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Answerline

Q: When does district play start for the Wolves varsity boys and girls?

A: Girls competition begins Jan. 9th in Stanton while the boys start Jan. 20th against Coahoma here. District teams include Stanton, Coahoma, Sonora, Reagan Co. along with Colorado City.

Briefs

Immunization/Flu Clinic
Texas Department of State Health Services will be having their immunization/flu clinic for children with no insurance, Medicaid or underinsured and adults with no insurance on Tuesday, January 13th from 10-12 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. The clinic will be held at First United Methodist Church Education Center at the corner of 4th and Chestnut. Bring immunization records and Medicaid card. For more information please call (325) 754-4945, if no answer

Softball Sign-ups
Mitchell Co. Girls Softball Association will hold first sign-ups on Monday, January 5, 2015. The season will start two weeks earlier this year. Pixie District Tournament is set for May 1. 10U-14U Tournament will start May 15. The Pixie State Tournament is scheduled for June 5, and the 10U-14U State Tournament will begin June 12.

Tax Help
AARP Free Tax Help officials will be at the Mitchell County Public Library on February 17th and March 17th to assist with federal income tax preparation. Anyone wanting assistance can visit the library between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on each of those days.

Obituaries

Arthur "Shorty" Watkins
Colorado City

Around Town

Happy birthday Jeanette Silva (Jan. 3)... Melvin Ford looking sharp... Andrea Burtleson offering some advice... Happy 22nd birthday Kimberly Pfeuffer (Jan. 1)... Sam Metzger back in West Texas... Happy birthday Artie Rivera (Jan. 2)... Cherry Hoback putting Robert to work... Happy birthday Juanita Wooten (Dec. 31)... Happy 79th birthday Jerry Reynolds (Jan. 4)...



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City grant total on the rise again

New grant brings total to over \$1.7 million

City officials are pleased to announce that Colorado City is the recipient of a \$240,000 grant which will be used to extend water and sewer lines to the north side of I-20, near the old delinting plant. The grant is a Texas Community Development Block Grant issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

City Manager David Hoover said that developers have been in contact with the city to express their intent to construct a Holiday Inn just off the north service road of the interstate beside the

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HOTEL GOING IN - Concrete piers were being poured at the site of the planned Super 8 Hotel on Monday. Developers say that the foundation work is expected to begin in a week or two.

Work on new motel has begun on interstate

Despite a few setbacks, construction is progressing rapidly on the Super 8 Motel that will be located at the intersection of Chestnut Street and the south service road of I-20. As of Monday, concrete piers were being poured at the site.

According to developer Mike Patel, everything is going well on construction, and he expects pouring on the foundation to begin in a week or two. The 42-room motel should open sometime in July if construction continues to progress well.

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MCHD board, court to decide on abatements

Both entities should make final decision next week

The board of directors for the Mitchell County Hospital District scheduled a meeting Tuesday evening and was expected to vote on the Luminant Abatement proposal. However, the meeting was postponed due to deteriorating weather conditions.

Mitchell County is one of a few locations being considered, and Luminant officials have said that the location providing the best incentive deal will get the project. The energy company would like to have a 100% abatement for 10 years, but that deal is not deemed advantageous to the taxing entities in the county.

During a meeting held Tuesday, December 16th, the board discussed several options presented to them regarding the

agreement.

Hospital Administrator Robbie Dewberry presented the board with three abatement options, and after discussing all three, board members agreed on one for Dewberry to pursue with Luminant's law firm, Ryan.

Board members are expected to agree and vote on an option that calls for a 100% tax abatement for the first three years of the solar plant's operation, then 90% for years four and five, 80% in years six and seven and 70% in the eighth, ninth and tenth year.

When the terms of the agreement were presented to the board, Dewberry explained that he recommends those terms because he thinks it is most appealing to the company. He has

contacted Ryan, the law firm handling the details for Luminant, and the response was favorable to those terms.

If the hospital board votes favorably for the terms of the agreement, Dewberry will contact the other taxing entities in the county to notify them of the district's intention to enter into an abatement agreement with Luminant.

The final vote is expected to be held on Monday, January 12th.

Mitchell County Commissioners are set to meet Friday to vote to pursue an abatement agreement also, and the same terms will apply. County Judge Ray Mayo said that court members are expected to adopt the terms of the agreement, and he

will notify the other taxing entities of the county's intentions.

Court will convene for a regular meeting on Monday, January 12th, and Mayo said he expects to hold the final vote on the abatement agreement at that time.

The county has already established a reinvestment zone in advance in expectation of entering into the agreement with Luminant. The power company is looking at a site near the western and northern edges of the Champion Creek Reservoir for the location of the solar farm. The project, a 150-megawatt solar plant, would employ between 130 and 170 temporary workers and generate three permanent jobs once construction is complete.

Westbrook stock show is Saturday

With the county show just around the corner, Westbrook students will have the chance to hone their showmanship skills this weekend at the Westbrook Local Stock Show. The event is set to be held Saturday, January 3rd in the new Westbrook show barn.

Westbrook ISD ag teacher David Bray said there are about 140 entries in this year's show that kicks off at 10:30 Saturday morning. Bray estimated that close to 80 hogs, 20 head of cattle and 20 goats will be exhibited. See W'BROOK, page 5

The headlines of 2014: a year in review

It's easy to forget all the things that happen in a year's time, so the *Record* is taking a look back at 2014. It's an opportunity for readers to remember some of the top stories of last year.

The city's Housing Standards Commission condemned the house known as Big Momma's Café, which was used as an illegal bar. The house's owner, Myrtle McGee, argued that the place was her private residence, but that argument didn't hold much water when code enforcement officials found out that the State of Texas had issued a sales tax number for the establishment. The structure was demolished in March of 2014.

A multi-structure fire at Lake Colorado City completely destroyed the home of Vicki Spray about mid-January last year. A weekend home and two sheds belonging to a neighbor were also destroyed.

