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Answerline

Q. January is kind of a let-down after the holidays. Is there anything good to say about the month of January?
A. There are some facts about the month of January that most people do not know. Whether they are good or bad is left up to each individual.
1. January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one.
2. The Anglo-Saxons called January "Wulfmonath" as it was the month hungry wolves came scavenging at people's doors.
3. It's National Soup Month in the U.S.
4. The only Shakespeare plays that mention January are *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Winter's Tale*.
5. More couples separate or divorce in January than in any other month.
6. January 1st is both the furthest away and closest day to December 31st.

Briefs

Westbrook Stock Show
The Westbrook Local Stock Show will be held on Saturday, January 6th. Students from Westbrook ISD will be exhibiting their animals during the show. The show is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be a concession stand open during the show.

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

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

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Colorado City

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Midland

Around Town

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Court agrees to offer settlement in lawsuit

For the last several weeks, members of the Mitchell County Commissioners' Court have been meeting in closed session to consult with County Attorney Sterling Burleson about pending litigation. Tuesday morning, the court came out of closed session to take action.

In a 4-1 vote, commissioners agreed to offer \$22,481.10 as a settlement to a lawsuit filed by Multi-County Court at Law Judge David Hall. Judge Hall is suing Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher counties in an effort to procure enough money to raise the salaries of the court assistant and court reporter.

During the past legislative session, Texas lawmakers mandated that the multi-county court at law pay the court reporter and administrative assistant be paid the same as that of the district court reporter and administrative assistant. There is quite a difference between the pay.

The district court reporter makes \$79,301.45 annually, and Hall's reporter is paid \$45,146.40. The district administrative assistant is paid \$58,030.17, and Hall's administrator makes \$38,326.63. These amounts are part of the lawsuit filed in District Court by Judge Hall.

The suit names the commissioners' courts of all three counties which comprise the 32nd Judicial District. Local funding for the district court is generally based on population and Mitchell County's share is roughly 30%. Most of the funding for the district court and the multi-county court at law comes from the state.

Currently, Mitchell County doesn't contribute to the multi-county court at law, except to send what money the state sends here to run the court.

A few years ago, Judge Hall came to a commissioners' court meeting and said the state legislature had approved the op-

eration of a multi-county court to help better serve the smaller counties. He told court members that the Texas Legislature had agreed to fully fund the court and went as far as telling commissioners he expected the county to get enough funding that the extra could be added to the general fund.

The good news came at a time of shrinking budgets and falling oil prices.

All details seemed to be in order, when Mitchell County officials got word the legislature had changed its mind and funding would be much less than expected. County leaders expressed the desire to get out of the multi-county court all together.

Once again, Hall came to Colorado City to ask commissioners there would be enough funding to operate the court, and Nolan County had agreed to take on any extra expenses if Mitchell County agreed to remain part of the court.

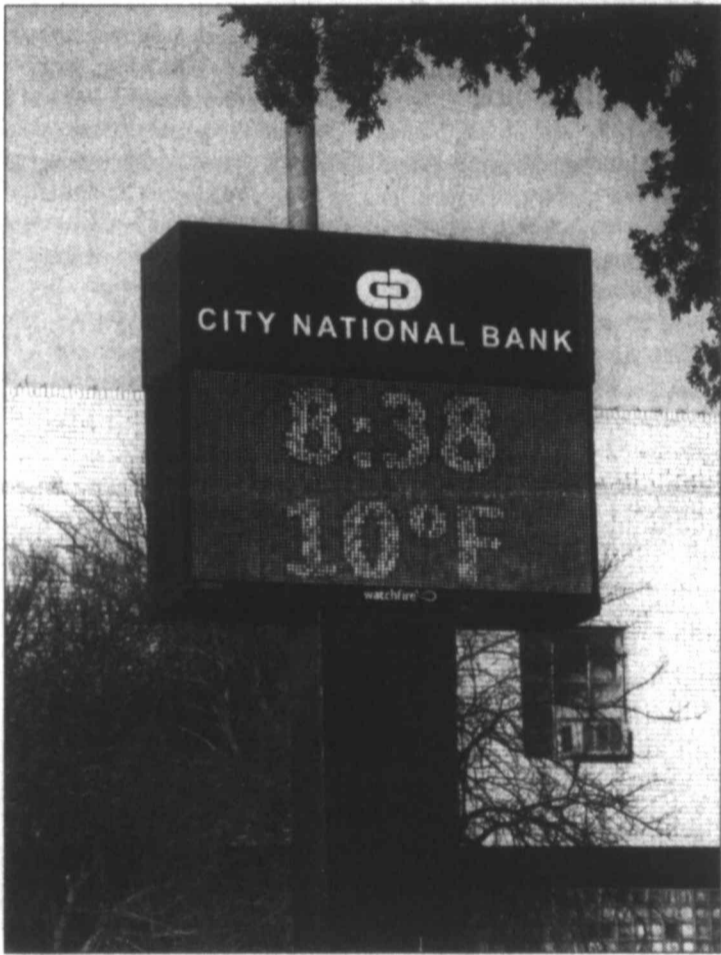
The court has been in operation for the last year and County Judge Ray Mayo said Judge Hall does hear cases out of Mitchell County.

"He hears all the family court cases here, child custody cases and the like," Mayo said Tuesday.

The lawsuit went before a visiting judge from Comanche County last week. He told all the parties to work it out amongst themselves, and that's what brought court members to make a decision to offer the settlement. Mayo was the only person to vote against the measure.

The offer is a one-time payment to be made in 2018 only. Commissioners will wait to hear if a settlement has been reached.

In other business, payroll totaling \$112,801.42 was approved as presented by County Treasurer Jennifer Rivera.



IT WAS COLD EVERYWHERE! No matter the invitation, winter made its presence known over the weekend. It was a chilly 10-11 degrees to start the New Year Monday morning. The bank signs are evidence that the cold weather that was expected over the New Year's holiday definitely got here.



Show your support of Livestock Show kids

The 81st Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show is around the corner. That means many local families are getting busy making all the preparations and working hard to make the show a success.

