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Q: When is the West Texas Rehab 2016 auction?
A: It's Saturday, January 16th you may bid on auction items at westtexasrehab.org.

Briefs

Fighting Hunger

The Colorado City Lions Club is participating in the World Wide Week of Service to fight hunger and poverty. The Lions are holding a food drive, and everyone can participate. Donations will be taken at the weekly meeting at the civic center on Friday at noon. Food can also be dropped off at the credit union with Pat Cawthron, or in boxes at MCHD's Physical Therapy Dept. and the hospital gift shop. All food benefits the Community Mission.

Garden Club

The Colorado City Garden Club will meet Fri., Feb. 5th at 11:30 a.m. in the FUMC Fellowship Hall. Peggy Maddox will present the program on healthy soil. Guests are welcome. Call Janet Rodgers, 972-743-1085, or Georgia Harris, 704-467-6245, for reservations.

Candidate Forum

The Mitchell County Republican Party will host a candidate forum on Thurs., Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room. All candidates who have filed for the upcoming election will be invited. For more information, you may call Teresa Beckmeyer at 325-242-2146.

Early Release

Westbrook ISD students will be released early on Fri., Jan. 15th. All students will release at 12:30 p.m.

Menudo Benefit

A menudo and bake sale will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Sat., Jan. 16th starting at 6:30 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 17th starting at 9 a.m. Sales will continue until sold out. All proceeds go to help with medical expenses for Golia Rivera.

Lighthouse Meeting

The Colorado City Lighthouse meeting will be held at 439 Oak at Thurs., Jan. 14th at 7 p.m. Irma Gonzales is the featured speaker, and the theme is "Identity: The Key to Transformation." Everyone is welcome.

Obituaries

JaCobey Ross Arolo
Colorado City

Amber Blair Sevier
Colorado City

Barbara Johnson
Colorado City

Lajuana Solomon
Colorado City

Jolene Blankenship
Colorado City

Around Town

Ask Darla & Tony Turner how to unlock their house... Happy 1st birthday Sophia Marie (Jan. 14th)... Bob Reilly concerned about the editor's health... Alvie Faulkenberry looking less like Santa... Ask Amanda Jo Ritchey for a funnel cake at the stock show...



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City approves renegotiations with FGE

Colorado City's city council met Tuesday night and approved an amended reclaimed water supply contract with FGE with a 6-1 vote. Craig Jolley voted against approving the contract.

All council members were present for the meeting.

City Manager David Hoover explained to the council that the only thing changing in the contract is dates. The date of the first water delivery was moved forward to August of 2017, and the first date of commercial op-

eration of the power plant was moved forward to May 1, 2018.

This was the third amendment to the original contract. Jolley clarified that the city has had four agreements with the energy company over the past few years.

"It's not costing us to play along," Councilman Keith Hiser reminded.

The rest of the council agreed with Hiser, and the measure passed 6-1.

A May election is slated for

the council, and three seats are up for election in 2016. Council members will be elected to represent District 3, currently held by Marcelo Alvarez; District 4, held by Sendia Blake; and District 6, currently represented by Andrew Fuller.

The filing period begins on January 20th and ends February 29th. Anyone wishing to file an application to be on the ballot should go to City Hall at 180 W. 3rd Street.

The election will be held Sat-

urday, May 7th.

In other business, the council denied a request by Glenda Rivera to reconnect water to a home at 1903 Fig Street.

According to Hoover, issues with payment for water services started back in 2009 when a check for \$459.30 to have water reconnected at the house was returned to the city. The city manager said that the check has never been picked up from city hall, and the problems at the address escalated from there.

At some point in 2013, city employees found that 421,000 gallons of water had been used at the residence despite the water being disconnected by the city. The water meter at the residence was then locked.

The woman whose name was on the account at city hall was prosecuted and she has been ordered to make monthly payments to the city.

Since then, city employees found that the lock had been

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No gun totin' in courthouse

County Attorney Ty Wood provided Mitchell County Commissioners with a legal opinion they sought regarding the new License to Carry (LTC) law that went into effect in Texas on January 1st. Without a clear opinion from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, commissioners were left to make the tough decision themselves.

Wood said that Paxton hadn't provided any clear guidance to governing entities about the legalities of openly carrying a weapon in government buildings where court proceedings take place, leaving room for local court members to make the determination.

The new law does not affect the prohibition of weapons in courtrooms, but the AG's opinion says that guns are not allowed in courtrooms and "offices that are essential to the operation of the court." Technically, all the offices in the courthouse can be essential to operate court proceedings.

But, where does that leave the lobby and hallways? And, what about the annexes? The library and BOED offices?

Librarian Brigada Hiser said that the Texas State Library had issued an opinion that weapons cannot be banned in libraries, though there has been a debate on the subject because of the large number of children that come to the facility.

Wood said that the county

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SHOW READY - 4-H and FFA members, like Christian Sanchez, will spend much of this week washing, clipping and beautifying their animal projects in preparation for the Mitchell County Livestock Show which will be held this weekend. Sanchez is a member of the Loraine FFA.

Stock show kids getting the animals ready

Clippers have been buzzing this week, as all the swine, sheep, cattle and goats are readied for the 79th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show. Boys and girls from Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine FFA chapters, as well as Lone Wolf 4-H members, are set to exhibit livestock projects this weekend, January 15th and 16th at the county ag barn in Colorado City.

According to livestock association president Brodie Harris, there are 102 students signed up to exhibit 289 animal projects in the show. This year's show is held in memory of Eldon Harris, who did so much to support the livestock show and the exhibitors over the years.

Parents, students and show organizers were

busy with the final preparation work this week, as weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 14th. Before the official weighing in process begins the National Anthem will be played and a prayer will be offered.

The show kicks off bright and early on Friday, January 15th with the hog show beginning at 8 a.m. The exhibition of hogs will be completed before lunch, and the show will continue in the afternoon with the goat and lamb show, the pee wee goat show, heifers and steers.

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will provide a full concession during the show on Friday and will be serving pulled pork

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First autopsy results not clear

According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, the preliminary autopsy report for Amber Sevier has been received, but the report didn't provide any clarification on the cause of death of the 39-year-old woman.

Toombs said that the results of the preliminary report were inconclusive and the medical examiner's office in Dallas is waiting on a toxicology report and more information from the investigation to issue a final report about the cause of Sevier's death.

The toxicology screening and final report is expected to take about a month.

Spencer's contract renewed

The Colorado ISD Board of Trustees approved the extension of Superintendent Reggy Spencer's contract during Monday's regular meeting. Specific compensation details will be discussed at a later date.

January is School Board Appreciation Month, and board members were treated to a steak dinner before the meeting. During the meeting, it was the board's turn to express their appreciation to Spencer.

Following an executive session to discuss the contract extension, Board President Sally Neff made the following statement, "The Colorado ISD Board of Trustees have evaluated Mr. Spencer and have given him an exemplary rating for his performance as superintendent. This has been an exceptional year for meeting and accomplishing goals that we have set for our school district. Mr. Spencer continues to remain solidly focused on our district's priorities."

"His reputation for leadership and school governance has extended far beyond CISD and has actually spread statewide, as he was selected as the 2015 Superintendent of the Year for Region 10."

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Brandon McDowell

Loraine ISD has a new superintendent. Brandon McDowell comes to Loraine by way of Schleicher County ISD, and he's enjoying getting to know the staff and students.

McDowell lived in Eldorado and was principal at Schleicher County ISD before moving to Loraine. He takes the reins from interim superintendent Dennis Hill, as was always the plan for LISD.

The new superintendent is a West Texas native, as he was born and grew up in Aspermont. He also spent five years in Robert

Lee. Through living and working in small communities, McDowell has acquired knowledge and fondness for small towns.

Because moving into a school district in the middle of the year can be difficult, McDowell is trying to get a feel for things. He started employment with the district on December 8th, so he was able to work with Hill for two weeks before he was on his own.

McDowell said his plan for LISD is to continue to focus on academics as the #1 priority of the school. It's a goal he intends

to keep striving toward.

"We need to make sure to continue to move forward and help the kids get the information they need to succeed," he said Monday.

The school administrator has been developing relationships with the staff, and he said he believes the teachers at Loraine are all there for the right reason. "It's got to be about the kids," McDowell said.

McDowell is married and is the father of two young daughters, one is in pre-k and the other is a one-year-old.

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

JaCobey Ross Arollo 1999-2015

COLORADO CITY-- Funeral services for JaCobey Ross Arollo, age 16, were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the Walters Funeral Home in Centerville. Wayne Bell officiated at the service and burial was in the New Salem Cemetery, east of Centerville in the Centerview Community. Jacobey passed away on December 28, 2015 in Colorado City.

JaCobey was born on July 11, 1999 in Mexico. At the time of his death, he was a student in Colorado City. He was the comedian of his family and liked making people laugh. He always had a cellphone in his hand and kept up with friends and family by texting and through Facebook. He had a pit bulldog named Titan that he loved.

JaCobey was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Rennie Yarbrough and a maternal great-grandmother, Alpha Dell O'Bannon.

Surviving relatives are his mother and step-father, Tammy and Eddie Flores of Colorado City; father, Jerry Zepeda of Thornton; maternal grandparents, George Quinlan and his fiancé, Glenda Stone of Buffalo; paternal grandparents, Buddy White of Thornton and Mary Alice Reese of Thornton; two brothers, Darius Quinlan and Glenn McCleney, both of Colorado City; a sister, Sabrina McCleney, of Colorado City; and several aunts and cousins.

Serving as active pallbearers were Trent Lenamond, Josh Lenamond, Jackie Willis, Bubba Wedgman, Logan Cole and Jason McBride. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Steven McCleney, Clint Winstead, Travis Willis, Billy Quinlan, Darius Quinlan, Jason Roberts and Chris Brooks.

Walters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements: www.waltersfuneralhome.com.



ter what she had going on in life. She enjoyed going to any family function, especially the outdoor ones. In her spare time, she enjoyed going fishing and just hanging out with her kids. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Loraine and liked to volunteer for the Red Cross.

