an MDD had to be tabled. The city attorney will be checking the legalities of the district extending beyond city limits into the city's extra territorial jurisdiction.


SHOWING THIS WEEKEND

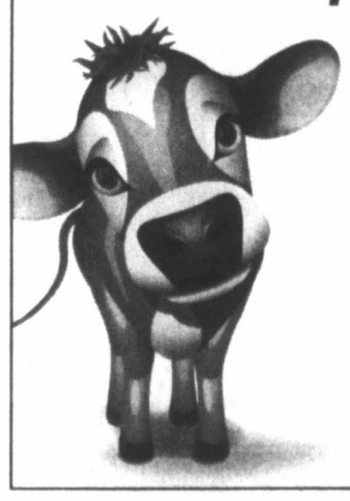
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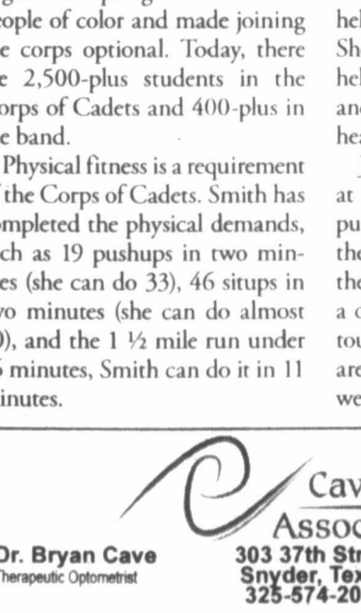
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| Thursday | All animals in the barn by 4 p.m. | |
| | Weighing will begin by 5 p.m. | |
| Friday | Show starts at 8 a.m. in this order: | |
| | Hogs | |
| | Goats | |
| | Lambs | |
| | Heifers | |
| | Steers | |
| | Pee Wee Goat Show | |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. | Premium Sale Set-up |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Buyer's Meal Sponsored by Lonestar Ag Credit, Sweetwater |
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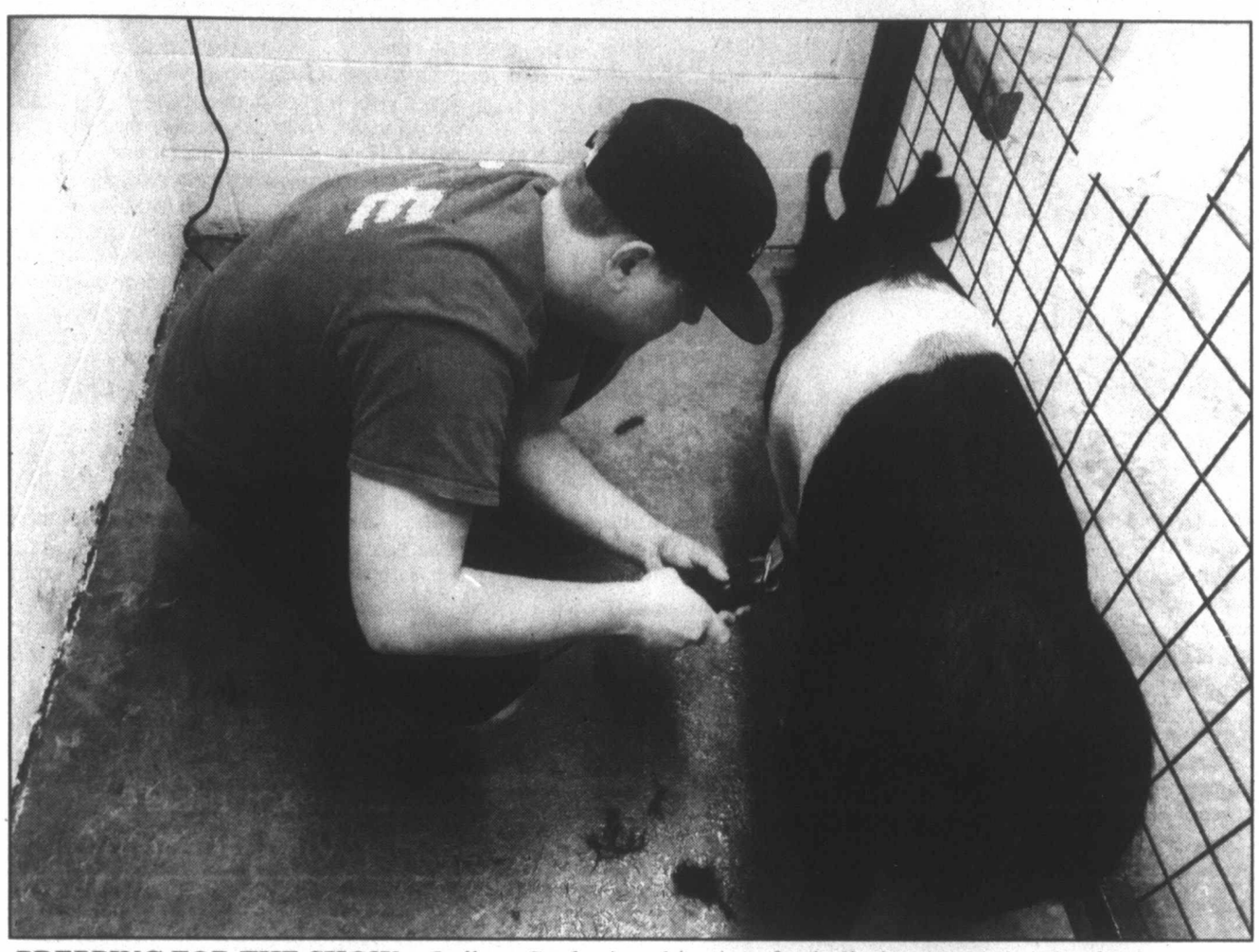
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# Thursday, Friday & Saturday January 11, 12, & 13