Not all of us are directly involved in the stock show, but we can appreciate all the work that goes into getting everything ready. This year, the *Record* is giving individuals and families the opportunity to express their appreciation and wish good luck to those exhibiting in the show.

We will be taking two-column by four-inch ads to run in next week's edition of the *Record*. The ads can wish luck to a specific exhibitor, to everyone showing or express overall support for

See SUPPORT, page 5

Just Stop to reopen soon; Thompsons are new owners

Brent and Brenda Thompson are the new owners of the property and building that was formerly known as Just Stop on I-20 west of Colorado City. The couple, who have been living in Temple for the past six years, are relocating to Mitchell County and working to reopen the store as C&C Country Store.

Since the property officially became theirs on December 18th, the Thompsons have been cleaning, painting, repairing and doing some minor renovations to the place. They are naming the store C&C after their daughters, four-year-old Charley and one-year-old Claire.

Brent said he's originally from Big Spring, so moving to west Texas is like coming back home for him. He and Brenda have purchased some property near the Lake Colorado City State Park, which puts them close to their business.

Brent said he was a typical teenager who wanted to leave this area as soon as he could, but like most, he realized the value of small town living after his daughters were born.

"I've really missed small town living where you know your neighbors and people care about each other," Brent said last week.

"We're excited to become part of the community here and raise our daughters in a close-knit place," Brenda agreed.

For the past five months, the young family has been staying with Cindy and Troy Kerby, which has allowed them to save their funds for fixing up C&C Country Store. Brent's dad, James Thompson, has also been an integral player in the deal, as he has put them in contact with a lot of people to help make this dream come true.

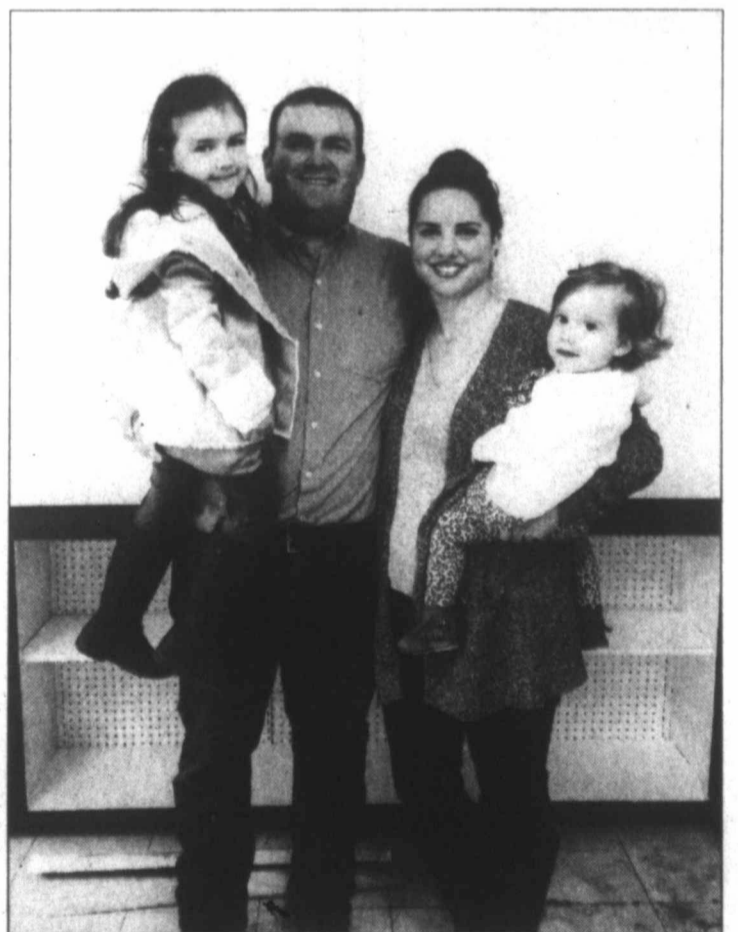
The next step for the store will be bringing the gasoline pumps

back to working order, getting a fuel supplier lined up and going through the bureaucracy of the licensing and registration required to sell fuel. Their goal is to open C&C at the end of January or the first part of February.

Approximately 4.5 acres of land was part of the purchase, and Brent is thinking of putting in a few RV spaces in the future. For now, the Thompsons are working hard on getting the country store up and going.

Several residents of the Lake Colorado City community have already noticed the activity at the store and have expressed their excitement at having a place to buy milk and gasoline without having to go all the way to town.

Watch the *Record* for more information about the grand opening of C&C Country Store!



A FAMILY INVESTMENT - Brent and Brenda Thompson, along with their girls Charley (left) and Claire, are the new owners of C&C Country Store, which is in the location that was once Just Stop. Renovations and cleanup work is underway, and they hope to have the place open in a month or so.

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LOCAL NEWS

Erwin tells Lions Club about Wallace Center

Julie Erwin has seen her life go in a different direction lately. She has taken the position of Wallace Senior Citizen Center Director, a far cry from the oil fields where she spent much of her career. She shared some information about the center with members of the Colorado City Lions Club last Friday.

After growing up in Colorado City and graduating from CHS, Erwin left to seek her fortune and went to work for Mobil Oil. She spent 20 years with the company, moving on to direct boats and helicopters in the Gulf of Mexico for Grasso Production and 12 years as a safety consultant for ConocoPhillips.

Her time in the oil and gas industry took her away from home a lot, so she began looking for something to do locally after she retired in 2015. Erwin said DeLynn Hackfeld and Rose Ann Webb talked her into substitute

teaching, saying it was a piece of cake.

Before the school year began this year, Erwin got a call from Cherie Dockrey, who wanted to hand over the reigns of the center. That's how Erwin became the Director of Nutrition of the Wallace Senior Citizens Center.

Erwin told Lions she commends Dockrey for the job she did at the center for four years. Besides working at a full-time job, Dockrey also met deadlines and submitted paperwork to various state agencies to keep the grants current and the doors to the center open.

"I am learning it's no small task," Erwin said.

