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Answerline

Q. Who invented dynamite?
A. Alfred Nobel. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden on October 21, 1833. He was an arms manufacturer, a chemist, an engineer and an innovator. Upon his death he left his fortune to fund the Nobel Prizes. Each year, prizes are given throughout the world to men and women for contributions to peace, literature, medicine, chemistry and physics.

Briefs

Special Exhibition
The Heart of West Texas Museum will hold a reception and evening showing of the Dust Bowl Exhibit on January 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. Another evening showing is also planned for January 23rd from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. James Barbeque
Barbeque plates will be sold on Monday, January 6th starting at 11:30 a.m. Brisket, ribs, chicken and all the trimmings will be served. For delivery or pre-orders, call 728-9118.

Mitchell County Rinsahots
Mitchell County Rinsahots will have the last sign up/try outs Thursday 5:15-6:15 at Christian Temple Church (North doors) please bring payment. Coaches meeting and drift following at 6:30. All payments are due by Thursday, to get shirts ordered. For any questions call 242-1387.

Zumba
Due to New Years eve the 6 p.m. class will be held at 4 and 5:15 a.m. class Wednesday morning is moved to Friday.

Quotes

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.

Jesse Owens

Dreams have only one owner at a time. That's why dreamers are lonely.

Kenna Bombach

Obituaries

Billy Bruce Bridgford
Colorado City

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Abilene

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Midland

Around Town

Happy birthday Lianne Castro (Jan. 1)... Happy belated anniversary Carl & Sandy Graham... Happy birthday Rosendo Gonzalez Jr. (Jan. 2)... Happy New Years from the Record staff... Happy birthday Jenny Martinez (Jan. 4)... Rick Salazar at the Dallas Cowboys game... Maureen Morris a little under the weather...



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City condemns Big Momma's Café Bar

A building, serving both as a house and as a business, has been condemned by Colorado City Code Enforcement and is set to come before the Housing Standards Commission in January, as it is up for review for demolition. Big Momma's Café Bar has been the scene of several incidents over the years, including a standoff last January which ended with SWAT breaking through the wall to end the 20-hour standoff with police.

On December 7th at approximately 11:50 p.m., Colorado City Police Department dispatchers received a 9-1-1 hang-up call. The dispatcher called the number back, and the caller said that she believed there was going to be a fight at the address of 118 South Austin Street.

Officer Bryan Allen was sent to the address to determine the situation. When he arrived, a male subject leaving the house said that he had gotten into an argument with his girlfriend over her alleged drug use. The admission of the possibility of drugs being present in the house gave officers probable cause, and a search warrant for the premises was obtained.

When officers searched the premises, they found drugs, drug paraphernalia and two firearms. Myrtle Marie McGee, age 54, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. She was taken to Mitchell County Jail.

Following the arrest, code enforcement

personnel were called in to inspect the premises, which McGee maintains is a residence. However, upon inspection, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Goodney found that the State of Texas had issued a sales tax permit to McGee, registering the home as Big Momma's Café Bar. There were also signs hanging on the wall saying, "No fighting inside the bar", as well as a price list for drinks and snacks.

The building was found to be structurally unsound, as Goodney said repairs to the house were never completed following the standoff in January 2013. The SWAT team rammed through a wall at the house to gain entry. He also reported that the place was

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Wild hogs gone wild

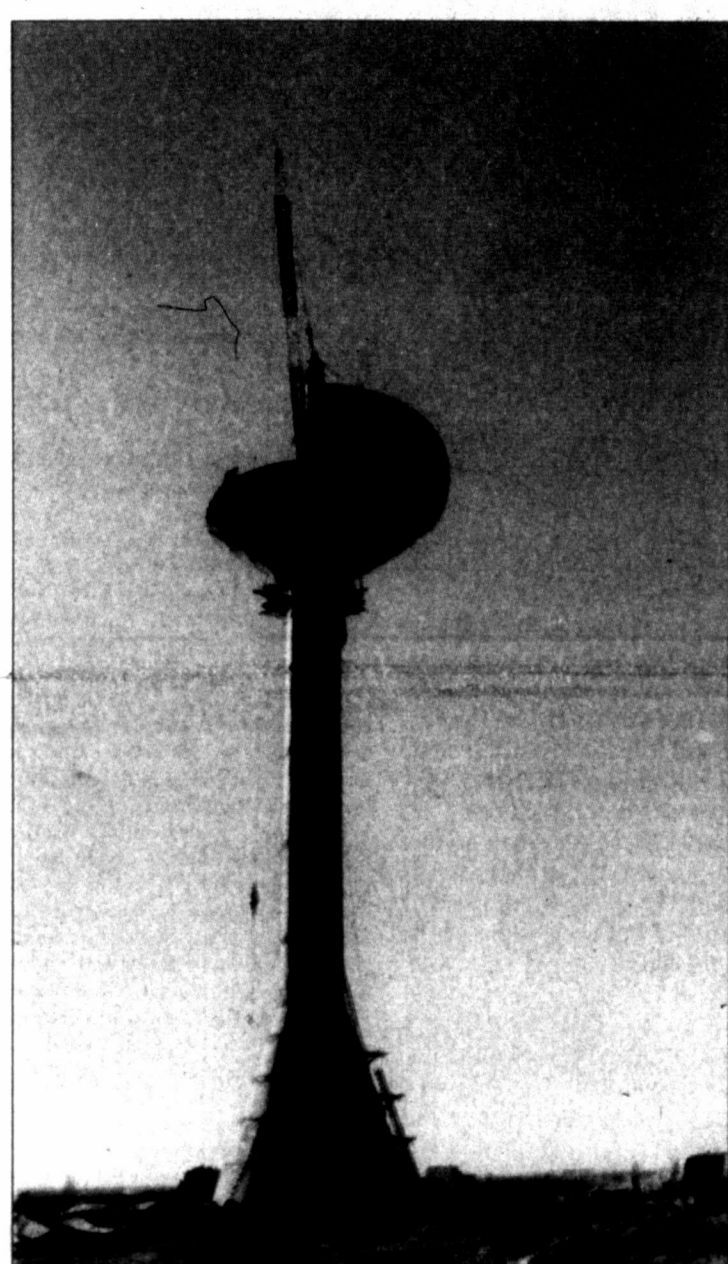
There are at least two million feral hogs in Texas, and Mitchell County is home to its share of the animals that have become more than a nuisance for landowners and drivers in the state. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, wild hogs cause more than \$40 million worth of damage to farm and ranchland in the state.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine reports that Texas is home to half the nation's feral hog population and that 90 percent of the 254 Texas counties have them. Hogs have been in Texas since the late 17th century and were actually vital livestock to the early settlers. Although one-time domestic animals, hogs became feral over time due to escaping or being let into the wild. A highly adaptable animal, feral hogs can live in forests, brushy lands, deserts and swamps.