The Heart of West Texas Museum was home to two traveling exhibits in 2014. The first, a display about the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, arrived at the museum in January. The second exhibited several photographs of structures of the late 1800s and early 1900s. It was entitled *The Way Things Were* and was displayed in the museum



in September of last year.

A robbery took place at the Colorado City Post Office in mid-February. Thieves cut the padlock off of the mail drop box and stole all the contents inside. The Colorado City office was not alone, as similar thefts occurred all over the surrounding area.

As of March 13th, painters were completing the paint job on the city's newest water tower located just north of B&B One Stop. The water storage tower helped the city be able to better supply water to residents and businesses on the north side of town.

During that same week, Colorado City native Sam Houston announced his intent to seek election to the office of Texas Attorney General. Unfortunately, the Democratic candidate lost the bid for office in November.

Back in December of 2013, several residents of Mitchell County were arrested and charged with distribution of methamphetamine. In the middle of March, District Attorney Investigator Billy Sides presented a program at the Lions Club, informing those attending of an alarming but true issue facing Mitchell County and the surrounding area.

Sides said that 16 people had been arrested and charged with conspiracy of manufacture/delivery of methamphet-

amine. By accessing cellphone data, police tied the meth distribution ring to a Mexican cartel. All defendants pled guilty and all were sentenced to time in federal prison.

During March, DPS State Trooper Frank Casares, named Trooper of the Year, attended a banquet with other award winners at a banquet in Louisiana. Casares was nominated for a national award by his peers.

Arson was suspected in two fires that occurred within 24 hours of each other at the beginning of April. Fires that burned the former home of the late Benton Ward

on Adams St. and a detached garage on 7th Street were deemed suspicious by local officials and the State Fire Marshal was called in to investigate. No one was charged in either case.

Colorado ISD was named as the recipient of a \$3.5 million grant through the U.S. Department of Labor. The grant has already allowed CHS to set up the Colorado Career Academy, paid for laptops for every CHS student and allows students to take college courses for free.

Historian Dan Smith of Fort Worth came to town on Sunday, April 27th to make a dedication and erect a sign in Kiwanis Park recognizing Colorado City's part of the

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LOCAL NEWS

WTxEC receives outreach award



HONORED FOR REACHING OUT – The West Texas Energy Consortium, serving the Abilene, Midland/Odessa and San Angelo regions, received the Industry Sector Outreach Award from the Texas Workforce Commission. Those presenting and receiving the award were: (back row, l-r) Dr. Thomas Winter, board member; John Beckmeyer, board chairman; (front row) Susan Hodges, board member; Mary Ross, Executive Director Workforce Solutions Board; Ronal Congleton, commissioner representing labor; Hope Andrade, commissioner representing employers; and Andres Alcantar, chairman representing the public. Photo courtesy of Steve Collins.

workforce, and these communities are demonstrating how successful economic development is done with an entrepreneurial Texas spirit."

Embracing a need for collaboration in order to meet unmatched demands experienced in wake of the rapidly growing energy sector, the West Texas Energy Consortium was officially formed in 2013 by three local workforce boards in the Permian Basin, Concho Valley, and West Central Texas areas. This was an unprecedented effort to address growing workforce needs as well as other key topics including infrastructure, emergency response, and community development.

According to West Central Texas Workforce Development Board Executive Director, Mary Ross, "Forming the consortium was a natural extension of the long-standing relationships among the local workforce boards. We've worked together on many projects over the last ten years, but this is the most significant venture yet."

Recently, the West Texas Energy Consortium (WTxEC or Consortium) received the "Industry Sector Outreach Award" from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) at the Annual State Conference in Grapevine. Honoring significant workforce efforts in targeted occupations and positive impacts made to employers, the award includes a \$30,000 endowment and recognizes the success experienced in just one short year with the Consortium's exceptional, integrated approach.

"The work accomplished under this unique partnership is to be commended," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "The West Texas region's employers have benefited tremendously from a well-trained

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OBITUARIES

Arthur "Shorty" Watkins 1943-2014

COLORADO CITY— Mr. Arthur "Shorty" Watkins, 71, died on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 in Snyder.

A private graveside service was held for Mr. Watkins. Services were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Watkins was born on March 24, 1943 in Colorado City to Van and Mabel (Dodson) Watkins. He married Carol Pemberton on February 14, 1967 in Big Spring. They were married for 48 years. Mr. Watkins was a retired foreman for Mitchell County.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Watkins of Colorado City; daughter, Cindy Musser and husband Jason of Fort Worth; grandson, Caleb Musser of Fort Worth; niece, Bonnie Holt and husband Lennie of Midland; nephew, Travis Watkins and wife Donnie of Stanton; sister, Lela Martin of Macclenny, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings. Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com



POLICE REPORT

On December 20th at 1:52 a.m., while an officer was conducting stationary radar in the 2300 block of North Highway 208, he observed a vehicle traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. The officer conducted a traffic stop. After a portable breath test was administered to both the driver and the passenger, they were both found to be over the limit. An inventory of the vehicle resulted in the officer finding a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The 18 and 19 year-old females were arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 22nd at 6:53 a.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Locust Street in reference to damaged property. Unknown person or persons had caused damage to the mailbox by striking it with a vehicle.

On December 23rd at 6 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a local business in the 100 block of E. I-20 in reference to counterfeit money. A \$20 bill was passed sometime that previous day.

On December 24th at 7:46 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Hickory Street in reference to an assault that had just occurred. One male was assaulted by another who had left the area prior to the officer's arrival.

On December 26th at 1:24 p.m., an officer met with a complainant at the police department in reference to damage to a vehicle. Unknown person or persons struck the left rear bumper and fender and did not notify him.

On December 26th at 5:05 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Austin Street in reference to a possible domestic dispute. Upon officer arrival, he found a male subject who had been assaulted by another male with a piece of pipe by striking him in the head. The 34-year old male aggressor was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On December 26th at 11:57 p.m., an officer observed a vehicle disregarding a stop sign. Upon making contact with the driver and checking his license, he was found to hold two municipal court warrants, a warrant from Travis County and a warrant from Williamson County. The 28-year-old was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

Free tax help is available

The AARP Free Tax Help, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will again be providing free income tax preparation service for all middle and low income taxpayers for the 2014 tax year, beginning in February of 2015.

