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Briefs

Santa Visit
Santa Claus will visit the Mitchell County Public Library on Thursday, December 18th from 3 to 5 p.m. Anyone wanting to get photographs should bring their camera.

Holiday Closure
The City of Westbrook City Hall will be closed December 23rd through January 2nd for holidays and vacation.

Park Vandalism
City officials are seeking information about or the identity of the persons responsible for turning over and breaking the concrete tabletops of the picnic tables on the east side of the creek in Ruddick Park. The tables had been there since the 1930s. Anyone with any information can provide an anonymous tip to police by calling 325-728-5294 or city hall at 728-5331.

Softball Signups
Mitchell County Athletic Association will have softball 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.

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Dewberry presents abatement options to MCHD board

The Board of Directors for the Mitchell County Hospital District met last Thursday to discuss options regarding a tax abatement requested by Luminant. No action was taken, but Hospital CEO Robbie Dewberry presented the board with three options to provide an incentive for Luminant to locate a solar farm here.

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.

The first option presented to the board was a straight across the board 80% abatement for 10 years. Dewberry explained that this option was most favorable to the district but may not be what Luminant would like to see. The plan abates $5.5 million and produces $1.93 million in tax revenue for the hospital district for the 10 year period.

The second option would give Luminant a 90% abatement of taxes for the first five years and 80% in the next five. Option number two generates $1.44 million for MCHD and abates $5.9 million.

The final abatement option presented to the board calls for a 100% abatement for the first three years of the 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. This option is similar to the second and generates about the same amount of money for the hospital, but it gives Luminant three years tax-free.

Dewberry explained that he is recommending the third option, because he thinks it will be more appealing to the company. He has contacted Ryan, a law firm handling the details for Luminant, and the response was favorable regarding the third option.

"They really liked keeping the cash up front," Dewberry told board members.

A discussion ensued, and while board members took into account the hospital's taxpayers, they also had to consider that any offer deemed too low could push Luminant to locate the solar farm elsewhere.

According to Board President Jerry Reynolds, Luminant has a contract almost ready to sign

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A CLOSE CALL – An out-building and deck burned, as well as some siding on a house on 21st Street Tuesday afternoon. Members of the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department, including Misty Rich, Ricardo Soto and Chief Rick Goodney put the fire out before it could spread to the house.

Fire consumes shed

The residents of a home located in the 400 block of 21st Street were quite fortunate Tuesday afternoon when a deck and old hot tub behind their house caught on fire, as well as a shed. As luck would have it, a few firemen were on the north side of town when the fire started and made it to the fire just as the 9-1-1 call went out.

Due to the quick response from firemen, the fire was contained before it spread to the house just a few feet away. The people renting the house were away when the fire started, but one of the residents came back to find the house swarmed with firefighters and local law enforcement personnel.

The young lady renting the home stated that she and her boyfriend had a fire in a pit in the backyard a couple of days ago, and firefighters think that the wind stirred up hot ash and coals, blowing them into an unused, old hot tub and decking that surrounds it. A nearby stor-

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C-Court approves rural fire contracts

Mitchell County Commissioners' Court convened Monday morning to renew the Road & Bridge Special Certificate of Deposit. The $4 million CD was renewed for 90 days at First National Bank and will continue to draw 0.25% interest.

Rural fire contracts with Westbrook and Colorado City were approved. The agreements are renewed every two years, and the court approved the two that had been returned to them. Loraine's city council approved the contract last week, but commissioners had not heard from them as of Monday morning.

Court members also deliberated the offer of a financial incentive to a business with a prospective project which may possibly be located in Mitchell County. All talks were done in closed session, and no action followed deliberation.

Loraine city council meets to handle routine business

A small quorum of the Loraine City Council met last Thursday to take care of some of the city's business. It was approved for two city employees to attend training to get water and wastewater licenses.

Mayor Richard Alvarez, Eddie Galvan, Max Tillman and Joann Mahon gave their stamp of approval for city water employees Nolan Cornutt and Anvil Mosher to attend training to pursue water and wastewater licenses.

City Secretary Jamie Muñoz has pre-registered Cornutt to attend municipal water training in March. Mosher will be attending the next wastewater training to receive his wastewater license. The two have installed two new taps during the last month.

The two employees have been dealing with several water issues, including the repair of the lift station. After major repairs were completed on the station and holding pond, the wastewater situation has improved drastically for the City of Loraine.

Trouble of a different sort has come to the wastewater plant, as wild hogs have been digging large holes near the retention pond. Live traps have been set to catch the hogs, and city employees hope catching them will reduce the damage being incurred at the plant.

The council also approved a rural fire contract with Mitchell County. The agreement is renewed between the fire department and the county every two years. It specifies equipment owned by the two entities and other details. According to County Judge Ray Mayo, no changes were made since the last time it was renewed.