Mitchell County AgriLife Extension Agent Robert Ferguson said that farmers and ranchers have reported damage to good wheat land due to the rooting habits of the hogs. "They're tearing up wheat land, rooting up pastures and tearing up a lot of good grazing (locally)," he said Monday.

Not only do the hogs root up

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GOING UP - The construction of the City of Colorado City's new water tower is progressing, sending workers and cement up in the air. Construction on the water storage facility should be finished in February.

C-City native files for state office

Colorado City native Sam Houston officially filed to run for the office of Texas Attorney General in late November, saying he wants to take the office back to the business of serving Texas. Houston has been a practicing attorney for 26 years and is a partner in the Houston law firm Shepherd, Scott, Clawater &



Sam Houston

Houston, LLP. The Texas Democrat said he is running to replace Attorney General Greg Abbott because he thinks the office has catered to special interests too much under Abbott's leadership. He has vowed to change the partisan atmosphere of which has become commonplace in the office.

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Livestock show slated January 9-11

Preparations are underway for the 74th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show planned to be held January 9th through 11th, 2014. The show is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their feeding and breeding projects.

According to Mitchell County AgriLife Extension Agent Robert Ferguson, local 4-H kids have been getting their animals ready for the show. "We'll start shearing next week," he said Monday. All animals being exhibited

must be in the barn at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 9th. Weigh-in will begin at 5 p.m. The show kicks off bright and early on Friday, January 10th 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 11th, with sale set-up taking place at 9 a.m. The

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Remembering 2013... a look back at the county happenings

It's a good, and sometimes surprising, thing to take a look back at the year that has passed. Here are a few of the top stories that happened in 2013.

In early January, a local businessman managed to foil a robbery attempt at his place of business, when he came across 61-year-old David Early trying to drive off with one of his trailers. Upon further investigation, Mitchell County Sheriff Deputies confiscated 18 stolen trailers from Early's property near Lake Colorado City.

Later in January, three suspects were apprehended following a 20-hour standoff with law enforcement officials. Two local residents, Brandon Emerson and Felicia Diaz, were also arrested and charged with hindering apprehension. The whole incident began when three young men from Oklahoma shot at State Trooper Frank Casares during a traffic stop before sunrise that morning.

In October of 2013, the two Oklahoma City boys, Myron McDonald and Christopher Johnson, were tried in Sweetwater for attempted capital murder. Both were convicted.

The city council made the decision to hire David Hoover as city manager during a meeting on Tuesday, January 29th. Hoover had been serving as interim city manager after the position was left vacant with the resignation of Fabio Angell.

Construction of the Centurion Pipeline began in February of 2013 on a compression station near Colorado City. Construction of the pipeline continues, and once it's complete, it will be capable of transporting crude oil from Irion, Tom Green, Sterling, Coke and Mitchell counties to the company's China Grove terminal.

Longtime Colorado ISD coach Dan Gainey was named a the school district's athletic director. The appointment was made after then head coach Frank Johnson announced his plan to resign and take a coaching job in Holliday.

On Monday, March 10th, county officials held a press conference to announce the county's partnership with FGE Texas, LLC, to construct a gas-powered power plant near Westbrook. Construction is ongoing on the 726-megawatt plant which is expected to create as many as 400 jobs during the building phase.

In the middle of March, Colorado City residents patiently waited for the identification of remains found near Lake J.B. Thomas in Scurry County. Skeletal remains were found by a rock collector, and about a month later, were identified as the remains of Hailey Dunn, missing teenager. As yet, no arrests have been made in the case.

On Friday, May 3rd, friends and relatives of Dunn met at her former home on Chestnut Street for a candlelight

vigil. Dunn's mother, Billie Jean Dunn, traveled from her home in Austin back to Colorado City for the vigil.

Jim Baum and Craig Jolley were sworn in to serve on the city council, following the election held in May. Baum defeated Carol Sue Dakan to regain his position as mayor, and Jolley beat out Bob McNeal to gain his seat on the city council.

Toward the end of May, the county was pounded by a hail storm that produced 1.5 to 2" hailstones, along with almost 2" of rain.

The new Mitchell County Law Enforcement Center held a ribbon-cutting and grand opening on June 21st. Tours were given to those attending the ceremony, and the Mitchell Lodge Masons dedicated the new building with a cornerstone leveling.

In July, County Commissioners rescinded two land deals made previously in the year. Agreements with River Bend Development and FGE Texas LLC had to be rescinded and renegotiated. Land was initially given to the companies, but the deals were rescinded after the county's Austin lawyer advised that the land could not be legally deeded to the companies.

August saw the grand opening and dedication of a new school campus in Loraine. The new facility boasts a

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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES



MAKING PROGRESS — Construction continues on a pipeline owned by Centurion Pipeline LP. This particular section of the pipeline crosses land owned by Brodie Harris. He said he believes it will be used to transport crude oil from the Barnhart area to Centurion's terminal at China Grove.

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Westbrook stock show to be held Saturday

Livestock show season is underway, and Westbrook students will get a chance to work on their exhibition skills this weekend. The Westbrook Local Stock Show will be held on Saturday, January 4th with about 175 animals being shown.

