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Q. What are the top ten New Year's resolutions?

A. Many of these will come as no surprise. The top ten resolutions are: lose weight, eat more healthily, exercise more, stop smoking, stick to a budget, save money, get more organized, be more patient, find a better job and to just be a better person.

Briefs

Garden Club

The Colorado City Garden Club will meet in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church for a catered luncheon by Roxie Strain on Friday, January 5th at 11:30 a.m. Wilma Reynolds will present the program "Colorado City Garden Club History." Guests are welcome to attend. Please call or text Georgia Harris at (704) 467-6246 before December 30th for a reservation.

Back to School

Colorado ISD classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd while Loraine ISD and Westbrook ISD are scheduled to resume on Tuesday, Jan. 9th.

Varmint Hunt

Save the date! The Lone Wolf 4-H Club is planning a varmint hunt for March 10, 2018. Registration opens February 5th. For more information, visit the website mitchell.agrilife.org or call the extension office at 325-728-3111.

First Hike

Lake Colorado City State Park staff hopes everyone will come out and participate in the First Day Hike on January 1, 2018. Hikers will travel two miles over modest terrain beginning that morning at 9 a.m. There will also be optional calisthenics at the Rec Hall following the hike. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. For more information, call the state park at 728-3931.

Obituaries

Jason Mallard
Colorado City

Billie Moore
Louisiana

Around Town

Tommy & Betty Baker celebrating 20 years of marriage (Dec. 27th)...Happy 90th birthday, Bill Barnes (Dec. 31st)... Happy birthday Jerry Jones... Happy New Year!... Happy birthday Lynn Haggerton (Dec. 28)... Are you ready for some football?... Happy birthday Carolyn Jeter, Rustine Lendermon (Dec. 30)... Kaper Harris setting up pens... Ronnie Wagner checking on a trash pickup... Jerry Reynolds celebrating an old friend's retirement... Happy birthday Lynn Hargrove, Sheena Saloom (Dec. 28)... Jeff Ellis getting ready for a hike... Happy birthday Amy Rodriguez (Dec. 29)... Happy birthday Margaret Porter (Dec. 30)...



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GETTING READY FOR THE BIG SHOW—Several adult leaders and exhibitors gathered on a cold Tuesday morning to set up pens and the show ring for the 2018 Mitchell County Livestock Show. Some of the helpers included: (l-r) Quilton Cook, Alex Tenorio, Brandon Barkley, Kason Proctor, Landon Strain and Cole Beckmeyer.

Commissioners extend rural fire contract 30 days

Rural fire contracts were the main topic of discussion during Mitchell County Commissioners' Court last Thursday. The county and the city are looking into an agreement that will be more accurate for the way business has been done for the last few years.

The rural fire contract has been rubber-stamped by the county, city and fire departments

in recent years. The county pays a certain amount, the city covers firefighters with workers comp insurance, fires get put out and all is well. The city also pays insurance on the firetrucks.

This year things are different. The city's insurance company has questioned the agreement, and since, neither party has been operating by the agreement, it's time to change it up. However,

there wasn't time to change the current contract before it expired, so the city's attorney simply asked for it to be extended.

In the past, invoices for purchases were sent in to the county from the fire department for payment. The last couple of years, the county has opted to give the three county fire departments a lump sum and let them decide

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Hospital board has year-end meeting

The Mitchell County Hospital Board of Directors met last Thursday to take care of some year-end business. The announcement was made that Mark Sheets, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing, will take over the nursing department in March.

DON Donna Goebel currently leads the hospital's nursing

staff. She has been employed by MCHD since August 1973. The nursing department covers surgery, emergency room and swing bed program, as well as the hospital's patient care wing.

Hospital Administrator Robbie Dewberry said Sheets has been working for the district for the past five years and has done a fantastic job. As a matter of

fact, Sheets was named Department Manager of the Year at the MCHD Award Banquet recently.

Goebel will retire February 28th, and Sheets will start his new duties March 1, 2018.

A resolution was approved to update the hospital's 501A Corporation, which allows the dis-

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Set up begins for annual stock show

The Mitchell County Ag Barn was transformed this week. Thanks to a group of adult leaders and exhibitors, the barn is now filled with pens, a show ring, bleachers and is all set up for the 81st Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show!

The show is set to take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 11th, 12th and 13th. Weigh-in starts on a Thursday, the show takes place on Friday and awards are presented and the ribbon sale will be held on Saturday.

One of the young men helping with the set up was Quilton Cook, a senior at Colorado High School. This is his second year to show, and it's something he is looking forward to again this year.

Cook said he'd always wanted to get into livestock showing, but his schedule at school didn't allow him to be able to take an agriculture class. He talked to school officials during his sophomore year to get his schedule changed but wasn't able to start showing until last year.