When the city-wide cleanup day was held on November 1st, city council members volun-

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR – Sgt. Traven Berrie (right) was named Officer of the Year at the annual city Christmas party. He, along with his son Bobby, accepted the award which was presented by Police Chief Luis Aguilar. *Photo courtesy or Rick Goodney.*



20 YEARS OF SERVICE – Belinda Blassingame (right) was recognized by Mayor Jim Baum for her 20 years of faithful, dedicated service to the City of Colorado City. Blassingame is leaving to assume the post of District Clerk in January. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*

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LOCAL NEWS

MCHD Christmas party held

Employees recognized for their outstanding service



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR—MCHD employee of the Year award went to Marsha Drummond. Marsha is pictured with Joe Wright MCHD CFO and Robbie Dewberry, MCHD CEO. *Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.*



MOST COURTEOUS—Joe Wright, MCHD CFO and Robbie Dewberry, MCHD CEO presented Cliff Shiller the Most Courteous award. *Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.*



DEPARTMENT MANAGER OF THE YEAR— Jerry Reynolds, Board President and Robbie Dewberry MCHD CEO, awarded Beverly Cogburn the Department Manager of the Year award for the Wallace/Ware/Daniel Units. *Photo courtesy of Audra Hoback.*

OBITUARIES

Johnnie Lee Coulon
1949-2014



COLORADO-- Johnnie Lee Coulon, born December 15, 1949 in Sweetwater, lost her battle with cancer December 8, 2014 at Mercy Hospital in Durango, Colorado surrounded by her adoring husband and children. A funeral service was held on Saturday December 13, at 1 p.m. at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. She was laid to rest in Cuthbert where her heart has always been. A visitation was held on Friday, December 12th from 5-7 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Johnnie's happy and joyful spirit will live on through her family and friends. A hole has been left in the hearts of Dennis Coulon, Jeff and Tammy Coulon, Brandon and Tammie Hutson, Shane and Coley Coulon and Gary and Pepper Noyes, along with her precious grandchildren, Nory Wheeler, Javier Coulon, Taylor Archuleta, Grace Noyes and Braiden and Halie Hutson in addition to great-grandson, Draven Wheeler; brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Mona Womack; and sister, Linda Ahlgrim as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and dad, Nancy and Short Womack; sister, Marilyn Tozer; and niece, Ricky Tozer-Henderson.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.kikerseale.com.

Helen Webb Baucum
1935-2014

WICHITA FALLS—Helen Webb Baucum, 79, passed away December 14, 2014.

Helen graduated from Colorado High in 1954 and married Jerry Webb November 19, 1954. She became a member of the Westbrook Baptist Church in the late 60's. She was a resident of Mitchell County for over 50 years. She lived in Houston for one and a half years.

She is survived by three children, Debbie Webb of Irving, Terry J. Webb and wife, Sharlett Webb of Colorado City and Tracy Jerome Webb and wife, Anita Webb of Odessa; one brother, Alex Campbell and wife, Charlett of Sand Springs, OK; one sister, Linda Deel and husband, Rick of Houston; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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Dewberry speaks to Lions Club about recent Kristi Lee purchase

Robbie Dewberry, MCHD Administrator, visited the Lions Club weekly meeting recently to talk about the hospital's recent purchase of Kristi Lee Manor. The acquisition is the first step in a long-term plan to further update the hospital's facilities.

Dewberry said that both nursing home buildings in Colorado City are aging. Valley Fair Lodge is 56 years old and the Kristi Lee building is just a few years younger than that.

Last year, the hospital district spent over $56,000 bringing the electricity at Valley Fair up to code, and officials estimate that the building will cost about $10,000 per year to continue to operate.

The hospital board has been discussing and planning the purchase of Kristi Lee Manor for the last three years. "It's what is best for the community," Dewberry said, noting that legislative changes have made it difficult to provide quality care for a small number of residents, while still turning a profit.

When VFL's 36 patients are moved into Kristi Lee Manor, there will be a total of 85 to 90 residents in the home. Hospital leaders are hoping to turn a profit of about $250,000 to $300,000 per year by combining the two.

All of the employees of both homes had the opportunity to be employed by the district, and most of them chose to stay. Of Kristi Lee's 58 employees, only seven chose to find other work.

Dewberry said that families and residents will be notified of the move to the new building 30 days before any physical moving takes place. Families of residents speaking with Dewberry seem happy about the change.

In February of 2015, the home will be renamed Mitchell County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. As can be expected, there will be a few growing pains, just like any business mergers, but Dewberry said the combination of homes will be better for Mitchell County citizens and the nursing home residents.