Last year, this program was responsible for attaining over \$1 million in refunds for citizens of the Big Country due to the well trained volunteers.

Volunteers will be at Mitchell County Public Library on Tuesday, February 17th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on Tuesday, March 17th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Free Tax Help Team will provide assistance at the library for all ages.

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LOCAL NEWS



EXTRAORDINARY COOKS — Doris Green and Velma Bender cook delicious meals every Friday for members of the Colorado City Lions Club. The two received thank you gifts from the club recently which were presented by Lions Club President Leslie Scott.

Cold front could impact roads through Friday

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging Texans to prepare for a strong cold front impacting parts of Texas through Friday. Forecasts indicate the possibility of sleet and freezing rain, with light ice accumulations possible in portions of Texas.

"DPS is asking Texans to prepare for winter weather as a cold front moves into areas of the state before the New Year's holiday. Drivers may encounter freezing rain and sleet in some areas, which could create dangerous road conditions," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Texans should continue to monitor the changing weather conditions in their area and use extra caution on roadways."

In preparation for possible winter weather, the Texas State Operations Center — in coordination with several state agencies, including the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Military Forces — will continue to monitor weather conditions and maintain close contact with National Weather Service local forecast offices across the state.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during this weather event:

- Avoid unnecessary travel if possible, monitor local weather broadcasts, and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions at <http://www.weather.gov/>.

- Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas.

- On icy roads, drive slowly, increase distance needed for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.

- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip — check fluid and antifreeze levels.

- Don't drink and drive and buckle up everyone in the vehicle. For more information on road conditions statewide, check www.drivetexas.org or call 800-452-9292.

In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, mittens, hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- First-aid kit and pocket knife
- High-calorie nonperishable food, bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel

For additional information regarding winter weather preparedness, visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/threatawareness/winterStormPlanning.htm>

Mitchell Co. Livestock Show to be held January 8th-10th

Preparations are underway for the 78th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show planned to be held January 8th through 10th, 2015. The show is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their feeding and breeding projects.

Mitchell County Livestock Association President Brodie Harris said that kids will begin washing, shearing and preparing their animals next week to get them ready for the county show.

All animals being exhibited must be in the barn at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th. Weigh-in will begin at 5 p.m. The show kicks off bright and early on Friday, January 9th with the hog show beginning at 9 a.m. The exhibition of hogs, heifers and steers will be completed before lunch, and the lamb, goat and peewee goat show will take place Friday afternoon and evening.

The premium sale begins on Saturday, January 10th, with sale set-up taking place at 8 a.m. The buyers' meal, prepared by Matt Syler and Brandon Hale, will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. It is sponsored by Lone Star Ag Credit in Sweetwater. The sale will start around 1 p.m.

Several awards will be presented beginning at 12:30 p.m. Awards being presented are as follows.

The Sportsmanship Award, donated by Browne Bros. Inc., is presented to a first-year exhibitor who lends an extra helping hand and displays a sportsmanlike attitude toward the public, the show committee and fellow exhibitors.

The Swine Showmanship buckles are donated in memory of Dakota Dawson by Charles and Madison Rice and Gary Don and Belinda Rich. Jeremiah and Lisa Wood, along with Vic and Carolyn Jeter, will donate the Goat Showmanship buckles in memory of Brylenn Jo Stone.

The Lamb Showmanship buckle is donated by Nub and Maureen Morris and Donald and Peggy Smith.

Representatives of the Lions Club will present a \$500 college scholarship* to a senior who exhibits in the livestock show.

Raymond Fuller was a prominent supporter of the local show, and a scholarship was started in 2002 in honor of his memory. Rick Alvarez and Judy Honeycutt will present a \$2,500 college scholarship to a senior who exhibits in the livestock show and will major in agriculture.

A scholarship in memory of Virginia Fuller in the amount of \$2,500 will be presented to a Mitchell County high school senior as a college scholarship.

The Overall Showmanship Award, sponsored by RJRS Livestock/Senter Brothers, is a buckle that will be presented to the outstanding showman who exhibits in two or more divisions. To qualify, the exhibitor must own animals in at least one division.

The Brylenn Jo Stone Memorial Scholarship award will present a \$500 college scholarship to a Mitchell County high school senior.

Jr. and Sr. Showmanship buckles will be given in each animal's division. The Steer Showmanship buckles are donated by the

Merket family as the Casey & Jeff Merket Memorials Awards.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH A wild time down south

Willy Dilworth of Brenham is the tax appraiser in Washington County. He sometimes gets into some strange situations. Once he ventured into the countryside to determine the value of a vacant house. But it wasn't vacant. He heard what sounded like an explosion and discovered the loud blast came from dozens of buzzards taking flight. They had been roosting in a room that didn't have a roof.

That was the first interview I did on a recent trip to southeast Texas. At Blue Bell Creameries I got to sample the new Christmas flavor, Peppermint Bark. I wandered over to Glissman's, a store in downtown Brenham that used to be a drug store and auto repair shop. The elevator still works. It used to haul cars to the second floor, which had a skylight so the mechanics could see what they were doing. Claude Green was visiting from Manor and we got to talking. I got out my recorder to get a story about rattlesnakes coming out of the walls in a cave.

A real highlight of the trip for me was to meet Sonny Ray Stolz of Houston, who was the voice of Big Tex at the state fair. He has roots in Brenham. I next went to nearby Kenney and interviewed Norma Richter who creates art from everyday objects. She then took me over to meet a woman who makes explosives for down hole drilling. Then I went to The Woodlands to visit contemporary artist Liz Hill.