One year and Cook was hooked! He credits Robin Senter,

former CHS ag-science teacher, with teaching him all the techniques of exhibiting livestock. Cook is a member of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Though Cook grew up on a ranch, he had never gotten into stock showing. He said his parents both showed in the swine category when they were young, but there's been lots of changes since that time. It's definitely no longer a "fat stock show."

The high school senior is going to be busy for the next week or so, as he will be exhibiting four swine and one goat. He plans to show one Yorkshire swine, two Hampshires, one Poland and one of Mrs. Senter's goats.

Cook said he prefers showing pigs but he's happy to show the goat for the teacher who taught him.

If you've never lived the life of a stock show exhibitor, you may not be aware of how much is involved for months ahead of the shows. There's lots of feeding, exercising and grooming of the animals, everyday, in all types of

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CHRISTMAS LOOT—Cousins Cason Wingate (left) and Zayden Miller were having a great time checking out their new remote-control cars they got for Christmas. They are the great-grandchildren of Ron and Dee Wallace and the grandchildren of Melody Abbee.

A look back at year 2017

For some 2017 was a knock out year and for other 2017 punched back. Whatever your take, there were some significant things that happened over the last 12 months. Let's take a look back...

January began quietly with business as usual, such as the Mitchell County Livestock Show, updates on county projects, the city hoping to lure manufacturers to town. Then, on January 16th, Justin Goebel was critically injured in a wreck in Nolan County. The young veterinarian was airlifted to UMC in Lubbock and underwent many surgeries. For a while, Goebel's future seemed unsure.

With most Mitchell County citizens praying for him and his family, Goebel gained strength day by day. While he's still recuperating and may face additional surgeries, his recovery has been miraculous considering the extent of his injuries.

Toward the end of January, the remains of Hailey Dunn were released to her mother, Billie Dunn. Hailey was the

13-year-old who went missing two days after Christmas in 2010. The girl's remains were found in Scurry County three years later. Billie said the move would finally give her closure.

With burial costs on the rise, county officials made the decision to switch from burial to cremation for all pauper's services. The switch benefitted the county in two ways: a decrease in costs and fewer graves in the already-overcrowded Mitchell County Cemetery.

Citizens came out in droves in February to donate blood on behalf of Justin Goebel. Over 160 donors gave over 100 units of blood in one day.

In the first few weeks of 2017, investigators with the 32nd Judicial District Task Force netted currency, vehicles and drugs through traffic stops on I-20. Over \$80,000 in money, several vehicles and pounds of methamphetamines were taken off the streets in the first month and a half of the year.

By March, the first rumors about the TDCJ Ware Unit closure began to circulate. Due to understaffing the unit was already operating at half-staff and half offender population. The unit was fully



"mothballed" in August of 2017.

Dorris Dockrey was named Citizen of the Year at the 108th Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the beginning of March. Lynn and Denise Bradbury received the agriculture award, and Gas 'n'

Grub was awarded Business of the Year. Educators of the Year were: Cheryl Warren, LISD; Katelyn Waldrum, WISD; and Jody Womack, CISD.

The Heart of West Texas Museum expanded its display space by opening the garage as an annex in March. Several new big pieces were added to the museum over the course of this year, including a wall-size mural painted by Leola Anderson.

One of Colorado City's more notable citizens passed away in the middle of March. Hollis Gainey, relay record-holder, died at his home from complications following a stroke. He was 81. Gainey left behind a legacy of modesty, integrity and

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WALLACE CENTER NEWS

By Julie Erwin

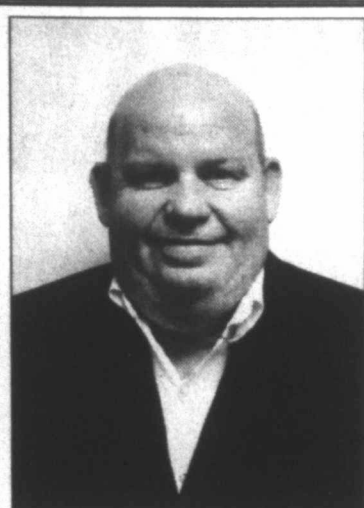
Happy New Year! As we start a New Year, let us never forget to be thankful for all our blessings. Come see us at the center and join in the fun, food and fellowship.

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



BEAUTIFUL ENTERTAINMENT – Mary Margaret Cox recently entertained the citizens at Wallace Senior Center with her Christmas musical selections. The center is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone who would like to provide entertainment is welcome. Photo courtesy of Julie Erwin.



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Farkle are among other activities enjoyed at the center.

The center has 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 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, December 27th – Chicken dumplings, mixed veg-

etables, tossed salad, bread, fruit crisp

Thursday, December 28th – Ham, black-eyed peas, yams, corn bread, fruit salad

Tuesday, January 2nd – Pork chops with gravy, macaroni/tomatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cocktail

Wednesday, January 3rd – Soft beef taco, pinto beans, cucumber, onion, salsa, tomato, cheese, apple crisp

Thursday, January 4th – Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, yams, corn bread, cookie

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

OBITUARIES

Billie Charlene Moore 1930-2017

PEARL RIVER, LA – Billie Charlene Moore, 87, of Pearl River, LA passed away on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017.