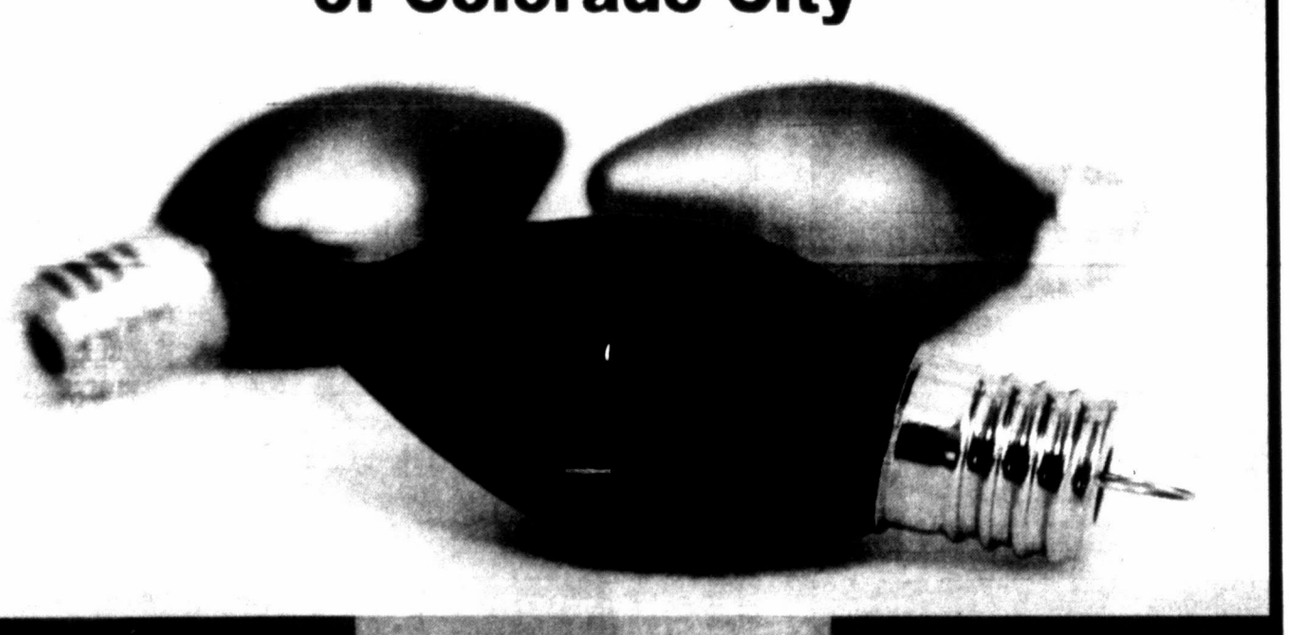
Also, hospital administrators have been paying off the hospital's debt, so that only the bond payments remain. "We have put ourselves in a financial situation that we can move forward on some projects," Dewberry said.

In another five years or so, it is the hope of the administrator and the hospital board to build a new nursing home on the hospital campus. MCHD has already acquired the land just east of the hospital from the county for such a project.

Dewberry said that having a nursing home located so near to the hospital will make doctor visits and hospital transfers easier for residents and their families. The possibility of constructing an assisted-living center has also been discussed by the board.

Other long range plans include moving the EMS back onto the hospital grounds, and eventually expanding the hospital's emergency room to accommodate more patients. Dewberry said the ER sees about 460 to 500 patients per month.

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LOCAL NEWS

Westbrook enjoys lighted parade



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON – Westbrook 5th graders showed their Christmas spirit while riding on a float in the Christmas parade last week. *Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.*



THAT'S ONE WAY TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE – Santa Claus joined the Westbrook parade last week by arriving on a skateboard being pulled by Chad Pinkerton's Mudshark. *Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.*



RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS – The junior class of Westbrook ISD were in a celebratory mood, as they decorated this vendor trailer to drag in the annual Christmas parade. *Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.*



HOLIDAY CHEER – The Westbrook ISD pre-k class was spreading plenty of holiday cheer last week, as they rode on this candy-themed float with lots of Christmas lights. *Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.*

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

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The Texas Longhorn Breeders Association is 50 years old

"When people see longhorns in a pasture while driving, 9 times out of 10 they're going to pull over to the side of the road and get their cameras out," says Mike Coston, President and CEO of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association. "Longhorns are unique. They're very friendly and like to be touched and petted. You can feed them out of your hand."

The association, headquartered in Fort Worth, has nearly 4,000 members around the world. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. More than half a million animals are entered in the database. Rick Fritsche is the association's registrar. "The breed originated in Africa," he says. "It came through Spain and Mexico and settled in Texas where the numbers increased dramatically. They had no enemies, were incredibly resilient, could live on just about anything and had a birthing ease that was almost beyond belief."

The longhorns were driven north in herds after the Civil War, giving birth to the cowboy era, which lasted about 20 years. "Then railroads took over and the cattle were shipped by rail to northern markets," says Mike.

Rick says the horns developed as a natural progress as protection. "Today, our breeders are growing for horn length, so they only pick the mamas and papas with backgrounds of big horns, roughly insuring that the offspring will have longer horns." The longest horns belong to a rancher in Oklahoma. They measure seven and three-quarters feet from tip to tip.

Rick says the longhorns have 97 percent lean meat. "One of the things that is keeping us out of the lean beef market is the thing that makes them so iconic, which is their horns. Most processing and packing houses don't want to have to deal with the horns. They have to hire someone to cut the horns off, which increases the cost of processing."

In the late 1880's, barbed wire fencing ended the open range and ranchers started controlled breeding, developing breeds that developed faster than longhorns. The longhorns were almost bred out of existence, and by the 1920's only a few small herds remained. The US Government, realizing the significant history of the breed, stepped in and appropriated $3,500 to buy longhorn cattle and move them to a preserve in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma. "That started the saving of the breed," says Mike. "Then in 1943 they started selling longhorns at auctions to ranchers who wanted them. In 1964 those ranchers decided to create a registry to continue the breed line of the longhorns, so the association was formed. Charlie Schreiner III of the YO Ranch in Kerrville was the first president. His grandfather had stocked the ranch with longhorns in the 1870's. Schreiner had steer #1, bull #1 and cow #1 in the registry.