At Liberty I interviewed Caroline and Larry Wadzeck of Dayton. Caroline has written a book about how streets in Dayton got their names. She and Larry made a hobby of taking photos of all the 254 courthouses in Texas. The project took several years. Then I interviewed Kevin Ladd, a historian based out of the old school museum at Wallisville. Next I visited a member of the Ripkowski family that had a dozen men in the US Armed Forces at the same time. No other family can make that claim.

I traveled to a little village called Ace and visited with rodeo cowboy Tom Haltom, a member of the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame. Then I went to Cut and Shoot. I hadn't been there in a while so I thought I'd see how things were going there. City Secretary Amy Wade says it's just a nice quiet place and she likes it that way.

Just out of Conroe I recorded Margie Kendall playing her ukulele. She's a member of a ukulele band that plays somewhere every week. In Montgomery I had the pleasure of having a long visit with Brad Anderson, a 90-year-old man who has drawn the cartoon Marmaduke for 60 years. His mind is as fertile as ever.

In Winnie I learned about making olive oil from Rhonda Devillier. She and her husband have thousands of olive trees. James Gentz ranches near Winnie and sells longhorn beef, 93% lean. Historian Bob Scherer of Anahuac told me about the 1937 county courthouse that was the first air-conditioned courthouse in Texas. Sarah Cerrone briefed me on Anahuac's Gatorfest. In Baytown I interviewed Ken Pridgen who paints fine art portraits of Texas military men and women killed in action.

Not a bad 3-day trip. I got home with 21 interviews.

Goodbye, old friends, hello, challenge

By Monte Wilke

This year is about gone, with all of its familiarities, triumphs and tragedies. It has been a year of several big mountains of nation news, crimes, wars weather and decisions. But it has also been a year of great achievements, people healed of ebola, productivity, and, yes, traffic jams on Hickory Street!

Last January we did not know what lay ahead, and now that pattern repeats itself. We may have expectations: graduation, the new baby, house, car or job. And we may have hesitations, "what if...?", "If only..." "Should I?" or triumphs like "I did it!"

What are the first two words out of the mouth of an angel? "Fear not!". Why? Because their sudden appearance or challenge disrupts everything we are accus-

tomed to. The new, the announcement, the appearance are so dramatic, that fear and wonder and doubt are automatic responses. Once the angel had calmed down the person, once they were ready to listen instead of hiding, then they were comfortable with the idea of a close encounter with the heavenly beings.

The third verse of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" contains the lines, "And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose firms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow. Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing." I feel like that was written just for us old folks, but also for everyone with a struggle, a load a burden. We need to realize that golden hours are

coming, and to rest beside the road and let the peace of Jesus flood over us and the angelic music inspire our souls.

The New Year will not come in great lumps, not even "one day at a time". It comes one minute after another until the hour has been reached, the day finished and a week or month has flown by (again!). Learn to trust for that minute, that day and find that trust will grow into a great resource. There are going to be some "painful steps" in the New Year. But make them just that: steps. Coming events do not have to be swamps that engulf us, or flames that consume us. Whatever comes, use it to build and conquer.

The old year? Yes, goodbye!. We cannot live it again. And the new? Bring it on! Enjoy it with vigor and adventure!

Ring in the new year with a COLA

By Ray Vigil
Social Security
Public Affairs Specialist
El Paso, Texas

Happy New Year with Social Security! Put down the champagne and ring in the New Year with a COLA! And we don't mean the soda. In 2015, nearly 64 million Americans who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase to their monthly benefit payments of 1.7 percent.

The average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker in 2015 is

\$1,328 (up from \$1,306 in 2014). The average monthly Social Security benefit for a disabled worker in 2015 is \$1,165 (up from \$1,146 in 2014).

For people who receive SSI, the maximum federal payment amount increased to \$733 (up from \$721 in 2014).

Other Social Security changes in 2015 are also worth noting. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security payroll tax will increase to \$118,500 (up from \$117,000 in 2014). A worker will earn one credit toward Social Security coverage after paying taxes on \$1,220 in earnings in

2015 (up from \$1,200 in 2014). As a reminder, eligibility for retirement benefits still requires 40 credits (usually about 10 years of work).

Information about Medicare changes for 2015 is available at www.medicare.gov.

The Social Security Act outlines how the COLA is calculated. To read more about the COLA, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

To learn more about other changes in 2015, read our fact sheet at www.socialsecurity.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2015.html.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I need your help. We need your help. We would like to find an AT&T supervisor of repair service.

We are three families that live out on county road 117. After the fire 3 years ago our home phone service has been awful. When the wind blows or when it rains our phones go out for days.

Three weeks ago AT&T put new phone lines in and we had no service for a week.

When the phone line finally got fixed, I could make calls and receive calls but could not call or receive calls from my neighbors. Try to explain that to an "automated" voice at AT&T.

A man named Matthew called my grandmother, he was not nice to her. He said "It's not my problem", and that he needed tickets on the other phones. When she told him there were other tickets on the other phones he stated there was not and hung up on her.

On Monday, a man named Orlando called one of my neighbors to tell her he would be out there on Tuesday, Dec. 23. All three families stayed home next to our phones and, you guessed it, no one came.

Somewhere out there there is someone who can help us.

One of my neighbors is on Life Alert and on oxygen. My grandmother is not in the best of health.

When someone is hurt out here we call 911, then our neighbors. We live 8 miles out from town and its hard to find us. Right now I can't call my neighbor,

nor can they reach us by our landline, it just roars.

Folks, I don't know about you, but would you want to do business with a company who treats the disabled and the elderly like this. Think about it.

Cameron B. DeLozier
Lake Champion
Colorado City, TX

Letter to the Editor:

Taxes in school districts Martin, Howard, Dawson and Taylor Counties (2014): Sands ISD (1.14); Grady ISD (.94); Lamesa ISD (1.17); Abilene ISD (1.21); Westbrook ISD (1.14) - Average 1.11.

Loraine ISD (1.48); Colorado City ISD (1.60).