She is survived by her daughters, Debbie Pate, Donna Ramsey, and Diane Teltschik; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph "JB" Ballar Moore II; parents, Charles and Clara Williams; their son, Joseph Ballar Moore III; and her sisters, Omalee Neff and Bessie Rexroat.

She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her. A memorial service will be held in Hobbs, NM at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation.

D.T. Williams Funeral Home at 67525 Hwy 41, Pearl River, LA 70452 is in charge of arrangements.



Jason Ross Mallard 1969-2017

COLORADO CITY – Jason Ross Mallard, 48, went to be with his Lord and Savior after fighting a long battle with diabetes.

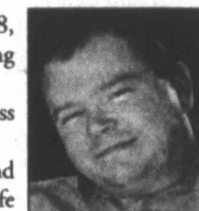
He was born on December 9th, 1969 to Harvey Ross Mallard and Marie Boyd in Loraine.

Jason was a very humble man who loved his God and his family with all his heart. He believed in living life in a simple manner, making sure to work hard and to be courteous to others at all times. He was the best oldest son a parent could have, making sure to watch over his siblings as they were growing up and to teach them things that he learned along the way. After they grew, Jason learned what it was to be an uncle, making sure to spoil his niece every chance he got. Jason was an outdoorsman at heart. He loved working outside building things and gardening. He especially loved taking care of flowers and was known for his green thumb. He was also a very smart man. He could quote many verses from the Bible, made sure to keep up on his news by reading the Abilene paper every day up until he lost his ability to do so. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Jason is survived by his mother, Marie Boyd of Colorado City; his sister, Patsy Mallard of Colorado City; his brother, Mark Mallard and wife, Sorsha and their daughter, Hallie Genae of Cape Coral, Florida; and by a close family friend, Annette Rivera; as well as by several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A graveside service for Jason was held at the Loraine Cemetery on Thursday, December 21st at 2 p.m. with Dr. Jerry Shields officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kiker Seale Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in his name to be made to the American Diabetes Association.



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SWCD AWARD – Russell Erwin (center) received a 20-year service award for his dedication to the Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District at the December 14th board meeting. He is pictured with Steven Shrode (right), Mitchell County NRCS District Conservationist and Ben Wilde, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Field Representative. Photo courtesy of Kelly Lancaster.

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SHED FIRE – The storage shed/office at Jack Green's residence on Hemphill caught fire Friday morning sometime after 10 a.m. The smoke was thick when firemen arrived, and the heat had broken out some windows on the structure. Several firefighters put on airpicks and went in to put out the fire and open a garage door to let the rest of the smoke out.

Midland County continues to lead in oil production

Production for October 2017 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 75,645,972 barrels of crude oil and 540,197,160 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells.

Once again, Midland County was the top oil-producing county in the state with 8,127,821 bbls produced in October.

These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Com-

mission for October 2016, was: 73,565,318 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 85,337,456 barrels; and 582,136,569 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 676,871,351 mcf.

The Commission reports that from November 2016 to October 2017, total Texas reported production was 1.003 billion barrels of crude oil and 7.5 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported sepa-

ately by the Commission.

Texas' preliminary October 2017 crude oil production averaged 2,440,193 barrels daily, compared to the 2,373,075 barrels daily average of October 2016.

Texas preliminary October 2017 total gas production averaged 17,425,715 mcf a day, compared to the 18,778,599 mcf daily average of October 2016.

Texas production in October 2017 came from 179,846 oil wells and 91,561 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rtc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

Annual Westbrook Local Stock Show slated Jan. 6th

Organizers have been busy preparing for the 2018 Westbrook Local Stock Show to be held on Saturday, January 6th. Exhibitors are getting their animals ready for the show that begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Westbrook Show Barn.

Westbrook students will exhibit 65 head of swine, 20 head of steers, one heifer, five goats and four lambs. Students use the show as practice for the upcoming show season which kicks off the following week with the Mitchell County Livestock Show.

Though the Westbrook show doesn't award monetary prizes, there will be several belt buck-

les, jackets, banners and ribbons awarded that day. One of the awards will be the Overall Showmanship Award, which is being sponsored by numerous families, individuals and companies.

Cody Peterson, ag-science instructor at Medina ISD, will serve as the judge for this year's show.

"Don't worry about the weather. We have a nice, warm facility with bleachers for observing the show," David Bray, WISD ag-science teacher, said.

The concession stand will be open with plenty of goodies. So, come on out and watch the exhibitors of Westbrook ISD show their livestock.

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WISH LIST READY – Sally Parker had an envelope full of wishes she was sending out to St. Nick last week. Sally and Buck have the café in Westbrook looking like Christmas.

