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Answerline

Q. How many Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. each year?
A. More than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. annually.

Briefs

BBQ Fundraiser
St. James Baptist Church will hold the monthly barbecue on Mon., Dec. 7 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Brisket, sausage, chicken and more will be served with all the trimmings. For pre-orders, call 728-9113.

Youth Basketball
Anyone wanting to help with getting youth basketball league started should attend the meeting on Thursday, December 3rd at 7 p.m. in the CC Thompson Room.

Christmas Program
Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario will have the annual Christmas Program Sunday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Garden Club
The Colorado City Garden Club will meet on December 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. We will have Holiday Music by Linda Gray. Guests are welcome. Please call Georgia Harris 704-467-6245 for reservations.

Westbrook Christmas
Westbrook ISD will hold a Christmas Card Parade Thurs., Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. The City of Westbrook will have hot chocolate and fellowship in Memory Park immediately following the parade. Organizers hope to see you there.

Senior Dance
The Mitchell Co. Senior Citizens will have a dance on Sat., Dec. 5th from 7 to 10 p.m. with live music featuring Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street in Colorado City. Admission is \$5 per person.

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Colorado City

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Main Street, Chamber festivities planned

Watch out! The Grinch is in town!

Saturday, December 5th is the day to get all Mitchell County citizens into the spirit of Christmas! There will be many activities to set the mood, and volunteers with the Main Street program will be starting the day off right.

Whoville Down Main Street will feature activities in Friendly Park and Inspiration Park in downtown Colorado City from 1 to 3 p.m. Businesses, especially the ones in the downtown area, are encouraged to decorate their windows in Whoville style. And if you don't know about Whoville, think Grinch!

In Friendly Park, the Grinch himself will be strutting around starting at 1 p.m., and he will be available for photos. Hot cocoa and cookies will be available in Inspiration Park at that time as well.

The Colorado High Cheerleaders will be downtown doing Who Haidos for anyone wanting to get into the spirit, and a brief version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* will be read by library volunteers. These activities will be available to citizens for a donation amount

of their choice, helping to cover expenses of providing the activities. In light of helping spread the holiday spirit, no fees will be charged and donations should be given if citizens are able.

Then at 3 p.m., the Palace Theater will show the movie *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. There's no charge to see the movie, but those attending are encouraged to visit the snack bar to support the business.

The next weekend on Sunday, December 13th, local churches will put on Bethlehem in the Baker, an interactive nativity that may let citizens see what the first Christmas in Bethlehem was like. The program will continue from 6 to 9 p.m. that evening.

Main Street volunteers will be taking in canned food for admission to the event, and the food will be donated to the Community Mission.

Andrea Burleson is in charge of putting together the event, and churches are welcome to participate. Anyone wishing to help out can call the Main Street office at 325-728-2072.

Light the Night Christmas parade

Fun festivities abound this weekend! Following downtown activities earlier in the afternoon, the Christmas Parade and Festival of Trees events are set to happen on Saturday, December 5th. A certain special Christmas visitor will be arriving in Colorado City that night as well, and kids of all ages will get the chance to meet him.

The Light the Night Christmas Parade will make its way through downtown Colorado City, beginning at 6 p.m. that evening, and it's all about the lights!

According to Chamber Manager Amanda Jo Ritchey, line up for the parade will begin at 5:15 p.m. at the intersection of 2nd and Austin Streets. The parade is scheduled to start at 6 p.m., and there are sure to be plenty of beautiful sights in the lighted parade to get everyone into the holiday mood.

There are two categories available for entries, vehicles and floats. There will be a contest to determine winners in each division, and qualities by which they will be judged will be best use of lights and enthusiasm of participants.

The CHS Band will also be performing and marching in the parade, and anyone interested in entering should contact Ritchey at the chamber office at 325-728-3403.

Santa Claus is set to make a visit to town, and he will be riding in the parade. From there, Jolly Old St. Nick will lead the crowd over to the Railhead Building to see the holiday creations in the Festival of Trees immediately following the parade.

There will be many beautiful trees featuring lots of colors and creative decorating ideas. Community groups and individuals have put a lot of effort into decorating the trees for the public to view. Those attending will be able to take a leisurely stroll through the Festival of Trees before taking part in the other activities going on that evening.

Any individual or group wishing to decorate a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees is welcome, according to Ritchey. If you love to decorate for Christmas, the Festival of Trees is the

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No new filings of candidates

According to County Chairs Vicki Harmon and Teresa Beckmeyer, there have been no new local filings this week. Potential candidates have until 6 p.m. on Monday, December 14th to file for a place on the ballot of the March Primary Election.

Locally, there are three candidates running for Precinct 3 County Commissioner. Jesse Muñoz currently holds the position, and he has filed for another term in office. The commissioner will face challengers Kenny Gillespie and Brandon Hoback in the March election.

While County Attorney Ty Wood has expressed his inten-

tion not to run again for the office, local attorney Sterling Burleson has filed to run for the Republican nomination. Randy Anderson has filed to run as a Republican for Precinct 1 County Commissioner.

In other races, Patrick Toombs has filed to run for re-election as a Republican, and Beckmeyer has filed for a place on the ballot to continue her position as Republican County Chair.

Though Sylvia Clanton has expressed an intention to file for re-election as County Tax Assessor, no one has yet filed to run for the office. The seats of District

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IN APPRECIATION — Members of the Heart of West Texas Museum Board presented Patty Pharis (far right) with a gift expressing their appreciation for all she does as curator. Board members and volunteers gathered for a luncheon on Tuesday. Those making the presentation to Pharis were: (l-r) Mike Ratliff, Andra Maxwell, Linda Bennett and Nell Holman.

Chili supper after parade

The Colorado City Lions Club are providing an option for supper after a day of shopping and taking part in Christmas festivities. It's time, once again, for the annual Lions Club Chili Supper.

Local Lions will be serving up all-you-can-eat bowls of chili and beans with all the trimmings, along with drinks and dessert. Tickets are \$6 each, and everyone is encouraged to get their fill, as there will be plenty to go around.

Serving will begin in the Railhead Building following the Light the Night parade which starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available from all Lions Club members or at the Record office at 257 E. 2nd Street.



ANOTHER HOT MEAL — Sue and Richy Womack took advantage of the opportunity for a hot meal at the Lions Club Chili Supper following the numerous Christmas activities downtown last year. Lions will be serving all you can eat chili and beans with all the trimmings again this year.

Car show benefits Toys4MCKids annual toy drive

The Kiwanians, in conjunction with the CC Riders, will start the day's activities on Saturday, December 6th with a car show benefitting the annual Toys4MCKids toy drive. The car show is set to be held on the parking lot of Family Dollar that day, and everyone is invited to come out to check out the cars.

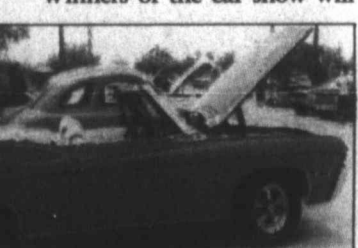
The show's title and time has been changed. The newly renamed Kiwanian Hot Dog Feast will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost to enter is \$20 per entry or a toy of equivalent value. All vehicles, no matter the type, are welcome at the show.

CC Rider Scott Free said that vehicles that are new, unfinished

or just plain old can enter for the small price of a toy.

Spectators will be able to participate in the show by voting for their favorite entry. Each vote costs \$1, and hot dogs and soft drinks will be given with each vote, as long as supplies last. Votes can also be cast by donating a toy.

Winners of the car show will



be announced at 2 p.m. and will be determined by spectator votes.

Anyone interested in entering should contact Jan Lemons at 325-242-0075.

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LOCAL NEWS

DISPLAY AT FIRSTBANK & TRUST

Wood is December's featured artist

Leada Wood is December's featured artist of the West Texas Art Guild. She is a founding member of the group, and her artwork can be seen and purchased in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust throughout the month of December.

Wood is a fourth generation Texan. She and her husband, Don, have made their home in Colorado City where they have a family business, Wood's Boots. Wood also has a consignment gallery, Studio Twenty, where she creates and has classes.

"Art is a journey not a destination and being a constant observer of life inspires my desire to create," Wood said. "I enjoy trying new techniques which opens up a world of inspiration where anything is possible."

Wood has studied art most of her life. Some of her earliest memories are drawing and creating doll furniture. She has been fortunate to study with many master painters in workshops and classes. Always learning, gathering new skills through books, the internet or from other artists, she considers learning a lifelong pursuit.

An award-winning artist, Wood participates in group ex-



WATERCOLOR WIZARD — Leada Wood is West Texas Art Guild's featured artist for December. Wood's paintings are on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust and will be available for purchase for the entire month of December.

hibitions and solo exhibits in numerous museums and galleries. Her artwork has been published in *Art Tells the Story*, *International Voices Speaking Through Art*, *Watercolor Magic Magazine* and *Southwest Art Magazine*.

Wood is a juried member of the Artists of Texas, Mixed Media International, Contemporary

Fine Art International and the Caboose Watercolor Society. She is a member of the West Texas Watercolor Society and Art League of West Texas, along with the West Texas Art Guild. Wood's artworks are in private collections, both nationally and internationally.

She is represented by the

Dutch Art Gallery in Dallas and the Legacy Gallery in Lubbock. Her work can be seen online at www.leadablog.blogspot.com or at Studio Twenty, near Wood's Boots.

Many of her works on display at the bank are of animals, and everyone is welcome to stop by and take a look.

OBITUARIES

Ella Mae Thurman

1924-2015

COLORADO CITY—Ella Mae Thurman, 90, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, November 25, 2015 in a Colorado City nursing home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. Jerry Shields, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.



She was born December 9, 1924 in Hopkins County and married D. A. Thurman September 26, 1939 in Sulphur Springs. He preceded her in death July 1, 2014.

She was devoted to her family, was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley McPhaul of Colorado City; a son, Jerry Thurman and wife, Medena, of Dallas; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Donnie Thurman; and three sisters, Betty Harris, Della Faye Gilbert and Juanita Butler.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 641, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

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

William Jerome Vanderpool Jr.