Amber is survived by her husband, David Sevier who she married on June 14, 2014; her children, Hayden Peaslee, Carter Peaslee, and Brayden Coronado; her mother, Fielda Blair, all of Colorado City; and her sister, Christi White and husband Randy of Brock. Also surviving are her nieces and nephews, Brayden White, Brett White, Sarah Hancock, Mariah Munoz, Michael James Munoz, Mylee Longoria, and Marlow Longoria; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Eugene Blair. A funeral service for Amber was held at the First Baptist Church of Colorado City on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Paul Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery. A visitation was held at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home on Thursday, January 7 from 6-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Amber's name to The Ranch at Dove Tree in Lubbock or to the First Baptist Church of Loraine. Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Barbara Marie Johnson 1946-2016

COLORADO CITY-- Barbara Marie Johnson, age 69, was called home on January 6th 2016, passing away peacefully at home surrounded by her children.

Barbara was born on January 28, 1946 in Springfield, Tennessee to James Johnson and Francine White. She moved to California at a young age, but she would spend many summers visiting family in Colorado City. In 1974, she enlisted in the United States Air Force to proudly service her country. While serving on active duty, she traveled to many locations around the globe including Korea, Guam, Montana, California, New England, Kansas, and Massachusetts. She started her military career in transportation and eventually worked her way up to being assigned to the Command and Control Integration Center where she dealt with many important and usually top secret operations.

After retiring from the military in 1994, Barbara, along with her family, drove from Boston to Colorado City in a very cozy packed car to start her new life as a retiree. Not long after retiring, Barbara realized that she just wasn't ready for the easy and laid back life. Her passion for food and her boundless love for her family and friends helped her open QB's, a labor of love that allowed her to shine as a beacon in her community. While stationed in Guam, Barbara joined her husband, Kirven Tillis in the order of the Freemason as an Eastern Star. She had many hobbies that she was well known for, such as fishing, ceramics making, and her famous cooking skills that she was so good at that her friends lovingly bequeathed her the title of the Queen Bee.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, James Johnson and Francine White; and one brother, Tony "Spot" Johnson. Barbara is survived by her children, George Anthony Johnson and Eva Shavon Grant; her grandchildren, Latoya Miles, James Walthall and wife Avery, Theresa Cobb and fiancé Travis, Marcus Watson and wife Brittany, and Ebony McCain and husband Derek; as well as by her 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are her siblings, Cecil Johnson and wife Lexi, James Alfred Johnson and wife Mary, Melvin Jackson and wife Barbara, Brenda Amos and husband Vincent Sr., Doris Jackson, Beverly Johnson, Michael Johnson, James H. Johnson Jr. and wife Carol, Deloria Johnson, John Otis Johnson and wife Kathy; and her aunt, Emmalene Nichols.

Along with her traditional family, Barbara is survived by all of her honorary family of alternative women for whom she will continue to love and cherish deeply. Funeral services for Barbara were held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Floyd Green officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery. A visitation for Barbara was held on Tuesday, January 12 from 6-8 pm at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.



Lajuana Joy McMillan Solomon 1934-2016

COLORADO CITY-- Lajuana Joy McMillan Solomon, 81, entered Heaven's gates on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the local care facility in Colorado City, Texas. Lajuana was born December 23, 1934, in the Fairview community in Mitchell County, the daughter of R.E. and Versie McMillan.

She married the love of her life, Linden Solomon, on December 23, 1951. They had two daughters, Peggy Smith and Phyllis Easter who were their biggest treasure. Lajuana was a farmwife and was proud of her country heritage. After Linden and Lajuana, affectionately known as Poppy and Grumpy, retired, they spent much of their time visiting family and friends, RV-ing and tending to their home, Nurty Acres. Many friends enjoyed Lajuana's cooking, especially her pecan pies. She loved her family and her cats with all her heart.

Lajuana is survived by her husband of 64 years, Linden; her daughters, Peggy Smith and husband Donald of Colorado City, Phyllis Easter and husband Jimmy of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, R.E. and Versie McMillan; sister, Etta Lee Jones; and brothers, Robert (Bob) McMillan and Weldon McMillan. A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Kiker Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery. Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.



Jolene J. Blankenship 1940-2016

COLORADO CITY-- Jolene J. Blankenship, 75, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 with her family by her side in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Jolene was born on January 21, 1940 in Wewoka, Oklahoma to the late Morris and Violet Fox Bagwell. Shortly after graduating high school, Jolene married the love of her life Tex Blankenship on April 19, 1958 who preceded her in death May 16, 2015.

Jolene was a woman who loved her community and loved her church as well as her family. When not doing things with her children or grandchildren she would often times be seen doing many volunteer activities for the First Baptist Church in Colorado City, of which she was a member for many years. She was a member of the food committee, helped with the church puppet show and would lend a helping hand with the Angel Tree and Samaritan Hospitality House. She had a love for the open road and the wind blowing through her hair as she rode her motorcycle with her friends and family.

Jolene is survived by her children, Leisa Dawson of Colorado City and Rod Blankenship of Christoval; as well as by her grandchildren, Misty Richard and husband Willie, Krystal Martinez and husband Marcelo, Bryan Blankenship and wife Amber, Rodney Blankenship Jr., Autumn Martin and fiancé Antonio Estrada, Ariel McGuire and husband Robert, Kamron Martin and wife Maegan, and Alex Blankenship. Also surviving are her 13 great-grandchildren and two that are on their way. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Tex Blankenship, a grandson, Reno James Martin and two great angels in waiting who greeted her upon her arrival.

A memorial service for Jolene was held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Colorado City with the Rev. Jerry Shields officiating. There was a visitation for Jolene held on Friday January 8, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Those wishing may extend their condolences online by visiting www.kikerseale.com.



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Railroad Commission releases December figures

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 727 original

drilling permits in December 2015 compared to 1,506 in December 2014. According to the commission, there were 275 permits issued to drill oil/gas holes, with 256 oil completions and 14 gas completions in the Midland District which includes Mitchell County.

The Midland District, which encompasses the Permian Basin and Colorado City, is the top oil producing district in Texas.

Statewide, the December total included 622 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 12 to re-enter plugged well bores and 93 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits issued December 2015 included 159 oil, 42 gas, 440 oil or gas, 54 injection, two service and 30 other permits.

In December 2015, commission staff processed 788 oil, 151

gas, 53 injection and one other completion compared to 1,559 oil, 353 gas, 45 injection and two other completions in December 2014. Total well completions for 2015 are 19,503; down from 29,554 recorded in 2014.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of January 8 was 308, representing about 46 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

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Events Calendar

Jan. 14	Loraine City Council Meeting	Loraine City Hall
Jan. 14-16	Mitchell Co. Livestock Show	County Barn
Jan. 23	Wildlife Track & Sign	State Park
Jan. 23	All Around the Campfire	State Park

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What would you do with a billion dollars??

With no winners in the Saturday, January 9th Powerball drawing, the amount of the grand prize was pushed beyond \$1 billion. That kind of money makes people talk, and the topic was on everyone's lips this week.

Staff at the *Record* decided to ask a few people what they would do if they won \$1 billion, and here are some of the answers given.

Patrick Toombs - After paying off all personal debts, I would

like to pay off the jail bond. Then you could look at improvements for the community. You could help all the churches, and still be able to look at what the community needs. I would like to build a playground area that's big enough for all the kids in the county and a nice waterpark and swimming pool. Then you could look at building a bigger, modern venue for adults. You could also hire crews of people to clean up the county and all three cities in

the county. With that amount of money, the possibilities are nearly endless.

Mark Merrell - I would pay off the school bond of \$29.9 million. It would help all the taxpayers living in the district.

Melinda Alexander - I would build a community center with an adult daycare inside of it, and people could utilize it for free.

Sheila Plagens - I would pay off the school bond. Then, I would divide a sum of money be-

tween friends and family and secretly give it to them. I've always thought it would be so much fun to make people happy by giving them money unexpectedly.

Roberta Fisk - I would buy a house with land for horses for me and my mom, and a reliable car. I would also hire a full-time nurse for my mom so I wouldn't have to worry about her. After that, I would build an animal shelter here in Colorado City, because we really need one.

Sgt. James Barrows - I would buy a whole new fleet of vehicles for the Colorado City Police Department, and they would be Tahoes.

Niki Watlington - I would

buy land, build a church and donate it to my congregation. I would help friends in need and set up funds for her children and grandchildren. I would then build and open a daycare.

Robert Ferguson - I would pay off debt, go back home and buy land to extend the size of the family ranch and buy a new pickup. I would put the rest in a savings account that gains interest.

Audra Graves - I would put aside enough money to pay off the rest of my master's degree. I would pay my house off and possibly buy a new vehicle. I would also take a trip where I travel around Europe and various places on my travel bucket list.

Rainbow Trout to be delivered to Ruddick Park Wednesday

Fishing enthusiasts, get your rod and reels ready! According to Texas Parks & Wildlife's Kyle O'Haver, another load of Rainbow Trout is being delivered to Ruddick Park on Wednesday.

The state park superintendent said that 800 trout will be stocked in the park over the winter. The load of fish is expected to arrive about 11 a.m. After that, Lone Wolf Creek will be the best location around Colorado City for excellent fishing.

State fishing rules and regulations apply, and the catch limit is five per day with no length limit.

"I, personally, have been catching my limit nearly every outing the last couple months, and they are great to eat," O'Haver said. He said that the last two times he's been fishing, he has caught his limit in 15 minutes!

What do you use as bait to catch trout? Well, it's not worms. Apparently, Rainbow Trout love corn. O'Haver said to open a can of whole kernel corn and put it in a very small hook. He advises using a small weight on the light about eight to 12 inches away from the hook and fish on the bottom.

A fishing day at Ruddick Park will be announced soon, and the Lake Colorado City State Park will supply poles and bait. The date of the fishing day will be announced later.