The association headquarters is in a building across from the entrance to the Fort Worth Stockyards. A new building is planned in the center of the stockyards district.

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Obvious excitement at Christmas

By Monte Wike

Modern Christmas is full of surprises, wonder, festivities and fun. It is wonderful to see the change in the community and homes as they decorate for this special season and occasion.

The first Christmas, the birth of the Christ child was no less filled with wonder and awe, and frequent surprises..

Imagine the old priest Zacaharias being interrupted in the routine of incense offering with the news that his prayer for a child had been answered; not just any baby, but the one who would announce the Messiah when He was ready to be revealed. When the baby was finally born, and Zacharias could speak again after nine months of enforced silence, his first words were of praise and prophecy. All the neighbors gathered for the celebration were equally awe-struck with wonder about this unique baby.

Mary was probably just a teenager, espoused in the normal way to an eligible bachelor, when the angel visited her with the news that she would be the mother of the Messiah. In spite of her questions, when she was assured that the child would be fathered by the Holy Ghost, her words were of complete surrender and committal to God's plan. We would do well to be as obedient.

Words like "lo" and "suddenly" highlight the story of the announcement to the shepherds of the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. You could not meet an angel out in the field (or anywhere!) without awe and wonder. But a host of angels shouting (not singing) praises to God would be another step upward in spiritual awe. The shepherds were so excited they "came with haste" (ran) all the way to town. When they found the baby in the manger, just like the angels said, they began to tell everyone. They finally came back to the fields rejoicing.

The wise men were also excited when they discovered a new star which told them that a Jewish king had been born. They came by day caravan to Jerusalem, expecting a big celebration for the royal birth. They were amazed that there was neither child nor party. By the time Herod finally unraveled the mystery, it was night. That's when the star reappeared and led them to Bethlehem and to the house where the young child was. There they experienced the wonder of seeing the Christ child and showering Him with expensive gifts. They were not at the manger with the shepherds.

And imagine the joy of old Simeon, who had been promised that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. He went to the temple at the beckoning of the Holy Spirit. There he accurately picked out the baby Jesus from the group of other boys being presented when they were 40 days old. As he held the baby, his heart was at peace and he was ready to die. I can hardly imagine the excitement of holding the baby Jesus and realizing long before Calvary that He was the Savior of the world.

May one of your presents this year be the awesome realization of why Christmas is such a special time, what the Christ child can mean in your life.

During the holiday season

TxDOT tips to prevent car theft

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that the holiday season can be a prime time for vehicle thefts and is encouraging individuals to take necessary precautions to protect their vehicles from possible theft. Burglaries of vehicles are also a concern during the entire holiday season.

"DPS is urging Texans to make sure their vehicles and belongings are secure in order to ward off possible thefts and burglaries during the holidays," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "December is one of the busiest months for auto thefts, and during this holiday shopping season, it is important that any valuables in a vehicle are out of sight."

In December 2013, 5,395 automobiles, pickups and motorcycles were recorded stolen, making it the third-highest month for vehicle thefts that year behind July and August. In addition, more than 13,100 vehicle burglaries were reported and $12.2 million in property stolen last December.

DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help guard against vehicle theft:

•Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.

•Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

•Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.

•When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas.

•Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

•Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

•Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Two special joys this Christmas. Thanks to the youth group from First Baptist Church for stopping by to sing Christmas Carols. This was a first ever. Usually we are doing the caroling. Now we are two old folks standing on the porch listening and enjoying. Thanks, Lori*(and Samuel).

Second. I really appreciate the bands from both schools, the return of the jazz band and the dedicated directors. It was truly an awesome and inspiring performance this afternoon. The young people have made remarkable progress, and they looked good all dressed up. I am proud of our entire school system, all departments, all faculty and staff. We are blessed here in Colorado City!

Sincerely,
Monte Wike

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Letter to the Editor:

Colorado City is considering buying Mitchell County Utilities. Why? I'm told "to make money".

Mitchell County Utilities has inadequate storage. They have water lines as a hen with chicks on Interstate 20.

Of course, Mitchell County, the economic development board, and the city are experts on garnering "grants" from government. They may "make" money where private capital cannot. They are drunk on grants today and the hangover will be an utility and a worthless de sal facility all of which Mitchell County Utility would like to unload.

When you must cover a bad debt by garnering another bad debt you are in trouble. Lots of folks are in trouble. I only hope Colorado City does not get sucked in!

I'm not invited to closed door meetings for obvious reasons, but when government holds them you have to trust your nose.

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

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Daniel Barrera Jr. to Julia Dillard Jonas, Gift Deed.

Darrell Carpenter to Navigator Energy Services LLC, Easement & R/W.