1961-2015

CLEBURNE—William Jerome Vanderpool Jr., 54, passed away peacefully at the Community Hospice of Texas in Burleson on Friday, November 20, 2015 with his family by his side. William was born on February 11, 1961 in Colorado City to William and Victoria Lopez Vanderpool Sr.

William spent his entire working career in the oil fields working as a roustabout and on the oil rigs since the age of 16 and before that he could be seen working hard on the football field as he played for the Colorado City Wolves. William was a fun loving man who enjoyed being the center of attention and he never met a person who was a stranger to him for long. When not working he could be found out fishing or collecting rocks, of which he had a large collection.

William is survived by his wife, Juanita Martinez; and their children, Dotty Martinez-Vanderpool of Belton, Amy Ritter and husband Timothy of Warburg, Tennessee, Adrian Vanderpool of Cleburne, Malcome Vanderpool and wife Joanne of Cleburne, and Matthew Vanderpool and wife Janette also of Cleburne, Roman and Cassie, Elizabeth and Dominick. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Brittany Arriaga, Fernando Arriaga Jr., Marcus Arriaga, Bethany Arriaga, Aca Vanderpool, Lyrrisa Ritter, Emilie Ritter, Ashlyn Vanderpool, Aumaris Vanderpool, Zachariah Vanderpool, Ariannah Vanderpool, Kynlee Vanderpool, Eiyene Vanderpool Maximus Vanderpool, Roman Eli, Anaiiah Marie, Giovanni Tidsco, and Gavin Martinez; as well as by his siblings, Linda Rodriguez, Cristy Talbert and husband Thomas, Annie Vanderpool, Darlene Rivera and husband Pete, and Dessie Vanderpool.

A Mass of Christian Burial for William was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City on Wednesday, November 25 at 10 a.m. A visitation was held on Tuesday, November 24 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. with a rosary at 6 at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Those wishing may express their condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Felix "Chivo" Franco Sr.

1936-2015

COLORADO CITY—Felix "Chivo" Franco Sr. passed away Monday morning, November 30, 2015. Felix was born in Loraine on March 31, 1936 to Jose and Josefa Franco and was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jo Franco; great-granddaughter, Linda Michelle Luera; brothers, Salomon, Teodoro and Ricardo; and sister, Lydia Franco Alvarez. A Christian Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 5 at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Colorado City with Father Michael Udegbunam presiding. Burial will follow at Mitchell County Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, which will host Vigil services with Rosary to be held Thursday and Friday at 7 pm.



Felix Franco was a lifelong resident of Colorado City and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. He owned and operated Franco Concrete and was famous for his chili "Colorado." Felix was dedicated to the improvement of lives. His legacy includes pushing for the paving of the Barrio "Sands" neighborhood, the development of Paredes Park and Franco Pavilion, Wolf Stadium improvements and countless work done at area cemeteries, churches, businesses and homes.

Chivo leaves behind a herd which includes sons, Felix Jr, Andy and Tony of Colorado City; daughters, Victoria Querido of San Antonio, Dalia Shamburg of Sunrise Beach, Missouri and Michelle Romero, Amy Franco, Naomi Goe and Esmeralda Vanderslice of Colorado City. Felix is also survived by brothers, Luis and Jose "Chuy" Jesus of Colorado City, Refugio "Cuco" of Odessa, Israel of Snyder, Roy of Katy and Alfred of Abilene; and sisters, Gregoria "Golla" Franco Rivera and Eliova Franco Arispe of Colorado City. Felix was blessed with 21 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and an extended family of about 1700 (and counting) Francos. Thanks dad and rest in peace.

Thank you!

The Friends of Mitchell County Library would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their help in making this year's Library Book Sale the success that it was! Thanks goes to:

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Friends of the Mitchell County Library

MCHD partners with Laura Bush Institute to offer assistance

By Audra Hoback
MCHD Marketing Director/
Grant Writer

Mitchell County Hospital District recently partnered with the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women to become a participating member of Access to Breast & Cervical Care for West Texas (ABCC4WT), a program funded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas ("CPRIT"). The institute and its partners provide cervical care

awareness and breast and cervical cancer screening services to women who otherwise would not be able to afford or have access to these type of health screenings.

This program is designed to assist women who are at the 400% poverty level, which means a mother of a family of four who makes up to \$97,000 a year is eligible. Individuals who have insurance with a high-deductible may also qualify for this program.

Women interested in, and who meet the criteria, are invited to attend an open enrollment meeting on Wednesday, December 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the MCHD Education Room. To enroll in the program, please bring a photo ID, proof of address and proof of income.

Representatives of the ABCC4WT program will be available to answer any questions and encourage all women to not let financial burdens, insurance, or high-deductibles keep you from taking care of your health.

For more information, please join us on December 16th or call (325) 942-2531.

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4-H

The Mitchell County Chapter is up thing new for season. This 4-H Mitchell Bright outdoor contest will be taken awarded, so ev

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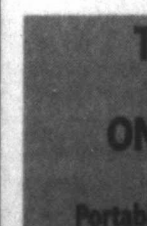
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Mitchell County District and EMS will host drive on Friday and organizers citizens to help cessful venture.

The drive will noon to 7 p.m. ing lot of the h EMS will be acc

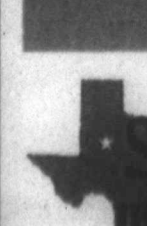


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LOCAL NEWS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

4-H sponsoring outdoor lighting contest

The Mitchell County 4-H Chapter is undertaking something new for the Christmas season. This year the 1st Annual 4-H Mitchell County Shines Bright outdoor holiday decoration contest will be held. Entries will be taken and prizes will be awarded, so everyone is encour-

aged to break out the decorations and participate in the contest.

The contest is for all Mitchell County residents and will award individuals and businesses with the best outdoor Christmas lighting and decoration display.

To register for the contest, pick up a form at the local county

4-H and extension office at 400 E. 2nd Street in Colorado City or use the registration form in the newspaper. Once the form is filled out, drop it off at the extension office. Deadline to enter is at noon on Monday, December 14th.

Entry fees are \$10 for residen-

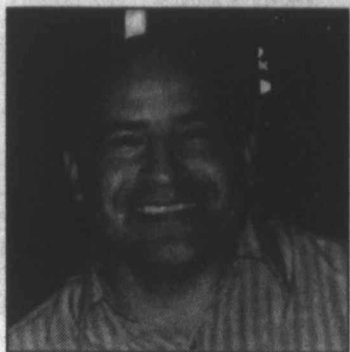
tial entries and \$15 for businesses. To compete, turn on lights in the evenings from December 14th through 18th from dark to 9 p.m. Entries will be judged on workmanship, originality, color, proportion, elegance and suitability to Christmas.

Judges will be randomly selected volunteer from the county. Entry fees are paid out 100% in prize money.

By entering the contest, competitors agree to have their names announced and photos of their homes displayed on the Mitchell County 4-H Facebook page and in the *Colorado City Record*.

Commercial Christmas Cheer awards will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place businesses, and Best Holiday House awards will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place residential entries.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Description of Property & Decor _____



Tony Franco

Franco to be ordained as Deacon

A Transitional Deacon Ordination will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in December for one of Colorado City's own. Anthony "Tony" Franco will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon of the church on Sunday, December 19th at 11 a.m.

No invitation is necessary to attend the service, and all are welcome to attend. Though he will be ordained here, Franco will be returning to Houston to serve as an assistant to a priest and bishop there, as well as providing pastoral work in the community.

Franco has been attending St. Mary's Seminary in Houston since the fall of 2009. He is expected to receive a Master's Degree in Divinity in May of 2016. Since then he has attended seven different universities over about 15 years of study.

Franco is the son of Luz and the late Felix Franco Sr. He is a 1979 graduate of Colorado High School and a 2001 graduate of Colorado State University in Pueblo where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering.



DISTINGUISHED LEADERS - Ty and Niki Wallington were honored as Mitchell County 4-H's Distinguished Leaders at the District 2 Gold Star Banquet November 23rd in Lubbock. Pictured are: (l-r) Robert Ferguson, Ty Wallington, Niki Wallington, and Audra Graves. Photo courtesy of Audra Graves.

"Bethlehem at the Baker" to be held December 13th

Several church congregations and Main Street volunteers are putting together an interactive nativity, and the public is invited to attend. Bethlehem at the Baker Hotel will be held Sunday, December 13th downtown.

Main Street board members came up with the idea, and

when the possibility was presented to local churches, several jumped on board and are going to help make it happen. The idea is to recreate at the old Baker Hotel what the scene might have been like when Jesus was born.

Citizens are welcome to come

out from 6 to 9 p.m. that evening, and non-perishable food items are being taken for admission. All food collected will be donated to the Community Mission.

"It's just a way of bringing everybody together," Main Street Director Carla Kern said. "We just want to get everybody into the holiday spirit."

All groups and individuals are welcome to participate and can contact Andrea Burleson or the Main Street office at 325-728-2072.

MCHD, EMS to hold coat, food drive Dec. 11 in hospital parking lot

Mitchell County Hospital District and Mitchell County EMS will host a food and coat drive on Friday, December 11th, and organizers are counting on citizens to help make this a successful venture.

The drive will take place from noon to 7 p.m. in the north parking lot of the hospital. The local EMS will be accepting donations

of non-perishable food items and coats, scarves, gloves, blankets, etc. for all ages.

Winter can be a cold and hungry time of year for many, and donations can help change that for a community member in need.

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Main Street Presents

Pictures with "The Grinch"

CHS Cheerleaders "Who hairdos"

3M Theater 3 pm showing

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

1 - 3 pm

Friendly Park

Festival of Trees

Lions Chili Supper

Wallace Center Bake Sale

Pictures with Santa

After Parade
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH It's time to go to Galveston

If you haven't been to Galveston lately, you should consider a return trip. It may surprise you. It's very clean and the beaches are getting a substantial upgrade. So many things are happening in the state's favorite playground it's difficult to choose which ones to mention. The year 2007 brought the highest number of tourists to the island before Hurricane Ike hit in 2008. Since then, tourism has surpassed that 2007 number. "If anything good can come from a hurricane, it at least took away some of the ugly structures," says Will Wright of the Galveston Historical Foundation. "Now we have either green space or new buildings where there were once eyesores."