**PREPPING FOR THE SHOW** – Quilton Cook gives his pig a final clip in preparation for the 81st Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show. Action in the show ring begins Friday, January 12th, with awards and the sale taking place on Saturday, January 13th. *Photo courtesy of Jennifer Morris.*

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## German transfer student enjoying student life at CHS

Mia Wellmann is a new student at Colorado High School. She moved here a couple of weeks ago, which might not seem all that unique. But, Wellmann comes to CHS from Germany.

The sophomore moved to Mitchell County from a town by the name of Bramsche in the Lower Saxony part of Germany. She's living with the Tate family who reside on the Purvis Ranch, and Wellmann couldn't be more happy about that.

In an interview last week, the teenager said the best part of coming to America is getting to live on a ranch. She was excited to say she rode a horse for the first time and is enjoying every part of ranch life.

Wellmann is the perfect fit for an exchange student program, as she enjoys experiencing new things. She said she wasn't afraid to make the trip by herself, and she's finding the people here friendly and helpful. She views the experience as a chance to work on her English.

While Wellmann speaks English fluently, she's glad to get the chance to polish up a bit. She said the most difficult part of living in rural West Texas is understanding the accent, or as some have called it, the Texas drawl. The Tates are fairly new to the area as well, coming from Arizona, they don't have the Texas drawl, so every day is a challenge for Wellman.

The student will be here for the next five months to finish out the high school semester. When she returns to Germany, she will enter the school she came from as an 11th grader in the fall. She said her school back home has 13 grades, 12 of which must be completed before attending "university."

Wellmann said German kids share all classes with the same 20 to 25 students throughout school. The classes are not the same, but her classmates are the same year after year. Bramsche is a town with a population of about 30,000.

When asked about the biggest differences between the two countries, Wellmann said the food here is very different from what she's used to eating. She's not used to eating meat at every meal, and she said there are a lot more fruits and vegetables in German meals.

There's been no shortage of students willing to help Wellmann find her classes, and as expected, she's getting used to the hometown hospitality. Welcome to Colorado City, Mia!



**VISITING COLORADO CITY, USA** – Mia Wellmann is a foreign exchange student visiting from Germany. She is staying with the Tate family on the Purvis Ranch, taking in all the rural Texas experiences she possibly can while she's here.



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** – These students were named Students of the Week at Colorado Middle School. They are: (l-r) Bryson Moore (3rd grade), Jordan Raschke (7th grade), Jaxon Hammond (5th grade), Jaiden Gonzales (3rd grade) and Anjelina Goodney (5th grade). Not pictured is Strain (7th grade). *Photo courtesy of LeeAnn Roach.*



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** – These Colorado Middle School students have been chosen as Students of the Week. They are: (l-r) Jazmyne Hernandez, 8th grade; Zoe Cigarroa, 4th grade; Addison Espinoza, 6th grade; Irfan Chowdhury; Curtis Bennett, 4th grade; and Juan Lopez, 6th grade. *Photo courtesy of LeeAnn Roach.*

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## SCHOOL MENUS

**Loraine ISD**
**Breakfast Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – No School

Tuesday – cheese omelet, toast, strudel, cheese stick, fruit, milk and juice

Wednesday – waffles and sausage, cereal, toast, fruit, milk and juice

Thursday – breakfast pizza, cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, milk and juice

Friday – donut, sausage, muffin, yogurt, fruit, milk and juice

**Loraine ISD**
**Lunch Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – No School

Tuesday – ham and cheese sandwich, Frito pie, veggie cup, charro beans, apple-pineapple delight, milk

Wednesday – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, Tuscan vegetables, roll, pears, milk

Thursday – ham and cheese sandwich, cheeseburger, oven fries, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

Friday – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chicken parmesan, salad, bread stick, green beans, pineapple, milk

**Colorado ISD**
**Breakfast Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – No School

Tuesday – cheese omelet or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Wednesday – waffles, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Thursday – breakfast pizza or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Friday – donut holes*** or French toast, dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

***indicates not allowed for Pre-K

**Colorado ISD**
**Head Start/Pre-K**
**Lunch Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – No School

Tuesday – Frito pie, fresh sliced vegetables, charro beans, lettuce/tomato garnish, sliced fruit, milk

Wednesday – lasagna, mashed potatoes, garden salad, pears, milk

Thursday – pulled pork sliders, coleslaw, green beans, chilled pineapple, milk

Friday – hot dog, oven fries, carrots, orange smiles, milk

**Colorado ISD**
**Elementary/Middle School**
**Lunch Menu**
**High School/Wallace Lunch Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – No School