Students have been practicing, readying their animal projects to be exhibited in the ring. The show is a pre-cursor to the Mitchell County Livestock Show which is set to be held the next weekend, January 9-11.

Action kicks off with the goat show at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Westbrook ag teacher David Bray said he expects approximately 80 goats being exhibited by Westbrook students. Hogs and cattle will be shown following goats. Matthew Gillespie of Lubbock will serve as judge for the show.

Bray said he expects exhibitors to show about 80 hogs and 15 head of cattle as well. Only Westbrook ISD students will be eligible to participate in the show.

All exhibitors will get to show their animals in Westbrook's newly-constructed ag barn located near the school, according to Bray.

Billy Bruce Bridgford

1937-2013

COLORADO CITY—Dr. Billy Bruce Bridgford, age 76, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 27, 2013 in Colorado City. He succumbed to his lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Visitation with the family was Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 30, 2013 in the First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

He was born in Colorado City on November 23, 1937 to the late Dr. R.D. "Doc" and Emily Arledge Bridgford. He was married to Judy Roming on March 14, 1970. He graduated from Colorado High School in 1955 and received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1958. Dr. Bridgford earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Baylor University College of Dentistry in 1962. He served as Captain in the U.S. Air Force as a Dental Officer from 1962-1964. He received his AACD from the American College of Dentistry in 1974. Dr. Billy had a private dental practice in Colorado City for a total of 46 years. He was a member of the Texas Dental Association.

Community service was an important part of his life, as he was a member of the Jaycees, the Lions Club, and served as President of the CISD School Board for 14 years as well as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. He was passionate about the Mitchell County 4-H and FFA stock show and the youth of Colorado City. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church for more than 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy Roming Bridgford and his brother David Thomas Bridgford of Maryneal. He leaves behind four daughters and nine grandkids, Randy, Brittany, and Quay Lloyd of Blackwell, Steve and Bridgett Sturtz and Jordan, Saegan and Edwin Jost of Wall, Chris, Bethany, Colton, Casen, and Cooper Hoegemeyer of Boerne, Jeff, Bettina, Avery and Chandler Walker of Boerne.

Pallbearers were Tom Rees and Hollis Gainey of Colorado City, James Epperson of Rock Springs, Jimmy Simmonds of Giddings, Jimmy Johns of Maryneal, Dr. Bob Hampton of Sweetwater, Dr. Bud Ramsey of Abilene, Joe Di Caro of Dallas.

Memorials may be given to the Hope Lodge Lubbock of the American Cancer Society, 3511 10th Street, Lubbock, TX, 79415.

Kenneth Ray Johnson

1950-2013

ABILENE—Kenneth Ray Johnson, passed away Thursday, December 2, 2013 at Hendrick Hospice Center. Funeral services were held Monday, December 30, 2013 at College View Baptist Church in Abilene at 2 p.m. Burial followed in Colorado City, under the direction of Dove Funeral Home.

Born Kenneth Ray Johnson on May 1, 1950 in Colorado City, he was born to Ivy C. and Ola Mae Banks Johnson. He professed his love for Christ at an early age and united with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He was a member of the Starlight Band and Junior Choir.

Kenneth attended D.W. Wallace School during his elementary, middle school and through his junior year of high school, where he was given the nickname "Smoke". However, he graduated from Colorado High School in 1969. He was a great basketball player "so he thought" and in 1968 was part of the Wolves team that won the district, bi-district and regional championships. He also attended Cisco Junior College for a short time. During his adult years, he moved to Abilene where he learned the trade of plumbing while working at Dyess Air Force Base. There he became acquainted and friends with many people throughout the Abilene area. He was given the nickname Sugar Bear or Bear. He met and married Vera Neal Jackson and from this union a daughter, Kimberly, was born. Vera's son, Peter also became his son.

January 10, 2011, Bear was diagnosed with colon/liver cancer and at this time surrendered to Christ and his life was never the same. He began to tell others how God had changed him and brought him through struggles as well as dangers in his life. His witness was "Hey

man, if God can change me, He can do it for you too!" Bear's friendship with so many in Abilene brought him in contact with Randy Roy who became his pastor at the College View Baptist Church. He loved his friend, now pastor, along with his College View family. Until his health began to fail, he faithfully attended church and Bible study. His new found love for Christ made a difference in his life for others to see and witness. With a love for sports, cooking, and hanging out with friends, he also had a special love for his adopted family the Benders, Ma Velma, Hilton (Eula), Doris (James), and Robert (Jimmie). Last but not least, he adored and loved his grandchildren. To them he was "Grandpa". Kenneth's mother preceded him in death. He leaves behind his father, Ivy Johnson, Sr.; daughters, Kimberly (Brian) Walker of Abilene, Esther Micaela of Plano; son, Peter Jackson of Plainview; siblings, Margaret (Howard) Nelson of Glenpool, OK, Pamela (John) Favors of Colorado Springs, CO, Larry (Viola) Johnson of Sapulpa, OK, Ivy Johnson, Jr. of Colorado City, Lyneal (Bridgett) James of Odessa, Diane (Thorney) Taylor of Wichita Falls, Dwayne (Mary Ann) Jones of Colorado City; grandchildren, Preston (Poppa), Kymera (Lil Mama), Brylee (Tooter) and Mennon; also his nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends that loved him and will miss him.

Alexandra Marguerite Ellis

1988-2013

GRUVER—Alexandra Marguerite Ellis, 25, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2013.

Services were held on Monday, December 23, 2013 at Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Chappell officiating. Burial followed in Gruver Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Alex was born Aug. 17, 1988, in Lubbock to Jackson Ray Ellis and Lisa Beth Nelson. She was employed by Spearman public schools. She was a 2010 graduate of New Mexico State University. Alex touched the heart of everyone she knew and brought them great joy.