When you get to Galveston, you automatically slow down the pace. We had a relaxing time in the historic Strand area, which features restaurants with sidewalk-dining, hotels, shops, the 1894 Opera House, a real treasure that attracts big name entertainers like Tony Bennett who performs there December 20. DICKENS ON THE STRAND has become a popular event the first weekend in December. People dress up in Dickens-era clothing (which is for sale in some of the stores on the Strand) and there is a full slate of activities including strolling carolers.

Mardi Gras in Galveston is the island's biggest event, attracting up to 300,000 people. It's the third largest Mardi Gras celebration in the nation. Pleasure Pier has a midway, roller coaster and swings that propel you over the gulf 70 feet in the air. I could not resist the swing ride. Had to do it. Easy, fun and safe. And you get a great view of the island and the water while spinning around.

Cruise ships have increased, especially since Houston's cruise terminal shut down. Next year Galveston will become the homeport for Carnival's newest ship, the Carnival Breeze. It will offer seven day cruises departing every Sunday beginning in May. Royal Caribbean and Disney will also offer departures from Galveston.

All of the attractions are first class. They include 32 miles of beach, Schlitterbahn, Moody Gardens, museums, dolphin tours, fishing, horseback rides on the beach, Victorian mansions, art galleries, parks, haunted houses, fantastic bird watching even an off shore oil drilling display. A spectacular movie shows the 1900 hurricane that killed thousands of people and caused the building of a seawall and the raising of the entire island. Galveston's history as the second busiest immigration port in the US makes the city of 50,000 residents a melting pot of several nationalities. New restaurants like Boulevard Seafood offer vibrant and exciting meals.

Cities in Galveston County have shown increases in population. League City has passed the 100,000 mark. Texas City, Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Marque and Santa Fe have all had increases this year. The best time to visit Galveston is spring or fall. The best way to experience the island is to look at the sky, listen to the waves, sit on the beach and think about how lucky you are to be there. It's the most natural place in the state to be at ease.

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Big plans for this Saturday...

By Stephanie Perez

In this day and age, we have more than ever to keep us busy and distracted: work, kids' activities, smart phones, tablets, over 300 TV channels, etc.

It seems hard to make time for anything out of the ordinary anymore. But, this Saturday, many volunteers - some of whom are your friends and neighbors or maybe even family members - have put a lot of effort into organizing some fun things to do and see to get you in the mood for Christmas.

If you've never taken part in any of the holiday activities in Colorado City,

Saturday is your chance. Even if you don't have any young children living with you, there will be something going on to interest everyone this weekend.

To start the day off right, take a toy out to the Toys4MCKids car show on the Family Dollar parking lot. Take a car enthusiast along with you and visit with the owners of these sweet rides. Have a conversation with these nice guys who do so much for the youth of this community.

Let me encourage you to come downtown on Saturday afternoon for some hot cocoa and cookies provided by

Main Street volunteers, do some shopping with the local merchants and stick around for the parade and chili supper.

The best gifts are the unique gifts, and the shops in Colorado City have plenty of those to go around. With the exception of electronics, I have been able to do all my Christmas shopping locally in years past. It's amazing what you can find when you take the time to look.

So, I'll be having a good time at all the events on Saturday. Make a plan, take the day, and enjoy them too. Hope to see you there.

Soul restoration: Answer to depression

By Monte Wilke

There has been an ad on TV lately about an antidepressant. It shows a tin model of the sufferer all bent over and needing to be wound up, then she starts shuffling off again. But then come the disclaimers. The harmful effects seem to be worse than the depression they are trying to treat.

There is a simple and universal cure for depression. It is found in the middle of the Twenty-third Psalm. "He restoreth my soul." The answer to depression is to take your problems out of your own hands and turn them to the Lord. Then sit back in the soft grass by the flowing brook and let peace, contentment and assurance do their work.

David goes on in these remarkable six verses of our favorite scripture to spell out the causes of depression, the presence of evil, fear, dark valleys, and the shadows of vultures lurking in the sky like the shadow of death. He also mentions anxiety because the enemy forces in close range and sense of abandonment.

But he offers a soul-restoration for each of these dangers. The presence of the Lord will help us fear no evil, His rod and staff comfort us when the enemy hovers overhead ready to devour us, and in the very presence of our enemies He prepares a big celebration feast.

Depression comes because a per-

son feels like (or has become) a failure, that he is lonely and no one cares for him. Healing comes when we realize His infinite and detailed care for us, His soothing surroundings of meadow and running water and the sure knowledge that both goodness and mercy are ever-present with us. The battle comes when we chose depression over healing, when we lose hope and fail to see how close the solution is.

Hiding or avoidance will not cure depression. That may be the best that drugs can do. When we run from God instead of turning to Him, any number of things can and do happen. Depression is just one. It can be cured with assurance.

POLICE REPORT

On November 9th at 11:04 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of Hickory in reference to a theft. The male subject was located and arrested.

On November 9th at 11:20 a.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Locust in reference to a burglary. Unknown person or persons had removed items from the residence without the owner's consent.

On November 9th at 11:55 a.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of Vine Street in reference to a break in. Unknown person or persons had entered the residence without the owner's consent and took items from inside.

On November 14th at 9:56 p.m., an officer arrived on scene in the 1100 block of Oak Street made contact with the subject. The suspect was found to be intoxicated and had a local city warrant for his arrest. The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and his local warrant.

On November 17th at 12:15 a.m., an officer responded to the 1325 Pine Street in reference to two children not being returned to their parent. The children were later located in Abilene with the alleged suspect involved.

On November 18th at 8:19 p.m., an officer responded to the 700 block of East 10th Street in reference to a theft where a package that had been delivered was missing.

On November 22nd at 12:30 p.m., an officer responded to Dairy Queen off of North State Highway 208. The officer made contact with the reporting party who stated that someone had stolen his cell phone. The reporting party was able to supply the officer with security video footage where an African American male can be seen possibly taking the phone. The video is blocked by an advertisement sign. The officer after making contact with the reporting party attempted to locate the possible suspect, but was unsuccessful. A report for theft was submitted in reference to the stolen cell phone.

On November 23rd at 8:45 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of New Street in reference to a burglary of a vehicle. Unknown person or persons had removed tools from the back of a pickup without the owner's consent.

On November 23rd at 7:30 p.m., an officer made contact with the reporting party at the police department. The reporting party stated that they had been assaulted by their mother in

the 300 block of East Front Street. The officer took the reporting party's information, took photographs of the injuries sustained during the assault, and collected information in reference to the suspect involved. The officer made contact with the alleged suspect where they refused to provide statement in reference to the incident. A offense report was submitted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon family violence.

On November 24th at 9:19 a.m. an officer took a report of theft at the new school by the gym. Unknown person or persons had removed property from a construction site without the owner's consent.

On November 24th at 11:54 p.m., dispatch received a call from the 7-11 on 2nd Street in reference to a theft. The officer arrived on scene and made contact with the duty clerk. The officer observed the security video where a Hispanic male and white female enter the store. The white female took an item (pink speaker) off the store shelf and exited the store without paying for the item. The Hispanic male appeared to be an accomplice in the theft. A report for class C theft was submitted.

Events Calendar

Dec. 3, 4
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Dec. 6
Dec. 11
Dec. 12

Beauty & the Beast
Whoville by Main Street
Christmas Parade, Festivities
Lions Club Chili Supper
Sr. Citizen Christmas Ball
Open House at Businesses
Food & Coat Drive
Bethlehem at the Baker

C-City Opera House
Downtown C-City
Downtown C-City
Railhead Bldg.
Civic Center
Downtown C-City
Mitchell Co. Hospital
Baker Hotel

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Like everyone else, I have a degree of emphysema, mine I attribute to first hand smoke - not second hand of which I have inhaled more than my share. Liberty of other smokers is not the cause.

Global climate is a liberty issue, not carbon. It just is above tyranny.

Our individual choices are a thousand times more influential on our longevity and health than climate ever could be.

Government cannot and will not protect us from choices. But they take away our liberty by claiming to do that.

Listen closely to Ted Cruz. You know exactly what he means. Listen to Obama, a man who means to convince you that he is intelligent. One is intelligent enough to be honest.

Nobody is as great and wonderful as Obama and Trump believe they are. Cruz comes much closer than either.

Cruz is the one with humility, not the elitist, not the egotist.

Nero liked to hear his fiddle as Rome "burned"; Obama likes to hear himself talk while America "burns". Trump likes to glorify himself and insult his detractors. Rudeness is his stock in trade and politics.

Where is the "beef"? Look between the buns!

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

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Daniel Barrera to Crystal Ann Shrum on 11/25/15.

Justin Tanner Fountain to Kayme Brooke Wells on 11/25/15.

ARRESTS

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Rodney D Green, 33, MCSO, 20102 FTA, Evading, 11/23/15.

Connie Irene Gonzales, 56, Sterling Co, Theft by Check Sterling Co, 11/21/15.

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LOCAL NEWS

TxDOT reminds drivers to be safe with new campaign "EndTheStreak"

Texas marked a grim milestone recently as at least one fatality has occurred each and every day on state roadways since Nov. 7, 2000. That's 5,478 consecutive days with at least one fatality. In an effort to end this deadly 15-year streak, the Texas Department of Transportation, through its #EndTheStreakTX campaign, reminds drivers to stay alert, obey traffic laws and take personal responsibility behind the wheel.

"More than 50,000 people have been killed on Texas roadways over the past 15 years and that number is a sobering reminder that we must do everything in our power to stay focused and safe while driving," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "These crashes have killed spouses, children, friends and neighbors, and shattered the lives of those they left behind. We can stop this staggering streak if all drivers make it a priority to be safe, focused and responsible."

To help raise awareness of this tragic, daily statistic, TxDOT is asking people to change their social media profile pictures to the black image available for download here. Throughout November, TxDOT's social media pages will share facts and information about the last 15 years of roadway

fatalities and invite Texans to publicly show their commitment to ending the streak of deadly days by sharing these posts with the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX. TxDOT also will invite the public to share personal stories of loved ones lost in car crashes on its social media pages using photo and video testimonials with the hashtag

#EndTheStreakTX.