Sandra May Chambers to Navigator Energy Services LLC, Easement & R/W.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc, Randy Whorton Assessment Dir to Henry G. Mitchell Jr., Rel of Judgement.

Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services LLC, Brant Meleski CFO/SR VP to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company NA, Amd Deed of Trust.

Tower Rock Royalties LP, Tower Rock Oil & Gas LLC Gen Prtnr, Oscar A. Torres Mngr to Basin Royalty Company, Sidwell Oil & Gas Inc, Mineral Deed.

MARRIAGES

Buddy Allen Atkins to Donna Larue Bowman on 12/11/14.

Juan Carlos-Del Real to Jessica Estill Garcia on 12/08/14.

Woody Dean Taylor to Carla Sue Harvey on 12/08/14.

ARRESTS

David Reddick, 49, Sterling Co., Hunt From Vehicle, 12/06/14.

Ryan Dominguez, 31, POM U/2oz, 12/09/14.

Kasey Garcia, 33, DWLI, CCPD.

Crystal Gonzales, 23, Andrews Co., Warrants 4x, 12/09/14.

Leann Patterson, Andrews Co., Warrants, 12/09/14.

Belinda Hart, 42, Andrews Co., Warrants, 12/09/14.

LOCAL NEWS

MCHD

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with the City of Austin, promising to supply "green", or environmentally-friendly electricity. Reynolds said the potential to sell green energy may be behind the decision to build a solar farm.

Several educators and former educators serve on the hospital board, and it wasn't lost on any of them as to the benefit to Colorado ISD and taxpayers who live within the district's boundaries. It has been estimated that the project could reduce CISD taxes by 40% or more.

Board member Cheryl Warren pointed out that not all citizens served by the hospital live within CISD lines, and that she doesn't want "to give up what's due us."

Board member Mark Merrell said that he also wants to get the best deal for the hospital but would hate for the hospital's offer to be the one that causes Colorado City to lose out on the project all together.

"I am pro-community, and I have an obligation to provide options for you," Dewberry said. "You are obligated to do the right thing for Mitchell County Hospital."

Dewberry said that there would be no vote on Thursday, but the board will meet again on December 30th to vote on what

LORAINE

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teered to work but only Tillman showed up. The other council members said they had forgotten, so Tillman, Mosher, Mosher's wife and son worked the whole day. The council voted to pay the workers $75 each, as they were kind enough to make up for the volunteers that didn't participate.

Loraine citizen Carol Lloyd has made her concerns known regarding an abandoned mobile home at 702 Kindred. Lloyd said that the place is vacant and has been for quite some time now. She is concerned that it will catch fire or that kids will enter it and be injured. She said she would like for the city to demolish the trailer house.

The council gave approval for Muñoz to contact CC Tank to get a price quote for the demolition. The quote will be presented to the council at the next meeting for consideration.

Patricia and Leon Sadler have expressed their wish to put an RV on the property at the corner of Looby and Crockett. The RV would be placed on the property for the Sadlers to live in while a home is built for them at that location.

Due to city ordinance restriction, the RV can only remain at the location for 30 days.

The council met in closed session to discuss city personnel. No action was taken following the executive session.

Museum holds Christmas luncheon

The Heart of West Texas Museum Board and volunteers met for a Christmas luncheon last week. The board cooked and served lunch for all the volunteers to enjoy, as a way of saying thank you for their service.

Many citizens volunteer at the museum, but there are four people who volunteer on a full-time basis, and they were recognized and received small gifts for all their hard work. They are Charles Goodlett, Sharon Mayberry, Nell Holman and Georgia Harris.

The annual membership drive will be held in January, and Museum Curator Patty Pharis said that new members are always welcome and appreciated. Memorials are also available, as a way to honor loved ones who have passed away.

Jay Boy Adams will be returning to Colorado City in the spring to perform a concert to raise money for the museum. Pharis said that the benefit concert will be held in April, and everyone should make plans to attend.



BLUE SANTA – One of Santa's helpers, commonly known as Blue Santa, made an appearance at the city Christmas party last week. Here, Morgan Rivera tells him all her Christmas wishes. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*

FIRE

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age shed also burned.

Fire Chief Rick Goodney said that once the fire got into the fiberglass hot tub, it began to produce copious amounts of black smoke that was quite visible in that area. Since the hot tub is no longer used, the decking surrounding it was very dry, lending itself easily to fire.

Firefighters had the fire knocked down in about 10 minutes and only a small portion of the siding on the home was burned by the flames.

Goodney said that citizens using fire pits or barbeque pits should be especially careful to put the fires out well.

"Things are drying out, and we're starting to see a bit of a wildfire season emerging," he said.