Tuesday – crispy tacos or Frito pie, Spanish rice, fresh veggie cup, charro beans, salsa, apple/pineapple delight, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Wednesday – lasagna or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, Tuscan vegetables, roll, pears, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Thursday – pulled pork sliders, or chicken parmesan, multigrain chips, bread sticks, savory green beans, chilled pineapple, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Friday – cheeseburger or hot dog, garnish, oven fries, baby carrots, orange smiles, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

***Chilled fruit juice served only to CHS

**Westbrook ISD**
**Breakfast Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – cheese toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, fresh fruit, juice and milk

Tuesday – waffles with syrup, bacon, cereal, fresh fruit, juice and milk

Wednesday – scrambled eggs, biscuit, gravy, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and milk

Thursday – breakfast club (egg, cheese, ham, bacon on a pancake), fresh fruit, juice and milk

Friday – cinnamon roll, bacon, cereal, fresh fruit, juice and milk

**Westbrook ISD**
**Lunch Menu**
**Jan. 15 – Jan. 19**

Monday – Elementary-pizza, Jr. High and High School-meatball sub, corn, side salad, salad bar, apple cobbler, milk

Tuesday – Salisbury steak, brown gravy, carrots, scalloped potatoes, banana pudding, salad bar, milk

Wednesday – taco salad bowl with the fixings, charro beans, Spanish rice, side salad, sheet cake, salad bar, milk

Thursday – chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, side salad, chocolate pudding, salad bar, milk

Friday – beef stew, grilled cheese sandwich, side salad, cookie, salad bar, milk

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# SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS



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# CHS color guard members perform at Citrus Bowl

Two members of the Colorado High School Color Guard got the opportunity of a lifetime recently! Dillon Adkins and Esmeralda Carlos got to perform on national TV at the Citrus Bowl with the All-American Half-Time Show in Orlando, Florida on New Year's Day.

Adkins performed on the right side 40-yard line in the front of the field, and Carlos performed near the goal post on the left side. Both of them could be seen on TV.

A little over a minute of the six-minute half-time show was aired on ABC. The part of the show televised was with the Celebration Choir. The choir sang *I Need a Hero* while First Responders were positioned in front of them. The All-American group featured several hundred color guard members, cheerleaders and twirlers from all over the United States, performing with the choir.

Adkins and Carlos received an invitation to attend the All-American Half-Time Show during the past summer when they attended Flag & Drum Major Camp at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. The trip included time at Disney World and Universal Studios also.

"It was so exciting to see our Colorado High School Band kids on national television," Band Director Sam Hale said.

Appreciation goes to the students' parents, who paid for most of their trip, and to the Band Boosters who helped out with the entry fee.



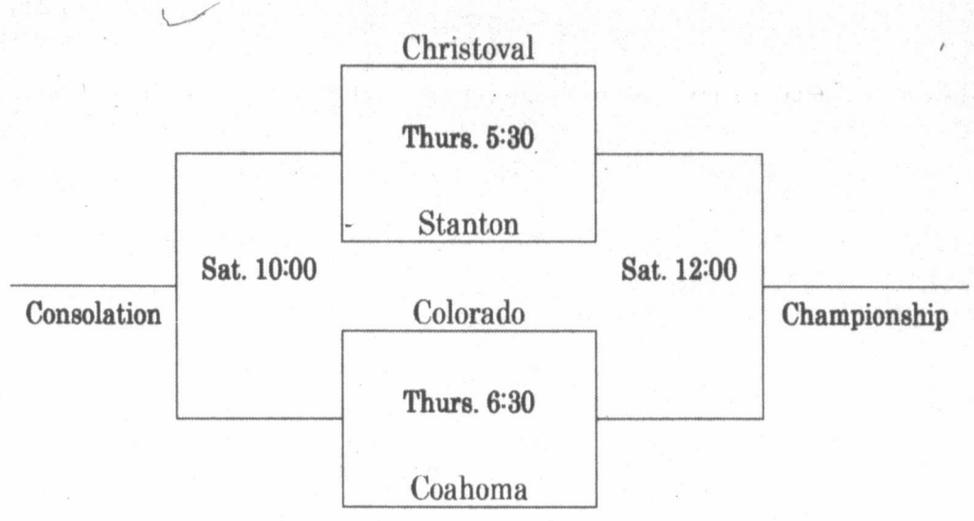
**A DREAM COME TRUE** – Esmeralda Carlos (left) and Dillon Adkins performed on national television at the Citrus Bowl with the All-American Half-Time Show on New Year's Day. The parents of the two students paid for most of the trip with the CHS Band Boosters kicking in the entry fee. *Photo courtesy of Sam Hale.*