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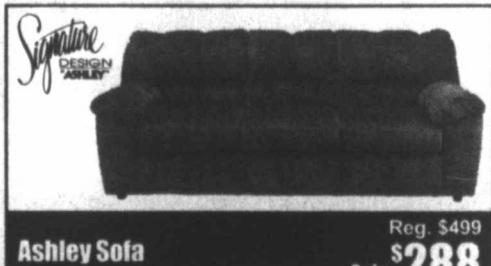
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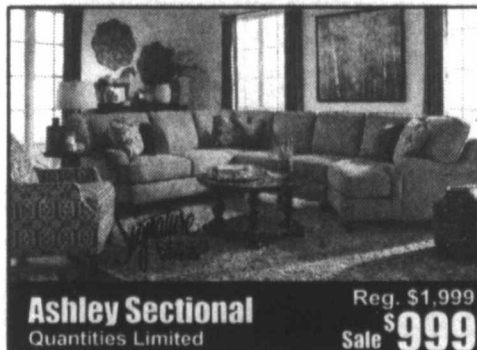
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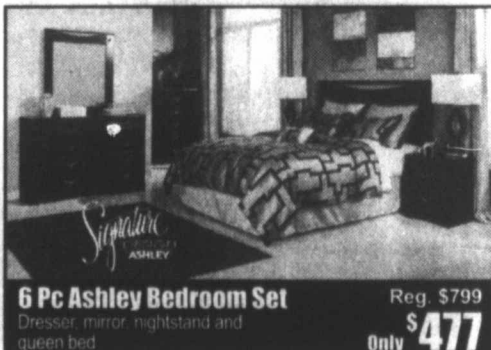
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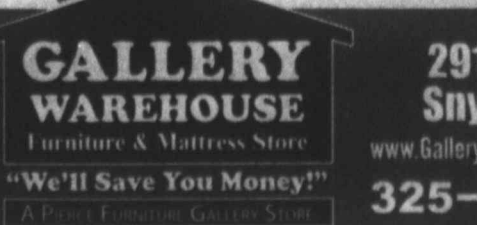
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TUMBLEWEED SMITH Baru Forell: horse woman

Baru Forell lives near Wingate southwest of Abilene. She has a unique brand for her horses. "It's my name. It's a barUfourL connected (-U4L)." She has been competing on horseback since the age of 9. The horses she rides are the ones that she has bred, raised and trained in ranch versatility, working cow horse and stock horse competitions. She has won championships in those events and is a board member of several horse and cattle associations.

Baru is also a silversmith. Her work has been exhibited in western events from Texas to California. She has written articles for western publications and her award winning photography has been on display at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso, New Mexico and the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine.

Baru was a linguist in the US Army and speaks seven languages, some of them unusual like Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian and Ukrainian. She joined the Army at the age of 33 and was on active duty five years. "I was overseas most of that time in military intelligence."

Baru grew up on family land in Kansas. Her Irish mother named her to honor an Irish King. When Fort Worth decided to have a herd of longhorns in the stockyards, Baru helped get them there. Ranchers donated the longhorns. "I got hired before they started driving them, so we had some older longhorns and some of them hadn't been handled very much. We'd go out there and kind of get them to where we could push them around, drive them on our horses. We did that for a couple of months, then we brought them to Sundance Square downtown and put them in pens. Then we drove them from Sundance Square across the Trinity Bridge to the stockyards. That was a thrilling experience for me to be a part of that."

The stockyards have a cattle drive with the longhorns on Exchange Avenue twice a day, at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Baru was a drover two years. "The people who are everyday working cowboys on ranches kind of snicker at the job, saying it's not a real cowboy job. That may be true, but I was so proud to represent our way of life to the world. That's sometimes the only time those people on the street in Fort Worth are going to see somebody horseback and be able to pet the horse. That was foremost in my mind and I wanted to portray a good image to the world that represents what I love. For the people out there working on ranches, raising beef, feeding the world, I wanted to be the best representation I could be for the industry." She is mindful of first impressions and seldom goes out in public without a hat, boots and western clothes.

People from all over the world go the stockyards area. Some from Eastern Europe are surprised when they are conversing in Bulgarian and this cowgirl overhears them and starts speaking to them in their language. "I did use my language skills quite a lot at that job. I met the ambassador to the United States from China and got my picture made with him. Those are the type of people that I got to visit with and felt honored to do so."



HAVING A HAPPY HOLIDAY – The Colorado City Rotary Club held their annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange earlier this month. Those attending were: Dwayne and Debbie Harris, Sterling, Andrea, Olivia and Penelope Burleson, Ron and Malinda McClung, Jeromy, Margo, Jonathan, and Mason Connell, Robbie and Terri Dewberry, Mary Alice and Adam Hernandez, Michael, Adele, Caden, Ethan, Cooper and Emily King, and Mike and Glenda Hemphill. Photo courtesy of Glenda Hemphill.