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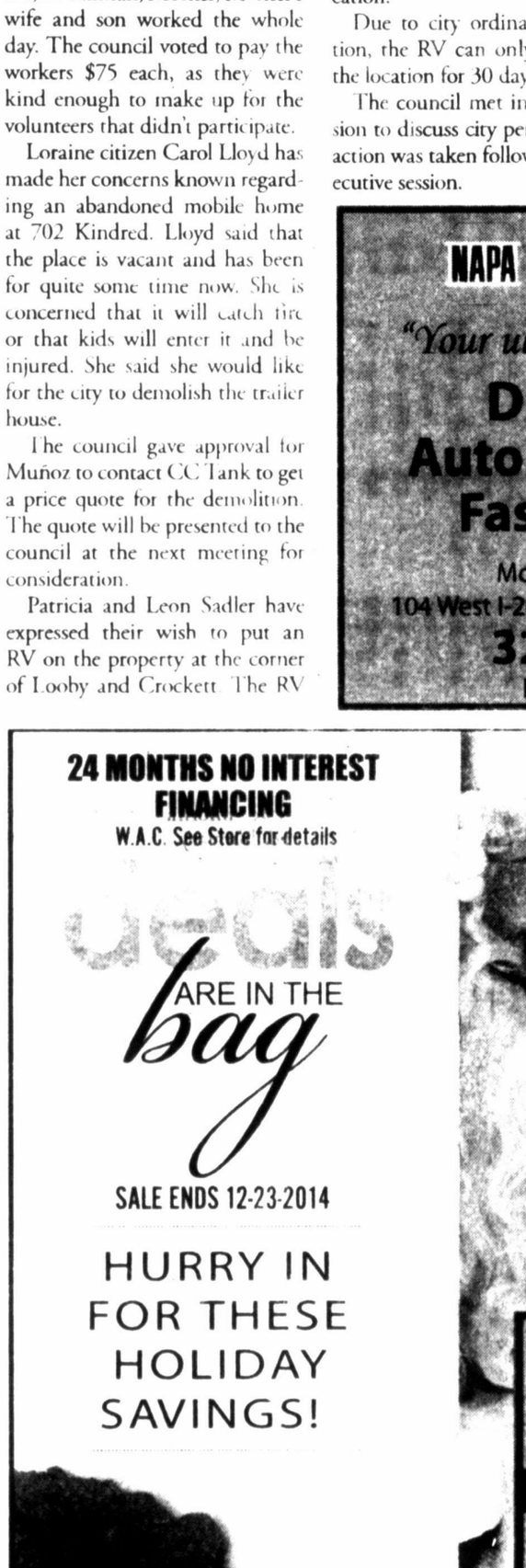
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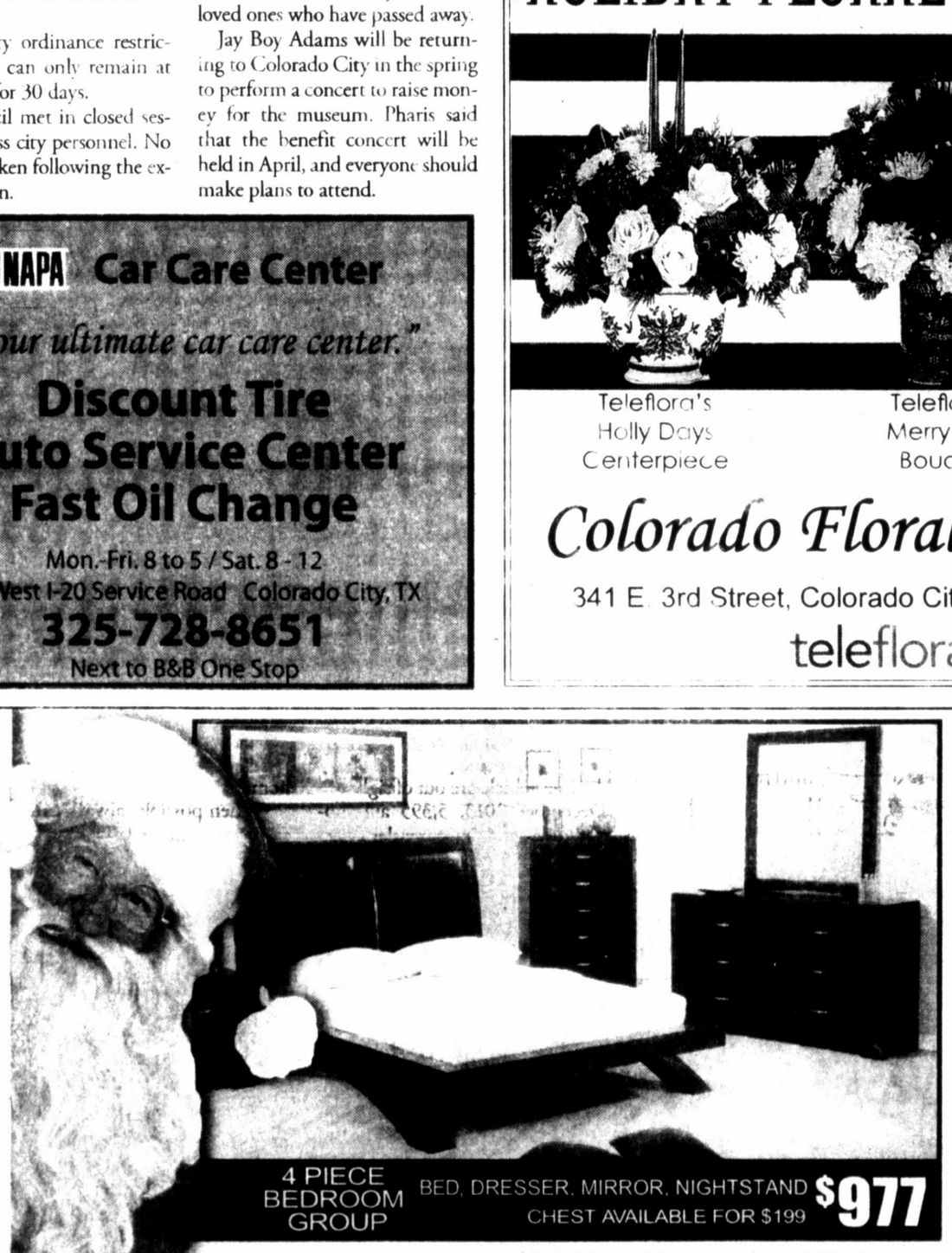