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

Editor's Note: Comparing apples to apples, we did some research on districts that have no wind energy and limited oil and gas values. These rates were in 2013. Lorena ISD, \$1.62; Mart ISD, 1.67; Bishop, 1.53; Frenship, 1.50; Joaquin, 1.60; Millsp. 1.66; and Royce City, 1.67 - Average 1.607

Letter to the Editor:

During the week of December 14-20 of 2014, my children and I had the privilege of volunteering at two different locations in Colorado City. I was asked by my dear friends, Mark and Bea Monroe, to assist them at the movie theater for shows seen by children from Colorado City, Westbrook, and Highland. These

children were excited and for many of them you could tell by their faces they were excited to be there.

The Monroe family has done so many wonderful things for this community, and the respect the children have for them is phenomenal. The theater has been raising money to update their visual for movies for some time now and all donations are appreciated.

Many times parents have dropped their children off to watch a movie but have not taken the time to go in and see the movie or meet the Monroe family. I understand that we are all busy but this is a safe place for our children and these business owners enjoy spending time with our children.

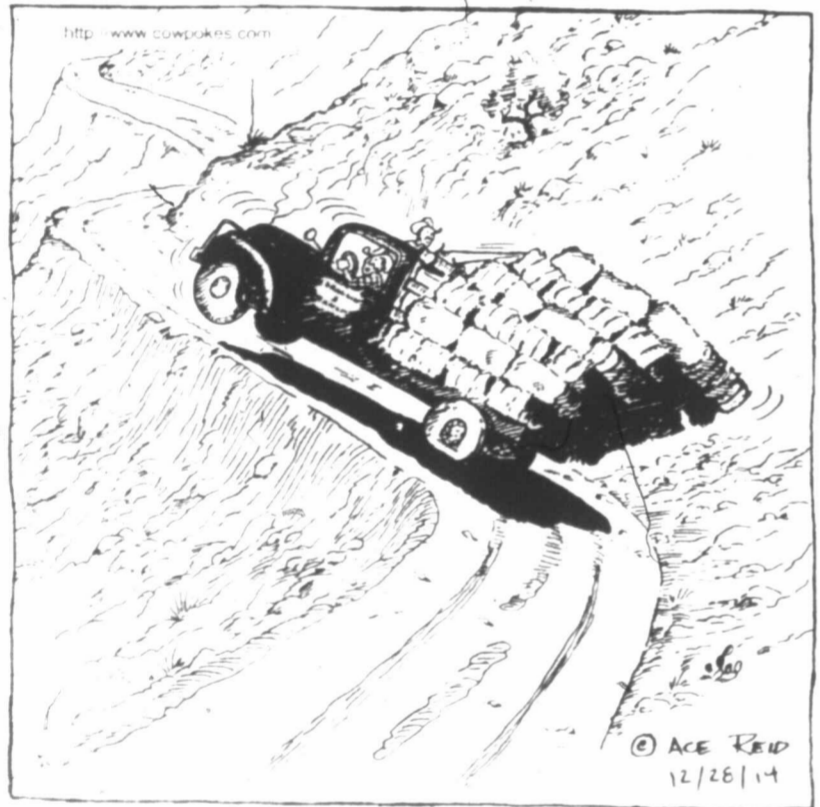
The second place my family and I volunteered was the Community Mission, run by Dot and Dan Smith. It was mine and my children's time to spend time giving back to the community we live in. Although my family recently moved here in July, I'm back home and have been blessed by being around Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

The Community Mission helps all in Mitchell County who ask for assistance with food, clothes, and household items in times of need. The donations of food, clothes, money, and time are appreciated and do not go without gratitude.

I had to take a few minutes to thank these families for all they do for this community.

Sincerely and with Love,
Daphne Fowler
The Hubert-Fowler Family

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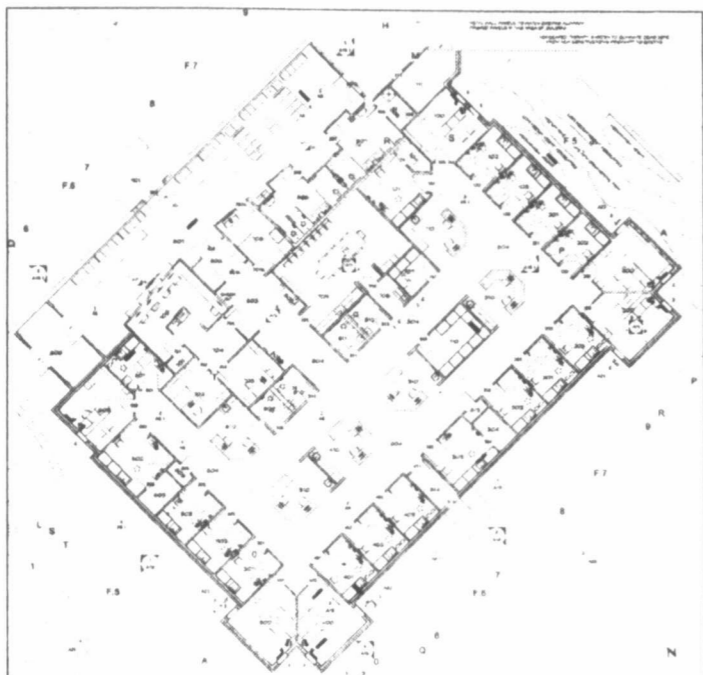
LOCAL NEWS

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last time toward the end of June after serving Mitchell County customers for 64 years. Ricky Heady has purchased the business and hopes to open Heady Auto Parts in late January or early February.

With only a handful of members attending the opening meeting of Keep Colorado City Beautiful, the beautification group disbanded due to a lack of volunteers. KCCB was started in 2007 by Bob Reily, Chuck Fisher and a group of friends who took on various improvement projects throughout the city.

Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver held several new programs at the Lake Colorado City

about a water problem for several days.

A total of 49 teams competed in the 19th Annual World Championship Boer Goat Cook-Off at the beginning of October. The team named Frac Dogs won the cook-off, along with belt buckles and prize money.