She was preceded in death by an aunt, Marilyn Ellis Chinn.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Marybeth Roberts and husband Driftn of Gruver; her maternal grandmother, Marguerite Nelson of Gruver; her grandmother, Mary Ellis of Colorado City; her aunts, Cheryl Nelson of Gruver and Kathy Dumbauld and husband Jon of Canadian; her uncle, Bill Ellis and wife Fay of Colorado City; a nephew, Blake Ellis of Gruver; and her cousins, Jennifer Lyles and husband Brian of Amarillo, Jeremy Ellis and wife Jenny Lynn of Farmers Branch, John Patrick Chinn and wife Kay of Los Alamos, N.M., Jackson Farren of Norfolk, Va., and Clay Dumbauld, Nick Dumbauld, Callie Dumbauld, Max Dumbauld, all of Canadian.

The family suggests memorials be made to Gruver United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held on December 22, 2013 in the church.

Gerald R. McCann

1937-2013

MIDLAND—Gerald R. McCann, 76, passed away on December 30, 2013 at a local hospital. Memorial services are scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 10 am at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Mike Vestal and Don Mitchell, officiating.

Gerald was born on December 26, 1937 to George Floyd and Ora Mae McCann in Calexico, California. He graduated high school in Loraine in 1957 and earned his Associates Degree from El Centro College of Dallas in 1977. Gerald was employed by the Texas Highway Department in Colorado City and also worked for General Portland Cement in Dallas. He was a member of Westside Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Tanya McCann of Midland and one brother Glenn L. McCann and his wife, Gladys of Irving and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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



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LOCAL NEWS

Hiser speaks to club, shares farming facts

Lion Keith Hiser presented the program at the Lions Club meeting on Friday. He shared surprising facts and figures concerning the farming industry from the standpoint of an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Approximately \$1.9 billion of federal funds have been disbursed in Texas through the Texas Farm Service Agency. Of that, \$8,861,358 was sent out to 1,922 farmers and ranchers owning land in Mitchell County. Hiser said that there are 1200 farms in the county, bringing a lot to the community.

Sharing a personal story, Hiser said that he and his wife priced a carton of strawberries at Fuller Foods, finding the price to be a little high, even for winter strawberries. He noticed that the strawberries had been shipped to Colorado City from California.

In a day or two, the Hisers found themselves in Walmart and priced a carton of strawberries there. The carton was a full \$1 cheaper than those at Fuller's. However, the strawberries had come from Mexico. Being a supporter of American farmers, Hiser said that they came back to Colorado City to buy the California berries.

The average age of the American farmer is 65 years old. "We're gonna' lose the ability to feed ourselves," Hiser said, concerned about the lack of support for the American farmer. He said he's willing to pay a little more to support U.S. producers.

Commodity payments totaled \$90.1 million in 2012. Conservation payments amounted to \$136 million on 3.3 million acres. Locally, \$2 million in CRP payments were distributed to Mitchell County landowners on over 38,000 acres.

Hiser said that he grew up on a dairy farm in Johnson County and attended Tarleton State University, following high school. After college, he was involved in

an internship with the Farm Service Agency transferring peanut quotas in Comanche County.

He came out to Colorado City for an interview for his first job with the FSA. He said he was spending the night in a Sweetwater hotel, when he began to look through a welcome packet put out by the Chamber of Commerce. "Those things work," Hiser said, as the packet convinced him Mitchell County was a nice place to live.

Hiser has been in Colorado City, serving at his position with the Farm Service Agency now for 15 years. He said there's no better people than the citizens of Mitchell County, and he thinks of it as his hometown now.

HOUSTON

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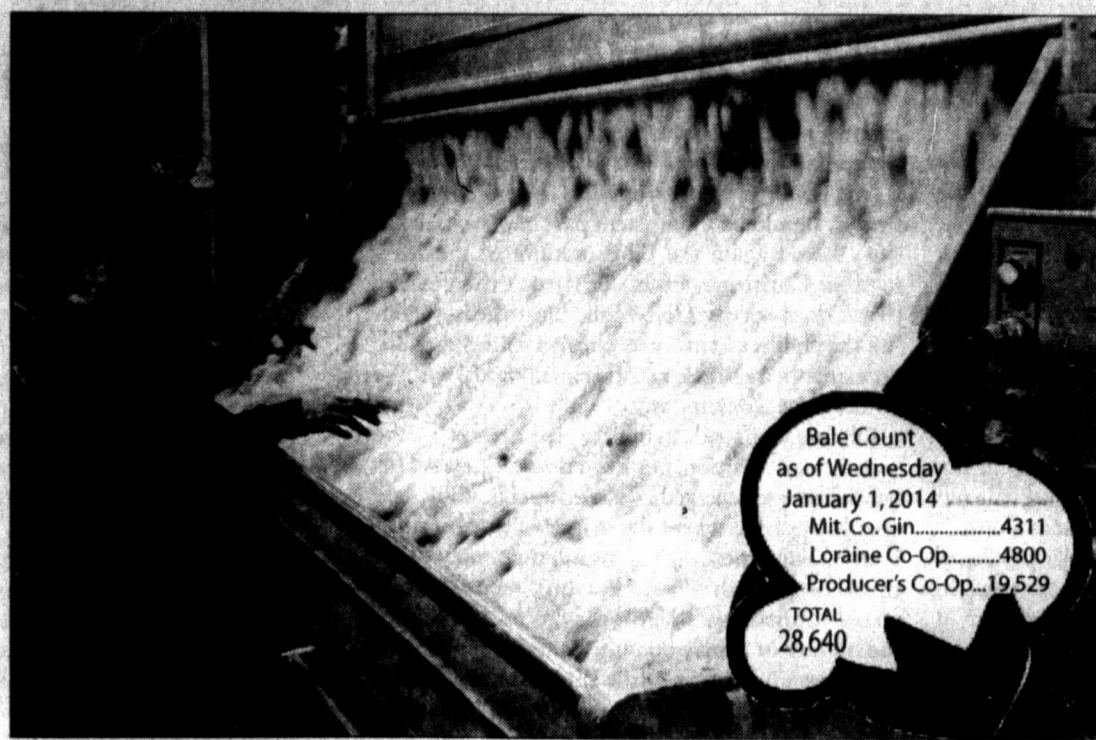
"After years of watching Greg Abbott use the Texas Attorney General's Office to advance his political career, I want the office to get back to the business of serving Texas. Texans need an Attorney General that works to represent them and not just certain partisan special interests," said Houston.