Erwin shared some of the information about the history of the center she learned just by asking around. She said the nutrition program got its start in the 1980s in a church kitchen. A group of ladies decided they wanted to



A NEW DIRECTION – After spending an entire career working in the oil and gas industry, Julie Erwin (left) is now the director of the Wallace Senior Citizens Center. She was invited to speak to fellow Lions on Friday by Bob Brookshear.

feed friends and shut-ins. "It was an all-volunteer group funded by donations," Erwin said.

From the church kitchen, the program moved to the D.W. Wallace School on South Hwy. 208 in the early 2000s. The center was open two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, providing a hot meal for those attending and delivering meals to senior citizens unable to get out and about.

At the time, Loraine had a center and fed senior citizens on Wednesdays. When the Loraine program shut down, the Wallace program absorbed it, enabling the program in Colorado City to open three days a week.

When Colorado ISD closed the Wallace school last year, the senior center was moved to the structure that has served as the Colorado High and Colorado Middle School cafeteria and library. The move doubled the space of the center, so exercise equipment, a pool table, two pianos and a full library has been added.

The center is funded through two government grants. Texas Feeding Texans, a grant through the West Central Texas Council of Governments and another grant from the city accounts for 25% to 30% of the center's budget. The remaining 70 to 75% comes from donations, memorials and fundraisers.

Lupe Contreras serves as the center's kitchen supervisor. Sammy Contreras oversees maintenance, Cheryl McNeal is the home delivery supervisor and Connie Hemphill is kitchen assistant.

McNeal delivers 35 to 40 meals daily. All citizens requesting home delivery must go through an evaluation and assessment, which are completed in their homes.

There are a number of meals delivered that are provided at no charge, as they are funded by the grants. Citizens must meet certain criteria to be eligible for free meals, but the qualifications are not based on income. Due to the fact the Wallace Center is only able to provide a set number of free meals, there is a waiting list. Cost for the home-delivered meals is \$6 per day, the same cost as a meal at the center.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Debby Mitchell and Judy Beasley provide musical entertainment on the last Thursday of the month. CHS Band Director Sam Hale brought a small band group to play Christmas selections this year, and Mary Margaret Cox has provided piano music also. Anyone wanting to come entertain is welcome anytime.

OBITUARIES

Jo Annette Conaway 1949-2017

COLORADO CITY – Jo Annette Conaway died peacefully December 27th in Covenant Hospice, Lubbock. Her funeral was held at the Westbrook Baptist Church on Saturday, December 30th at 10 a.m. with Pastor Paul Smith of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in the Westbrook Cemetery.

Visitation was Friday, December 29th from 6-8 p.m. at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Jo was born August 2nd, 1949 in Hot Springs, South Dakota and moved to Big Spring with her family when she was three years old. She was a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. She worked for various companies and recently retired from Mitchell County Hospital after working 20 years in medical records at the Ware Unit in Colorado City. Jo and her husband were members of Westbrook Baptist Church.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Chester Eugene Sturdevant and Mary Pauline Pitzer Sturdevant.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Travis Neil Conaway; daughter, Laura Elizabeth Conaway; her grandsons, Dakota Dwayne Bradbury and Dalton Ray Bradbury; and great-granddaughter, LillieAnn Marie Bradbury; as well as her grandsons' step-father, Scott David Wathen; brother, Paul Eugene Sturdevant and wife, Jeanne; cousins, Virginia and Bill Sturdevant; sister-in-law, Margaret Ann Conaway; and nephews and nieces.

Jo will also be fondly remembered by her family of coworkers at the Ware Unit.

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



Margaret Joyce Smith 1925-2017

MIDLAND - Margaret Joyce Smith, 92, passed away on Friday, December 29th, 2017 in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, January 4th, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Spade Community Cemetery in Colorado City.

Margaret was born on January 11th, 1925 to Dovie and Claude Crouse in Coahoma. She married Loyd Smith and they owned and operated Loyd's Place in Colorado City and following retirement she worked as a cook at the Spade Ranch. Her passion and love was for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Wilma Nix of Midland; son, Alton Currie of Henderson; stepsons, Allen and Skeet Smith both of Sweetwater; stepdaughters, Beth Cade of Waco and Annette Privitt of Dallas; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Loyd Smith; parents, Dovie and Claude Crouse.

The family asks that memorials be donated to Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City.

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



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Happy New Year to all of Colorado City!
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LOCAL NEWS



"FLOWERS" – Local artist Carolyn Walker is January's West Texas Art Guild featured artist. Her artwork collection entitled "Flowers" is on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust. Stop by to take a look or buy your favorite painting. Photo courtesy of Linda Mathis.

Walker's art to be displayed at FirstBank & Trust this month

For Carolyn Walker, her love for art began at an early age. She has achieved much success in the field, and some of her paintings are now on display at FirstBank & Trust for the month of January. Everyone is encouraged to go to the bank and take a look at the collection which has a floral theme.

Walker said that she decided she wanted to be an artist at the age of five. She took her first oil painting class from a teacher in Roscoe when she was 11 years old, and she fell in love with painting.

While attending college, Walker minored in art and was given the opportunity to teach art in public school after graduation. She taught art at Colorado High School for 22 years.

After retiring from teaching in public school, Walker found a place next to Wood's Boots. She rented the space and turned it into her own personal studio, Walker Art Studio. The studio is the

site of adult and children's art classes on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Besides teaching classes in Colorado City, Walker also teaches a private art class in Sweetwater, and she teaches art at Cornerstone Christian School, also in Sweetwater.

Walker has traveled all over Texas teaching painting workshops. Her artwork ranges from realistic to very abstract, and she has won many awards with both approaches. She has worked hard to earn three degrees, including a Master of Fine Arts Degree.

Walker lives in Mitchell County. She is married to Charles and the couple has two sons and three grandchildren.

Take a trip down to the bank to see some of Walker's creations, and prepare yourself to be wowed by her talent. All artwork on display is also available for purchase.