It was a sad day in mid-October that a fire raged through the Days Inn, completely destroying the hotel. The call came in on Friday, October 10th, and firefighters battled the blaze for 13 hours with the help from Lorraine, Westbrook and Snyder fire departments.

Officials from Luminant and the Austin law firm Ryan came

old cottonseed delinting plant. The developers are the same people who are building the new Super 8 Motel on the south side of I-20.

The City of Colorado City has received \$1,725,000 in grant money, including the latest \$240,000, for development projects. Mayor Jim Baum said that officials from the TDA office have said that Colorado City is scoring well on the grant applications, in part, because the citizens approved \$3 million in bonds to construct the new water

tower. "It shows that we are trying to help ourselves," Mayor Baum said Tuesday.

At the last city council meeting, Hoover said that the city is progressing on another project made possible by grant money. Bids are being sought for boring under I-20 near the location of the planned Stripes Travel Center just east of the old Platter restaurant.

Hoover said he hopes to designate bids in January and boring can begin soon.

MOTEL

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The same group of developers constructing the Super 8 are also in talks to build a Holiday Inn on the north side of I-20. Patel said that the Holiday Inn is still

in the planning stages, so no details have been set.

Watch the Record for more details on the construction projects as they become available.



State Park in 2014, including a popular kayaking program in July. O'Haver and Martha Martinez taught beginner kayakers how to handle the small boats and a three-hour kayaking tour around the lake was given later in the year.

Over 90 former students attended the Wallace Reunion held at the end of July. Those attending enjoyed a fish fry, a tour through the school building and a picnic lunch at the civic center.

The announcement was made

to Mitchell County Commissioners' Court toward the end of October seeking a tax abatement agreement. Details are still up in the air, but if the deal is good enough, Luminant leaders have said a solar farm may be located in the county near Lake Cham-

pion. The Westbrook Fire Department became the owner of a pumper truck firefighters have named BART. The truck serves as a rescue and firefighting truck, as it came with several ladders



on August 5th by Magellan CEO Mike Mears that the BridgeTexas Pipeline was in the final stages of construction. The pipeline, that went into operation a little later in the month, delivers hundreds of thousands of barrels of crude oil per day from huge storage tanks at a station in China Grove to the Houston shipping channel.

A Sweetwater man died in a car wreck while trying to allude police at the beginning of September. The man had stolen a car belonging to Trey Leach as he worked his shift at Kent Kwik Chevron. The car was spotted in Sweetwater the following day and wrecked out following a high-speed chase.

As of October 2nd, longtime Westbrook mayor Ramiro Fuentes had resigned. A group of Westbrook citizens had been circulating a petition asking for Fuentes' resignation. Sara Petty said the petition came about after no one was around to contact

and various types of equipment normally used in rescues.

The city council of the City of Colorado City authorized City Manager David Hoover to negotiate the possible purchase of Mitchell County Utilities, a natural gas and water distribution company located at Lake Colorado City. No further details have been made available.

Bankhead Hwy. The interstate highway was one of the first in the nation's history and ran through part of Mitchell County.

The Lady Wolves sprint relay team of Shirley Hemphill, Baylie Lindsey, Autumn Green and Heather Market qualified to run

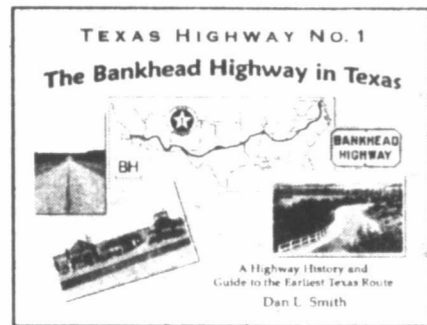
end of May decided that Belinda Blassingame would be the Republican nominee for District Clerk in the November General Election. Blassingame garnered 303 votes to Teresa Hughes' 251 for the win. Since there was no Democrat on the ballot, Blassingame ran unopposed in the November election.

Mitchell County natives John and Jody Chaney purchased two pharmacies in Colorado City in 2014, and the announcement was made at the beginning of June. The Chaneyes are now the owners of City Discount Drug and Perkin's Apothecary & Mercantile.

A \$100,000 bond was set for 24-year-old Snyder woman Nicole Mann, who was arrested for the murder of Robert Silva in the middle of June. Silva was found with a gunshot wound at a motel in the 1000 block of 25th Street in Snyder.

Mann was pulled over for a traffic violation, and she was identified as the shooter. She was arrested and charged with murder.

Myers Auto Parts closed for the

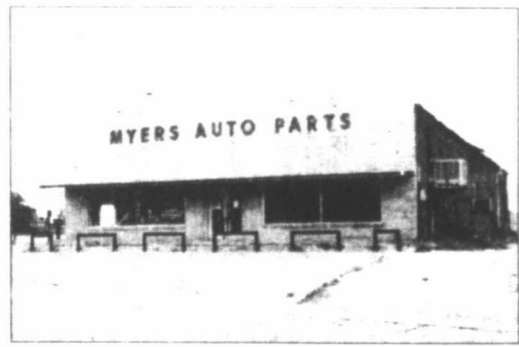


in the State Track Meet in Austin by qualifying at the regional meet in Odessa at the end of April. The girls ran in the state meet at the beginning of May.

Employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Wallace Unit celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of the prison in Colorado City in May of 1994. An address was made to 21 20-year employees by then-warden Charles Vondra.

Veronica Boone was sworn in as a member of the CISD Board of Trustees at a board meeting in May. The announcement was also made at that time that Mark Merrell would be moving to high school to serve as principal.

A run-off election held at the



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Perry introduces bill to limit playoff berths

Newly elected Senator Charles Perry has filed a bill - SB 237 - that would reduce the number of football teams advancing to the UIL playoffs from four to two. Perry has said that the current system waters down competition and devalues hard work.

"Current UIL rules allow 50 percent to 74 percent of football teams to make the playoffs," Perry said in a news release. "We have truly watered down competition to the point that 0-10 and 1-9 teams are able to make the playoffs in some districts."