## Basketball tourney to be held here

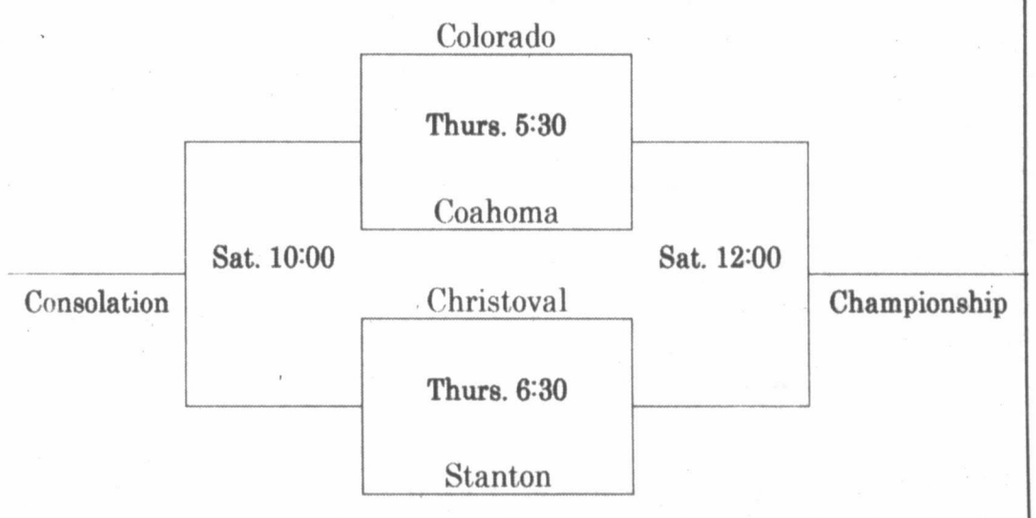
Colorado Middle School is hosting a middle school basketball tournament to be held Thursday and Saturday.

The 7th grade games will be held in the middle school gym, while the 8th graders will play in the new CHS gym.

### 7th Grade Boys




### 8th Grade Boys






**A NATURAL TALENT** – Lexi Haag, senior at CHS, has a natural talent for art. She's been taking lessons from Carolyn Walker and has been impressing art teach Mitzi Bell with her paintings all year. She enjoys working with acrylics the most, but her watercolor painting of a wolf face reflected on the water is exceptional. Mr. Merrell, principal, plans to hang student art down one of the hallways at the school, and Haag's painting will be one of the first to go up.

# CMS boys sweep games against Coahoma Monday

The Colorado City 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball teams traveled to Coahoma on Monday, January 8th for a district contest vs. the Bulldogs. The Wolves swept the Bulldogs in the three contests for the evening.

The 7th grade Wolves won 36-11. Aiden Briseno and Jeff Fox led the team offensively, both scoring 14 points. Jordan Raschke and Jacob Deen each scored 3 points and Caleb Shields was good for 2.

The 8th grade B team shut out the Bulldogs 31-0. Arian Emerson had 8 points for the Wolves, while Andrew Gonzalez scored 7 and Nick Boyd scored 6. Cameron Harris and Caleb Correa each scored 4 points, and Karson Martin scored 2.

The 8th grade A team continued its winning streak, beating the Bulldogs 50-18. The win improves their record to 5-0 in district. Chris Green had an outstanding offensive performance, scoring 21 points in the contest. Jaxson Phariss also scored in double-digits with 11 points. Will Maddox scored 8, Oscar Vasquez was good for 6, Chris Ortiz scored 3 and J.C. Rodriquez was good on a free throw.

The 7th grade boys are 3-2 in district, and the 8th grade B team is 3-1-1.

The 8th grade A team and 7th grade team will be back on the court for a tournament at home this Thursday, January 11th and Saturday, January 13th in Colorado City. The 7th graders will play in the middle school gym and the 8th graders will play in the new multi-purpose gym.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017**