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LOCAL NEWS



25 YEARS – Mayor Jim Baum thanks Rufino Martinez for 25 years of loyal service to the City of Colorado City. Martinez received a pin in honor of his work. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*



SANTA'S HELPERS – Volunteer firemen Misty Rich and Curtis Siemens used the ladder truck to install more Christmas lights in the tree in front of the Mitchell County Courthouse, helping spread Christmas cheer.

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POLICE REPORT

On December 6th at 10:23 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Paris Street in reference to a theft. Unknown person or persons had removed property from a trailer without the owner's consent.

On December 6th at 11:55 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of East 17th in reference to an assault. The complainant stated that subjects known to him assaulted him, and then removed property from his residence without his consent.

On December 8th at 10:16 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of East 8th in reference to stolen property. Unknown person or persons removed several Christmas lights and a bicycle from the property without the owner's consent.

On December 8th at 5:36 p.m., an officer on patrol in the 1000 block of East 17th Street observed a vehicle traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted. The 33-year-old female was found to have an invalid license. She was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where she was booked accordingly.

On December 9th at 5:36 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted in the 2500 block of North Highway 208. While the officer was speaking with the driver, the officer could detect the odor of marijuana. The 31-year-old male admitted there was marijuana in the vehicle that belonged to him. He was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On December 10th at 11:30 p.m., an officer met with a complainant at the police department who stated that he had been assaulted and threatened. A person known to the complainant had thrown a knife at him.

Blue Santa donations pouring into CCPD

Donations have been pouring into the Colorado City Police Station for the Blue Santa program, according to Administrative Assistant Donna Overton. While the program has been blessed with an abundance of donations, Overton said there is still a need for gifts for older children.

Blue Santa will be delivering toys and gifts to several families from 3 to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and this year Chief Aguilar will be acting as Rudolph, pulling Santa's sleigh… or trailer.

Anyone wishing to make a donation, whether monetary or gifts, can do so at the police station, located at 201 W. 3rd Street. They may be taken to the station at any time and given to the dispatcher on duty.

Members of the local police department have expressed their intention to give back to families during the holiday season. So often, encounters with the police are because of some negative event that has happened in citizens' lives. Blue Santa is a way for officers to give back to the community.

"In our hearts, we love our city and its citizens," Administrative Assistant Donna Overton said. Blue Santa is set to bring happiness to lots of families again this Christmas, and with the help of the citizens of Colorado City, he will be able to do so.



REINDEER GAMES – Ismael Aguirre and London Daniel enjoyed playing several games and participating in arts and crafts during the Christmas celebration held at Lake Colorado City State Park on Saturday. A visit from St. Nick made the celebration complete, and those attending also enjoyed Christmas stories by a campfire. *Photo courtesy of Kyle O'Haver.*

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Local News

Sales tax totals show gains

Though Colorado City's December sales tax payment was down a little from last year, the city saw rebate payments clear the quarter-million dollar mark in 2014. Westbrook and Loraine saw a big spike in their rebates when compared to 2013. Mitchell County's payment is also up from last December, leaving the county with just a 2% deficit for the year.

December allocations are based on sales made in October. City officials have speculated that the fire that demolished Days Inn could have something to do with the decrease the city saw in the payment received at city hall on Monday, December 15th.

Colorado City received just over $56,000, down from $63,000 at this time in 2013. However, payments to the city are up by more than 14% for the year.

There was plenty of good news for the small town to the west, as sales in Westbrook jumped by over 250% from this period in 2013. Westbrook's December rebate totaled $9,534.74, a large increase over the $2,700 the town received last December.

Loraine is also riding the good news train, as the city received a check from the Texas Comptroller's office for over $2,000. Last December, the check to Loraine was less than $1,000. The city to the east has received nearly $23,000 in sales tax payments in 2014, up almost 22% from last year's total.

Mitchell County received over $41,000 in rebates from October sales, a 29% increase over the $32,267.30 received last year in December. Sales were fairly steady in the county in 2014, as totals came within 3% of last year.

Increases have also been seen by Roby and Rotan. Both Fisher County towns saw increases in December rebates in double-digits. For the year, sales tax payments are up over 18% in Roby and nearly 12% in Rotan. Increased oil and gas activity may account for the increases.