New benefits and insurance options you can expect in 2018

(StatePoint) Ever wondered whether your insurance policy was actually working for you? You may be in luck, as your insurance plan may start to follow the same trends being adopted in other industries: simpler, more convenient and personalized products – all supported by the latest mobile technology.

This year, Stephanie Shields, a product marketing and development expert from Aflac, (Aflac herein means American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus and American Family Life Assurance Company of New York) says that policyholders can expect these "value-added services" to become less of a nice-to-have and more of a given:

- Telemedicine: Consulting with a physician and getting treatment online offers greater flexibility and may become essential to busy people.
- Fraud protection: Identity theft is likely top of mind for policyholders and businesses. Expect to see better fraud protection, including ongoing internet monitoring and full identity restoration after a data breach.
- Bill negotiation: The ever-changing health care system is often confusing to navigate. Ongoing education, as well as help understanding medical bills, can ultimately mean greater access to efficient, affordable care.

Transformed Benefits

Insurance providers will likely shift the customer experience to follow that

of retailers and other industries. In 2018, expect to see insurers such as Aflac offer more cohesive insurance policies that combine multiple benefit types into one plan.

Beyond the Basics

You may find things that were once luxuries, such as 401K matching, Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and even annual bonuses, are not as successful in meeting the expectations of today's employees. As those expectations grow, successful businesses can continue to close the gap with such services as:

- Health advocacy: Access to round-the-clock personal health advocates who can answer health care and insurance-related questions.
- Financial and legal fitness: Access to financial and legal advisors who can educate consumers on the preparation of wills and other legal documents.
- College-advisory services: These might include resources to help lower college costs and navigate the admissions process.
- No more "one-size-fits-all": Communications from benefits providers may be more tailored to individual needs.
- Bite-sized communications: Concise information about workplace benefits, tips for using benefits to help protect financial security and better explanations of coverage combinations that are appropriate at various life stages.

• New format: While some benefits information will still be delivered in the typical booklet format, more businesses may consider using online articles, digital signs, brown-bag luncheons and town halls.

• Frequent communications: Employers may communicate about benefits throughout the year, or time communications to coincide with life events, such as employee anniversaries.

Time Spent Smarter

In 2018, employers who have not yet adopted online platforms to manage benefits may do so. Advantages include year-round, convenient access to pertinent information and one-page views of all benefits options and selections, enabling you to identify any holes you may have in coverage.

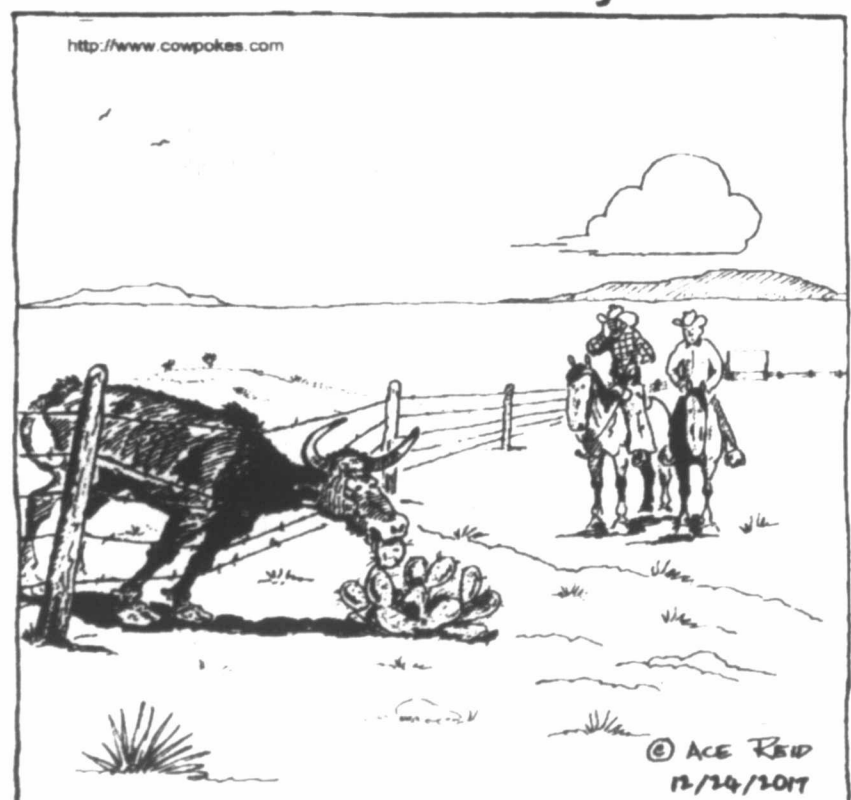
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More voluntary benefits, such as accident, critical illness/cancer, hospital indemnity, life and disability insurance, are on the horizon. According to the 2017 Aflac WorkForces Report, 81 percent of employees see a growing need for voluntary insurance benefits, and 90 percent consider voluntary insurance at least somewhat part of a comprehensive benefits program.