BOUNTIFUL WATERS - James Agnew was fishing in Ruddick Park during the noon hour on Tuesday, and he was having plenty of luck. Texas Parks & Wildlife is continuing the fish stocking program, as a fresh load of Rainbow Trout is scheduled to be put into Lone Wolf Creek Wednesday.

Scholarship applications sought

Applications are now available for the 16th Annual Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Wildlife Conservation College Scholarship Program, sponsored by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Texas. Celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year, the Texas Big Game Awards will awarding \$15,000 in college scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year.

All applicants for the TBGA scholarship program must major in an agriculture and/or natural resource-related field of study. Based on where you live within the TBGA program's regional designations, one (1) \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in each of the eight TBGA Regions at their respective regional banquets. The overall top scholarship applicant will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship to be awarded at the Texas Wildlife Association's (TWA) 31st annual convention in July.

Any entering college freshman (graduating high school senior), or entering college sophomore, or entering college junior is eligible to apply for one of the available scholarships. The scholarship applications will be reviewed and ranked by a scoring committee using set criteria. Applicants do not have to participate in the TBGA to be eligible for the scholarships.

To download the application, please visit www.TexasBigGameAwards.org/scholarships.php and all applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2016.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES					
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015					
Data		10	50	60	98
Control		General	Debt	Capital	Total
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REVENUES					
5700	Local and intermediate sources	\$ 5,720,640	1,873,136	23,892	191,712
5800	State program revenues	4,875,850			67,744
5900	Federal program revenues				1,748,935
5020	Total Revenues	10,596,490	1,873,136	23,892	2,008,391
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EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	4,926,802			1,106,077
0012	Instructional resources & media services	74,461			74,461
0013	Curriculum & instructional staff development	56,981			50,985
0021	Instructional leadership	282,401			113,182
0023	School leadership	575,207			21,552
0031	Guidance, counseling, & evaluation services	310,085			95,931
0032	Social work services				18,719
0033	Health services	55,234			55,234
0034	Student (pupil) transportation	169,689			23,066
0035	Food service				750,970
0036	Extracurricular activities	874,330			32,275
0041	General administration	333,229			333,229
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	1,106,565			12,806
0052	Security and monitoring services	500			500
0053	Data processing services	217,195			217,195
0061	Community services	1,634			3,931
0071	Debt service - principal on long term debt	320,642	375,000		695,642
0072	Debt service - interest on long term debt	70,934	1,335,975		1,406,909
0081	Facilities acquisition & construction	655,977		13,629,719	14,285,696
0093	Payments to fiscal agent/member districts of SSA	127,561			127,561
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	105,115			105,115
6030	Total Expenditures	10,264,542	1,710,975	13,629,719	2,229,494
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	331,948	162,161	(13,605,827)	(221,103)
					(13,332,821)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)					
7949	Other resources	50,089			50,089
8911	Transfer out	(6,145)			(6,145)
8949	Other uses	(47,601)			(47,601)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(3,657)			(3,657)
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	328,291	162,161	(13,605,827)	(221,103)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	7,480,553	114,556	21,514,022	362,231
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Doug Smith plays again

I first interviewed Doug Smith and recorded his playing piano when he was fourteen. It was at his parents' home in Kermit. It has been amazing to watch his career blossom. He has played piano concerts in some of the major cities in America. He composed music for photographer Wyman Meinzer's video titled WEST TEXAS.

Doug is 52 now and living in Lubbock. "My music is very dynamic for piano music," he says. "It's loud and rambunctious, not your soothing type of piano. Some of my songs are soulful, though." Doug has played piano since he was two. His first concert was at age six. "I played for the whole elementary school there in Kermit and I knew right then what I was going to do the rest of my life." PBS did a documentary of Doug and it played on television stations across the country. "I went from playing 20 dates a year to playing 80 to 90 dates a year. All of a sudden I was playing in St Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. I'd walk out on stage wearing a cowboy hat looking like a hayseed and play concert piano. I never have a playlist; just play what I think the audience wants to hear. It's all my original music. Yamaha picked up sponsorship and made sure I had a piano wherever I went."

In 2007, during his 25th year as a concert pianist, Doug was getting ready to perform on the Austin City Limits television program when he had a wreck in his pickup, resulting in a spinal cord injury. "When it happened I couldn't move from the neck down. Therapy has brought me to where I am today. That's a long way. Nobody ever thought I'd be up in a wheelchair playing piano and recording music again and doing what I do. It's just been a God-given determination not to stay in bed. I can't use the fingers on my left hand so I use the old karate chop method and I'll play with the side of my hand."

Doug is confined to his wheel chair and has to have help to get up and get around. He was in bed two years before he could get in a wheel chair. His wife left him a few years after he was injured. But his spirit is as bright and healthy as ever. He plays every day and has made one album since the accident. That brings his total albums to 14. "My daddy used to fuss at me for making so many albums, but I'm glad I did when I could because I make my living with them now." He has composed 200 songs not yet released. Occasionally he makes a motivational speech.

He had his therapy at Craig Hospital in Denver. "That's where Superman went for his therapy," says Doug. "I figured if it was good enough for Superman it was good enough for me." When hospital personnel learned about Doug's speaking, they invited him to come up there and make a speech. "After I spoke I wheeled up to the grand piano and played Amazing Grace. When I finished, the two thousand people who were there stood straight up and it was the most fulfilling ovation that I've ever had in my life."

I heard a recent recording of Doug playing Amazing Grace. There are significant pauses between musical phrases but the recording is dramatic and makes the listener feel and understand what it took to play that song.

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The ink blotter at the post office Soaking up excess

By Monte Wike

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

when ballpoint pens were introduced in 1946.

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

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

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

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

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

WALK AROUND THE TOWN

By Ginny Harmon

We are in another new year. I hope this one will be better than the last one. The last two months of the year, I was sick with bronchitis. Missed going out of town for Christmas. But God is good – all is okay now.

First of all, we have a new manager here at the senior complex. His name is Clint Grissom. He is from Graham. He is a Respiratory Therapist and worked for Graham hospital as director of R.T. and retired. His wife Diann still works for Graham hospital. He has made a difference here. We have had a hard time since the last manager left.

Clint is my son-in-law. He calls me Ma and has for 38 years. Vickie and I are so glad he is here. Welcome Clint.

Someone walked off with some of our things in the hall we have fellowship in. I got a big coffee pot, but no microwave and other things.

But, Kay Odell has cleaned everything. She has done a lot of house cleaning, kitchen and front porch. Thank you Kay. I know Clint helped you too, so God bless you both.

Lets' see: Susie Barr is doing ok. Jim Bo's hot water heater broke during the holidays, but he was a trooper. Mary Riley is gone for a month to her sister's house in Arlington. Her six-year-old niece is on life support. Please pray for her.

Judy Bell has moved in. I have my old friend back. Janet Free is doing good. Her son was in a car wreck last week. He is sore but doing okay. Connie Rodrigues is doing great. Fran Trotter is also okay. Vickie is doing the same. It takes a year for her surgery to heal. Lou Garrett had surgery and is getting better.

Bill and Doris McClellan said when the servicemen came through Sterling City, Bill, who was a Marine, would go and welcome them to town. They have a parade around Veteran's Day. So you know the welcome they get from those two.

Saw Brenda Shifflett and had my hair done. It has been so cold so I don't make it every week. But she puts up with me. She will be retiring from the prison in six months. I am happy for her. She and Charley want to travel.

Went to see Dr. Scott and saw Betty Baker. Good to see her.

Claudine Chaney passed away. She was such a wonderful and good woman. God took her while she was talking and teaching a lady about the Lord when she had blood clot take her life. To the family, I am so sorry, but she is sitting with the Lord.

I did not get out to send Christmas cards, but thank you to those who send me beautiful cards. I hate cold weather.

I call my sweet caregiver O'Rita. That is not her name but I cannot pronounce

her given name. I say it so much that I now call terror dog, Doree – O'Doree. The dog looks at me like I'm crazy.

Vickie lets me know how Linda Baum is. She loves Vickie so much, not me anymore. Still crawls all over Vickie at night, hitting her jaw, wanting more food. What a good home she has with Vickie.

At New Life Bible Ministry last week, Bro. James had the best sermon. He is the best. Debby Mitchell sang "How Great Thou Art." My son-in-law, Clint actually had tears. It was so great. Nice people go there. Can't make it every week, but I try.

Remember the time I told you Eddie took our station wagon and had it painted white? They left the holes in our hood, and it looked like a machine gun had shot our car up. They even painted the radio antenna white. Well, I saw a car almost like it the other day. I couldn't stop laughing. Course I would not ride in our car anymore until it got fixed.

By the way, Judy Bell had eye surgery for cataracts one month ago. She went to put her eye drops in and a bottle of glue was on her table small like other. She put glue in her eyes and was in terrible pain. Her doctor got all of the glue out and she looked like she had been in a fight. Much better now and she can see. Hooray!

Well, be good and hope to see you next month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Atoms are made up of infinitely small components of energy and matter. Looking outward, we see endless galaxies of stars, billions of light years distant.

"The created world is but a small portion in eternity." But the "world" is a constant flow in time and space of creation, and eternity exceeds our vision and experience. It is mystery.

Man has always tended to believe that "Gods" created and intervenes in nature. It may seem that religion is one of man's instincts. But I expect that it is a manifestation of the instinctive need to understand our world and of the survival instinct.

Religious humans believe in "God" of many interpretations.

Agnostics believe that mystery yet

prevails.

Atheists believe there is no "God" and mystery.

Color me "lumpy cocoa".

Belief is dangerous. I began my military life with the oath to defend the U.S. Constitution against its enemies, foreign and domestic.

Today this constitution has enemies, both foreign and domestic. I believe the constitution was adopted by the wisest men who have existed. They knew Greek philosophy, religion, tyranny, history and human nature.

Foolish we are to not defend the constitution! "It's on the ropes!"

"One man cannot change our government". But one man can lead a revolution – Jesus was a fine example. Ask yourself which political office seeker

most defends the constitution and support him/her with all your might. Make America "great" again.