Houston is the only Democrat to file for the position, but there are four Republicans also hoping to replace Abbott, who is running for governor. In 2008, Houston ran for Texas Supreme Court justice, garnering approximately 3.5 million votes.

Born in Colorado City to Gay and Corky Houston, Sam's parents owned and operated Corky's Hardware Store. He graduated from Colorado High School in 1981 and played football for the Wolves, as well as participating in UIL speaking events and serving as the editor of the high school newspaper.

After high school graduation, Houston attended the University of Texas where he earned a degree in Business Administration. He then furthered his education, earning a law degree from Baylor University.

In a recent interview, Houston expressed his frustration at the



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Mit. Co. Gin.....4311
Loraine Co-Op.....4800
Producer's Co-Op...19,529
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A JOB HE KNOWS WELL — Jr. Hernandez, now in his 24th year as head ginner at Producer's Co-Op in Colorado City, tends the stands Monday as local gins reached the halfway point in this year's ginning season. The cotton harvest is in its final weeks as yields continue to be better than expected.

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brand new gym and cafeteria, among other perks.

A West Nile Virus case was officially confirmed in the county in September. According to Mitchell County Hospital Infection Control Nurse Iris Boyd, the man came to the hospital near the end of August exhibiting severe symptoms.

A multi-story ladder truck was purchased by the city in October. The truck is a necessity for fighting fires in a multi-story building.

CISD students helped school officials break ground on a new K-8 campus currently being constructed. Voters passed \$29.9 million in bonds to pay for the new campus, which will be located off 10th Street near Colorado High School.

An ice storm near the end of November caused power outages and traffic accidents, including one fatality. Many residents were

without electricity as 1/2 to 1" of ice covered trees, electrical lines and all other exposed surfaces outdoors.

Both Mitchell County and the hospital district approved tax abatements as part of agreements with FGE Texas, LLC, the company constructing the power plant.

Eleven Mitchell County residents were arrested as a result of federal indictments. The 11 were charged with conspiracy to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine.

As a last bit of business on behalf of the city before Christmas, the city council approved an agreement to sell wastewater to FGE Texas, LLC, which will be used, in part, to power the power plant. The city will sell up to 500,000 gallons of the effluent water per day to the company who will build a pipeline to transport the water.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

The aftermath of Christmas

By Monte Wilke

The pile of presents is unwrapped, paper strewn everywhere, the child does not know who gave them, nor does he care, he got something. Either he will have more fun with the cardboard box or pick out one or two to play with and ignore the rest. It is all part of the fun to see a child happy, to know that our money was well-spent, our efforts satisfying.

But then, what? How long does this euphoria last? Is there ever an unhappy side to Christmas? Do quarrels, hurt feelings and tears soon follow? Maybe the "Twelve Days of Christmas" is not such a bad idea, after all. Spread the gift-giving out over an extended time, give one present at a time.

Do we still think of and buy for under-privileged children in January? March? May? Is our concern just momentary, a December high and forget it?

I am not anti-Christmas, anti-giving, anti-love. I am just wondering why we dump it all at one time, one big pile. There is a wonder at Christmas, but I think it should last a while longer.

Could there be such a thing as a "Child Day" once a month? It would not take much, an adequate supply of school cookies, a fun day at the park, a simple batch of cookies, or go on to buying clothes, books, or a trip.

The idea is not how much we spend, but how much, how long, how efficiently we care. I am really leery of some of these tear-jerking ads for poor children in foreign countries. They are needy, I am sure. But it seems like there are needy kids in every grade in school, a high percentage of homes here in town or close by.

It might be good to support orphanages, inquire at the mission, check with the school to see what we can do. It does not, should not be a big production, but just to make sure that a child has his needs met.

Instead of money, it might be better to spend time with kids of all kinds. Money or its lack is not the only problem. Often there is no parent present. Many children right here are raised by grandparents or other family members. Working moth-

ers may need support as much as their children. I wish I had the answers instead of the questions.

My point is that caring for children, stressed people, should be a consistent part of our charity.

As I read again the Bible account of the aftermath of Christmas, I was surprised at this reading that it does not say Herod killed just the boys, but "all the children" two years old and younger! Children are not a suitable sacrifice in any situation. We do the same thing today.

Oh, we don't call it murder, we dress it in the nice term of abortion, but it is a thin disguise. This has become so accepted by society, public clinics are openly available where the evil deed can be done, even by Supreme Court approval, that many think this is proper behavior. All it is, is a cover-up for sexual immorality, selfish behavior on the part of the mother or couple because a child would be too much responsibility, and the current belief that life has little value, children are disposable like a paper napkin.

What is the difference in killing Jewish babies because the king is mad or scared, a demonic Hitler does not like his own Jewish background, and kills millions in retaliation, and killing them from the womb because they are not wanted? Is one less murder than the other? Maybe the Bible answer makes more sense: Kill the adulterous couple, not the babies!

There is no answer. Violence against the abortion clinics does not do any good, just replaces one kind of evil with another. Forbidding abortion completely only drives it underground. The mother of an aborted baby carries that shame and guilt the rest of her life. The only answer is a moral revival, return to responsible behavior. We are too far gone for that to happen.