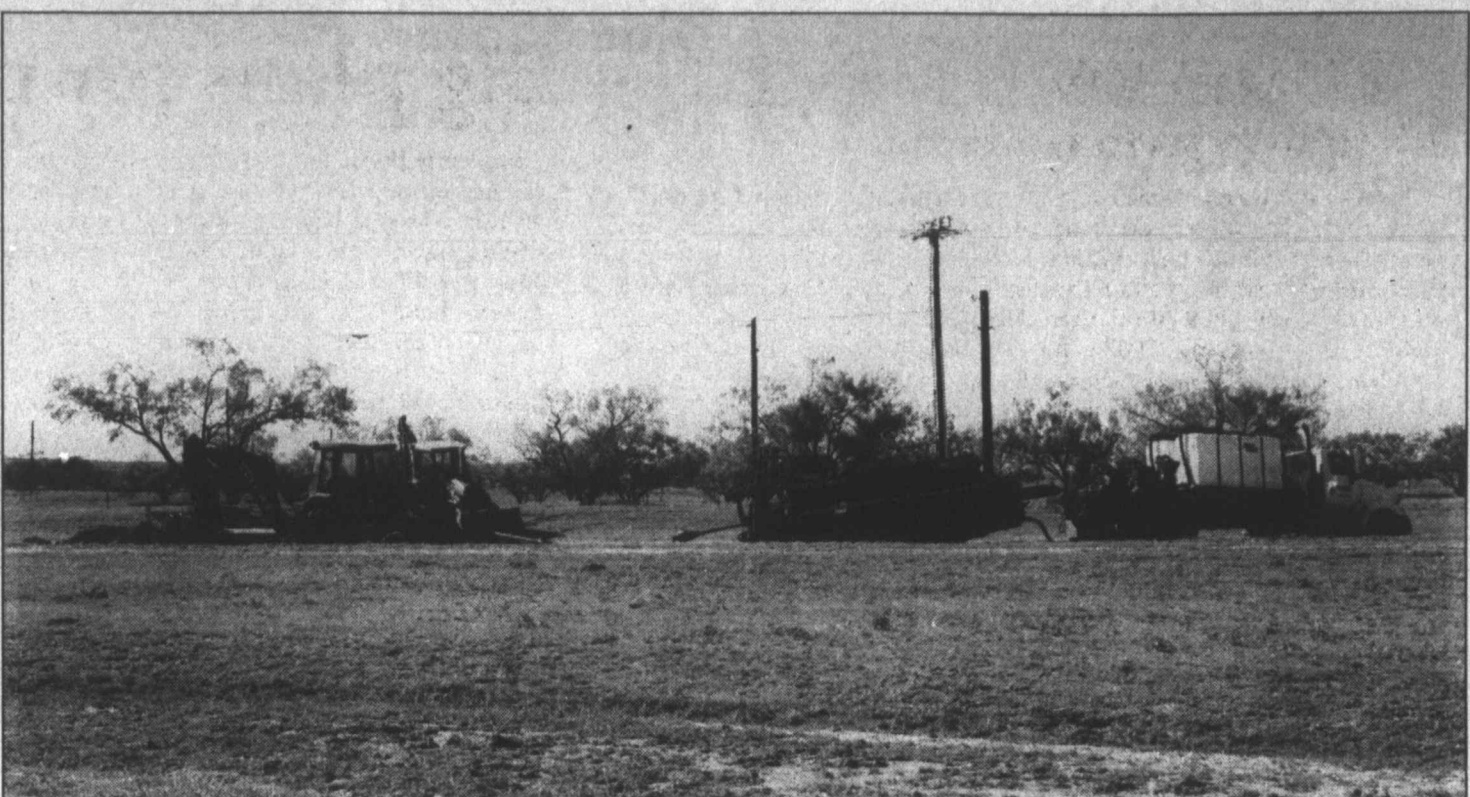
Since Nov. 7, 2000, fatalities resulting from motor vehicle crashes on Texas roadways have numbered

51,832. A leading cause of fatalities continues to be alcohol, with distracted driving and a lack of seat belt use also being major causes.

To decrease the chances of roadway crashes and fatalities, TxDOT reminds drivers to:

- Buckle seatbelt – all passengers need to be buckled
- Never drink and drive – drunk driving kills; get a sober ride home
- Pay attention – put phone away and avoid distractions
- Drive the speed limit – always follow speed limits and drive slower speeds when weather or conditions warrant

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.



DEVELOPING THE CORRIDOR – Workers from Roberts Construction could be found working on the sewer line project on the west end of the city recently. Once finished, the line will connect water and sewer to the Studio 6 Motel now under construction.

Clay to present holiday music program at Dec. 4 meeting of Garden Club

The Colorado City Garden Club met Friday, November 6th, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Featured speakers were Amanda

Stone and Lisa Wood.

The two ladies presented a program about holiday table scapes. They fashioned a beautiful holiday wreath using birds, nests, red picks and a lantern with a simple wreath as the base. The wreath was given as a prize.

The next meeting of the club will be Friday, December 4th, and Linda Clay will present a holiday music program. Club members will meet in the FUMC Fellowship Hall, and visitors are welcome.

Call Georgia Harris for a reservation at 704-467-6245.

PARADE

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thing for you! Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated Tree in the adult and child divisions.

All the kiddoes will get a chance to talk to Santa and have their pictures made with him at the Railhead Building as well.

The Colorado City Lions Club will be cooking up a delicious, hearty meal and everyone is welcome to come out for the Lions Club Chili Supper. Ritchey said that Wallace Center volunteers will also have a variety of baked goodies available at a bake sale in conjunction with the other activities that night.

For more information, contact the chamber office at 325-728-3403.

FILINGS

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Attorney, currently held by Ann Reed and District Judge, currently held by Glen Harrison, are also up for election.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no one had filed to run as a Democrat.



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LOCAL NEWS



HELPING HANDS – Brian Bassham could be found high above the streets of downtown Colorado City last week helping put up Christmas decorations just in time for festivities on Saturday, December 5th.

Blue Santa applications are needed by Dec. 20

According to CCPD Dispatcher Chelsea Martinez, gifts and monetary donations are coming in as citizens take part in the annual Blue Santa program. She said that applications are still being taken, and time is running short.

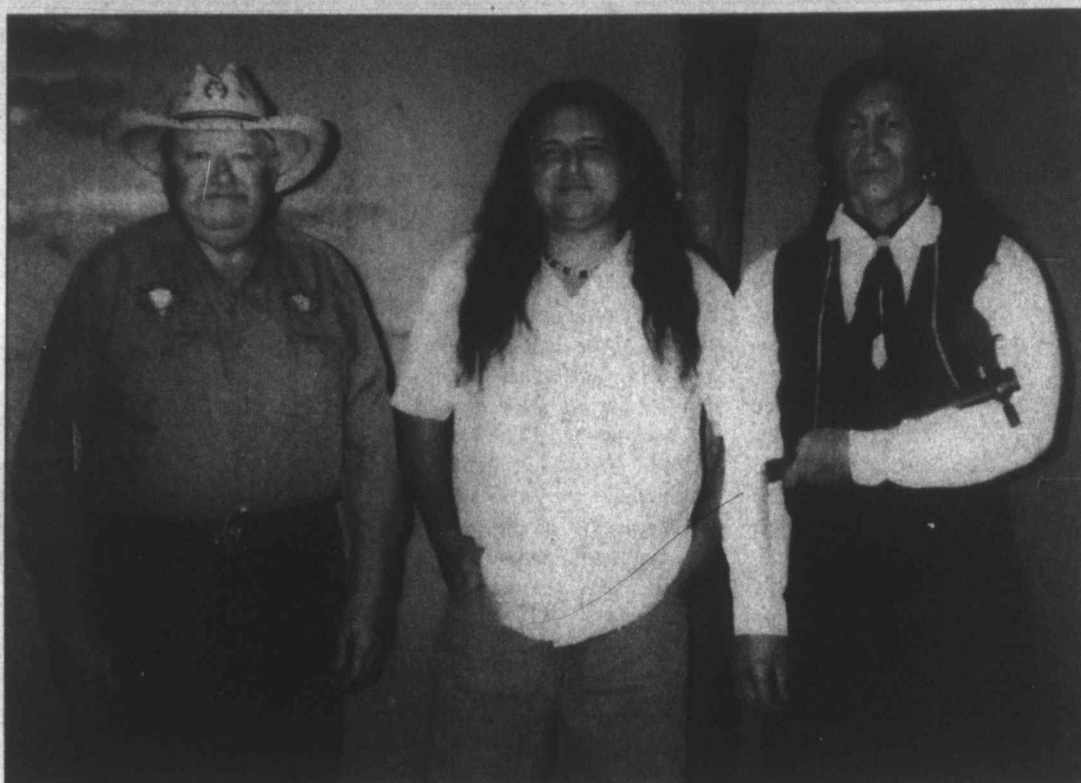
"With Tuesday being the 1st, there are just a few short weeks left to donate or apply to benefit from the Blue Santa program," Martinez said.

Deadline to donate will be Sunday, December 20th, so anyone planning to donate should do so before that date.

As always, gifts for teens can be hard to buy. CCPD Chief Luis Aguilar said that gift cards have been popular for the older kids and just about any type of cards will make a good donation. Most restaurants and stores sell the cards that can be loaded with any amount of money.

The number of families that can be helped depends on the donations that are received. Personnel at the police station are hoping citizens will bring in new, unwrapped gifts and monetary donations to help them help others this holiday.

All donations may be taken to the police station, located at 201 W. 3rd Street, at any time and given to the dispatcher on duty. The gifts will be delivered by a Santa in blue on a decorated trailer on Christmas Eve.



A FRIENDSHIP THAT WILL NEVER DIE – Roland Graham (left) is seen here with the late Jason Cutnose who died recently. Cutnose helped bring the Chief Lone Wolf exhibit to the local museum, met many Mitchell County people and began a friendship with Graham that lasted through the years. Photo courtesy of Roland Graham.