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

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LOCAL NEWS



IN SEARCH OF HISTORY — Hutchinson 5th grade G/T students came before the board Monday night to request a trip to Austin that will be educationally significant. Students (l-r) Clayton Shields, Karson Bazany, Jacoby James, Bradlee Phillips and Bryce Alvarez will make the trip to learn about Texas history.

CITY

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broken and another 4,000 gallons of water had been used. This time, the city removed the meter, so that no more water could be stolen. The account for the home at 1903 Fig now stands at \$3,035.75.

Hoover said he does not recommend reconnecting the water at the residence. City Attorney Lois Rockefeller said that there is already an ordinance that makes it necessary to get payment before the utility can be reconnected.

The council agreed with Hoover and Rockefeller and voted to deny the request.

The Bob Reily Learning Center will be soon be listed with a real estate agent. The property has been up for sale for over a month, and no offers have come in on the building.

Per the council, Hoover will solicit several proposals from area realtors and the council will decide who will get the listing at February's meeting.

During last month's meeting, the council made clear their intention to purchase three new police vehicles, and it was made official Tuesday night.

The city will purchase three 2016 Ford Interceptor Utilities for a total of \$149,755.60 at 2.498% interest. The first payment will not be due until February of 2017, and three annual payments of \$52,919.39 will be made to purchase the vehicles.

Because of having very little trade-in value, the Dodge Chargers now in use will be kept. Hoover said that they might be used in the future, but not as po-

lice patrol vehicles.

In the Code Enforcement/Fire Marshall report by Rick Goodney, it was learned that 206 citations were issued through the department last year.

The number is comparatively low, as there were over 1,000 violations. Goodney said that the total number of citations is much lower than the number of violations because the city is working toward compliance and would rather citizens do what need to be done rather than pay a citation.

Among several other things ongoing in the department, Goodney is working on a \$4,000 grant which would provide a smoke detector for every child in Kelley Elementary to take home with them. If the grant is approved, it would be a step in the right direction to keeping children of the community safe.

SHOW

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sandwiches, stuffed baked potatoes, corn dogs, and Amanda Jo Ritchey's famous Frito pie.

Scholarships will be presented just before the premium sale. Harris said that there are 11 applicants for this year's scholarships.

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

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

Kevin Thomas will serve as the judge of the entire show. He is an ag teacher at Jacksboro High School.

A Pee Wee Showmanship Goat Contest will, once again, be a part of the show. Youth less than nine years old and not yet in the 3rd grade are eligible to

CISD

gion 14 and was named a top five finalist for 2015 Superintendent of the Year of Texas. We feel very honored having Mr. Spencer as superintendent of CISD and we deeply appreciate the loyalty, care, motivation and concern he continues to display for each student and his commitment toward excellence in education," Neff said.

In return, Spencer had some nice things to say about the board as well. He thanked them for being an outstanding board who worked together to help all the students of CISD. He recognized them for their leadership and for doing a hard job for no pay. Spencer went on to say that the board members are super heroes to the students, and he's never worked with a more united board.

In other business, the board approved an order of election and notice of general election to be held Saturday, May 7th. Seats representing Place 3, currently held by Larry Mason, and Place 7, currently held by Sally Neff, are up for election this year.

The filing period begins January 20th and continues until 4 p.m. on February 29th. Deadline for a write-in candidate to file is February 23rd. All filings take place at the CISD Business Office, located at 1132 Hickory Street in Colorado City.

Several 5th grade students from the Gifted & Talented program came before the board to request approval for an overnight trip to Austin. The GT group is planning the trip to visit several sites that would be educational and informative about Texas history.

Those speaking to the board were: Clayton Shields, Karson Bazany, Jacoby James, Bradlee Phillips, and Bryce Alvarez. The board unanimously gave its approval for the trip.

Brian Denton of Compass Builders gave a quick update on

the new campus construction. He said that taping and bedding crews are working throughout the campus right now. Much of the tilework on the walls has been completed in the Pre-K through 8th grade school.

Denton said he expects woodwork, such as doors, window casings and baseboard to be installed at the end of this month and then floor tiling to begin.

Lighting is being installed in some of the corridors this week. The construction company representative said he's hoping for some nice weather to finish up the final concrete pouring as well.

Due to a conflict with spring break, the CISD Board of Trustees March meeting will be held a week earlier than usual on March 7th.

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Commissioners' Court Notes

Regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County on January 11th at 9 a.m.

Action Items

- Approved payment of bills in the amount of \$209,580.48, as presented by County Auditor Heidi Harris
- Approved minutes of previous meetings
- Approved precinct employees continue being paid salary, not by commission on fees collected
- Approved jury pay of \$10 to show and \$40 to serve. Same as last year.

GUNS

may be liable if commissioners try to prohibit guns in the library and BOED office, but the courthouse as a whole could be off limits. Though the guidelines were as clear as mud, court members authorized County Judge Ray Mayo to put up the appropriate signage to prohibit weapons in the courthouse.

With guns prohibited in the courthouse as a whole, elections officials will not have to be concerned with the issue when holding early voting in the lobby.

Commissioner Jeremy Strain pointed out that the matter is not easily enforced, as it is unusual for a peace officer to be in the courthouse for such. Wood said that in the case of a big trial, such as a murder trial, only one door is left unlocked and sheriff deputies search every person entering.

Now that it is illegal to bring guns into the courthouse, citizens that may have been carrying a concealed weapon should take note and leave the gun in the car. The AG's opinion said that the parking lots of public buildings are not included in the ban.

In other business, Hiser came before the court to give notification to seek approval for the library to enter into a partnership with Workforce Solutions, the government agency that helps with unemployment and finding jobs. The agency has offices in Snyder and Sweetwater and is looking to reach out to citizens not in the larger communities.

In an effort to help with the outreach, Workforce Solutions has offered to hire a part-time employee that will work in the Mitchell County Public Library and help citizens who come to

look for work. The part-time person would also do library work when no one is there to request help from Workforce Solutions.

Right now, library employees help citizens requesting assistance with workforce-type questions. Hiser estimated that last week the number of people with that type of request was probably four. If the details work out favorably, officials at Workforce Solutions have said they may be able to help pay the salary of the library seasonal summer employee as well.

The part-time worker would be paid by Workforce Solutions, costing the county no money. Hiser will look into the county's insurance liability.

"I've been looking for ways to benefit the public, the library and the budget," Hiser said.

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CISD'S SUPER HEROES – Members of the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees (l-r) John Martinez, Henry Reyna, Larry Mason, Sally Neff, Sheila Plagens, Veronica Boone and Shane Johnson were honored with a steak dinner and framed certificates recognizing them for their service. January is School Board Recognition Month. Photo courtesy of Reggy Spencer.

O'Haver speaks to Garden Club concerning history of state park

The Colorado City Garden Club met Friday, January 8th at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Kyle O'Haver, superintendent of Lake

Colorado City State Park, presented the program for the meeting. O'Haver talked to the groups about the history of the local

state park and where it is going in the future. He shared many interesting facts regarding the park in an amusing and entertaining style. He told club members all about the various programs presented at the park, including birding, kayaking, camping, watershed programs, habitat work, hiking, campfire gatherings and field trips.

The superintendent also told garden club members about the newly formed Friends of the State Park group whose next meeting will be Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Mitchell County Public Library. The group formed to help grow interest in the state park, and the community is invited and encouraged to attend.

The next meeting of the garden club will be held Friday, February 5th at FUMC, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Next month's program will be presented by Peggy Maddox, and it is entitled, "Healthy Soil: There's Lots Happening Beneath Your Feet."

Guests are welcome. Please call Janet Rodgers at 972-743-1085 or Georgia Harris at 704-467-6245 for a reservation.



DEDICATED SERVICE - Loraine ISD Superintendent Brandon McDowell recognized members of the Loraine School Board during the last meeting, as January is School Board Recognition Month. Board members pictured with the administrator are: (back row, l-r) Frank Sanchez, Superintendent Brandon McDowell, John Chaney, Frank Garcia Jr.; (front row) Duane Linam, Joe Lujan and Ron Gibson. Photo courtesy of McDowell.

POLICE REPORT

On January 2nd at 1:50 p.m., officers responded to a call for an animal bite in the 800 block of 5th. The subject was bitten on the index finger.

On January 5th at 3:17 a.m., officers made a traffic stop at 6th and Waco. The driver was arrested for outstanding county and city warrants.

On January 5th at 7:07 p.m., officers took report of a broken

window in the 1900 block of Chestnut. A report for criminal mischief will be filed.

On January 6th at 3:57 a.m., a burglary was reported at Colorado City Donuts at 2205 Hickory Street.

On January 6th at 1:25 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Locust in reference to a burglary. Unknown person or persons had forced entry into

the residence and removed property without the owner's consent.

On January 8th at 10:39 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the 1400 block of Pine. A consensual search following the issue of a citation, led to the discovery of marijuana and a grinder. The suspect was booked into the Mitchell County Jail for possession of marijuana <2oz and possession of drug paraphernalia.

State Park activities offer fun for everyone

Lake Colorado City State Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver keeps the park hopping with all types of activities year round. He has a couple planned for the near

future, and everyone is invited to participate.

The Wildlife Track and Sign and All Around the Campfire programs are set to be held Saturday, January 23rd at the park.

The wildlife track program will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the campfire gathering will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

Have you ever seen a track left by an animal and wondered what kind of animal made the mark? Or maybe you saw some scat or a hole dug in the ground and didn't know where it came from. The Wildlife Track and Sign program can teach you how to identify wildlife by evidence left behind.

The program is being offered for the first time ever at the state park. There will be a short PowerPoint class teaching basic signs for this area, and then participants will go out to the trails and high traffic wildlife areas to see what can be discovered.

Those planning to attend should wear comfortable clothing and footwear, as the group will hike over modest terrain. Tools helpful for learning include a camera that can close focus and a small ruler or measuring device.