| Data Control Codes | | 10 General Fund | Head Start | 50 Debt Service Fund | Other Funds | 98 Total Governmental Funds |
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| | **REVENUES** | | | | | |
| 5700 | Local and intermediate sources | $ 5,195,404 | $ | $ 1,784,837 | $ 138,714 | $ 7,118,955 |
| 5800 | State program revenues | 5,283,021 | | 39,630 | 34,454 | 5,357,105 |
| 5900 | Federal program revenues | 128,471 | 479,481 | | 1,655,628 | 2,263,580 |
| 5020 | Total Revenues | 10,606,896 | 479,481 | 1,824,467 | 1,828,796 | 14,739,640 |
| | **EXPENDITURES** | | | | | |
| | Current: | | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 4,616,070 | 218,821 | | 879,538 | 5,714,429 |
| 0012 | Instructional resources & media services | 83,767 | | | | 83,767 |
| 0013 | Curriculum & instructional staff development | 89,387 | 943 | | 121,220 | 211,550 |
| 0021 | Instructional leadership | 306,717 | | | 138,954 | 445,671 |
| 0023 | School leadership | 465,409 | | | 11,830 | 477,239 |
| 0031 | Guidance, counseling, & evaluation services | 235,753 | | | 105,441 | 341,194 |
| 0032 | Social work services | | 51,150 | | | 51,150 |
| 0033 | Health services | 50,747 | | | | 50,747 |
| 0034 | Student (pupil) transportation | 168,831 | | | 37,558 | 206,389 |
| 0035 | Food service | 5,833 | | | 644,250 | 650,083 |
| 0036 | Extracurricular activities | 698,476 | 234 | | 10,240 | 708,950 |
| 0041 | General administration | 370,201 | | | 3,172 | 373,373 |
| 0051 | Facilities maintenance and operations | 1,358,694 | 195,500 | | 629 | 1,554,823 |
| 0052 | Security and monitoring services | 13,328 | | | | 13,328 |
| 0053 | Data processing services | 236,928 | | | | 236,928 |
| 0061 | Community services | 927 | 12,833 | | | 13,760 |
| 0071 | Debt service - principal on long term debt | 339,543 | | 385,000 | | 724,543 |
| 0072 | Debt service - interest on long term debt | 55,433 | | 1,320,547 | | 1,375,980 |
| 0081 | Facilities acquisition & construction | 1,726,430 | | | 1,334,609 | 3,061,039 |
| 0093 | Payments to fiscal agent/member districts of SSA | 136,783 | | | | 136,783 |
| 0099 | Other intergovernmental charges | 130,313 | | | | 130,313 |
| 6030 | Total Expenditures | 11,089,570 | 479,481 | 1,705,547 | 3,287,441 | 16,562,039 |
| 1100 | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (482,674) | | 118,920 | (1,458,645) | (1,822,399) |
| | **OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)** | | | | | |
| 7915 | Transfer in | | | | 87,485 | 87,485 |
| 7949 | Other resources | 33,711 | | | | 33,711 |
| 8911 | Transfer out | (87,485) | | | | (87,485) |
| 8949 | Other uses | (34,285) | | | | (34,285) |
| 7080 | Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses) | (86,059) | | | 87,485 | 1,426 |
| 1200 | Net Change in Fund Balances | (568,733) | | 118,920 | (1,371,160) | (1,820,973) |
| 0100 | Fund Balance - Beginning | 8,407,374 | | 398,048 | 1,416,618 | 10,222,040 |
| 3000 | Fund Balance - Ending | $ 7,838,641 | $ | $ 516,968 | $ 45,458 | $ 8,401,067 |

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:
c/o Ty J. Wood
Sandra Rae Sheets
249 Walnut Street
Colorado City, Texas 79512
DATED the 4th day of January, 2018.
Ty J. Wood
Attorney for Sandra Rae Sheets
State Bar No. 24056779
249 Walnut Street
Colorado City, Texas 79512
325-728-8400 / 325-728-8101 (fax)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joy Ward Dockrey, Deceased, were issued on December 11th, 2017, in Cause No. 5449, pending in the County Court of Mitchell County, Texas, to Richard A. Bowman.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:
c/o Ty J. Wood
Richard A. Bowman
249 Walnut Street
Colorado City, Texas 79512
DATED the 4th day of January, 2018.
Ty J. Wood
Attorney for Richard A. Bowman
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## GARAGE SALES

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Saturday, Jan. 13th
8 a.m. - ?
Bookshelves, computer desk, wall shelf, craft items, sheets, Christmas tree and decorations, junior jeans and clothing, misc.

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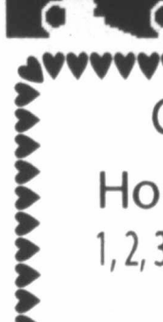
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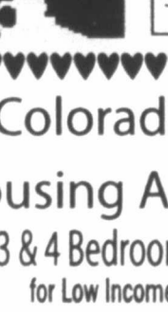
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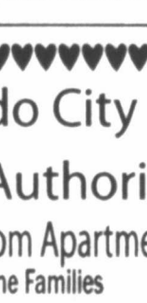
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Hardegree wins first place at Fashion Revue

Mitchell County 4-H member, Kynzie Hardegree, won first place in the Purchased category of the Fashion Revue contest at the 98th Annual Western National Roundup in Denver. She qualified for the competition by winning the Natural Fiber: Cotton category of the Fashion Show contest at Texas 4-H Roundup in June.