Make sure the aftermath of Christmas is as pleasant and giving and beneficial as Christmas Day is. Don't take away by torture or fear what you have given in love (or duress?). Let Christ be the Lord or the Year as well as the reason for the season.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH A deer in the house

Big Spring police were called to a house burglary just before Thanksgiving. When they arrived at the residence, they noticed both the glass storm door and the wooden door had been smashed. They heard sounds from inside and cautiously entered the house. They noticed the walls, curtains, sheets and carpet had blood on them. Furniture was broken, lamps were knocked over and dish fragments were on the kitchen floor. The officers thought it might be the scene of a mass murder. As they got farther into the house, they saw what was making the sound: a two-year-old, 75-pound buck whitetail deer. Apparently it had seen its reflection in the glass door and charged it. It was just the start of the rutting season and the male deer, wanting to defend his territory, thought he had some competition and wanted to get rid of it.

The call to the police came from Donna Jernigan, who lives in the house. Her teenage daughter had left school early for a doctor's appointment and when she stopped by the house, she noticed the door was broken and called her mother. Soon the neighborhood was full of law enforcement vehicles. The lawmen called Matt Woodall, the game warden and he told Donna that the deer just went crazy, being in unfamiliar territory. When the deer crashed through the door he cut his nose in about three places and that was the source of the blood. In his efforts to get out, the deer tried climbing the walls and knocking holes in them with his antlers. The deer broke off part of an antler when it hit the doors. Donna has that as a souvenir.

Matt called Bobby Price, who has a whitetail deer breeding operation east of town and Bobby came over with his tranquilizer rifle. Bobby

found the deer standing in the kitchen sink. It was probably trying to escape through a window above the sink. When the deer saw Bobby, it retreated to a back bedroom then went into a hallway. That's when Bobby shot it with a tranquilizing dart. Ten minutes later, the deer was down. Matt put the deer in his truck and took it to a ranch and placed it by a tree. When he went back a couple of hours later, the deer was gone, apparently enjoying his freedom in the wild.

Donna's husband Gary says they've had deer in the neighborhood before but never had anything like this happen. "It must have seen its reflection from across the street to have built up so much speed to hit the door the way it did," says Gary. "If it had seen it just from the front yard, it wouldn't have gone through the door." Matt says during rutting season bucks get very mean and know how to use their strength.

The Jernigans spent a few days in a motel while their house was being repaired. Their friends and family had some comments about the incident. "I get emails saying things like 'the buck didn't stop here,'" says Donna, "and 'that's gonna cost a lotta doe.'" My father sang "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" to me and told me Santa came early this year and left one of his reindeer." The Jernigans had a hollow core door before the deer adventure. Now they have one with a solid core.

Tumbleweed Smith taught broadcast production and speech at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin for 34 years while producing his newspaper column and radio program. He and his wife Susan own Multi Media Advertising. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is about our beginning and the end.

The individual human being you were to become was transformed from the genetic pool of the human species, through your parents at conception. From that instant you EVOLVED to whom you are.

So, when did your life begin? When were you not human? When were you created?

Liberals say when you can draw air into your lungs and scream. (Why not when you graduate from Harvard?) They hate your liberty and love their own. They think with big, socialist government they can have it both ways.

Election of politicians who wish to run our lives hinge on their stand on abortion (the conflict of a mother's life and the life of the baby she has conceived). Unfortunately?

Schopenhauer (a nineteenth century German liberal) correctly said the pleasure of sex (the urge to merge) is an enticement by nature which benefits perpetuation of the species without regard for the life of the participants. (The "pessimistic" philosopher)

Under the influence of alcohol or that enticement our judgment suffers. Risk of "accidents" goes up and caution goes down. A DWI or unwanted pregnancy may be the sobering outcome. Your dreams, plans and life are turned upside down. Some travel the road nature has slipped ahead (they will be happy if they travel well), and some grope for a way to escape the consequences. Adoption is a good compromise, but the selfish may choose abortion—especially if it's made easy.

If you conclude that I'm "pro-life" or "pro-choice" you err.

But I wish to end this sketch of life beginnings with a question about its ending. Why is it legal for a doctor to terminate a baby sleeping in the womb but a doctor who assists suicide for people who desire to avoid impending horribly painful exits goes to prison? Should it not be the other way around?

(To err and to sin is human. Life is best if we make good choices.) I'm pro-choice and pro-life.

Troy Powell

POLICE REPORT

On December 24th at 12:21 a.m., an officer was contacted by another officer to assist with a noise disturbance in the 800 block of Locust. When officers arrived a female stated she had been threatened with a gun by a male subject from across the street. After numerous calls to this location, a 41-year-old male was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 26th at 9:22 a.m., an officer was met at the police department by a complainant who stated that he found several items missing from his backyard. The last time he saw the items was two days prior. This case is under investigation.

On December 26th at 5:21 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of Delaney Drive in reference to a theft. The complainant stated that someone had taken property from the residence without the owner's permission.

On December 26th at 9:35 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a pickup for a defective license plate light. Upon making contact with the driver, the officer could detect a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. After failed sobriety tests, a 19-year-old male subject was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.



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LOCAL NEWS

HOGS

farmland, they are also predators of lambs, kids and calves, and they spread E. coli and other diseases through streams, ponds and watersheds.

Besides damage to crops each year, vehicle collisions involving wild hogs cause extensive damage. Typically, hogs weigh between 200 to 300 pounds and can do damage to a vehicle's undercarriage. In recent years, former local resident Wendy Palmer hit a group of hogs while driving back to San Angelo in her Schwan's truck. The collision caused the truck to flip and

Palmer suffered serious injuries as a result.

Population control of the animals can be tough since hogs can have about 8-10 piglets in a litter and can have two litters every year. Then those piglets are ready to breed at six months, making it virtually impossible to eradicate them.

Feral hogs can be effectively controlled by snaring, live trapping, shooting and hunting them with dogs. Ferguson recommends trapping and hunting the animals to keep their numbers under control. It is legal for a landowner, agent or leasee to

hunt feral hogs without a license on their land when the pigs cause a problem. If a landowner pays someone to hunt the hogs, the landowner must have a hunting license and have taken a hunter safety course.

According to the Texas AgriLife Extension's website, "In Texas, feral hogs are considered free-ranging exotic animals and may be taken at any time of the year by any legal means. There are however, laws that regulate the transportation of feral hogs."