Then, Saturday evening at 6 p.m., All Around the Campfire will be held. It is a great time to join friends or make new ones around the campfire. There will be a presentation on campfire safety and the importance of campfire gatherings to human history.

The group will play some campfire games and sing songs before taking off on a night hike. O'Haver said the bravest of the brave can perform a solo hike in the dark before the evening fun is finished.

Everyone is encouraged to bring chairs and circle around the fire. Officials welcome participants to bring s'mores or hotdogs to cook during the program.

The campfire is weather permitting, but if winds are high or it is raining, the program will be moved indoors.

There is no cost for either program. Only daily entrance fees of \$4 for adults and kids 13 and over must be paid. Children 12 and under get in free, as do those with a valid Texas State Park Pass.

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ADDED TO THE PRIDE – Colorado City Lion Ann Marie Molina (left) invited Pam Hardy to join the club, and Hardy was inducted during the weekly meeting Friday. The local club raises money for scholarships, Texas Lions Camp and individual local families. Anyone interested in joining can contact Stephanie Perez at the Colorado City Record by calling 325-728-3413.

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SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK -- Six students have been named students of the week for Hutchinson Elementary for the last two weeks. They are Ryland Senter, Arissa Arrambide, Isaac Silva, Michael Ruth, Katy Munoz and Bradlee Phillips. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson

Six students have been chosen as Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Ryland Senter, Arissa Arrambide, Isaac Silva, Michael Ruth, Katy Munoz, and Bradlee Phillips.

Ryland is a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class. His favorite subject is math. He has a steer named Willis. His hobby is show steers. His favorite thing about Hutch is the teachers.

Arissa is a third grader in Mrs. Wilkinson's class. Her favorite

subject is math. She has a cat named Midnight and her hobby is riding her bike. Her favorite thing about Hutch is everything.

Isaac is a fourth grader in Ms. Lindsey's class. His favorite subject is science. He has a dog named Rex. His hobby is playing football. His favorite thing about Hutch is everything.

Michael is a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class. His favorite subject is math. He has a pet named Tiny. His hobby is play-

ing football.

Katy is a fifth grader in Mrs. Lemon's class. Her favorite subject is math. She has a dog named Buster. Her hobby is playing piano. Her favorite thing about Hutch is GT.

Bradlee Phillips is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. Her favorite subject is science. She has a dog named Tuffy. Her hobby is playing basketball. Her favorite thing about Hutch is the field trips.

Hutchinson Elementary honor roll is released

Hutchinson Elementary has released the honor roll lists for the last six weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Caleb Ellis, Aj Goodney, Madison Hernandez, Alexis Martinez, and Addison Scott.

4th Grade: Brandon Barkley, Victoria Cruz, Hunter Foster, Colt Lindsey, Walton Marshall, Nicholas Ornelas, Brinley Quinn, and Reid White.

5th Grade: Evyn Alvarez, Camryn Jones, Natalie Lindsey, Aryana Lopez, Kaydence Martin, Katherine Munoz, Bradlee Phillips, Karli Shrode, and Brenlye Strain.

AB Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Ismael Aguirre, Diego Andrade, Arissa Arrambide, Dakota Bagley, Ellasia Boone, Azlyn Brisenio, Arianne Caldwell, Quinn Carroll, Marcus Espinoza, Ethan Haren, Aspyr Hearin, Mark Hill, Owen Hursh, Evelyn Lara, George Lee, Abriana Leija, Miranda Mahan, Joseph Martinez, Madison Munoz, Regina Palmer, Lillian Ponce, Alexys Richmond, Lucretia Robin, Rickey Rodgers, Shaylah Rodriguez, Ryland Senter, Trevor Stephens, Kolten Thomason, Lindsey Towery, Aurora Wilkins, and Anaya Williams.

4th Grade: Danielle Bell, Brayden Buckley, Isreal Chavez, Adisson Espinoza, Laylah Esters,

Jordan Garza, Ezik Hernandez, Austin Long, Adriana Martinez, Avery Martinez, Frank Martinez, Malea Martinez, Nicholas Molina, Mayson Monroe, Carson Moore, Adreanna Murphy, Bayley Nava-Munoz, Ryan Alan Nix, Madison Ornelas, Morgan Rivera, Isaac Silva, and Braelyn Sparks.

5th Grade: Bryce Alvarez, Karson Bazany, Ramone Bonilla, Adan Camp, Jacob Deen, Julian Garcia, Jacoby James, Maxwell Lynch, Christopher Martinez, Jason McNeal, Jaden Mendoza, Natalie Munoz, Christopher Randle, Erica Rodriguez, Danielle Salazar-Quintero, Clayton Shields, and Madalyn Watson.

Third 6 weeks honor roll listed for Westbrook ISD

Westbrook ISD has released their honor roll lists for the 3rd six-weeks of the 2015-2016 school year.

All A Honor Roll

2nd grade: Jordyn Bayes, Caleb Browne, Damari Diaz, Geoffrey Gaona, Kate Hale, Gavin Harbour, Caiden Terry, Nicholas Whitesides, and Hunter Wylie.

3rd grade: Donnace Burton, Josiah Cato, Ryland Ginkinger, Caul Hpbach, Hazel Lord, Corbin Martinez and Wyatt Wylie.

4th grade: Andrew Cruces, Tyler Henderson, Conner Holt, Lexi King, Devyn Lendermon, Brooklyn Magers, Parker Matlock, Lexi Moore, Tae Morris, Aiden Munoz, and Danielle Schwoerer.

5th grade: Jadis Cato, Lane Hale, Colton Walters, Cedric Ware, and Hadley White.

7th grade: Abigail Connell, Zoe Matlock, Lizzie Rubio, Brooklea Stone, and Jacob Walters.

8th grade: Taylor Beasley, William Geiger, Jayden Holt, and Bryson Magee.

9th grade: Kendall Koch, Ethan Morris, and Taylor Parsons.

10th grade: Alejandro Chavez, and Haleigh Haven.

A Average Honor Roll

2nd grade: Gracelyn Cannon, Skye Gomez, Molli Hart, Izaia Molina, Cailyn Reyes, Shawn Salazar, and Dustin Spray.

3rd grade: Zane Beasley, Jeanette Cantu, Karlyn Martinez, Kaden Medrano, and Lexi Wood.

4th grade: Gisell Chavez, Zen Clanton, Bodie Forbes, Carli Garrison, Jadrian Limones, Teodora Molina, AJ Ray, Aiden Sullivan, Addison Terry, Abigail Wood, and Zoie Webb.

5th grade: Kelby Bayes, Meloney Diaz, Tapaynga French, Lilianna Henderson, John Martinez, Madison Munoz and Braylee Stone.

7th grade: Kenan Morris.

8th grade: Alexander Tenorio.

9th grade: Miranda Goswick, Adrian Hale, Kamrun Martinez, Hadley Redwine, and Syrrah

Tenorio.

10th grade: Kaci Ferris, and Mckenzie.

11th grade: Brianna Lathers, James Merrick, and Emily Whiteley.

12th grade: Garrett Brownfield, Anthony Gutierrez, Jake Rivera, Tanner Strain, Kyle Wood, and Avery Wright.

Loraine Stock Show results are listed

GOAT SHOW

Class 1 Lightweight Goats

1st place- Christian Diaz

2nd place- Chasity Diaz

Class 2 Middleweight Goats

1st place- Chasity Diaz

2nd place- Christian Diaz

Class 3 Heavy weight goats

1st place- Brilee Young

Grand Champion Goat- Christian Diaz

Reserve Grand Champion Goat- Chasity Diaz

Goat Showmanship- Christian Diaz

PIG SHOW

Black OPB

Class 1

1st place- Champion Black OPB Skyler Givens,

2nd place- Reserve Champion Black OPB Cayton Lujan

Class 2

1st place- Cayton Lujan

2nd place- Katelynn Minton

Class 3

Duroc

1st place-Champion Duroc- Ravyn Carroll

2nd place -Reserve Champion Duroc Skyler Givens

Class 4

Hamp

1st - Champion Hamp Josiah Lujan

2nd place- Reserve Champ Hamp Ravyn Carroll

Class 5

York

1st place - Champion York Skyler Givens

2nd place - Reserve Champ York Jeffrey Putnam

Class 6

Dark Cross

1st place - Champion Dark Cross- Christian Sanchez

2nd place - Reserve Champion Dark Cross- Brilee Young

3rd place - Damion Delgado

Class 7

Light Cross

1st place - Champion Light Cross- Skyler Givens

2nd place - Reserve Champion Light Cross- Katie Tyson

3rd place - Christian Sanchez

4th place - Josiah Lujan

Grand Champion Pig- Skyler Givens

Reserve Grand Champion Pig - Christian Sanchez

Senior Swine Showmanship -Christian Sanchez

Jr. Swine Showmanship - Damion Delgado

Pee Wee Showmanship - Kylee

Adult Showmanship - Sheryl Givens

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SCHOOL NEWS / SPORTS

SCHOOL MENUS



EVERY KID'S DREAM — Kelley Elementary Principal Melinda Alexander was taped to a wall by students, like Jacob Good, on Friday. While it may sound sinister, it was all for a good cause. Students paid to participate and all proceeds will be donated to the Community Mission.

CHS parents urged to attend

FAFSA, pathway meetings set

All parents with students at Colorado High School have some important dates to remember, as plans for students' futures begin and continue. Rebecca Russell, director of the Colorado Career Academy at CHS, hopes to see all parents and students at these upcoming events.

On Wednesday, January 20th, FAFSA Parent Night will be held at the high school in Room #114. All juniors and seniors, along with their parents, should attend

this meeting to learn more about the federal financial aid application.

The FAFSA meeting will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and valuable information will be provided that will help with filling out the application. All students must fill out a FAFSA before enrolling in college.

Also on Wednesday, January 20th at the same time, 5:30 p.m., freshmen, sophomores and their parents will meet in the high

school auditorium to learn more about Career Pathways and the new graduation plan set out by House Bill 5.