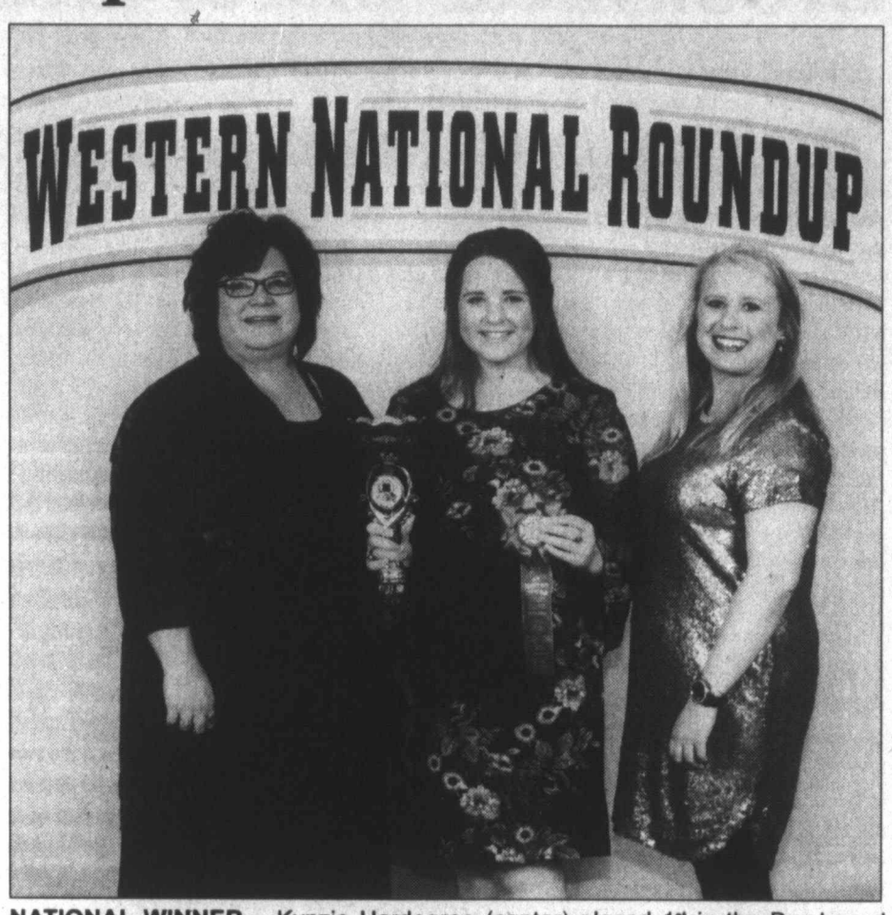
Kynzie is the daughter of George and Tammy Hardegree. She has been a member of Mitchell County 4-H for nine years and has been involved in the Clothing and Textiles project for all nine years. She competed against girls from Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming, Utah, and Florida. Judging was based off a presentation, interview, and modeling.

Kynzie said, "representing Mitchell County and Texas 4-H at the Western National Roundup was such an honor. Advancing to national competition has been a goal since I became a senior 4-H member. I greatly appreciate those who encouraged me and donated money for my travel expenses. I feel truly blessed with a supportive community."

Western National Roundup provides a place for youth to compete nationally while encouraging teamwork and self-confidence, and while focusing on the 4-H Mission Mandates: Science, Engineering, Technology, Mathematics, Healthy Living and Citizenship.

Each participating youth and adult participates in one or more contests and/or workshops. While each attendee receives a souvenir commemorating their time at Western National Roundup, individual and team excellence is rewarded at an award brunch and ceremony, building personal pride and reinforcing the benefits of setting goals. Leadership is developed at these events by encouraging decision-making and teamwork skills, critical thinking, and independence. Healthy Living is demonstrated at the workshops, the dances, the educational tours, and through the lifestyle that is shown through each contest.

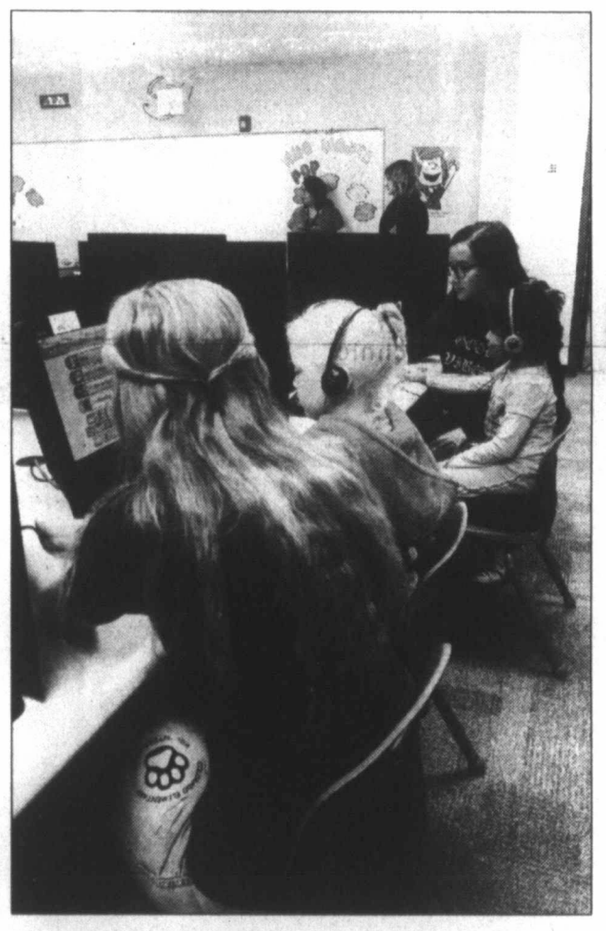
Educational tours and entertainment provide service learning and community-based learning opportunities, focusing on the importance of each youth's citizenship within his or her team, community, and nation.