Case in point is a Houston football team that made the playoffs this year though they never won a game during the regular season. According to a story in the Dallas Morning News, Houston Scarborough lost 64-0 in the first round of the playoffs and finished the season 0-11.

The West Texas lawmaker said that the current system not only devalues hard work of first and second place teams, but it also costs school districts thousands of dollars that might be put to better use in the classroom.

There are 1,209 Texas high school football teams, and in 2014, 56% of those teams made it to the playoffs. If Perry's bill passes, it would reduce that number to 384 teams, about 32% of the total.

"It is my hope that this bill will help us celebrate triumph, give school districts more flexibility with their budgets and reduce the burden on families during the holiday season," Perry said.

Officials of the University Interscholastic League have issued a statement saying, "We look forward to working with Senator Perry and his colleagues in the 84th legislature to ensure that the interests of those in his district as well as student participants in all UIL activities are best served. The current system for UIL playoffs has been developed through the UIL rule making process, which is governed by UIL superintendents and member schools with opportunities for public input. UIL member schools believe the current playoff system best serves the schools and students of Texas."

Nine habits to avoid in 2015

1. **Doing the bare minimum.**
With a new year coming, this is an excellent time to expunge work habits that irritate coworkers and make you less effective.

"Achieving success requires more than just doing the right thing," says Geoffrey James, contributing editor and award-winning blogger at Inc.com. "Success also means changing the behaviors that hold you back."

2. **Telling half-truths.**
Honesty is the best policy. However, if you're afraid to speak the truth, it's cowardice to tell a half-truth that's intended to mislead but leaves you "plausible deniability." Either tell the whole truth or tell a real lie and accept the consequences if you're found out.

3. **Finger-pointing.**
Few human behaviors are more pointless than fixing blame. In business, it's usually irrelevant who's at fault when something goes wrong. What's important is how to avoid making the same mistakes again.

4. **Bucking accountability.**
Finger-pointing is common in business because

5. **Hating on successful people.**
When you direct your hate at success, you're telling yourself that being successful means being hated. Since nobody in their right mind wants to be hated, you'll subconsciously sabotage yourself so that people will continue to like you.

6. **Schadenfreude.**
Taking a secret pleasure in the failures of others makes your own success less likely. You end up gloating over what other people did wrong, rather than doing whatever it takes to make yourself more successful.

7. **Workplace gossip.**
As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." When you spread gossip, you're identifying yourself as small-minded and also showing that you can't be trusted to keep secrets.

8. **Creating your own stress.**
While work may be stressful, you make it worse when you fail to disconnect on a regular basis. Rather than answer yet another email, take a walk, read a book, or listen to some music. Turn off your phone when you go to bed; whatever it is, it can wait.

9. **Giving or accepting flattery.**
An honest compliment is always welcome, but flattery truly gets you nowhere. When you flatter, everyone knows that you're brown-nosing. Similarly, when you accept flattery, you're marking yourself as gullible and self-absorbed.

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SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS

Wolves win championship

Wins over Seymour and Roby put the varsity Wolves' basketball team in prime position to face Blum in the championship game of the Anson Lions Club Christmas Tournament this week. The Wolves faced a tough Bobcat team and never gave up to beat Blum 69-64.

The Wolves faced Seymour first, beating the Panthers 57-43. The Colorado City boys came out ready to play, taking an early lead and hanging on for the win.

The first period saw the Wolves outscoring the Panthers 16-10 and 17-11 in the second to give them a 33-21 lead going into the half. The Colorado City team scored 18 points in the third quarter, holding Seymour

to only 8. The last quarter of the game was even action, as C-City scored 16 points to Seymour's 14.

The Wolves' Keandre Malveaux led the team offensively, scoring 15 points. Casey Hammond also scored in double digits, contributing 10. Jeremiah Williams added 8, as did Thunder Cansler. Malik Boone contributed 7 to the win, while Andrew Burrula scored 4 and Mark Muñoz scored 3.

The Roby boys took a trouncing at the hands of the Wolves, as the Colorado City team won 54-27. The Wolves outscored the Lions in every frame, jumping out to an early lead and never looking back.

The hands of the Wolves were hot, as the C-City boys scored 30 points in the first half, holding Roby to only 18. Offense was still the name of the game in the third period, as the Wolves scored 16 points and held the Lions to only one basket. The eight points scored by the Wolves in the last period was enough to secure the victory.

The championship game of the tournament was originally scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday evening but was moved up to 1:30 p.m. due to deteriorating weather conditions.

The icy weather had no affect on the Wolves' play, as they battled hard to get the win over Blum. 69-64.

Lady Wolves bring home 3rd

The Lady Wolves traveled to Anson just after the Christmas holidays to participate in the Anson Lions Club Christmas Tournament. The varsity basketball team came home with the third place trophy, after beating Childress and Anson.

The first game of the tournament saw the Lady Wolves lose a nail-biter to a tough Eastland team, 48-47. The Eastland girls got off to an early start and managed to hold on to lead 23-15 at the half. Despite a 22-point rally in the final period, Colorado City's effort fell just short.

Kaitlyn Kimball and Baylie Lindsey led the team offensively,

scoring 15 points each. Alexis Muñoz contributed 10, and Taylor Epperson pitched in 7.

Close competition was the name of the game again in the second game of the tournament, as the Lady Wolves beat Children 47-45. Scoring went back and forth for the first period, with Children scoring 10 and Colorado City scoring 9.

The Lady Wolves stepped it up in the second and took a 25-24 lead into the locker room at halftime. The third quarter saw the Colorado City girls outscore Children by five points, just enough to put them over the top for the victory.

Kimball was again the lead scorer, racking up 16 points for the win. Muñoz was also an offensive standout, as she scored 14 points for the Lady Wolves. Cassie Sutton was responsible for 9 points, while Epperson scored 8 and Lindsey 2.