It is very important for the future of all CHS students that they and their parents attend the respective meeting. So, to get the most out of the career academy and to take the next step toward a brighter future, make plans to attend these meetings at CHS.

Colorado ISD Breakfast

Jan. 18th - 22nd

Monday - Staff day
Tuesday - Cheese omelet wrap or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Waffles, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Cinnamon roll, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Lunch Menu

Jan. 18th - 22nd

Monday - Staff day
Tuesday - Steak fingers, potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry cup, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chicken spaghetti, bread sticks, garden salad, vegetable medley, apple slices, choice of milk.

Thursday - Frito pie, baby carrots with ranch, Mexican corn, salsa, orange smiles, cookie, choice of milk.

Friday - Cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries, peaches, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu

Jan. 18th - 22nd

Monday - Pancakes wrap, oatmeal round, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Chicken-n-biscuit, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - French toast, sausage, muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk, muffin, yogurt.

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

Friday - Dutch waffles, bacon, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu

Jan. 18th - 22nd

Monday - Chicken fajitas, salsa, garden salsa, garden salad, veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Pesto chicken flatbread, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, sugar cookies, milk.

Wednesday - Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, petite tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Thursday - Cheeseburgers, hamburger garnish, oven fries, western beans, diced peaches, milk.

Friday - Italian pasta bake, green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadstick, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu

Jan. 18th - 22nd

Monday - Pancakes or pineapple yogurt parfait with graham crackers or cereal with Texas toast, chilled pears, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Chicken and biscuit or

scrambled eggs with ham and toast, or cereal with Texas toast, chilled peaches, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, or ham and cheese wrap or cereal with Texas toast, chilled apricots, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Pancake and sausage on stick or breakfast on bun (sausage) or golden apple oatmeal with toast, chilled mixed fruit, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Cinnamon roll or breakfast taco (egg and ham) or cereal with Texas toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu

Jan. 18th - 22nd

Monday - Salisbury steak with brown gravy, sloppy joe fun lunch with fun chips, scalloped potatoes, broccoli Normandy, romaine and spinach salad, chilled peaches, roll,

milk.

Tuesday - Baked potato or crispy chicken chef salad, broccoli cheese soup, oriental blend, glazed carrots, romaine and spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, roll, milk.

Wednesday - Pizza or corn dog fun lunch with baked chips, mixed vegetables, yellow squash, romaine and spinach garden salad, blushing pears, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday - Chicken fajita taco or chicken fajita salad fun lunch, Spanish rice, charro beans, broccoli and cheese, romaine and spinach garden salad, fruit slush cup, milk.

Friday - Kickin' barbeque chicken leg with baked beans or hamburger or cheeseburger with baked chips fun lunch, potato salad, corn on cob, green beans seasoned, romaine and spinach garden salad, burger salad, rosy applesauce, roll, milk.



ANOTHER BASKET — Alexis Muñoz (5) shoots and scores for the Lady Wolves in the first district game against Stanton last week. The Lady Wolves beat the Lady Bufts 48-25 to get district action off to a good start. Photo courtesy of Barry Kimball.

Lady Wolves win first two district games

The Colorado City Lady Wolves basketball team traveled to Stanton Friday, January 8th and won their first district game of the season, 48-25. The girls went on to beat



Alexis Muñoz

district favorite Sonora at Wolf Gym Tuesday night 43-40. The win brings the Lady Wolves' record to 15-5 and 2-0 in district.

The hard-fought victory over Sonora was a big win for the Lady Wolves.

Alexis Muñoz was selected as Player of the Week for turning in an outstanding performance against Stanton. She led the offensive effort, scoring 15 points during the game. She also had 1 rebound, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Kaitlyn Kimball was also a force in the win, as she scored 10 points for the Lady Wolves. Defensively, she got 3 rebounds and 1 steal.

Clancy White pitched in with 9 points and 3 rebounds, and Baylie Lindsey scored 8 points and got 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Taylor Epperson was responsible for 4 points and had 4 rebounds, and Alexa Garza added 2 points, 1 rebound and 2 steals.

The Lady Wolves are off on Friday.

Lenard, McCarter graduate from ASU

Caleb Lenard and K'Leigh Wallis McCarter were among 440 under graduates graduating from Angelo State University

during the 2015 fall commencement exercises held December 12th in San Angelo. Lenard graduated with a

Bachelor of Music Degree, and McCarter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Both are from Colorado City.

Thank you!

The Kiwanians' toy drive, Toys4MCKids, was again a great success. We are grateful to all the Mitchell County residents that participated in any way with the drive. We are truly thankful for all the gifts, toys and donations! Each year is different. This year, we received less toys in drop boxes, but more cash donations. This allowed lots of children to have a happy Christmas, and it put smiles on the faces of 100 families with 270 Mitchell County kids.

In addition to the ones listed above, we also have record of 17 families which included 50 children which were helped by teachers, school groups and other individuals.

Special thanks to:

- C.C. Riders Care Club for the bicycles and donations received through votes at the Toys4MCKids car show.
- Businesses, offices and schools for collecting toys and gifts in boxes.
- Civic organizations, churches, Third Planet Wind Power and TDCJ for seeing a need and supporting Kiwanians.
- All the faithful citizens that mail in donations year after year.
- Dot and Dan Smith and all the volunteers at the Community Mission are always supportive and work so hard to make the project run smoothly.
- Volunteers that continue to show up or work days to fill gift bags, especially Dorris Dockrey's tireless hours of help.
- Our news media, Colorado City Record and KVMC/KAUM, for always getting the dates, information and deadlines out to the public.
- The organizations, individuals, schools, and churches that adopted 17 other families, helping 50 more kids have a brighter Christmas.
- Last, but certainly not least, the Kiwanians themselves. These busy ladies put in hours and hours of work on Toys4MCKids, so that the holidays can be happier.

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

Thank you,
Jan Lemons and the Kiwanians

Westbrook boys lose to Coahoma

The Westbrook varsity boys basketball team took on a tough

Coahoma team last week, losing a close one 62-58. Though it was a loss, Coach Jake Diggs is hoping his team can take the good things from the game and build on them for district, which begins Friday for the Wildcats.

Coahoma came out with hands hot, scoring 24 points in the first quarter to Westbrook's 12. The second frame of the contest saw things go better for the Wildcats. Westbrook managed 14 points, while the Bulldogs

scored 13.

Coahoma's 20 points scored in the third quarter put the Bulldogs ahead 57-43, but the Westbrook boys still had some fight left. The Wildcats rallied back, outscoring Coahoma 15-5 in the final period of the game, but it wasn't quite enough to get the win.

Bryson Dominguez scored 17 points to lead the Wildcats' offensive efforts. Austin Buckalew and Gabriel Salazar weren't far behind, scoring 15 and 12 points respectively.

Salazar had an outstanding

performance on defense, as he is credited with 15 rebounds. Buckalew got 13 rebounds for the Wildcats as well. Cutter Williams caused some Bulldog turnovers, as he had 5 steals during the game.

"It was a hard-fought battle between both teams. I was very proud of the way our guys continued to fight. In the end a few missed free throws and shots cost us," Coach Diggs said.

The Wildcats travel to Highland to kick off district action on Friday, January 14th.

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Bulldogs travel to San Angelo; then beat Key City at home

The Loraine JV and varsity boys' basketball teams traveled to San Angelo last week to face Cornerstone. Both games ended in losses for the Bulldogs. The varsity hosted Key City Reign at home on Friday and got a win for the Bulldogs.

On Friday, January 8th, Key City Reign came to Loraine and played a close one with the Bulldogs winning 57-50.

The Bulldogs outscored Key City in every frame with the exception of the third. At the end of the first quarter, Loraine led by a basket 12-10. The Bulldogs outscored Key City 15 to 11 in the 2nd and took a 27-21 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Key City gave the Bulldogs some tough competition in the third period, outscoring Loraine by a basket 20-18. It was all over after that. Loraine scored 19 points in the final frame and stepped up their defense, holding Key City to only 9 points.

Dakota Smith led the Bulldogs offensively, scoring 19 points. Patrick Tillis and Sonny Benivamondez were also double-digit scorers with 11 and 10 points respectively. Gaige Carlson scored 8 points, while Javon Walthall and Esian Fuentes each scored 4. Hunter Austin made a free throw.

Loraine's JV team struggled in the game against Cornerstone, as did the varsity. The San Angelo team had the home court advantage in last Tuesday's contests and proved to be too much for the Loraine teams. The JV lost 38-15 and the varsity lost 70-42.

The JV Bulldogs couldn't get the baskets to fall in the first half of the game and went into half-time scoreless. Cornerstone led 21-0 at the half.

The third quarter saw Loraine score 5 points to Cornerstone's 8. A 15-point rally in the final frame narrowed the scoring gap, but it wasn't enough for a Bulldog win.

William Smith scored 9 for Loraine, and Austin scored 4. Oscar Gonzales pitched in 2 points also.

The varsity Bulldogs were up next in San Angelo, and a slow start doomed the Bulldogs from the beginning. Loraine only managed to get one basket in the first quarter, while Cornerstone

racked up 24 points.

The baskets began to fall a little better in the second quarter, but Cornerstone had a 44-14 lead at halftime. Loraine stepped up the defensive efforts in the last two frames of the game, but it wasn't enough to get the win.

Tillis scored 30 of the 42 Bul-

dog points in the game. Gaige Carlson scored 10 and Dakota Smith scored 2.

The Bulldogs begin district play this week with a game at home against Ira Friday. Loraine hosts Borden County on Tuesday, January 19th, with games beginning at 5 p.m.



TEAM OF WINNERS – The 7th grade Lady Wolves brought home a championship plaque from the Coahoma Junior High Basketball Tournament held on Saturday. The girls beat Stanton and Coahoma to take 1st place. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Alina Hernandez, Breshannon Williams, Mia Monroe, Morgan Muñoz, Veronica Cruz; (front row) Emmaly Rivera, Krysta Stephens, Madison Sims, Kayla Casares and Lina Rivera. Photo courtesy of Marcus Monroe.