**NATIONAL WINNER** – Kynzie Hardegree (center) placed 1st in the Purchased category of the Fashion Revue contest at the 4-H Western National Roundup in Denver. She qualified for the competition by winning at the state roundup in June. She is pictured here with her mom, Tammy Hardegree (left) and Extension Agent Audra Graves. *Photo courtesy of Graves.*



**DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?** The fact there's no snow in West Texas didn't stop the kindergarteners at Colorado Elementary from building one. They made snowmen out of butcher paper and decorated them. Students are: (back row, l-r) Giselle Martinez, Makayla Bustamante, Nevin Wilkins, Samantha Hernandez, Kazlynn Garcia, Riley Arellano; (front row) Remington McGuire, Ayden Dominguez, Jeremiah Boyd and Julian Ybarra. *Photo courtesy of Natalie Hastey.*



**IT TAKES A VILLAGE** – Studies show that younger students benefit from the help of older students, and that's just what's going on at Colorado Elementary School. (Front to back) Colorado High student Trinity Douglas helps Dakota Wilburn and Galilea Lara gets help from Emily DuCasse. *Photo courtesy of Melinda Alexander.*

## CHS baseball field signage available to businesses

The Colorado High School Baseball program is getting ready to kick off the season, and they will host a fundraiser soon. Signs will be sold to businesses to be hung on the outfield fence during the 2018 season.

Cost is $150 per sign initially. The $100 fee is what the sponsorship costs, and the extra $50 pays for the sign to be made. If you renew your sponsorship next season, the fee will drop to $100, because the sign will already be made.

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**NEW! 1330 LCR 248** - 2/2 lake cabin, beautiful view, w/10 acres.
**NEW! 758 CR 157** - Updated 2 bd/1 bath, 2 barns, 3+/- acres.
**NEW! 905 LCR 311** - 3/2 move in ready home, water is rising!
**REDUCED! 6242 FM 644** - Rock house with 3 bed/1 bath on 21.4 acres.
**REDUCED! 1163 Register Road** - Private Lg 3/2 lake front, boat dock in water, boat ramp.
**REDUCED! 1345 Pine** - 3bd/1 bath, corner lot, shop, nice kitchen
**REDUCED! 941 LCR 311** - 2/2 beautiful lake front, own boat ramp
**REDUCED! 149 W. 11th** - Large 3/2 w/2 living areas & 2 fireplaces
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Brookshear shares ideas for MDD

Bob Brookshear is playing an integral part in the inception of a Municipal Development District (MDD). He talked to his fellow Lions last Friday about the possibility of the city founding such a program and what it would mean to Colorado City.

Before talking about an MDD, Brookshear shared a few words about himself. The Brookshears, Bob and Marilyn, moved to Colorado City from Beaumont. It was there Bob spent 17 years at Gulf States Utilities in Beaumont. The utility company provided electricity from Somerville, a city northwest of Houston to a location 60 miles east of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Brookshear spent seven years in the Corporate Planning Department estimating electricity consumption in residential, commercial and industrial sectors. The department worked on 30-year planning cycles, estimating the demand for electricity in 30 years and how to supply it. Brookshear has a background in planning for the future, and helping with the MDD fits his experience.

The owner of Mitchell County Abstract touched on the need for economic development in and around Colorado City. He said that everything changes over time, and nothing is static. He proposed a couple of rhetorical questions, "Do we want to improve, modernize and grow into a Sweetwater, Snyder or Big Spring? Or do we want to decay into a Dunn?"

Brookshear shares a point of view with many others, in that he believes in managing, improving and growing Colorado City through the change that's inevitable. The question is, "How? And what tools are available?"

The Texas Legislature has provided three tools for cities to provide direction through growth: Economic Development Corporation Type A, Economic Development Corporation Type B and a Municipal Development District (MDD). The latter is a governmental entity created by the city. An MDD can draw businesses to the city and can also draw industries to be located in the city's extra-territorial jurisdiction just outside the city limits.

If the city council decides to implement any of the three options, the citizens of the City of Colorado City will have their chance to vote on it in May. During last month's council meeting, all three options were discussed. It appeared the councilmen were leaning toward an MDD.

By statute, funding for the MDD would come from sales tax revenues, not property taxes. The amount would be locally determined in May and currently proposed as one-eighth of a half of one percent of the city's gross sales tax revenue. It amounts to about $4,000 per month at current retail sales levels.

"Initial efforts will need to be broad in nature. They are interrelated. We need population, suitable housing (single family, duplexes and apartments) and skilled jobs," Brookshear said.

He went on to remind those attending that there's nothing to prevent cooperation between the county's Board of Economic Development and the city's MDD, except attitude.

"We can work our individual projects, but where a joint effort will increase efficiency, we should work together," Brookshear said. "After all, improvements in the city are also improvements in the county."