Colorado ISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer called in the results of the Lady Wolves' last game of the tournament, saying the girls beat Anson by 20 points to take third place in the tournament.

All Colorado High basketball teams will travel to Borden Co. on Friday, January 2nd to take on the Coyotes.

Bulldogs lose close games

The Loraine Bulldogs' varsity basketball team lost a couple of really close games before Christmas, good practice as the boys prepare for the district portion of the schedule.

The Paint Creek Pirates came to Loraine on Friday, December 12th, fighting tooth and nail to hang on to a win over the Bulldogs, 39-35. Scoring was neck-and-neck in the first quarter, as Loraine ended the period with 10 points and the Pirates with 11.

The second quarter saw much of the same as Paint Creek led by two, 25-23 at halftime. Tight competition continued in the third quarter, as the Pirates scored 9 to the Bulldogs' 7. Each of the teams scored 5 in the last frame of the contest.

Patrick Tillis and Sonny Benivamondez led the Bulldogs offensively, scoring 14 and 12 respectively. Gage Carlson added 4 points and Javon Walthall had 3.

Defensively, Walthall is credited with 11 rebounds and Tillis with 14 steals. Benivamondez also had 4 steals of his own.

The Loraine boys took on the Abilene Hawks on Tuesday, December 16th, and lost a nail-biter 55-54.

Scoring went back and forth during the game against the Hawks, with Loraine getting on the board first to enjoy a 9 point lead after the first period.

Unfortunately, their luck would not hold and the Hawks were ahead 30-25 at the half. Abilene outscored Loraine 18 to

11 in the third period, widening the gap.

An 18-point rally in the last quarter of the contest brought the Bulldogs close to the win, but it was not enough and the Hawks beat them by one point.

Tillis was a standout on offense, scoring 27 points for the Bulldogs. Benivamondez contributed 8, Walthall had 7 and Oscar Gonzalez scored 6.

Defensively, Benivamondez is credited with 7 steals and 3 rebounds and Walthall had 13 rebounds and 1 steal. Carlson had 5 rebounds in the game, as well as 3 steals.

"The team improved, both offensively and defensively, since the last game," Coach Eric Sanchez said. "The effort from the team is excellent."

Wolves JV lose to opponents

The Wolves JV team split into two teams to take advantage of the opportunity to get in an additional game last week.

The JV Red team faced Reagan County Monday, December 15th at The Pit, losing 27-7 to the Owls. Darian Espinoza scored four points in the contest, while Juan Reyes scored three.

On Tuesday, December 16th, the other half of the team traveled to Merkel to take on the Badgers. While the team fared better in Merkel, they dropped the game 43-27.

Robert Parras and Jose Barrientos scored in double digits with 10 points each to lead their team offensively. Joe Franco con-

tributed four points and Gavino Silva put in 2.

Coach Harold Sowa said the boys have been working out in the mornings at 6 a.m. in an effort to better their skills.

Both the JV Red and JV Black teams traveled with the varsity to Lamesa on Friday to take on the Tornados.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Kelley Breakfast Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Dry cereal, cheese stick, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Blueberry muffin, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Pancake wrap or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Friday - PBJ or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Hutchinson, CMS, CHS & Wallace Breakfast Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Chicken-n-waffles or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast club or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Oatmeal muffin squares, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Colorado ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Hot dog, sweet potato fries, black eyed peas, fresh seasoned fruit, chocolate chip cookie, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/meat balls, sweet peas, carrot coins, hot rolls, peaches, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Crispy tacos, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon apple sauce, choice of milk.

Thursday - Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberries and bananas, choice of milk.

Friday - Beef and bean burrito, tortilla chips, salsa, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Holiday

Tuesday - Cheese omelet wrap, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Waffles, sausage, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Cinnamon roll, bacon, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Holiday

Tuesday - Beef and cheese chalupas, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, apple sauce, milk.

Wednesday - Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, California blend, apple slices, milk.

Thursday - Soft beef tacos, baby carrots with ranch, corn, salsa, oranges, milk.

Friday - Hamburgers, cucumbers, sweet potato fries, sliced peaches, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Sausage roll, yogurt or cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round, yogurt, cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Cheese omelet wrap or cereal, Texas toast or animal crackers, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or cereal, Texas toast or breakfast parfait or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Waffles, sausage or cereal, Texas toast or animal crackers, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Cinnamon roll, bacon or cereal, Texas toast or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 5th-9th

Monday - Country fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes,

gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk.

Tuesday - Beef and cheese chalupa with chips or chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, apple sauce, milk.

Wednesday - Chicken spaghetti, breadstick or pizza, garden salad, California blend, apple slices, milk.

Thursday - Soft beef tacos or turkey and cheese sub, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles, milk.

Friday - Popcorn chicken, roll or sew, cornbread, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries, sliced peaches, milk.

Lady Bulldogs working hard to improve game

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs are off to a tough start this basketball season, as they dropped two games earlier in December. However, Coach Pat Gibson is impressed with her team's work ethic.

"The girls are working very hard to improve their game," Gibson said last week. "They are improving with each game."

The Lady 'Dogs took on a tough Paint Creek team on Friday, December 12th at home, losing 42-13. Paint Creek jumped ahead in the first period and outscored Loraine in each quarter to win.

The first quarter of the contest saw the Lady Pirates score 7 points, to Loraine's 3. At the half, Paint Creek was leading 12-6.

The Lady Bulldogs managed 5 points in the third period, but the Lady Pirates scored 19 points. In the last quarter, Loraine scored only one basket while Paint Creek scored 12 points.

Jessica Lambaren scored 10 of the Lady Bulldogs' 12 points to lead her team offensively. She and Brilee Young were recognized as standouts on defense.

On Tuesday, December 16th, the Lady 'Dogs faced the Abilene Hawks in Loraine, eventually losing the contest 58-18.

Katie Barrera led in scoring with 8 points and Lambaren contributed 7. Again, Lambaren was recognized for her efforts defensively, as she led in rebounds and Young was credited with the most steals of the game.

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