Lady 'Cats lose to Coahoma

The Westbrook Lady Cats took a tough loss to Coahoma last week as they went on the road. The Lady Bulldogs beat the Westbrook girls 46-34, but the Lady Cats showed tenacity as they fought to the end.

A slow first quarter may have been the Lady Cats' undoing in Coahoma last Tuesday. The Westbrook girls managed only 4 points in the first quarter, compared to 12 scored by Coahoma.

The second period was much better for Westbrook, as the team scored 9 points and held Coahoma to only 3. At the half, the Lady Dogs held a slight lead 15-13 over the Lady Cats.

The third quarter was a close one with Westbrook scoring 12

points to Coahoma's 14. A fourth quarter run by the Lady Dogs was too much for the Lady Cats to get the win. Coahoma scored 17 points, and Westbrook scored 9 for the final of 46-34.

"We had a slow start in the first quarter but were able to fight our way back, staying neck and neck with them to the early fourth quarter. We unfortunately got in foul trouble and were not able to stop their physical post player in the end," Coach Krissy Morris said last week.

Freshman Miranda Goswick turned in a stellar effort in the game. She was the leading scorer for the Lady Cats, and she amassed 5 rebounds and 1 steal while sinking 75% of her at-

tempted shots.

Emily Whiteley scored 9 points for the Lady Cats and had 5 rebounds and 1 steal. She also hit 50% of her attempted 3-pointers.

Another top performance in the game was by Brianna Lattin. She scored 6 points, got 4 rebounds and 2 blocks.

Coach Morris also expressed her gratitude for the fans making the trip to Coahoma to support the Lady Cats. The big turnout shows how much the girls are supported by the community.

District action starts this week with Borden Co. traveling to Westbrook on Tuesday. Then, on Friday, January 14th, the Lady Cats travel to Highland.

In JV action...

Lady 'Cats win over Coahoma

The Westbrook JV girls got a convincing 27-17 win over Coahoma's JV last week to improve their record to 6-0. The girls remained unbeaten going into district this week.

The Lady Cats got an early lead, outscoring the Lady Dogs 8-3 in the first period. At halftime, Westbrook was leading 13-7. The Westbrook girls scored

another 8 points in the third period and 6 in the fourth to seal the deal for the win.

Kierra Witte scored 7 points to lead the Lady Cats offensively. Madison Rivera and Erica Gutierrez each pitched in 5, and Kendall Koch scored 4 points in the game.

Gutierrez had 7 steals, and Koch got 6 steals as well. Shea

Hale was another top defensive performer with 8 rebounds, while Syrrah Tenorio is credited 6 rebounds.

The Lady Cats started the district portion of the schedule on Tuesday, as Borden County came to Westbrook. They will travel to Highland on Friday, January 14th to face the Lady Hornets.

Lady Wolves ranked seventh in new softball poll for 2016

The Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) has released a preliminary softball poll for the upcoming 2016 season, and the Lady Wolves are ranked #7.

Softball season has yet to start, as the Lady Wolves are busy with basketball action. But Butch Hart of TGCA used input from a number of umpires, officials and media to compose the preliminary top 10. According to a media release, the poll will be updated on January 25th before the season starts and the list will use scrimmages, pre-UIL tournaments and clarification on transfers to update the list.

The complete list follows.

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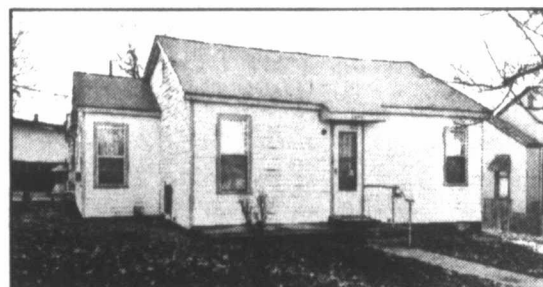
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Abilene	\$3,003,404.94	\$3,177,102.73	-5.46%	\$3,003,404.94	\$3,177,102.73	-5.46%
Big Spring	\$657,520.03	\$779,856.13	-15.68%	\$657,520.03	\$779,856.13	-15.68%
Colorado City	\$51,994.21	\$54,838.61	-5.18%	\$51,994.21	\$54,838.61	-5.18%
Lamesa	\$117,473.20	\$131,114.07	-10.40%	\$117,473.20	\$131,114.07	-10.40%
Loraine	\$1,667.20	\$3,448.47	-51.65%	\$1,667.20	\$3,448.47	-51.65%
Lubbock	\$4,886,366.66	\$4,823,099.01	1.31%	\$4,886,366.66	\$4,823,099.01	1.31%
Mitchell Co.	\$24,451.65	\$35,618.65	-31.35%	\$24,451.65	\$35,618.65	-31.35%
Post	\$70,686.24	\$94,135.84	-24.91%	\$70,686.24	\$94,135.84	-24.91%
Roby	\$2,739.05	\$2,786.96	-1.71%	\$2,739.05	\$2,786.96	-1.71%
Rotan	\$13,960.46	\$14,821.95	-5.81%	\$13,960.46	\$14,821.95	-5.81%
Snyder	\$202,025.54	\$353,346.09	-42.82%	\$202,025.54	\$353,346.09	-42.82%
Sweetwater	\$296,709.52	\$296,427.70	0.09%	\$296,709.52	\$296,427.70	0.09%
Westbrook	\$2,309.09	\$2,787.08	-17.15%	\$2,309.09	\$2,787.08	-17.15%

November sales taxes allocations still showing reduction in amounts

Oil prices fell below \$35 a barrel last week, and the West Texas economy is feeling the pinch. Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar distributed sales tax allocations last week, and most of the total show the ripple effect of less oilfield activity.

Sales tax allocations to Colorado City, Loraine, Westbrook, Abilene, Big Spring, Lamesa, Post and Snyder are down significantly from last January. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Hegar also announced last week that sales tax revenue for the state was down 1.1 percent in December when compared to the same period last year.

"As with the previous two months, December sales tax revenue was down largely due to spending reductions in oil and gas-related sectors," the comptroller said. "This was expected, given ongoing weakness in oil and natural gas prices. Remittances from other sectors, such as construction and information continue to grow."

A graphic on the comptroller's website shows that counties have taken the hardest hit, with a decrease of 6.9% from 2014.

Mitchell County received \$24,451.65 this month, over 31% less than the payment made in January of 2015. The trend of falling sales tax rebates has continued over the last several months for the county.

County Judge Ray Mayo said that he feels sure that a lot of the decrease stems from the reduction in oil and gas activity.

"You can drive all over Texas, and see all the trucks parked in yards; not just here but even all the way to Fort Worth," Mayo said.

Back in the summer, the City of Colorado City was seeing major decreases in the amount of sales tax payments received from

the state. And though the payments are still not increasing, the sharp drops have tapered off.

Colorado City received almost \$52,000 from the comptroller's office in January, a 5% decrease from last year's payment. City officials said that sales from the new Stripes store and other new businesses have helped push the city's payments up somewhat.

The positive trend is expected to continue, as construction is completed and new motels open.

The City of Loraine saw January's rebate decreased by over 51% when compared to last year's. The drop of more than \$1,700 can be attributed to the closing of a couple of businesses that were open in 2014, including Rocking H Bar & Grill.

The City of Westbrook took a \$400 hit on the payment this month too. City Secretary Pansy Fernandez received about \$2,300 this month which was nearly \$500 less than received in January 2015.

Snyder's sales tax rebates dropped drastically this month, as the city received approximately \$151,000 less than what was allocated last year at this time. That represents a decrease of over 40%.

While the rebate amounts are indicative of the region's shrinking economy, some cities saw the payments hold steady. The City of Lubbock and Sweetwater saw very little change in the amount of rebates received this year compared to last year. Lubbock's payment was up a little over 1% and Sweetwater's rebate was \$281 higher than last January's.

Hegar sent a total of \$617.2 million in local sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, .1 percent less than January 2015

Hardegree places fourth in National Fashion Revue

More than 1000 youth from more than 32 states including Alberta, Canada, attended the Western National Roundup January 7-10, 2016, in Denver, CO. Kaylynn Hardegree of Mitchell County 4-H was among those attending and competing.

The conference, now in its 96th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Mission ImPossible" is aimed at leaving participants with the confidence that they have the opportunity to create unique experiences and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

Hardegree placed fourth in the Fashion Revue contest. She qualified for nationals by winning the Buying Natural Fiber: Cotton category at Texas 4-H State Roundup in June 2015. She is currently a freshman at Howard College in Big Spring where she is majoring in agriculture.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to be able to go and compete," Extension Agent Audra Graves said. "It's a great way to end her 4-H career."

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 have the opportunity to qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's



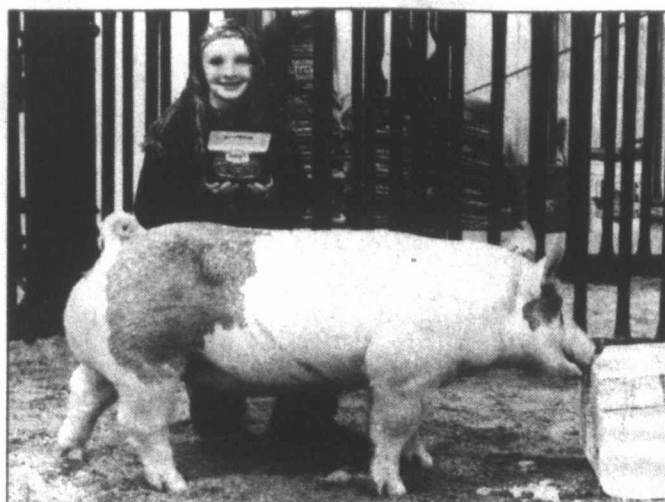
NATIONAL COMPETITOR - Kaylynn Hardegree (center) traveled to Colorado to compete in the Western National Roundup. She qualified for nationals by taking 1st place at the state level. Hardegree is seen here with her mom, Tammy (left) and Extension Agent Audra Graves. Photo courtesy of Graves.

contest or being chosen as a state delegate. The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure, and meats identification. Workshops are offered throughout the week which

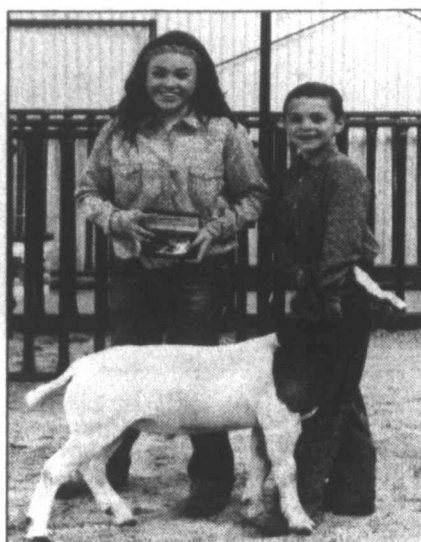
provides a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from communication and team building to leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons won.