WALLACE CENTER NEWS

By Julie Erwin
Center Director

Happy New Year! As we start a new year let us never forget to be thankful for all our blessings. Wallace Senior Center will open Tuesday, January 2nd as usual. Come see us and join in the fun, food and fellowship.

Wallace Senior Center, 312 East 12th Street, is open three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as a meeting place for the senior citizens of Mitchell County. In addition to the meals, the center has many things designed to keep everyone entertained. A jigsaw puzzle is always being worked, and a fun and competitive game of Farkle are among other activities enjoyed at the center.

The center has a full library, exercise machines, card games, and jigsaw puzzles. Kindred at Home has a blood pressure clinic every Tuesday 11 am until noon and sponsors Bingo games the first and third Thursdays of each month.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, Jan 9th – BBQ beef on bun, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, onions, strawberries and

peaches

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

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

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



MOST POPULAR FOUNTAIN IN THE COUNTY – The water fountain in Kiwanis Park is a sight to behold when it freezes, and had been frozen for several days as of Tuesday morning. The thawing began in earnest on Wednesday, as temperatures were supposed to rise above freezing for the first time since Saturday.

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LOCAL NEWS

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Advantages of a small school

Gary Humphreys has a gun shop in Del Rio. He says business is booming (pun intended). Gary is a historian hobbyist and is serious about it. He'll find some obscure story about a massacre or military operation a few hundred years ago in Val Verde County and go looking for the place where it occurred. A couple of times he has corrected scholars who had put an event in a different location.

Gary works with 4-H students in shooting competitions. He has made sure the youngsters have the right kind of guns and ammunition to make it to the finals. Some of them have won state championships. The rifles they shoot are the same ones used in Olympic competition and cost around \$5,000 each. He has been associated with the students for nearly 40 years. His daughter Holly has won shooting competitions since she was a child.

Gary has family ties in Comstock, 30 miles from Del Rio. Holly went to a Del Rio private school in grades one through five. When she entered the sixth grade Gary had trouble deciding whether to send her to school in Del Rio or Comstock. "I went to Lions Club and the speaker that day was the Del Rio School Security Chief. In his closing remarks he said his goal was to get two armed officers on every 6th grade campus in Del Rio. When he said that I made the decision to send Holly to Comstock. She didn't need to be going to a sixth grade campus with armed officers."

He made that choice on August first and got Holly enrolled in Comstock. "She did well and never once complained about the daily 30-mile bus ride. The school had a good healthy atmosphere and she knew most of the people since her grandparents were raised there and I knew several of the Comstock High School graduates."

Holly was doing a horse project for 4-H and one day after school she and Gary were feeding horses and goats. They got home about 8:30 or 9 that night when Holly discovered she had left one of her textbooks at school. "She told me she had homework to do and was upset about not having her book. I told her to call one of the other kids and maybe you can borrow their book. She didn't like that idea, saying the other kids had homework, too and are using their book. I told her that they might be through with it and she could use it. She was adamant about it and said she needed to go back to school and get her book."

Holly finally convinced Gary to take her to Comstock after 9 PM. "We drove down there and I asked her where to go. She told me to just pull up in front of the school. It was pitch black. She jumped out of the car, opened the front door to the school, went to her locker and got her book. They never lock the doors to the school in Comstock. The gym is always open and students go there at night, get out the basketballs, play for a while, put the balls back and turn off the lights."

In 2006 Comstock built a new school. The doors are locked now.



LOOK BACK... Rayanne Carlock has shared a few pieces of historical memorabilia with us regarding Mitchell County, and the *Record* staff would like to share them with our readers. This photo was printed in a Chamber of Commerce pamphlet in the early 1960s. The cutline information reads, "WATER SPORTS - Water skiing is a favorite sport on Lake Colorado City and the new Lake Champion. Both lakes draw water sport enthusiasts from as far west as New Mexico." The water skier is none other than Charla Warren Northcutt. According to the pamphlet, Colorado City's population in 1960 was 6,457 and the county had a population of 11,255.

Experiencing pride and joy

By Monte Wike

We have a preacher friend who pulled this trick on me several times at Annual Conference. "Would you like to see a picture of my pride and joy?" he would ask. Naturally I responded with a hearty "Yes!", thinking it would be pictures of new grandkids or some improvement to the church. Then he would show us a picture of two bottles of detergent. Pride and Joy. It always brought a laugh from everyone. Even after we knew the trick, it was funny to see it again.

Both pride and joy are worthwhile characteristics to exhibit. If we have no pride, either in ourselves, our accomplishments, country or family, we are in a very sad and sorry condition. Pride comes from an investment of time and effort to make something right. It is a celebration of those who have done this for us. It is a measure of improvement and committal. Having pride is not to have a "proud and haughty spirit" but to be uplifted by something bigger than we are. It is a cause for praise and appreciation.

Joy is one of my favorite topics and emotions, as many know. I love to laugh and see people laugh. To have a heavy or sad

spirit is depressing and not good for body, mind or spirit. It is a topic in which the Bible is rich, both in references and occasions. Peter described it as "...joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

Joy is not just mirth or silliness, but the essence of contentment and peace. It is incorporated in the words "enjoy" and "rejoice". Jesus desired "...that your joy might be full" (John 15:11). Paul writes that we are to "Rejoice and again I say rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).

The beauty of both pride and joy is that they are repeatable and desirable. They join the long list of commendable responses that include love, gratitude and loyalty. The opposites of these qualities are very expressive, as well. Shame, anger, hatred, ingratitude and treachery are expressions of how low a person might sink, or the dark abyss into which he might plunge. Pride and joy, along with their happy and sunny cousin-words, like peace and happiness, are always uplifting and inspiring. They are worth the effort and rich in rewards.

It might be worthwhile to have pictures of detergent bottles to remind us of happy and meaningful attitudes.

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POLICE REPORT

On December 23rd at 9:32 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of East 4th Street regarding a possible break-in at a residence which led to a report about Criminal Mischief after a preliminary investigation.

On December 23rd at 10:12 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Hickory Street regarding theft. A subject reported their phone was taken from Dollar General. Information was gathered and a report submitted.