Descendent of Chief Lone Wolf dies; but his memory will remain in county

A man who was instrumental in bringing the Chief Lone Wolf exhibit to the Heart of West Texas Museum has passed away, but his memory will live long in the minds of several local citizens. Jason Cutnose, the great-grandson of the Kiowa chief, passed away Monday, November 2nd.

Many citizens may remember that Cutnose came to Colorado City in 2004 to put his voice on tape for the museum display honoring his relative for which so much is named here. Museum board member Roland Graham said that Cutnose was a true historian and was fascinated with the story of Chief Lone Wolf and why he is memorialized.

After the museum duties were fulfilled, Graham and Cutnose took a trip out to Lone Wolf Mountain where the chief stopped to bury one of his sons and another relative as he fled from the U.S. Cavalry. Graham

said they spent hours talking about a variety of subjects, including wildlife from this area and the Christian faith that the two shared. They also looked into the cave that is on the mountain.

"A million dollars couldn't put a bigger thrill in my heart than that evening spent on the mountain with Jason," Graham said recently.

Graham said that he hunted for small game on Lone Wolf Mountain many times while growing up in Loraine, but now he understands that it is truly sacred ground.

Cutnose came back to west Texas in 2007, speaking to local students and meeting people from this area.

"I considered him a friend," Graham said. "I never dreamed I'd meet any of Lone Wolf's relatives."

Graham is having a cross made with Cutnose's name on it and he will put it up on Lone Wolf

Mountain to memorialize his friend.

CHS Principal Mark Merrell also had the chance to spend time with Cutnose during one of his visits to Colorado City. He said that the man made an impression on all those he met and was a remarkable person.

Cutnose even had the chance to speak to McMurry University students while on one of his trips to Texas.

Edward "Jason" Cutnose was 48 years old at the time of his death. He lived in Meers, Oklahoma, a suburb of Lawton. According to the obituary that ran in an Oklahoma paper, he attended Cache Public Schools and graduated from Cameron University.

He was a member of Mt. Scott Kowa United Methodist Church, where he also served as a trustee. He was a member of the Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma and was also of Kiowa descent.

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Opry Show to feature Solberg Dec. 17th

The C City Opry is on a roll, and plans are in the works for a Christmas show that's sure to be out of this world. A newcomer will be welcomed to the opry stage to perform for all attending on Thursday, December 17th.

Though she is a newcomer to the opry, 10-year-old Riley Solberg has been performing on stage since the age of four, and she is quite a singer. She performs at cowboy symposiums and shows all across Texas and has even performed in Montana.

Solberg has sung the National Anthem at many rodeos and also sings at the Texas Tech basketball, softball and soccer games. The youngster is a singer and loves to yodel.

Admission is free. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit the website www.ccityopry.com.



INDUCTED INTO THE HALL – The Dublin Rodeo Heritage Museum inducted Mary Ann and the late Pedro Fincher into the Hall of Fame recently. The Finchers spent their younger years traveling on a train with Gene Autry's outfit Lightning C to places like Idaho and Madison Square Garden in New York City. Mary Ann was joined by family members for the ceremony: (l-r) Pete Fincher, Karen Fincher, Brad Fincher, Debbie Fincher, Mary Ann Fincher, Allie and Sydney Fincher, Garrett Fincher, Cole Fincher and Kayla Edmonds. Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Fincher.

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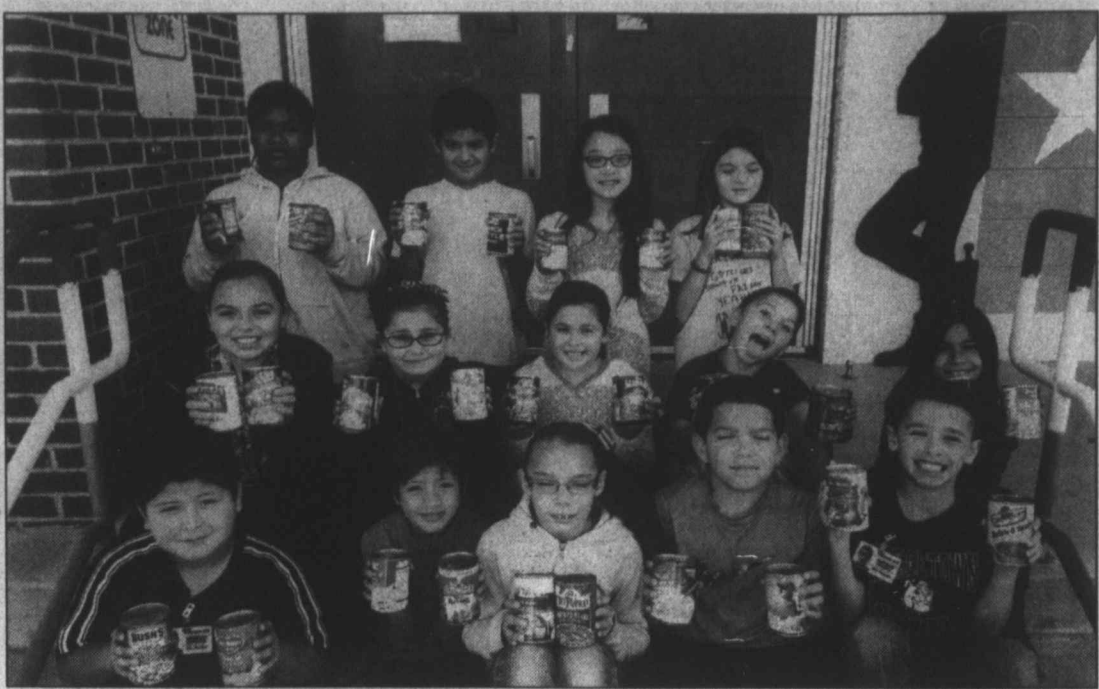
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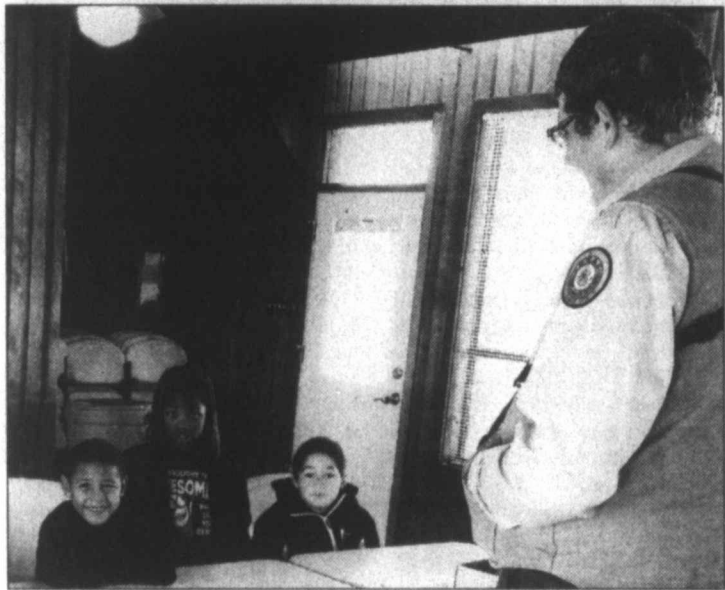
SCHOOL NEWS



RECEIVING BOOKS—Mrs. Toombs' 3rd grade students received two books from the Mitchell County Retired School Personnel. All third graders in the county received two books to encourage the love of reading. Pictured are back row (l-r), Germanie Williams, Nathaniel Wooddell, Arianne Caldwell, Madison Munoz, Ryland Senter, Matt Farmer; second row, Kylee Gale, Jake Oden, Renee Sosa, Kazdyn Womack, Marcus Espinoza, Jayden Usener; front row, Matthew Crawford, Alejandra Garza, Mark Hill and Lindsey Towery. Photo courtesy of Lorianne Toombs.



FOOD DRIVE—Students at Hutchinson Elementary School participated in a food drive recently. Non-perishables were collected and taken to the Community Mission. A few of the students participating were: (back row, l-r) Terrilyn Young, Ryan Hernandez, Chloe Rubio, Emma Sanchez; (middle row) Adison Espinoza, Madison Lefler, Avery Martinez, Ryan Nix, Anissa Arrambide; (front row) Junior Ramirez, Lilly Beltran, Shaylah Rodriguez, Nate Rivera, Matthew Farmer. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.



BIRD WATCHERS—Three Kelley Elementary students recently visited Lake Colorado City State Park. The park superintendent, Kyle O'Haver, took the kids to see various birds that live at the state park. The students then went to the recreation room to do nature art activities with twigs, grass and leaves. Pictured are Laidrian Ward, Nikolai James, Damarcus Rinehart, and Kyle O'Haver. Photo courtesy of Jeanne Ellis.



GOLD STAR WINNER—Carrie Chaney (center) was honored as Mitchell County 4-H's Gold Star at the District 2 Gold Star Banquet on November 23rd in Lubbock. She is seen here with extension agents Robert Ferguson and Audra Graves. Photo courtesy of Audra Graves.

Lions offer opportunities for youth

Texas Lions provide a variety of programs to encourage youth participation in issues facing today's society.

The Texas Lions' Opportunity for Youth sponsors three main contests during the year. A student may enter multiple contests as long as they meet the qualification requirements for each. Club winners will be sent to the district competition and district winners will compete at the State Contest on May 21st, 2016 in Midland.

The District 2A1 award for each contest is a \$500 scholarship. Scholarships awarded must be claimed within two years of

winning the award. You may go to www.texaslions.org under "Programs/Opportunities for Youth" to find general procedures and applications:

Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest

The Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest is an annual competition allowing student participants the opportunity to research, organize and present perspectives on a given topic related to diabetes. "New Ways of Thinking to Manage Diabetes"

The contestant will focus on recent approaches which help youth and adults keep their blood sugar and appetite in check. Contestants will investi-

gate and evaluate new research and emerging treatments that provide higher success rates for those who have been diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

Drug Awareness Speech Contest

The Drug Awareness Speech Contest is an annual competition allowing student participants the opportunity to research, organize and deliver an oral presentation on a given topic related to Drug or Substance abuse. Abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs is costly to our Nation, exacting more than \$700 billion annually in costs related to crime, lost work productivity and health care. Participation in the contest allows the students to explore the issues around drug abuse and addiction, and offer creative and viable solutions.