SR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP —Danye Vigil received the swine sr showmanship award at the Westbrook FFA local stock show that was held on January 9th.
Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.



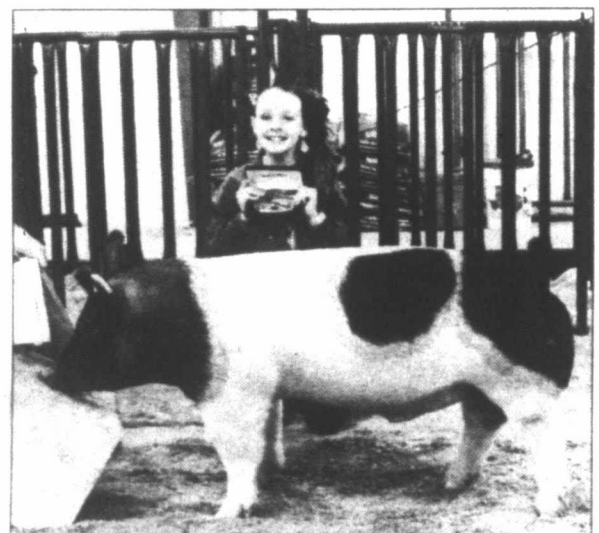
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE—Westbrook FFA held their local stock show January 9th. Brooklea Stone won reserve grand champion swine and jr swine showmanship at the show. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



GRAND CHAMPION GOAT—The grand champion goat at the Westbrook Local Show went to Zane Beasley. Westbrook's stock show was held on January 9th. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



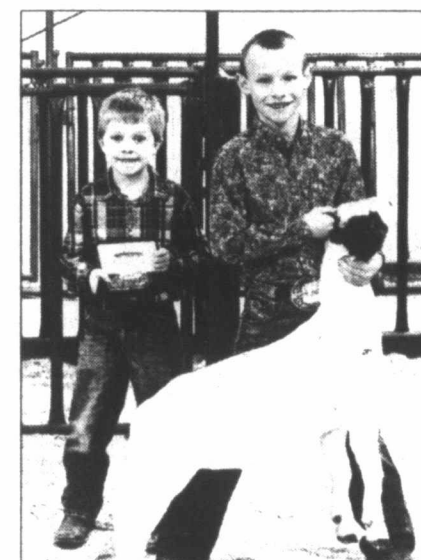
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT— Westbrook FFA had their local show on January 9th and Taylor Beasley won reserve grand champion with her goat. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



GRAND CHAMPION SWINE—Braylee Stone won grand champion swine at the Westbrook Local Stock Show this past weekend. *Picture courtesy of Penny Bray*



JUNIOR STEER SHOWMANSHIP – Parker Matlock won the jr steer showmanship at the Westbrook Local Show on January 9th. Pictured with Parker is David Bray. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



JUNIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP— Last weekend at the Westbrook Local show, Conner Holt won junior goat showmanship. Pictured with Conner is Titus Ashmore. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



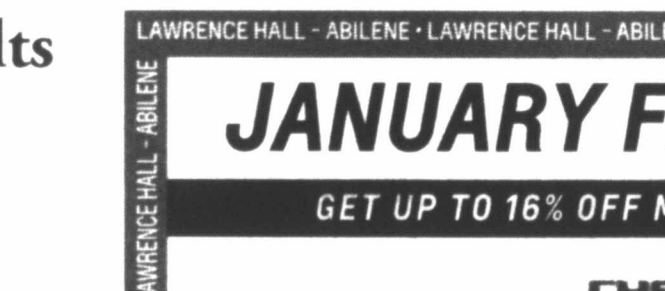
GRAND CHAMPION STEER- Hannah Garcia won the steer show at Westbrook's local show on January 9th. Pictured with Hannah is Michael Bray. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



RESERVE GRAND STEER- Tanner Strain won reserve grand champion steer at the Westbrook Local show last weekend. Strain also won senior steer showmanship. Pictured with Tanner is David Bray. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



SENIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP
— Kyler Wood won the senior goat showmanship at the Westbrook Local Show last weekend. Pictured with Kyler is Titus Ashmore. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*



OVERALL SHOWMAN—The overall showman of the Westbrook Local Stock Show was Tanner Strain. Pictured with Tanner is the show judge Kevin Kelly from Valley. *Photo courtesy of Penny Bray.*

Westbrook Show results

Goats

19th Kaiti Wood
 28th Conner Holt
 36th Jordan Holt
 41st Rebecca Watson
Light Weight Champ – Kaiti Wood
Light Weight Reserve Champ – Conner Holt
 Class 2
 28th Kaiti Wood
 29th Conner Holt
 36th Jordan Holt
 41st Kaiti Wood
 42nd Zane Beasley
 43rd Kaiti Wood
Middle Weight Champ – Kaiti Wood
Middle Weight Reserve Champ – Conner Holt
 Class 3
 36th Zane Beasley
 37th Conner Beasley
 41st Kaiti Wood
 42nd Taylor Beasley
Heavy Weight Champ – Zane Beasley
Heavy Weight Reserve Champ – Taylor Beasley
Grand Champion Goat
 Zane Beasley – Heavy Weight
Reserve Grand Champion Goat – Taylor Beasley
 Heavy Weight
Jr Showmanship Goat – Conner Holt
Sr Showmanship Goat – Kaiti Wood

Steers

steers

American
Class 1
1st. Tolver Rivera
Breed Champion - Tolver Rivera

English
Class 1
1st. Sebastian Rincones
2nd. Zoe Matlock
Class 2
1st. Landon Strain
Breed Champion - Sebastian Rincones - Light Weight
Reserve Breed Champion - Zoe Matlock - Light Weight

Exotic
Class 1
1st. Tanner Strain
2nd. Hannah Garcia
3rd. Parker Matlock
Class 2
1st. Hannah Garcia
2nd. Rebecca Campos
Class 3
1st. Landon Strain
2nd. Tanner Strain
3rd. Jon Rincones
Breed Champion - Hannah Garcia - Middle Weight
Reserve Breed Champion - Tanner Strain - Light Weight

Grand Champion Steer - Hannah Garcia - Exotic
Reserve Grand Champion Steer - Tanner Strain - Exotic

Je. Showmanship Steer - Parker Matlock
Se. Showmanship Steer - Tanner Strain

1st Aiden Sullivan
 2nd Kyle Maros
 Class 2
 1st Kaden Porter
 2nd Tyler Henderson
 Class 3
 1st Braylee Stone
 2nd Brookies Stone
Breed Champion - Braylee Stone - Heavy Weight
Reserve Breed Champion - Brookies Stone - Heavy Weight
 Duroc
 Class 1
 1st Braylee Stone
Breed Champion - Braylee Stone
 Hereford
 Class 1
 1st Tanner Strain
 2nd Reagan Hale
 3rd Landon Strain
 4th Wren Wiley
Breed Champion - Tanner Strain
Reserve Breed Champion - Reagan Hale
 Hampshire
 Class 1
 1st Kyle Maros
 2nd Hazel Lord
 Class 2
 1st Reagan Hale
 2nd Morgan Forbes
 3rd Daniel Vigil
 4th Tyler Henderson
Breed Champion - Reagan Hale - Heavy Weight
Reserve Breed Champion - Morgan Forbes - Heavy Weight
 Poland
 Class 1
 1st Dwayne Vigil
 2nd Reagan Hale
 3rd Daniel Vigil
Breed Champion - Dwayne Vigil
Reserve Breed Champion - Reagan Hale
 Spotted
 Class 1
 1st David Vigil
 2nd Aiden Sullivan
Breed Champion - David Vigil
Reserve Breed Champion - Aiden Sullivan
 Yorkshire
 Class 1
 1st Kaden Porter
 2nd Kaden Porter
 3rd Reagan Hale
 4th Hadley White
 Class 2
 1st Brookies Stone
 2nd Bodie Forbes
 3rd Gabby Schwenker
 4th Taylor Parsons
 Class 3
 1st Braylee Stone
 2nd Kyle Maros
 3rd Jadis Gato
 4th Hazel Lord
 5th Reagan Hale
 Class 4
 1st Brookies Stone
 2nd Braylee Stone
 3rd Reagan Hale
Breed Champion - Braylee Stone - Middle Heavy
 Weight
Reserve Breed Champion - Brookies Stone - Heavy
 Weight
Grand Champion Swine - Braylee Stone - Cross
Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Brookies Stone - Cross
Jr Swine Showmanship - Brookies Stone
Sr Swine Showmanship - Dwayne Vigil
Overall Showmanship - Tanner Strain

Swine

Swine
Berkshire
 1st - Kason Proctor
 2nd - Alex Tenorio
 3rd - Daniel Vigil
 4th - David Vigil
Class 2
 1st - Kason Proctor
 2nd - Bailey Connell
 3rd - Danye Vigil
Breed Champion - Kason Proctor - Heavy Weight
Reserve Breed Champ - Kason Proctor- Light Weight
Chesley
Class 1

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