Texas began a program in 2011 called the Hog Out County Grant Program, awarding counties points for getting the most hog tails and attending wild boar

education courses. The contest brought in 12,600 tails that year, a drop in the bucket compared to the two million feral hogs that call Texas home.

Wild hog meat is edible, and there are a few processing businesses in the area. Scurry County AgriLife Extension Agent Greg Gruben said there are processing plants in Post and Big Spring, but he recommends using Clancy's in Slaton.

Regardless of what control methods are used, Ferguson urges landowners to stay on top of the hog population on their land. "We can't let it go," he said, "because they cause millions in damage every year."

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LIVESTOCK

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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.

Brodie and Malarie Harris will present a Top Hand Award buckle to the exhibitor who, by decision of the show committee, makes the top hand and contributes most to the success of the show.

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 by the Mitchell County 4-H and FFA Livestock Association 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 Showman-

ship buckles are donated by the Merket family as the Casey & Jeff Merket Memorials Awards.

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.

Livestock superintendents and assistants have also been named in preparation for the winter show. Kent Boyd will serve as Cattle Superintendent, with Robert Cox as assistant. Nub Morris will be the Sheep Superintendent, with Amanda Jo Ritchey as assistant.

Swine Superintendent will be Mike Hill, with Jeff Ellis serving as assistant, and Mike Jordan will serve as Goat Superintendent and Tommy Morris as assistant.

Cade Wilson will judge sheep and goats, and Aaron Cooper will judge the steers, swine and heifers.

The livestock association is a group of volunteers, with a board of directors. President is Brodie Harris, Jim Cogburn is vice president, Dee Roach is secretary, Mary Anne Davila is treasurer, Jeremy Strain is finance chairman, and Dalton Maddox is the premium sale chairman.

CAFE

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a fire hazard, due to the overuse of extension cords and power strips. The only water on at the house was being piped in via water hose through the window from an outside spigot.

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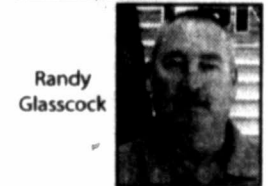
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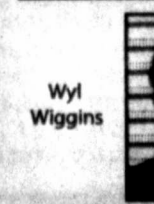
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Teams are signing up and plans are underway for the 2014 Relay for Life of Mitchell County. The 12-hour fundraising event will be held April 4th and 5th from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on the campus of Mitchell County Hospital.

Several teams have signed up already, and there's always room for more. So, if you're interested in being a team captain, please contact Iris Boyd, Team Chair, by calling 728-3431. Teams can be registered at www.relayforlife.org/ColoradoCityTx.

Karen Holman is serving as the sponsorship chair for the event, and donations are being taken from foundations, individuals and at the corporate level. Contributions must be received by March 17th in order for the company name/logo to appear on the Relay for Life t-shirts.

There are several levels of sponsorship available for

the fundraiser. For \$1500, Title Sponsorships are available. The donation includes prominent display of the company logo on the back of participants' shirts, as well as the company logo displayed on event programs, Facebook page and website. There will be special recognition during the event and a company banner will be displayed at the relay. Five relay t-shirts also come with Title Sponsor donation.

Anyone making a \$1,000 donation will be deemed a Celebrate Sponsor and Survivor Celebration Lap Sponsor. The company logo will be displayed, just as in Title Sponsorship, and there will be special recognition during the event's Celebrate Ceremony in which cancer survivors are honored as they walk the introductory lap to start the Relay for Life.

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Other levels of sponsorship include Platinum T-Shirt Sponsors for \$500, Gold T-Shirt Sponsors for \$350 and Silver T-Shirt Sponsors for \$250. All checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society.

For more information, contact Cliff Shiller, Event Chair at 325-728-3431, ext. 7187 or Amy Carnes, Community Manager-Development at 325-672-3705.

RIG REPORT

COKE COUNTY

Memorial Production Operating, LLC will drill the No. 513 oil well on the Bronte lease 1.3 miles in a southwest direction from Bronte. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 5500 ft.

MITCHELL COUNTY

MGF Oil Corporation will drill (reenter) the No. 1 oil well on the Shaw lease 4 miles north of Colorado City. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 7470.

Sojourner Drilling Corp. will drill (reenter) the No. 1 oil well on the Shaw lease 1 mile north of Buford. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 6200 ft.

NOLAN COUNTY

W.H. Munn Operating Co. will drill (recomplete) the No. 2 oil well on the Bast lease 8 miles south of Maryneal. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 7200 ft.

L.C.S. Production Co. has completed the No. 2C oil and gas well on the McElmurray "CD" lease 12 miles east of

Sweetwater. Perforations were from 5531 to 6022 ft. This well is producing 4 barrels of 44 gravity oil and 12 MCF gas with 90 barrels of water.

SURRY COUNTY

Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC will drill the No. 20-18 oil well on the Sacro Unit lease 9.1 miles northwest of Snyder. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 7250 ft.

Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC will drill the No. 18-16 oil well on the Sacro Unit lease 8.9 miles north of Snyder. This is a directional well with a completion depth of 7250 ft.

Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC will drill the No. 11-7A oil well on the Sacro Unit lease 10 miles north of Snyder. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 7250 ft.

Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC will drill the No. 11-8A oil well on the Sacro Unit lease 10 miles north of Snyder. This is a vertical well with a completion depth of 7250 ft.

Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC will drill the No.

11-8B oil well on the Sacro Unit lease 9.8 miles northwest of Snyder. This is a directional well with a completion depth of 7250 ft.

Cockrell Production Co., Inc. has completed the No. 1 oil well on the Tepleton lease 4 miles northeast from Hermleigh. Perforations were from 6829 to 7405 ft. This well is producing 6.67 barrels of 40 gravity oil with 2 barrels of water.

Kinder Morgan Production Co., LLC has reclassified the No. 30-13 well on the Sacro Unit lease 7.7 miles south to Snyder. The well is now classified as an injection well.