Outstanding Youth Award Contest

The Outstanding Youth Award Contestants are evaluated on high school grade point average, a 750-word essay, a personal, biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service, leadership experience/participation and a personal interview.

Deadlines & Rules

All materials required for the contest(s) being entered (application, work product, essays, let-

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SCHOOL NEWS



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST – Members of the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast* will be holding two shows of the play this week at the Colorado City Opera House on December 3rd and 4th. Members of the cast and crew are: (front) Garren Smith; (second row) Allison Torres, Layton Holsey, Sierra Salazar, Carrie Chaney; (third row) Jordan Smith, Ashlei Burrola, Ethan Smith, Sonja Gonzales, Madison DuCasse; (back row) Don Guazo, Hailey Hulme, Brandon Upshaw and McKenzie Kildow. Not pictured were August Lane and Bailey Gonzales. Photo courtesy of Tiffany Overby.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 & 4

CHS one-act play to perform

Colorado High's Theater Arts class is presenting *Beauty and the Beast* on Thursday and Friday, December 3rd and 4th at the Colorado City Opera House. Admission is free, and everyone is encouraged to come out and support these young actors.

Doors of the theater, located at 337 Walnut, open at 6:15 p.m., and the show is set to start at 7. CHS teacher and director Tiffany Overby is hoping to receive community support by way of attendance.

Beauty and the Beast by Warren Graves closely follows the traditional tale but has been adapted for the stage. The main line of action deals with the merchant Blotti who wanders into the castle of the Beast. Having

lost his fortune, he is reluctant to return home to his hopeful daughters, but the Beast promises him riches if he will send his daughter, Beauty, to the castle. Overby said there are scenes of humor and daring as Beauty's haughty sisters argue over who will take them to the ball, and the valiant Manello challenges the Beast to a sword fight.

"But, above all, there is the magic of Beauty's innocence and goodness that sees beyond the ugliness of the Beast to the handsome young prince whom the purity of her love will restore to his rightful form," Overby said.

Overby graduated from Colorado High School in 2000. She has 10 years of experience that she brings to the classes she

teaches, and she has found the students here to have a strong work ethic and natural talent.

Layton Holsey will play Blotti, and Sierra Salazar will perform as Jonquil. Carrie Chaney will portray the part of Rougi, as Ethan Smith stars as The Beast and Sonja Gonzales as Beauty. Garren Smith will play Manello, and Ashlei Burrola and Madison DuCasse will share the role of Mirror.

Members of the crew are Bailey Gonzales, McKenzie Kildow, Hailey Hulme, Allison Torres, Don Guazo, August Lane and Jordan Smith.

Enjoy an evening of different entertainment on December 3rd or 4th by attending a performance of *Beauty and the Beast*.



FOOD DRIVE – Students at Hutchinson Elementary School participated in a food drive recently. Non-perishables were collected and taken to the Community Mission. A few of the students participating were: (back row, l-r) Terrilyn Young, Ryan Hernandez, Chloe Rubio, Emma Sanchez; (middle row) Adison Espinoza, Madison Lefler, Avery Martinez, Ryan Nix, Anissa Arrambide; (front row) Junior Ramirez, Lilly Beltran, Shaylah Rodriguez, Nate Rivera, Matthew Farmer. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Breakfast

Dec. 7th – 11th

Monday – Pancake wrap, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – Chicken-n-biscuit or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – French toast with sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – Early bird sandwich or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – Dutch waffle, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Lunch Menu

Dec. 7th – 11th

Monday – Chicken fajitas, salsa, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – Pigs in a blanket, baby carrots with ranch, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, choice of milk.

Wednesday – Tex mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, petite tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, choice of milk.

Thursday – Chicken parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, bread sticks, fresh apple slices, choice of milk.

Friday – Hamburger, hamburger garnish, oven fries, western beans, deiced pears, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu

Dec. 7th – 11th

Monday – Chicken-n-biscuit, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – Breakfast club, breakfast strudel, cheese stick, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – Sausage kolache, yogurt, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – Breakfast pizza, oatmeal rounds, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu

Dec. 7th – 11th

Monday – Steak fingers with gravy, baked potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk.

Tuesday – Pizza choice, garden salad, vegetables, sliced peaches, chocolate or vanilla pudding.

Wednesday – Chicken quesadillas, Spanish rice, Mexican corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon apples, milk.

Thursday – Chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk.

Friday – Popcorn chicken, sweet potato waffle fries, cucumber dipper, fresh seasonal fruit.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu

Dec. 7th – 11th

Monday – Cheese omelet wrap or cereal with toast, chilled pineapples, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – Breakfast quesadilla or sausage biscuit and gravy or golden apple oatmeal with toast or cereal with toast, blushing pears, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – French toast stick or blueberry bagel and cream cheese or cereal with toast, cinnamon apple sauce, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – Chicken waffle sticks or breakfast pizza or cereal with toast, chilled peaches, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – Homestyle cinnamon roll or sausage breakfast bagel or cereal with toast, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu

Dec. 7th – 11th

Monday – Chicken tenders or steak fingers or chili dog with chips, romaine garden salad, mashed potatoes,

peas and carrots, chilled apricots, roll, gravy, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday – Spicy chicken sandwich or general Tso chicken or crispy chicken chef salad, romaine garden salad, oriental blend vegetables, burger salad, glazed carrots, chilled pineapple tidbits, fruit slush cup, fortune cookie, roll, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday – Italian meatball sub or pizza or hamburger with chips, romaine garden salad, seasoned green beans, yellow squash, chilled mixed fruit, roll, peach crisp, fresh fruit, milk.

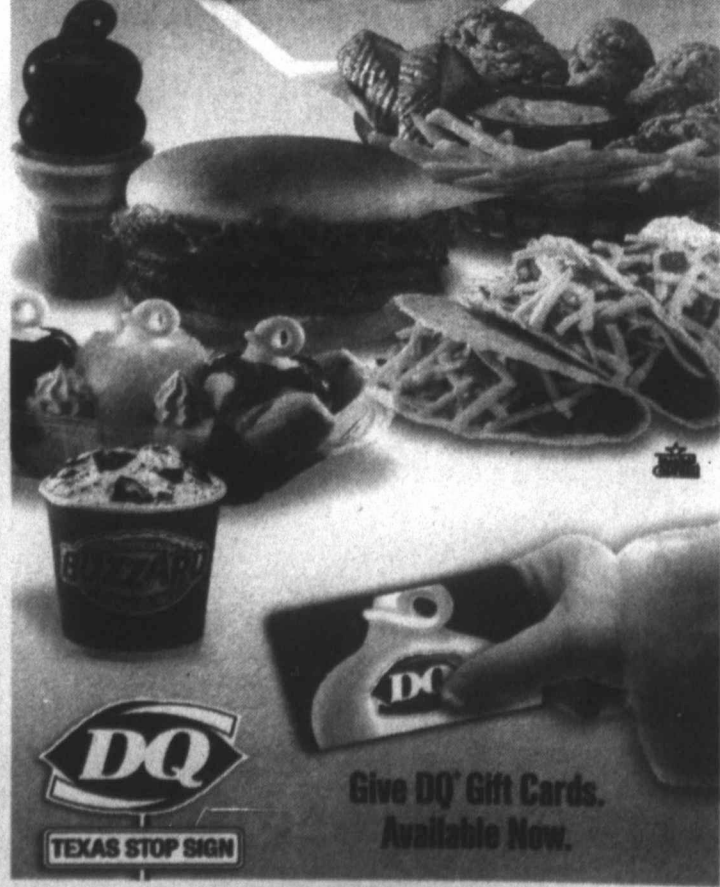
Thursday – Twin crispy tacos or soft beef taco or chicken fajita salad, corn on cobb, black beans, lettuce tomato salad, chilled mandarin oranges, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday – Catfish or crunchy fish or turkey and cheese on sub with chips, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, chilled tropical fruit, romaine garden salad, roll, fresh fruit, milk.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Ms. Lewis's pre-k class had fun making turkey hats for Thanksgiving. Class members are: (back row, l-r) Cali Castillo, Stanley Henderson, Leona Luera, Dimitri Bentencur, Harper Epperson; (front row) Noah Molina, Aunie Clark, Tate Grimes, Kazlynn Garcia and Claudia Chambliss. Photo courtesy of Loretta Lewis.

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SPORTS

Wolves place 14 members on all-district team



Alex Trujillo
Player of the Year
Utility Player



Josh Salazar
1st Team
Defensive Line



Zach Luera
1st Team
Defensive Line



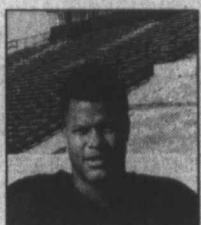
Andrew Burrola
1st Team
Inside LB
2nd Team
Wide Receiver



Mark Munoz
1st Team
Secondary
1st Team
Wide Receiver



Javier Ventura
1st Team
Interior Lineman



De'Ante Adkison
1st Team
Running Back



Justin Trawick
2nd Team
Interior Lineman



Dylan Meguire
2nd Team
Secondary



Isaiah Jennings
2nd Team
Secondary
2nd Team
Wide Receiver

The District 3-3A DII released the all district team earlier this week and Alex Trujillo, a senior, was selected as the utility player of the year.

Making the 1st team all-district interior lineman was junior Javier Ventura of the Wolves.

Mark Munoz was the all-district selection at wide receiver and De'Ante Adkison also was a 1st team selection at running back.

The defense all-district team had Josh Salazar, a junior and Zach Luera, a se-

nior listed on the defensive line.

Andrew Burrola (Sr), was first team inside linebacker and Munoz (Sr) was all-district in the secondary.

The 2nd team all-district selection on offense for the Wolves included interior lineman Justin Trawick (Jr) and sophomore, Jack Johnson.

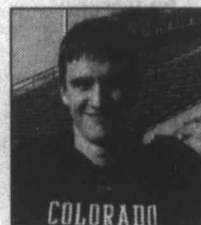
Wide receivers on the second team included Isaiah Jennings (Sr) and Burrola (Sr). Tommy James was selected 2nd team quarterback.