Thanks to a tech-driven world and the growing demands of consumers, 2018 may see insurers expand their services to offer even more convenience and personalization.

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loyalty. Colorado City made its debut on *Live PD* this year. A federal escapee was caught at the Super 8 Motel after his vehicle broke down near here. Sheriff Patrick Toombs was notified by U.S. Marshals that the man might be in town. Once located, Dennis Knowles was apprehended without incident.

Producer's Co-Op Gin set a new record in 2017 for the number of cotton bales ginned. The final bale number for the year was 47,232.

In April, Sam Lujan missed a curve and was killed when his pickup fell between overpasses onto the cement below. He was a well-known citizen here.

An early-morning fire destroyed the home of the Bingo Nelson family at the end of April. Luckily, all family members were out of the house at the time of the fire and no one was injured.

The gates of Lake Champion and Fisher Park were reopened on April 28th. Thanks to Ty and Amie Wood and many of their family members, the park was totally renovated and is a nice gathering place for anyone looking for fishing, swimming, and kayaking fun.

In May, a local citizen showed up at the hospital with a gunshot wound, just after police got a call about hearing gun shots. The victim was wounded but not fatally. Cody Vining was arrested in June for the shooting.

Later in the month, Miranda Goswick made a return trip to the state track meet in the high jump, after qualifying at the regional meet with a jump of 5'5". Goswick finished with the gold medal at the state meet.

Maggie Bootman was hired as the Mitchell County Library's new director at the end of May. She replaced Brigada Hiser who is credited with starting the very popular Summer Reading Program.

Crystal Ann Berrett, a 39-year-old Colorado City woman, was killed in a one vehicle accident about 20 miles north of Robert Lee.

Price Construction, Ltd. carried out the long, arduous task of repaving Bus. 20 all the way through downtown Colorado City over the summer. Work began in June and was completed in August.

Jacob Walters, a Westbrook 8th grader, set a state record in calf roping at the Texas Junior High Rodeo in June. The top finish earned him a spot to compete in the National Junior High Finals Rodeo in Tennessee. Walters went on to win two national titles.

Coby Stinson, son of Joe and Allison Stinson, was killed in a pipeline accident in the middle of June. Stinson was stuck by a piece of a water pipeline that blew out under extreme pressure.

That same week in the middle of June, a house fire destroyed a home on Locust Street early on a Saturday morning. An investigation later proved the fire to be caused by arson, and Christopher Lopez was arrested and charged with the crime. It was the home Lopez had been living in at the time.

Former Colorado City Police Chief Luis Aguilar was dismissed from his position leading the department by City Manager David Hoover at the end of June. A large group of citizens attended the city council meeting to voice their concern over the dismissal. Hoover said Aguilar was dismissed due to insubordination. Charles Rice was then appointed to the position.

High winds from a thunderstorm caused a Union Pacific train to derail during the summer. Railroad crews managed to remove the cars from the track over the next few days, but the cleanup lasted for the next few weeks.

Mitchell County Hospital District welcomed a new physician to the staff in August. Dr. Jade Ireland started seeing patients on August 1st and, thanks to her arrival, a new walk-in clinic program began operations. The new program has been quite successful for the hospital.

Sheriff's Deputy Jeremiah Witte made a routine traffic stop in July that resulted in one of the biggest liquid meth busts in the state. A 26-year-old Andrews man

was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, as he was in possession of 125 pounds of the dangerous drug.

The year of 2017 was good for local citizen Heath Erwin, as he received a heart transplant at a hospital in Dallas. Erwin had to stay in the Metroplex for months following the surgery, so doctors could check on him frequently. Reports are that Heath continues to do well.

Jisell Ventura and M'Leah Alexander placed 1st in the nation at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Out of 289 competitors, five gold medals went to Colorado High School students.

Construction on a mesonet weather station at the Colorado City Airport was completed in August. The station collects and reports weather and agricultural data every one to five minutes.

CHS graduate Rankin Bullard produced a feature-length movie that was shown at the Paramount Theater in Abilene. The movie was also shown in C-City at the 3M Palace Theater.

Cody Hubbard, son of Chip and Tonya Hubbard and husband of Kim Hubbard, was killed in a wind turbine accident. The 29-year-old died from electrocution on top of a wind turbine in Scurry County at the end of August.

The very next week another of Colorado City's young people was killed. Kayley Hill, 24, died in a car accident when she struck vehicles stopped on the interstate for a previous crash. The crash occurred near Merkel.

The skeletal remains of Sue Noel were found south of Monahans in the middle of October. Noel, who was 80 when she went missing, left her daughter's home in Abilene on September 20, 2015, may have gotten confused on her drive home, ending up in a rural area near Monahans.

In a show of good faith, FGE Power CEO Emerson Farrell came to town to make a \$160,000 payment on land the company is buying from the county. It will

be the location of the FGE Texas power plant.

Local candidates began filing for the March Primary Election last month. There are a few competitive races on tap, and citizens will get the chance to decide on March 6, 2018.