STERLING COUNTY

PPC Operating Company, LLC will drill the No. 1 oil well on the Clark lease 13 miles north of Sterling City. This is a directional well with a completion depth of 7950 ft.

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LOCAL NEWS

MCHD employees honored at party



EMPLOYEE OF YEAR - Hospital board president Jerry Reynolds presented a plaque to Med Aide Susan Shoals who was named Valley Fair Lodge 2013 Employee of the Year during the hospital's annual holiday banquet. Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.

Mitchell County Hospital District hosted their 2013 Holiday/Award Banquet December 20th. The event was held at the newly renovated Copper Press and employees were treated to a meal catered by Bama's House.

Robbie Dewberry, CEO and

Jerry Reynolds, MCHD Board President presented employee tenure pins as well as MCHD Most Courteous Award, MCHD Employee of the Year Award, Valley Fair Lodge Employee of the Year Award, and Wallace/Ware/Daniel Medical Unit Employee of the Year Award.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Jason Lawson, Sarah Lawson, Jennifer Lawson Sims to Alvie Faulkenberry III, Quitclaim Deed. Walter A. Stockard Jr. Co-Exec & Individually, Jan Stockard Cato Co-Exec & Individually, Sue Stockard Schaefer Co-Exec & Individually, W A Stockard St Estate to Stockard Minerals LP, Special W/D.

Larry Richards Individually & D/B/A, Ira Testers to Ricky Graham, Paula Graham, Asconvillebills.

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Bonnie S. Livermore Affiant to Jimmie L. Howell Deceased, Public Affidavit Heirsh.

YMC Royalty Co LP, Younas Chaudhary Pres to Bayshore Royalty LP, Assignment.

Virginia Snyder Hendrickson, Arvin C. Hendrickson to Arvin C. Hendrickson Ttee, Virginia Snyder Hendrickson Ttee, Arvin C. Hendrickson Living Trust, Virginia L. Hendrickson Living Trust, Mineral Deed.

Sam B. Rose Oil & Gas Properties Inc, Sam B. Rose Pres, Sam B. Rose & Gas Properties Inc to Devon Energy Production Co LP, Asg O&G Lease.

Lloyd Eugene Pace, Billie Tisdal Pace to Pace Family Trust Dtd 3-21-1991, Lloyd Eugene Pace Ttee, Billie Tisdal Pace Ttee, Warranty Deed.

Sharon Gene Woods Ttee, Billie Pace Revocable Trust Agmt Dtd 6-14-2007 to Donald Le Roy Woods Jr, Sharon Gene Woods Ttee, Woods Family Revocable Trust Dtd 9-5-2013, Mineral Deed.

Marie Johnson Hale Estate to Marilyn Marie Hale Ind Exec utrix, C.C. Probate.

Thomas H. Moran II to Wilshire Oil GP, Min & Roy Deed.

First Financial Bank NA, Ginny Henson AVP to Gregory Charles Chapman, Carraleigh Chapman, Release of Lien.

McCaslin Family Trust, James Monroe McCaslin Ttee to Sunchase Development Company, Warranty Deed.

Sunchase Development Company, Garry Z. Luker Pres, Riverbend Development LP, Jim Mar-

tin Gen Pnrr to Brad Boyd Ttee, Garry Z. Luker Beneficiary, Deed of Trust.

MARRIAGES

LaFrench Morris Hill to Yuri Rubio on 12/23/2013.

Robert Aaron Lewis to Yvonne Lacy on 12/26/2013.

ARRESTS

Lynetta Regail Khan, 52, Housed for Sterling County, DWI with Child Under 15, 12/24/13.

Robert Ray Wilburn, 41, CCPD, Co-Unres Noise, Proh Sub in Jail, 12/25/13.

Jared Wayne Pierce, 19, CCPD, Poss Marij, DWI 1st, 12/26/13.

Jason Lee Mathis, 34, Housed for Sterling County, WRNT # CR32238, SWLI, 12/27/13.

Ricardo Rafael Rosas, 32, DPS, PCS PG 1<lg, 12/27/13.

Joshua Diaz, 19, CCPD, MTR-Warrant, 12/29/13.

Renee Silva, 41, CCPD, Agg Asslt Family Deadly Weapon, DOC Language Wrnt, Ass. Family, Impede Breath, 12/29/13.



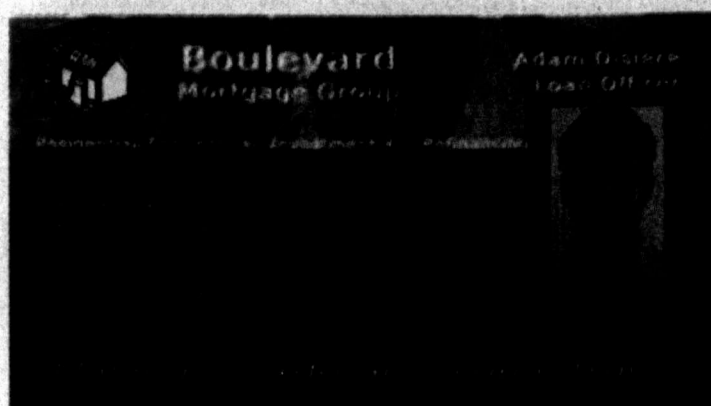
MCHD EMPLOYEE OF YEAR - Cindy Hale, RN/CEN, was named the 2013 MCHD Employee of the Year during the annual holiday/awards banquet. Board president Jerry Reynolds presented the award. Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.



MOST COURTEOUS - Robbie Dewberry, MCHD CEO, (right) presented the 2013 MCHD Most Courteous Award to Cathy Cooper. Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.



EMPLOYEE OF YEAR - Jerry Reynolds, (right) MCHD Board President, presented the 2013 Wallace/Ware/Daniel Medical Unit Employee of the Year Award to Delores Rodriguez, RN during the annual awards banquet held recently. Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.



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