On the second team defense, Shadda

Cansler (Sr) was joined by outside linebacker Anthony Gutierrez (So) and the secondary was represented by Dylan Meguire and Jennings.

Post had 14 seniors make the first and second all-district team while Coleman had 18 players listed.

Ballinger had 15 players on the all-district team while Colorado City had 14 players listed. Underclassmen on the all-district team were lead by Coleman with nine, Post 7, Ballinger and Colorado City 6.



Shadda Cansler
2nd Team
Defensive Line



Anthony Gutierrez
2nd Team
Outside Linebacker



Tommy James
2nd Team
Quarterback



Jack Johnson
2nd Team
Interior Lineman

Wildcats place 10 members on all-district team



Rowdy Morris
1st Team
Running Back



Gabriel Salazar
1st Team
Fullback



Bryson Dominguez
1st Team
Spreadback



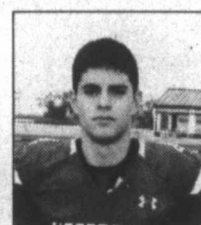
Tanner Strain
1st Team
Lineman



Jayden Lopez
1st Team
Linebacker



Zane Clemmer
2nd Team
Wide Receiver



Cutter Williams
2nd Team
Center



Anthony Gutierrez
2nd Team
Special Teams



Caleb Matos
2nd Team
Linebacker



Robert Booth
2nd Team
Cornerback

Westbrook all-district selections were announced last week.

The District 7-1A DI team has several Wildcats listed.

Rowdy Morris, a junior, was elected 1st team running back and Gabriel Salazar, a sophomore, was a 1st team fullback selection.

Senior Bryson Dominguez was selected at

the spreadback position.

On the defensive side of the ball, Tanner Strain, a senior, was selected to the 1st team and Jayden Lopez, a sophomore, also made the 1st team. Strain as a lineman and Lopez a linebacker.

On the second team were senior Zane Clemmer, a wide receiver and Cutter Wil-

liams, a sophomore, center. Also Anthony Gutierrez a senior was on the special team selection.

Second team defense had freshman Caleb Matos as a iinebacker and Robert Booth (junior) a cornerback.

Coach of the Year was Shane Mallory of Hermeleigh.

W'brook girls beat Plowgirls 62-26

The Westbrook varsity girls basketball team improved their record to 4-3 with a decisive win over Roscoe. The Lady Cats beat the Plowgirls 62-26 Tuesday, November 24th at home.

The game started off evenly with both teams scoring 11 points in the opening frame. That's when Westbrook turned up the heat. The second quarter was a rally for the Lady Cats as they scored 19 points and held

Roscoe to only 3 to take a 30-14 lead into the locker room at half-time.

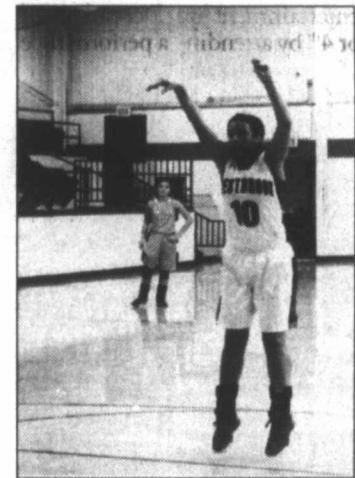
The Lady Cats came out of the half on fire, scoring 23 points to Roscoe's 9 and continued on that path to victory.

Shannon Morris lead the Lady Cats both offensively and defensively. She scored 23 points, over half of the points scored in the contest, and also had 4 rebounds and 11 steals.

Miranda Goswick turned in a stellar performance as well. She scored 14 points for Westbrook and had 3 blocks, 7 rebounds and 5 steals.

Brianna Lathers had an outstanding game too, as she scored 14 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 2 blocks and 3 steals.

The Lady Cats traveled to Sterling City Tuesday night to take on the Lady Eagles.



TWO SHOTS – Emily Whiteley sinks a free throw during Westbrook's basketball game against Robert Lee recently. The game was one of many played during the Wildcat Classic, a boys' and girls' basketball tournament held in Westbrook.

Westbrook JV girls win at home

The unbeaten Westbrook JV girls turned in another impressive performance in last Tuesday's basketball game against Roscoe, winning 27-12 at home. The victory brings the team's record to 4-0 for the season.

The Lady Cats started off strong and never wavered, as they scored 10 points in the first quarter and held Roscoe to only 3. The game continued in that direction, as the Lady Cats had a 17-5 lead at the half.

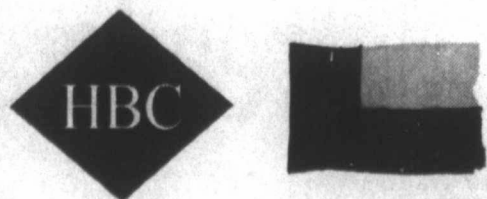
The third period was much of the same, with Westbrook outscoring the Plowgirls by 5. The only bump in the road came in the last frame, as Roscoe managed 4 points and Westbrook only 2. However, the Lady Cats held on for the win.

Kierra Witte led the team offensively with 11 points. Syrrah Tenorio pitched in 5, and Erica Gutierrez and Shea Hale each scored 4. Kendall Koch added 2 points of her own.

Tenorio played good defense, as she is credited with 8 rebounds and 2 steals. Koch stole the ball 4 times and Gutierrez stole the ball 3 times for the Lady Cats.

"The girls came out strong in the first half, both offensively and defensively. This was by far the best rebounding game we've had this year," Coach Schelli White said. "The girls continue to grow and play as a team."

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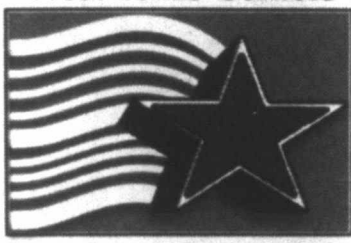
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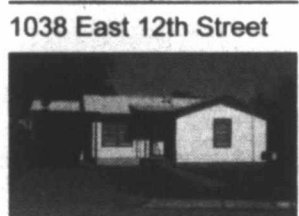
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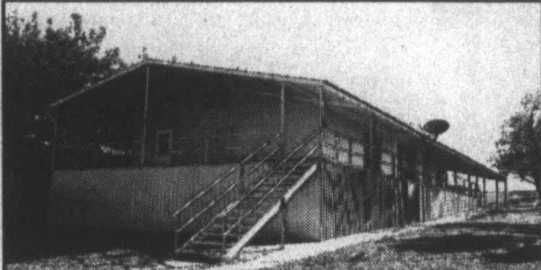
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 REDUCED! 445 S. FM 1229 - 4/2 four car carport, shop and storage building.
 REDUCED! 5142 PDQ Rd - 2/2 Home at the lake. \$31,600
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 209 6th St. - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, large home with spacious kitchen and efficiency apartment. Large storage building. Lots of updates. \$75,000
 NEW! 2002 Locust- SOLD!
 2128 Chestnut- SOLD!
 REDUCED! 1241 Austin- Move in ready! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. \$82,500
 REDUCED! 1032 Cedar - 3 Bedroom, 1 1/5 bath. Priced to sell. Call Cheri. \$49,500
 721 E. 11th - Unique house and old church building. Over 3,000 Sq. Ft. Call Cheri.

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

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 NEW! 840 E. 11th - Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with ceramic floors throughout. Has updated baths and is move in ready. Has 5 lots with mature evergreen trees on west side. Has a well on the property but no pump. Must see to appreciate. Call Dana for appointment. \$107,000.
 NEW! 1441 Cypress - 3/2 Completely remodeled. Too many new updates to list. \$96,000
 NEW! 1202 E. 10th - Great location, large 1/2 acre lot on corner of 10th and Eastover. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. Close to new school.
 NEW! 737 Waco St - SOLD!
 REDUCED! 1220 E. 17th- 3-2-2 with wood burning stove, large shop/garage and separate storeroom in back. Across from CHS. \$115,000
 NEW! Between E. 20th and E. 21st- 6 Lots located between E. 20th and E. 21st. Zoned R-1 for single family residential. Lots are partially cleaned off on 20th St. side \$30,000.
 REDUCED! 806 Reeves Loraine- 2008 Laredo single-wide M. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, laundry room, carport and on 2 lots in Loraine. \$45,000.
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 7808 CR 398, Snyder, TX- Open floor plan with 2 living areas, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath.

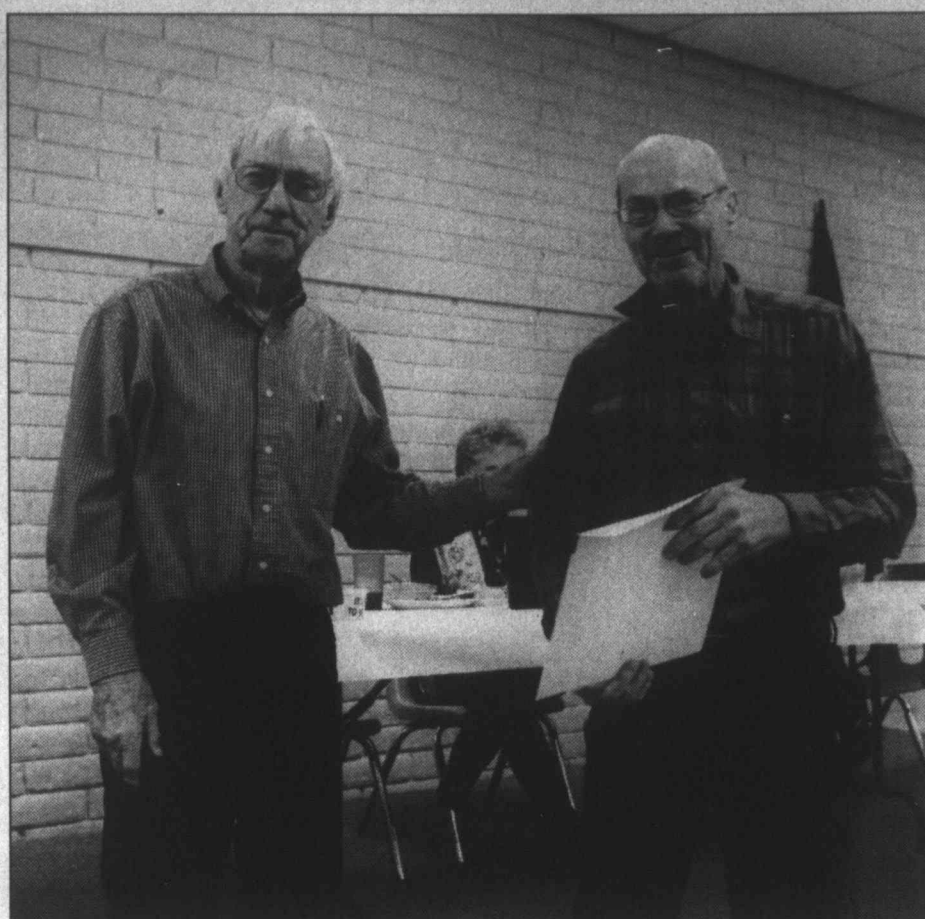
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LOCAL NEWS



WELCOME TO THE CLUB – Longtime Lion Bob Reilly (left) welcomed Doug Aycock, son of the late Buster Aycock, as a new member of the Colorado City Lions Club during a weekly meeting.