The Colorado City Wolves earned the Area Champions title by beating the Tolar Rattlers in the football playoffs at the end of November.

While November was kind to the Wolves, a couple of local families weren't as fortunate. An ATV accident took the life of seven-year-old Nadia Ventura. In a tragic set of circumstances, the ATV turned over pinning Ventura under it.

Another unforeseen event saw the home of John and Charlene Boyce burn completely to the ground at Lake Colorado City. The family lost all their possessions, including their dog, but they have recently reported feeling overwhelmed by the generosity of local citizens who have helped them in many ways.

An arson caused the loss of 22 modules and 16 round bales of cotton from Producer's Co-Op gin yard earlier this month. Three middle school students were taken into custody for the crime and turned over to the juvenile justice system.

It seems as if the voters in the City of Colorado City will have a chance to decide whether or not to change the City Charter. Councilmen expressed a desire to put a limit on the number of absences by a council member, and the measure will be put before the voters in May.

Last week's edition of the *Record* provided a couple of bits of positive information for readers. The China Grove tank farm is expanding again, and sales tax allocations are going up. Both factors are good economic signs for Mitchell County, Colorado City, Westbrook, Loraine and the citizens who live here.

Let's bid 2017 farewell and get ready to make 2018 an even-better year!



ALMOST FINISHED — The 2017 cotton harvest is about 80% complete, and according to some ag officials, ginning has just passed the halfway point. Mitchell County Gin has ginned 4,600 bales and Producer's Co-Op has ginned 16,150 bales as of Wednesday of this week. Last week at Mitchell County Gin, Bobby Sosa was preparing bales for loading and shipping.

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how it should be used. It's a system that has worked well, but it's time the agreement reflects the way business is being done.

The current agreement expires on December 31, 2017. If it expires, volunteer firemen may not have insurance coverage when responding to fires.

City Attorney Eileen Hayman suggested that the county could pay the lump sum to the city, but the reasoning behind the suggestion was unclear. Local firefighters Brian Bassham and Rufino Martinez attended the meeting, and they agreed the lump sum to the department has been working well.

Bassham said the lump sum payment has worked well for two years, and the department is ending the year with a surplus this year. He said the department watches the funds closely and brings an itemized list to County Auditor Heidi Harris each year so the county can see how the money is spent.

Commissioner Bill Preston repeatedly expressed the desire to do whatever is necessary to make sure the firemen have in-

surance coverage. Commissioner Randy Anderson said it may even be possible to put them on the county's workers comp insurance next year.

Ultimately, the court agreed to extend the current agreement by 30 days to make sure insurance coverage was also extended. Burleson will be working with Hayman to come up with an interlocal agreement that reflects the way business has been done the last couple of years before the 30 days are up.

In other business, Sheriff Patrick Toombs came before the court to ask for the approval to use drug forfeiture funds to continue to pay the salary of Deputy Ty Gerstenberger. The deputy, who is from Menard, has been hired to work on intercepting drugs and arresting suspected drug traffickers.

Commissioners approved spending a little over \$18,000 to employ Gerstenberger through December 31st. The new request, which was approved, will see the deputy stay on the force until August 31st. Currently, the MCSO has approximately

\$50,000 in the drug forfeiture/seizure fund, enough to fund Gerstenberger's salary for another eight months.

Toombs said Gerstenberger has been successful in his venture to make a dent in the trafficking of drugs through Mitchell County. Toombs said an \$18,000-dollar seizure is pending, and the deputy has seized many vehicles while working here. The sheriff's office has made about \$19,000 on vehicles sold after being seized this year, and there are 13 cars left to sell.

Gerstenberger has also made two busts resulting in the seizure of liquid methamphetamines.

Bills in the amount of \$101,777.39 were approved as presented by Harris. Commissioner Jeremy Strain voted against the measure.

Before the no vote, Strain asked Harris about an invoice from Alpha Water Resources totaling around \$10,000. He asked if the company has been sending a better itemized statement, but the answer was no. Therefore, he voted against paying the invoices.

HOSPITAL

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district to employ physicians. Dewberry said the corporation is no longer used but updating will keep it ready for use if needed.

The CEO said the district currently uses another corporation for employing doctors, and it has been updated to include Jade Ireland, MD, who was added to the MCHD team this year. Also, Joe Wright was removed as executor and CFO Michelle Lewis was added in that spot.

The board revised a couple of policies to help draw quality employees and help keep them here. The policy regarding Paid Time Off (PTO) was amended. MCHD will now buy back a certain amount of unused PTO from employees. Another revision extended Personal Illness Benefits from three days to five.

Dewberry said he's glad to see the employee-friendly changes and hopes it will help in hiring and retaining quality employees.

The clinic, Family Medical Associates, had a record-breaking month in November. CFO Lewis reported that over 1,700 patient visits were made to the clinic last month. Dewberry said the district had a "really good year" last year and expects no less of the current year.