On December 24th at 5:36 p.m., an officer was dispatched the 1300 block of Pine Street for a report of domestic disturbance that had just occurred. The officer spoke with the victim who stated her son had assaulted her and left the residence prior to officer's arrival. Victim

wanted to file assault charges on her son. Information was taken and a report was completed.

On December 24th at 5:14 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Manual Street for a report of a domestic disturbance. A female victim stated she was assaulted by her live-in boyfriend who was gone prior to officer's arrival. Information was gathered and a report completed.

On December 25th at 2:45 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of East I-20 for a report of theft. A subject took a case of beer and left the premises without rendering payment. A report for theft was submitted.

On December 26th at 5:11 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 400 block

of East 11th Street in reference to a possible domestic dispute. Investigation was initiated and one 35-year-old male was later transported to the Mitchell County Jail without incident.

On December 27th at 1:04 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1700 block of Hemphill Street in reference to criminal mischief. An investigation was completed and a report was later submitted.

On December 27th at 9:44 p.m., an officer made contact near the corner of 13th and Pine Streets with a male subject. The officer found the male subject had an outstanding Mitchell County warrant after questioning. The 28-year-old male subject was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Jodi L. Wise Affiant to John Stanley Hamner Deceased, Public, Affidavit of Heirship.

Nancy Lee Wood, Larry Wayne Hamner, Jimmie R. Wood Atty-in-Fact to Mark Merrell, Deed without Warranty.

Mark Merrell, Judy Merrell to Darrin K. Leverton, Warranty Deed.

Darrin K. Leverton to Primewest Mortgage Corporation, Barry H. Orr Tee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. "MERS" Beneficiary, Deed of Trust.

Southwest Petroleum Company, David L. Kundysek Ind/Mgr/Gen Ptnr to Public, Notice of Address.

Sara E. Whittington to Texas Petroleum Land Management LLC, Mineral Deed.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, David M. Morris Exec Dir to Clayton Williams Energy Inc., Blue Heel Company, CWEI Acquisitions Inc., Southwest Royalties Inc., Tex-Hal Partners Inc., Warrior Gas Co., Release of Lien/DT.

Elizabeth A. Mueller, Catherine Miller Atty-in-Fact to Ceja Royalties LTD, Mineral and Royalty.

Jesus M. Gonzalez Affiant, Rachel Miller Affiant, Mary Babineau Affiant to Elia Hinojosa Deceased, Public, Affidavit of Heirship.

Mary Babineau Affiant, Jesus M. Gonzalez Affiant, Rachel Miller Affiant to Lorenzo Hinojosa Deceased, Public,

Affidavit of Heirship.

Sharon Field to Sharon Field Revocable Trust, Mineral Deed.

Karen Field Naylor fka Karen Field Apperson to Naylor Revocable Trust, Mineral Deed.

BP Prod Corp, Frank Leutwyler Pres to Jerry Dell Haggerton, James E. Haggerton, Edd Homan Strain, Ratification of Oil, Gas &.

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Jane Johnston to Charles R. Qualia, Paid Up Oil & Gas Lease.

Walker Oil and Gas LTD, Walker Petroleum Enterprises LLC Gen Ptnr, William C. Walker Jr. Mgr to West Texas State Bank, Darryl Calley Tee, Deed of Trust.

William Kody Hogan, Jenny Rayann Hogan to FNA DZ LLC, Tax Lien Contract.

Daphne Mahon Holt Testamentary Trust, Betsy Holt Davis Tee to William K. Boyd, Amanda J. Boyd, Special WD w/Vendor's.

William Kent Boyd aka William K. Boyd, Amanda J. Boyd aka Amanda Joyce-Boyd to Capital Farm Credit FLCA, Ben R. Novosad Tee, Deed of Trust.

Patrick Ryan Bell to Ascension Enrique Aguirre, Warranty Deed.

Perry O. Barber Jr. Estate Deceased, M. Diane Bodman Ind Exec fka Mary Diane Petrella Barber, Perry Oscar Barber III, Caroline Barber Greene to Barber Minerals LLC, Deed without Warranty.

William David Todd to David Sanchez, Warranty Deed.

Brooks E. Wallis, Susan C. Wallis to Marcia Ann Womack, Warranty Deed.

Marcia Ann Womack to Primewest Mortgage Corporation, Barry H. Orr Tee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems "MERS" Beneficiary, Deed of Trust.

FirstBank & Trust, Barry Orr CEO to Brooks E. Wallis, Susan C. Wallis, Release of Lien/DT.

Ty Wood, Amie Wood to City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay Tee, Deed of Trust.

Patsy Davis to David Honeycutt, Contract for Deed.

Wanda June Pedigo to Joe M. Laws, Mineral Deed.

ARRESTS

Tomas Jesus Aguilar, 37, DPS, Warrant: Surety off DWI, 12-26-17.

Susano Sosa, 35, CCPD, Terr threat, 12-26-17.

Robert Michael Arispe, 28, CCPD, Accident involving Crim Mis, 12-27-17.

Robert Redford, 54, MCSO, DWLI, 12-28-17.

Juan Manuel Perez-Palomo, 50, Crockett Co., DWI 3rd or more, 12-28-17.

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LOCAL NEWS

Setting the record straight about the Railroad Commission of Texas

By Commissioner Wayne Christian

Seemingly every six months, *The Dallas Morning News* publishes an editorial inaccurately criticizing the job performance of the Railroad Commission of Texas in protecting the environment for the citizens of Texas. The latest fake-news piece accuses the Railroad Commission of turning a "blind eye to science" by not doing enough to protect the public from earthquakes.

The fact is, the commission is a government agency full of scientists who take the issue of induced seismicity very seriously. As a result, the commission has in place some of the most stringent rules on disposal wells - the type of wells some link to earth-

quakes - in the country. Like all issues before the commission, our scientists take immense pride in ensuring all our decisions to protect the public and the environment are based on sound science, not irresponsible, politically driven narratives.