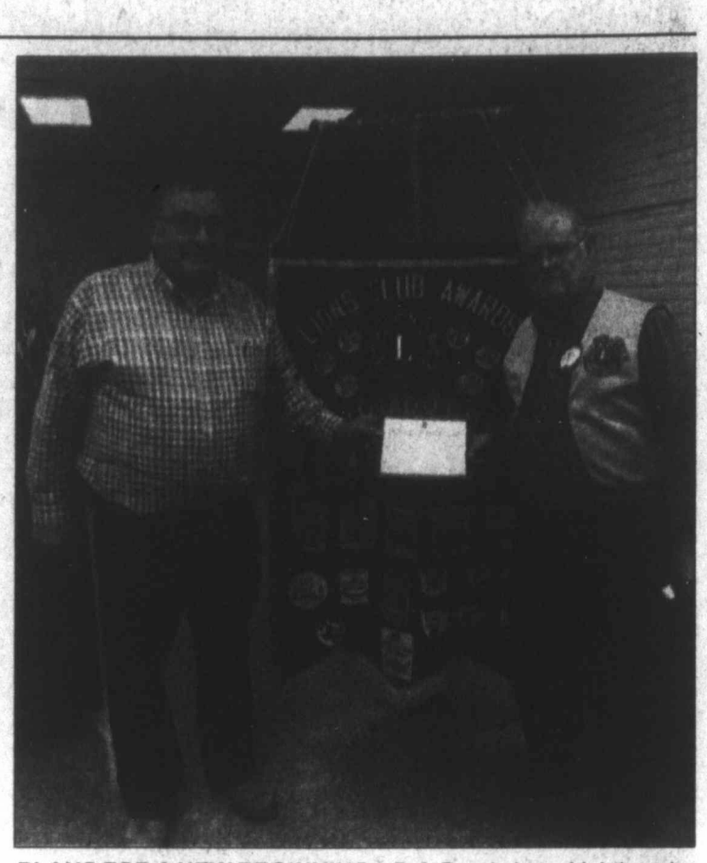
Brookshear went over a variety of ways to draw businesses, such as participating in trade shows where potential clients are present, attending and hosting MDD conferences, visiting with other MDDs in Texas to learn, identifying and contacting target industry publications and information centers, promoting the city through the newspaper, radio station, Main Street and others.

Citizen input would also be important in running a successful MDD. All suggestions may be reviewed, analyzed, and prioritized. "The key is keeping the public informed to the extent possible," Brookshear said.

He said if the council approves the creation in May, an MDD may be started in September. He thinks results could begin to be seen by late December 2018 or January 2019.

Brookshear said the objective of an MDD would be to improve the economic well-being and quality of life within Colorado City the surrounding area just outside the city limits by creating and/or retaining jobs and supporting or growing incomes and the tax base.

What do you want Colorado City to be in five, 10, 20 or 30 years from now?



**PLANS FOR A NEW BEGINNING** – Bob Brookshear (right) spoke to fellow Lions during the weekly meeting on Friday. He talked about the possibility of the city starting a Municipal Development District. The city council is expected to approve the launch of a new entity whose main focus is to draw development to Colorado City. Brookshear is pictured with City Manager David Hoover.



Regene "Gene" Paredez

## Paredez named the MCHD employee of the month

**By Audra Hoback, MCHD Marketing Director/Grant Writer**

Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Regene "Gene" Paredez as the January Employee of the Month. Paredez has worked at MCHD for one year in the rural health clinic, Family Medical Associates.

Paredez is praised by her co-workers saying, "Gene is constant in everything she does; kind, hardworking and helpful. She works well with everyone. She is always smiling and willing to help co-workers, patients or their families. She is a joy to work with."

"I truly love working at MCHD with such fabulous employees that have become dear friends. I am so honored and humbled to have been selected Employee of the Month. This recognition means a lot to me," said Paredez.

# WALLACE CENTER NEWS

Things are looking a little different outside the Wallace Senior Center this week. Thanks to one of the entertainers, Debby Mitchell, the center has a new sign for the building, making it easier for seniors to see where the center is located. James Williams and his crew were happy to get it installed.

Wallace Senior Center, 312 East 12th Street, is open three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as a meeting place for the senior citizens of Mitchell County. In addition to the meals, the center has many things designed to keep everyone entertained.

A jigsaw puzzle is always being worked on and a fun and competitive game of Farkle are among other activities enjoyed at the center. There is also a full library, exercise machines, card games, and jigsaw puzzles. Kindred at Home has a blood pressure clinic every Tuesday 11 am until noon and sponsors Bingo games the first and third Thursdays of each month.

The center opens at 9 am and closes at 2 pm. The exercise area is open from 4 to 6 pm Monday through Friday. Meals are served at noon at a cost of $6.00.

The following will be served at the Young at Heart Café.

Wednesday, Jan. 10th – Chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla chips, pears

Thursday, Jan. 11th – Hamburgers, baked beans, French fries, lettuce/tomato, jello

Tuesday, Jan. 16th – Chicken fried steak, French fries, gravy, corn, pudding

Wednesday, Jan. 17th – Taco salad, beans, lettuce tomato salad, cheese, salsa, melon medley

Thursday, Jan. 18th – Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, lettuce/tomato salad, cherry crisp

Everyone is welcome to come join the fun and enjoy a great meal.

## Student nominations sought for CISD gifted, talented program; nominations due January 22nd

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, and nominations are being accepted.

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.

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*Limited time offer. Minimum opening deposit of $10,000 required. Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 01/08/2018. Fixed 1.75% APY applies to Certificates of Deposit (CD) with a minimum balance of $1,000 and less than $245,000 per account. The APY reflects the total amount of interest earned based on the interest rate and frequency of compounding for a 365-day period. CD term is 30 months. Penalty for early withdrawal. The interest will be compounded and credited to your account quarterly. Fees may reduce earnings on the account.

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## CITY OF COLORADO CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

## MAY 5, 2018

A General Election will be held on May 5, 2018 to elect three (3) Council Members for positions in District #3, District #4, and District #6 for two year terms.

Filing will be held from January 17, 2018 through February 16, 2018. 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