The board approved a \$500 bid made by Shawn Gonzales for property located at 203 Riverside in Colorado City. The property is land only, with no other improvements. It is located adjacent to Gonzales' grandmother's place and was once included in the family's land.

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LOCAL NEWS

Holman retires from MCHD

The Mitchell County Healthcare Volunteers (MCHV) went big for Karen Holman's retirement party at Mitchell County Hospital last week. Holman has retired after working for MCHD for over 25 years.

She's worn many hats during her career at the hospital, but for the last couple of years Holman has been doing something she's really enjoyed. She's been working with the hospital's foundation to operate the indigent and prescription-assistance programs. "I love helping people," Holman said during her retirement party.

A large crowd was in attendance made up of her colleagues, friends and family members, including board members. Holman was honored by the reception. Many of those friends hosted the party, as they are members of the MCHV.

The front table displayed dozens of types of delicious treats and was decorated beautifully. Members of the MCHV (formerly Pink Ladies) served with pride. One member said the group wanted to make sure Holman's party was one to remember, as they've served alongside her for many years.

As for plans for the future, Holman said she'll definitely be spending more time with her family members. In case you're worried how she'll fill her time, Holman plans to become one of the volunteers she admires so much and keep helping the hospital; only this time she won't be on the clock.

Whether you are selling a home, looking for a home, or looking to rent... The Record Classifieds are the place to advertise and look!



PART OF HER HISTORY - When Karen Holman (left) was honored with a retirement party, she knew who she wanted in the photo. She said Jerry Reynolds has been a big part of her history, as he has served as president of the hospital board for at least 10 years. Holman has retired from the Mitchell County Hospital District after more than 25 years on the job.

STOCK SHOW

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weather.

"The worst part is getting up early, when it's freezing cold, and feeding before school. And if there's ice on the pigs' water, you have to break it up and give them water," Cook said. "I am usually taking care of them (his pigs) from 7 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. every morning."

The baby swine were purchased in late September/early October of this year, and lots of work has gone into preparing them for exhibition. And, for those showing goats, that preparation starts even earlier. Young show goats are usually purchased in the spring to be ready to show the next winter.

Cook said all that work is worth it when show time gets here. He said exhibiting is his favorite part.

If you've never seen a livestock show, be sure to take a trip out to

the local ag barn on Friday, January 12th. The show starts with the exhibition of swine at 8 a.m. that morning and continues with the rest of the animals throughout the day.

Come back on Saturday and get your buyers' card to be able to give money to the exhibitors during the ribbon sale. Animals aren't actually purchased, but the proceeds raised goes to the individual exhibitors to be used to go on to the major shows in bigger cities.

For more information, contact Brodie Harris at 325-242-2619.

SCHOOL MENUS

Loraine ISD
Jan. 1 - Jan. 5
No School - Christmas break
Colorado ISD
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 1 - Jan. 5
Monday - No School - Christmas break
Tuesday - No School - Christmas break
Wednesday - pancake wrap, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk
Thursday - biscuit with gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk
Friday - cinnamon roll***, biscuit, sausage or 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. 1 - Jan. 5
Monday - No School - Christmas break
Tuesday - No School - Christmas break
Wednesday - pizza wedge, seasoned corn, mixed fruit, milk
Thursday - chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, apple slices, milk
Friday - hamburger, hamburger garnish, sliced cucumbers, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Colorado ISD
Elementary/Middle School Lunch Menu
Jan. 1 - Jan. 5
Monday - No School - Christmas break
Tuesday - No School - Christmas break
Wednesday - pizza or corn dog, seasoned corn, tiny tomato cup, mixed fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk
Thursday - chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, savory green beans, garden salad, apple slices, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk
Friday - hamburger or cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, oven fries, cucumber slices, cinnamon apple slices, cookie, chilled fruit juice***, and choice of milk
***Chilled fruit juice served only to CHS

Westbrook ISD
Jan. 1 - Jan. 5
No School - Christmas break

Start off 2018 with a hike at state park

Most people start off the New Year by making New Year's resolutions, and often those resolutions center around health and fitness. If this is you, Jeff Ellis has just the thing to start the New Year and your resolutions off right.

Ellis is the interim superintendent at Lake Colorado City State Park, and he has planned an activity to start 2017 off right. Everyone is invited to come out to the park for a First Day Hike on January 1st, 2018.

The outdoorsman encourages everyone to make a commitment that this will be the year to get outside and get more exercise. The hike over modest terrain

will begin at 9 a.m. that morning and last for about two hours. It is expected to cover about two miles.

Everyone planning to participate should be sure to wear appropriate footwear and clothing to be comfortable outdoors in the cool morning air. Bring water, binoculars, hiking sticks and anything else that will make the activity more enjoyable for you, and nature will do the rest.

There is no cost to participate in the hike, except for the daily entrance fee of \$4 per adult. Children 12 and under get in free.

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