Texas is quickly becoming a leader in seismicity research. In 2015, the Texas Legislature appropriated more than \$4 million to fund an enhanced seismic network managed by the Bureau of Economic Geology called TexNet. As part of the TexNet program, seismometers have been placed across Texas. Scientists from the Bureau of Economic Geology, the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M, the Rail-

road Commission and industry are collaborating on research projects to gain a better understanding of seismicity in Texas. Fortunately, the TexNet program and the commission's rules are working. In fact, in October the Environmental Protection Agency released a report that "highly commends the RRC for its actions to address" seismicity in Texas, "including implementation of changes in permitting and operation requirements."

This is not the first time the commission has been applauded by the EPA for how Texas handles issues of seismicity. In August 2016, the EPA stated in a report that the "RRC is also commended for establishing new regulations specific to seismicity,

including solidifying RRC authority to take appropriate action related to injection well operations."

Additionally, the RRC is a leader in protecting Texas' underground sources of drinking water. Our agency just completed an exhaustive review of nearly 63,000 injection-well applications since 1982. The findings of the review confirm RRC-permitted injection wells are not polluting any sources of underground drinking water or potential sources of underground drinking water in our state.

As it did with regard to seismicity, the EPA commended the commission's Underground Injection Control program in its fiscal year 2016 end-of-year eval-

uation, stating the commission had "more than adequate inspection and monitoring" of Class II injection wells (wells used in oil and gas activities) and that our testing and surveillance program "exceeds the minimum performance measure."

While the Railroad Commission is clearly doing its job of protecting the public, environ-

mental extremists have engaged in fake news campaigns to twist these facts as part of their proxy war against fossil fuels. The RRC has been diligent about distributing information regarding these issues, but for the most part studies with good news, such as the recent EPA reports, have been largely ignored by the mainstream media.

SUPPORT

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the livestock show in general.

Cost of the ads will be \$35 each. Ads will be taken from now until Tuesday, January 9th at noon and will be included in the January 11th edition of the *Record*.

Any candidate running for office should be aware that ads

must include the political advertising disclaimer at the bottom of the ad.

So, write it up and bring it in, email what you would like to say to coloradorecord@att.net or simply give us a call at 325-728-3413 before next Tuesday at noon.

W'Brook Stock Show is coming January 6th

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

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

Though the Westbrook show doesn't award monetary prizes, there will be several belt buckles, jackets, banners and ribbons awarded that day. One of the awards will be the Overall Showmanship Award, which is being sponsored by numerous families, individuals and companies.

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

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

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



NEVER A GOOD THING - Some people from Louisiana had a stroke of bad luck in Mitchell County recently. Last Wednesday, this Dodge Ram caught fire as it traveled westbound on I-20, but the driver successfully pulled off the road. Fire crews speculated that the blaze was probably started by some type of electrical problem.

Happy New Year
As the calendar turns the page, we wish you the very best in the year ahead.

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The Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union greatly appreciates your support and your donation to our Annual Children's Miracle Network Raffle. This year with your help we raised over \$1000. These funds will go directly to the children with medical needs in our West Texas area. Thanks for help us help others.

Kaylani Roberson was a great help to us on Dec. 13th by drawing all the winners for the 69 donated prizes. She was born June 9, 2015. She was in the NICU in Houston. She was born with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia meaning she was born without a diaphragm and all her organs were developed in her chest. She has under developed lungs and heart, her immune system is under developed so she gets sick very easy. She goes on and off oxygen when she gets sick but other than that she is a happy two year old. Kaylani's story is just an example of the many miracle stories that are out there. Once again we want to express our great appreciation for your generosity.

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CARD OF THANKS

Card of Thanks
Several citizens have gone out of their way to make sure we know we're appreciated, and it's time we recognize them. Thank you to Doris & Sam Crenshaw for bringing us cookies and candy for Christmas. Also, thanks to Charles Boedeker for the coffee and burritos that were delivered to us at the water leak on 2nd Street on New Year's Eve. And finally, thanks to Mark Tolle for recognizing the work we do and letting us know you appreciate it.
City Water Crew

RENTALS

FOR RENT: 3 bed/2 bath, Available Jan. 1st, 1129 Walnut Street, \$675/month, \$675 deposit. Call 325-513-1002.

FOR RENT: 1041 Cedar St., 2 bd/1 bath, CH/A, huge kitchen w/lots of cabinet space, double carport and attached enclosed garage/storage, washer/dryer connections, includes all kitchen appliances. Call Esther 325-728-9103 to schedule an appointment.

FOR RENT: 2658 FM 1229, 4 bedroom/2 bath, 1114 Nicolosa, 2 bedroom/1 bath. COMMERCIAL: 1709 West Point, shop/office space. 940-644-5500.

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NEW! 4116 LCR 254 - Large 2/2, updated kitchen, media room & shop.
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NEW! 1330 LCR 248 - 2/2 lake cabin, beautiful view, w/10 acres.
NEW! 758 CR 157 - Updated 2 bd/1 bath, 2 barns, 3+/- acres.
NEW! 905 LCR 311 - 3/2 move in ready home, water is rising!
REDUCED! 6242 FM 644 - Rock house with 3 bed/1 bath on 21.4 acres.
REDUCED! 1163 Register Road - Private Lg 3/2 lake front, boat dock in water, boat ramp.
REDUCED! 1345 Pine - 3bd/1 bath, corner lot, shop, nice kitchen
REDUCED! 941 LCR 311 - 2/2 beautiful lake front, own boat ramp
REDUCED! 149 W. 11th - Large 3/2 w/2 living areas & 2 fireplaces
SOLD! 1116 Nicolosa
SOLD! 1449 Waco St.
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
Great location for a commercial business!
REDUCED! 4.2 acres on corner of 17th & S. I-20 Service Rd.