Hutchinson Elementary lists perfect attendance students

The list of students with perfect attendance for the second six-weeks of the school year has been released by Hutchinson Elementary.

3rd Grade: Ismael Aguirre, Diego Andrade, Arissa Arrambide, Martin Bentancur, Makayla Boatman, Ellasia Boone, Arianne Caldwell, Quinn Carroll, Chanel Chavez, Marcus Espinoza, Matthew Farmer, Kylee Galey, Blas Garcia, Samayha Garcia, Alejandra Garza, Anjelina Goodney, Jeremaih Green, Zane Grimes, Izayah Guillen, Jaxon Hammond, Ethan Haren, Aspyn Hearin, Mark Hill, Bruce Holloway, Evelyn Lara, Miranda Mahan, Charles Oden, Lillian Ponce, Alexys Richmond, Lucretia Robin, Rickey Rodgers, Shaylah Rodriguez, Ryland Senter, Trevor Stephens, Kolten Thomason, Lindsey Towery, Ivan Valdez, Issac Vasquez, Damia Ward, Germanie Williams, Kazdyn Womack, and Nathaniel Wooddell.

4th Grade: Brandon Barkley, Natasha Barron, Danielle Bell, Kai Bland, Marcus Bradley, Isreal Chavez, Alabama Davidson,

Rogelio Duenez, Kadence Eades, Adisson Espinoza, Hunter Foster, Jordan Garza, River Gonzales, Ezik Hernandez, Chasity Jackson, Haelyn Limones, Austin Long, Kara Martin, Adriana Martinez, Avery Martinez, Frank Martinez, Thomas Martinez, Nicholas Molina, Carson Moore, Bayley Nava-Munoz, Ryan Nix, Madison Ornelas, Nicholas Ornelas, Michael Ruth, Alyssa Saleem, Johnathan Sandford, Nicholas Santana, Isaac Silva, Braelyn Sparks, Blake Stuart, and Ronnie Sumruld.

5th Grade: Bryce Alvarez, Evyn Alvarez, Thomas Barajas, Ramone Bonilla, Jacob Deen, Julia Garcia, Serenity Guerrero, Ryan Hernandez, Jacob James, Camryn Jones, Bruce Lara, Natalie Lindsey, Clara Mahan, Jessica Martin, Morgan Martinez, Jaden Mendoza, Destyni Mitchell, Natalie Nix, Christopher Randle, Jordan Raschke, Erica Rodriguez, Chloe Rubio, Emma Sanchez, Clayton Shields, Karli Shrode, Zaria Smith, Preslea Stone, Brenlye Strain, Reagan Wilkerson, Terrilyn Young, and Terron Young.



SWEETS FROM THE SWEET – CMS students (l-r) Trinity Douglas, KeAndrea Emerson, and Skylar Juarez were among a group of middle school students serving the parents, faculty and fellow students that enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal Wednesday cooked by the 7th graders.



LEARNING TO SERVE – KeAndrea Emerson and Zack Stone were part of a group of National Junior Honor Society students serving Thanksgiving lunch to parents, faculty and fellow students last week at Colorado Middle School. Under Coach Harold Sowa's direction, 7th graders actually cooked the meal.

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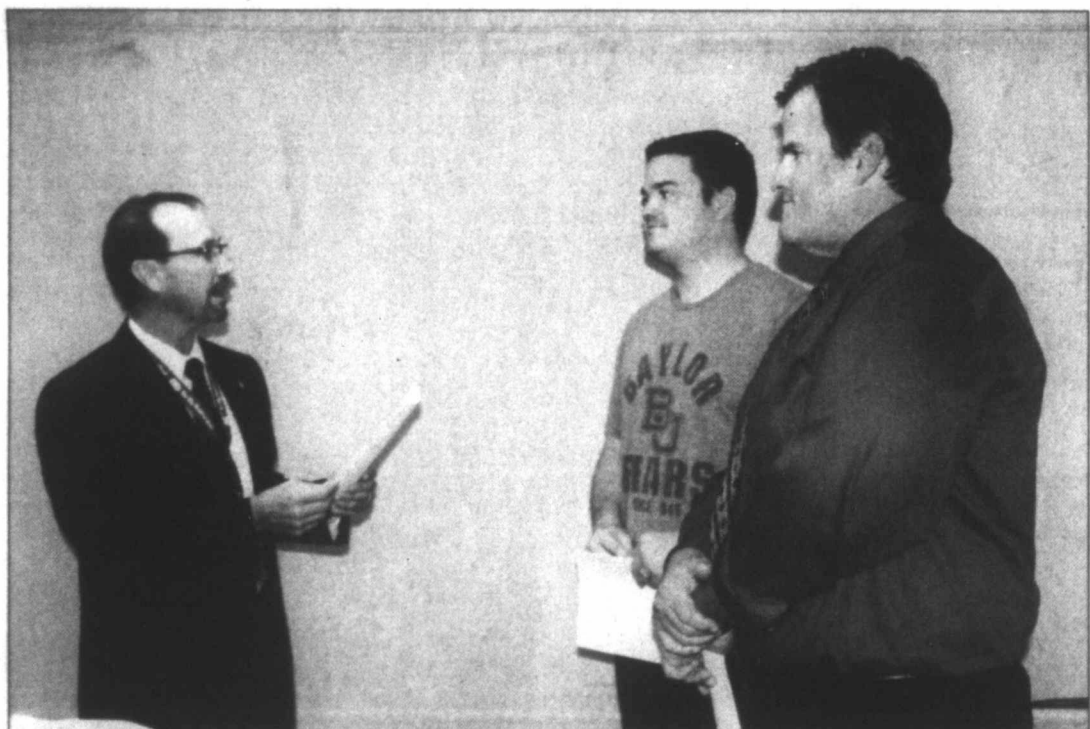
Orsak wins Best of Show at Regional Art Show



CHAMPIONS OF THE ARTS – Award-winning artist Tom Orsak and Doris McClellan viewed the photography entries at the Regional Art Show on Saturday. Orsak's entry won Best in Show, out of more than 75 entries that were submitted by artists and open to the public for viewing after judging.



READY FOR ACTION – The #88 Microsoft race car could be seen sitting in the parking lot of the Stripes convenience store located at the corner of Hickory and the south service road of I-20. The car could also be seen at the new Stripes Travel Center during the grand opening. Photo courtesy of David Arellano.



NEW MEMBERS – Rotary Club President Robbie Dewberry (left) inducts new Rotarians Sterling Bureson (center) and Todd Bureson into the Colorado City civic club at the weekly meeting.

State Park offering family fun

Join the Lake Colorado City State Park for a little Christmas fun and cheer, as Saturday, December 12th will be the day to celebrate.

Superintendent Kyle O'Haver invites everyone to come out to the state park and tinker like an elf to make a craft for family and friends and play reindeer games to master your holiday skills and knowledge from 4 to 6 p.m. that day.

Then, from 6 to 8 p.m., join in on more holiday fun with caroling and storytelling All Around the Campfire. Everyone is welcome to bring friends and family to enjoy something different this holiday season. O'Haver said that visitors can check out the park to find that future favorite campsite or cabin for their next trip. "The time is open for you to have some holiday fun and explore the park with a setting sun," he said.

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On Saturday, November 21st, the West Texas Art Guild held the Regional Art Show at the Colorado City Civic Center. The show was entered by many artists, as over 75 entries were judged and displayed.

Tom Orsak of San Angelo was the winner of the Best of Show award, with a watercolor painting of an outdoor scene. The artist said that he really enjoys painting outside, and he expressed an interest in coming back to Mitchell County to paint in the future. Other category results follow.

Dry Media – 1st, Vicki Diggs of Spur; 2nd, Linda Mathis of Colorado City; 3rd, Craig Jolley of Colorado City

Mixed Media – 1st, Gloria Lee of Spur

Watercolor – 1st, Carolyn Walker of Colorado City; 2nd, Nelda Englert of San Angelo; 3rd, Nathalie Kelley of Snyder

Oil/Acrylic – 1st, Peggy Whitehead of San Angelo; 2nd, Suzan Kennedy of Sweetwater; 3rd, Linda Rupard of Big Spring

Photography – 1st, Pam Walker of Colorado City; 2nd, Chelsey Lam of Westbrook; 3rd, Michelle Guelker of Colorado City

3-D – 1st, Debby Guelker of Colorado City; 2nd, Keegan Von Atizen of Sweetwater

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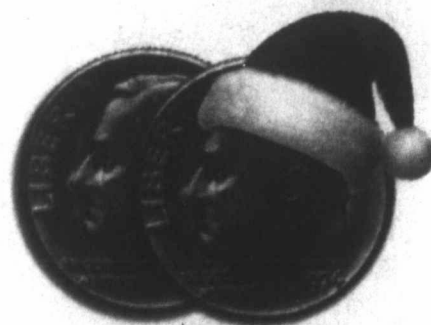


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