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KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY

RESIDENTIAL
NEW! 932 Hickory - 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick, great condition, Move in ready. \$42,500
987 E. 14th - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large workshop \$62,000
440 E. 5th - 4 bedroom, \$75,000
945 Marshall - 3 bedroom possibly 4, 2 bath \$97,500
617 E. 9th - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath \$115,000
925 E. 15th - 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$82,500
920 Rusk - 4 bedroom, 2 bath \$109,000
556 CR 246 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$140,000
REDUCED! 1109 Hickory - 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$139,900
HOMES W/ACREAGE
NEW! 1018 S HWY 208 - 1.75 acres \$90,000
2879 S. Hwy 163 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$129,000
2678 N. Hwy 208 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath \$189,900
2409 CR 321 - 3 bedroom, 1 bath \$169,000
4078 CR 125 - 3 bedroom, 3 bath \$470,000
LAKE COLORADO CITY
NEW! 2056 LCR 252 - 4 bed/2 bath with 3 car garage \$119,000
1140 LCR 248 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath WATERFRONT \$129,000
3350 LCR 252 - 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$40,000
LCR 117 - Individual lot \$3,000
LCR 117 - Lake Champion water lots available \$10,000
1131 Register - 3 bedroom, 1 bath \$110,000
LORAIN
NEW! 201 W. Rector - 1 house, 1 mobile home with 7 lots \$40,000
600 S Lightfoot - 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$117,000
105 W. Market - 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$76,000
708 S. Main St - 2 bedroom, 1 bath \$79,999
COMMERCIAL
708 W. I-20 - \$600,000
208 Snyder Hwy - 14.870 acres next to the new Best Western

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NEW! 1362 LCR 248 - 2 bedroom/1 bath, bonus room, garage, on Cherry Creek. Call Cheri.
2228 Lois Lane - 1/1, metal lake cabin, combination living-kitchen area, patio, boat dock and boat ramp. Total electric, washer/dryer hookups, stove and refrigerator. Great price at \$35,000. Call Cheri!
860 CR 315 - Lake cabin with deck, storage shed. \$45,000. Call Cheri to view!
864 CR 315 - Lake lot with electric, septic and concrete pad. \$25,000. Call Cheri for more information.
REDUCED! 2930 LCR 252 - Older cabin with great waterfront, kitchen/living area, 1 bath, bedroom and bonus area, needs work, owner selling as is. \$22,000. Call Cheri for more information.
RESIDENTIAL
NEW! 537 E. 15th St. - Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath with lots of space. Move-in ready! \$59,000.
NEW! 833 E. 14th St. - 3 bedroom/2 bath, 1 car garage plus 2 car carport on oversized lot, \$85,000. Call Leslie!
302 S. Reeves St., Loraine - 2 bedroom/2 bath, oversized lot, \$60,000. Call Leslie to view!
905 Chestnut St. - 2 bedroom/1 bath, well maintained, large corner lot, \$79,900. Call Leslie for more information.
1732 Locust - Wonderful spacious home, 3 bedroom/1.5 bath, large living room, separate dining room, pecan trees, cinder block fence, garage, carport, storage building. Total electric, central heat/air. Call Cheri to view.
305 E. 19th St. - 3 bed/1 bath, corner lot, hardwood floors, Call Cheri to view!
2155 Vine St. - Move-In ready! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fully furnished, wood deck, fenced yard.
REDUCED! 1524/1528 Austin - Great investor property. Duplex, 1 bedroom/1 bath on one side, larger side has 2 baths and possibility of 2 bedrooms or 2 living areas. \$45,000. Call Cheri for appointment.
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1405 Eastover - Vacant corner lot \$5000.00
1743 & 1735 Vine St. - 2 Bed/1 bath, Rock house with a 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment beside it. Priced to sell at \$55,000.
E. 20th and E. 21st - 6 lots between 20th and 21st streets. Zoned R-1 for single family residential. \$25,000.
7808 CR 395, Snyder, TX - Open floor plan with 2 living areas, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath.
UNDER CONTRACT! - 759 E. 8th St. - Cute 2 bed/1 bath Good investment property or starter home. \$33,000.
COMMERCIAL
112 Houston St - Large all steel building built to last in 2013 w/1,1480 acre yard. Building and property \$210,000.
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LOCAL NEWS

Annual Mitchell County Stock Show to be held Jan. 11-13

The 81st Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show is getting closer and closer, and show organizer Brodie Harris said everything is coming together. The show is set to take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 11th, 12th and 13th.

A group of exhibitors and adult leaders gave their time and effort to put the pens up in the Mitchell County Ag Barn last week, and Harris said dirt will be hauled in and the show ring put up in the next few days.

In past years, inmates from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have helped set up and

tear down the pens and other hardware it takes to put on the show. The extra help hasn't been available this year, so exhibitors, their parents and other adult leaders have stepped in to make sure the work gets done.

Harris said, while a small group set up for the show, all exhibitors will be required to stay after the sale on Saturday and help with tearing everything down.

Another change has been made to the show schedule as well. All donors should be aware that no belt buckles will be awarded until Saturday. Awards, scholar-

ships, champion and showmanship buckles will be presented before the sale begins at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

To be eligible for competition, animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitors. Students showing animals must also live in Mitchell County, be in third grade or be nine years old and not more than 19 years old on the day of the show.

It's important for exhibitors to also keep their grades up. If any

exhibitor is ineligible in school because of grades, he or she is also ineligible to participate in the show and sale.

All animals in the show must meet health requirements set forth by the Texas Animal Health Commission. Market animals shown in the county show previously will be ineligible to show the following year. Only 10 places will be awarded in any class.

Preparations such as shearing must be done outside of the show barn. There are facilities outside of the ag barn or in the west wash room for shearing. Organizers urge exhibitors to have their animals prepped a day or two before the show begins.

One particularly important rule is in reference to when livestock can be loaded on Saturday. The rule book says there will be no loading of livestock during the sale, and exhibitors failing to comply with this rule will forfeit ribbon sale money.

Make plans now to come out and donate some money to these kids, as they have worked hard and put time, effort and money into these livestock projects. Most exhibitors are looking forward to going on to represent Mitchell County in the bigger shows around the state, and any money donated during the ribbon sale will help them do just that.

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GINNING ALMOST COMPLETE - Cotton ginning in Mitchell County is almost finished, with Producer's Co-Op lacking about 1,000 modules. Daniel Atkinson is learning the trade at Producer's. As of Wednesday afternoon, Mitchell County Gin was done at 5,326 bales and Producer's expected to have ginned about 21,500 bales.



ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE - TDCJ Wallace Unit employees collected and donated toys to the Kiwanians Toys4MKids toy drive again this year. Club president Jan Lemons said prison employees are always supportive of the charitable causes in the community. Pictured are: (l-r) Captain Brown, Jan Lemons, Warden Bundy, Warden Gonzales, Captain Watson and Captain Fullwood. Photo courtesy of Jan Lemons.

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SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS

Lady Wolves go 4-0 in Brownwood tournament

The Lady Wolves varsity basketball team competed in a tournament in Brownwood over the weekend, coming home winners. They won four games and were

set to play for the championship, but winter weather had other plans. The Colorado City girls faced some formidable teams in the

tournament. Game 1 saw the Lady Wolves take on Abilene Cooper and walk away with a 15-point victory, 47-32. Conley Niblett led the team

in scoring with 10 points. Taylor Epperson was right on her heels with 9 points, and Haley Bridges scored 7 points. Alexa Garza and Mia Monroe scored 5 apiece, and Clancy White scored 3. Jaessa Williams, Sydney Quinn and Kaitlyn Kimball each scored 3 in Game 1.

The next opponent may have appeared to be a threat, but the Lady Wolves held their course and beat Brownwood 49-38. The Lady Lions are ranked #6 in Class 4A.

Niblett was a force against the Lady Lions, amassing 23 of the 49 points scored by Colorado City. Coach Barry Kimball was pleased with the way his team kept the pressure on against Brownwood.

"That was a good win for us," he said. "They are a legit, good team, but we defended well. The Lady Wolves held Brownwood to just 10 points for the whole second half.

Epperson scored 9 points against the Lady Lions, and Kimball had 8. White scored 4 points, Monroe scored 3 and Bridges scored 2 points in Game 2.

The Lady Wolves played Class 2A opponents in the last of the pool games. The Colorado City girls beat Brady 73-27 and Mill-

sap 78-25 to win the pool.

Against Brady, Monroe had an outstanding offensive performance, scoring 18 points for the Lady Wolves. Epperson and Niblett also scored in double-digits, with 10 points apiece. Bridges scored 9, Kimball and White pitched in with 7 points, and Taylor Smith scored 6 points in the win. Williams and Sara Roach each scored 2 points, and Garza and Jady Griffith both got a free throw.

Coach Kimball said the last two games gave all the players a chance to get some good playing time. In the game vs. Millsap, Kimball was the scoring leader with 18 points.

Monroe scored 15 points, Bridges got 13, Niblett scored 9, and both Taylors, Smith and Ep-

person, scored 5 points. Roach and Griffith scored 2 points each and Quinn scored on a free throw.

With four good wins, the Lady Wolves were set to go back to Brownwood and play Denver City in the championship game. However, winter weather blew in and the trip got cancelled.

"I'm going to say we're co-champions," Coach Kimball said Tuesday. "This was a good tournament to play. Most of the girls got in some good playing time."

The wins improve the Lady Wolves' record to 18-6 for the season. They travel to Stanton on Friday to begin district, and they're on the road to Coahoma next Tuesday. The Lady Wolves will play at home on Friday, January 12th against Merkel.



CO-CHAMPIONS – The Lady Wolves varsity basketball team competed in a tournament in Brownwood over the weekend and went 4-0 to win their pool. They beat teams like Abilene Cooper and #6-ranked Brownwood. Unfortunately, winter weather prevented them from being able to participate in the championship game against Denver City. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Alexa Garza, Jaessa Williams, Taylor Smith, Taylor Epperson, Conley Niblett, Sara Roach; (middle row) Jady Griffith, Kaitlyn Kimball, Clancy White, Haley Bridges; (front) Mia Monroe and Megan Vasquez. Photo courtesy of Barry Kimball.

SCHOOL MENUS

Loraine ISD
Jan. 8 – Jan. 12
Monday – No School – Christmas break
Tuesday – Friday – not available at press time
Colorado ISD
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 8 – Jan. 12

Monday – pancakes with bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Tuesday – sunrise sandwich, cheesy toast or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

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

Thursday – oatmeal, cinnamon toast, breakfast bread, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Friday – breakfast burrito, hash browns or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

***Indicates not allowed for Pre-K
Colorado ISD
Head Start/Pre-K
Lunch Menu
Jan. 8 – Jan. 12

Monday – steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Tuesday – spaghetti bowl, bread stick, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, milk

Wednesday – boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, milk

Thursday – chicken quesadilla, refried beans, salsa, lettuce/tomato garnish, sliced peaches, milk

Friday – sloppy joe sandwich, oven fries, broccoli, sliced fruit, milk
Colorado ISD
Elementary/Middle School Lunch Menu

High School/Wallace Lunch Menu
Jan. 8 – Jan. 12

Monday – steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberry cup, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Tuesday – spaghetti bowl, bread sticks or French bread pizza, garden salad, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, chocolate pudding***, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Wednesday – boneless chicken wings, multigrain chips or Texas chili, cornbread, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, brownie***, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Thursday – Mexican combo plate or chicken quesadilla, mexicali corn, refried beans, salsa, lettuce/tomato garnish, sliced peaches, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

Friday – popcorn chicken or sloppy joe, broccoli bites, oven fries, seasonal fruit, chilled fruit juice***, choice of milk

***Chilled fruit juice served only to CHS.

Westbrook ISD
Jan. 8 – Jan. 12
Monday – No School – Christmas break
Breakfast Menus
Not Available

Tuesday – steak fingers with gravy, side salad, green beans, scalloped potatoes, salad bar, cherry cobbler, milk

Wednesday – nacho supreme, refried beans, side salad, Spanish rice, salad bar, lemon bars, milk

Thursday – baked potato, pinto beans, side salad, hot roll, snowball salad, milk

Friday – no school

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