Larger cities in the west Texas area have also seen more sales during 2014, and sales tax allocations are a good economic indicator. December's rebate for Abilene was up over 9%, and $41,101,640.86 has been received this year.

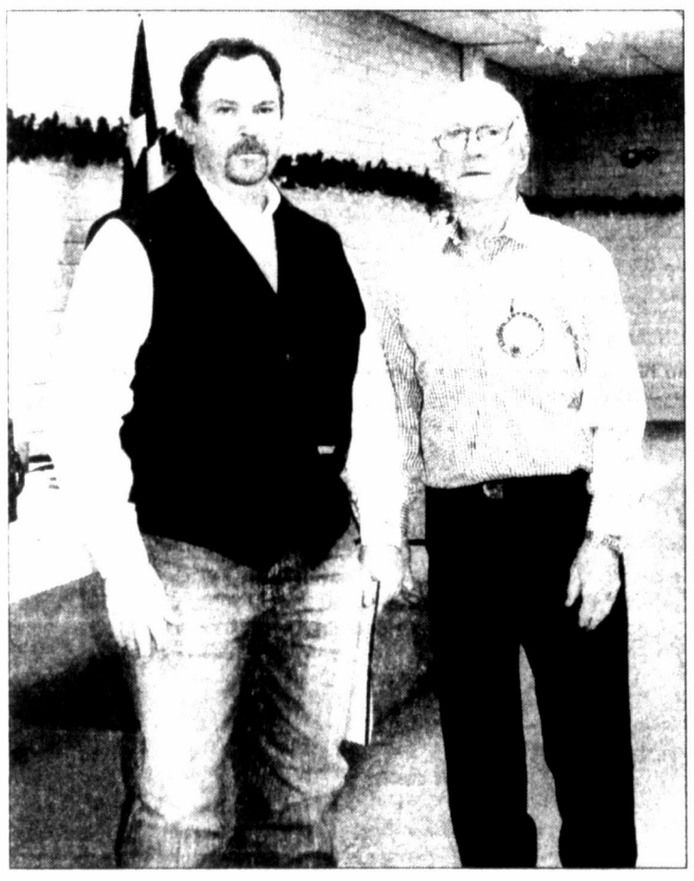
Lubbock has also recorded steady increases in sales this year, as the December payment was over $5 million. In 2014, Lubbock has received over $62 million in sales tax rebates.

According to figures released by State Comptroller Susan Combs, state sales tax revenue totaled $2.66 billion, up 10.7 percent compared to 2013.

"The growth in sales tax collections was fueled by increased remittances from both business and consumer-driven sectors," Combs said in a press release last week. "The gains were led by oil and natural gas-related sectors, while collections from retail trade and restaurants also rose strongly."

Area Sales Tax Rebates

City	Dec.'14	Dec.'13	+/-	Year '14	Year '13	+/-
Abilene	$3,328,870.41	$3,048,018.14	9.21%	$41,101,640.86	$40,530,208.36	1.40%
Big Spring	$883,698.61	$752,223.67	17.47%	$9,582,769.31	$8,989,903.66	6.59%
Colorado City	$56,364.91	$63,267.28	-10.90%	$855,209.78	$749,301.63	14.13%
Lamesa	$142,346.35	$119,691.73	18.92%	$1,706,426.55	$1,591,739.00	7.20%
Loraine	$2,019.53	$804.41	151.05%	$22,935.84	$18,821.99	21.85%
Lubbock	$5,373,945.00	$4,630,549.69	16.05%	$62,840,930.29	$59,737,582.68	5.19%
Mitchell Co.	$41,754.48	$32,267.30	29.40%	$491,490.90	$503,542.81	-2.39%
Post	$125,249.67	$109,284.72	14.60%	$1,323,030.22	$1,193,477.13	10.85%
Roby	$2,805.64	$2,473.51	13.42%	$38,185.62	$32,253.23	18.39%
Rotan	$16,826.92	$15,125.17	11.25%	$214,127.63	$191,243.75	11.96%
Snyder	$352,707.72	$332,452.97	6.09%	$4,361,509.20	$4,148,414.32	5.13%
Sweetwater	$315,632.69	$256,234.36	23.18%	$3,668,511.78	$3,424,053.91	7.13%
Westbrook	$9,534.74	$2,702.42	252.82%	$41,830.10	$34,927.15	19.76%



THE NEWEST LION – John Beckmeyer (left) was installed as the newest member of the Colorado City Lions Club recently. He was welcomed to the civic club by longtime member Bob Reily.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the week named

Three students have been chosen as Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Braelyn Sparks, Bradlee Phillips and Marissa Gutierrez.

Braelyn is a third grader in Ms. Torres' class. Her favorite subject is math. She says her hobby is playing soccer. Her favorite thing about Hutch is P.E.

Bradlee is a fourth grader in Ms. Lindsey's class. Her favorite subject is math, and she has three dogs named Fluffy, Bo and Mama Dog. Her favorite thing about Hutch is singing in music.

Marissa is a fifth grader in Ms. Sparks' class. She says her hobby is playing softball and she has fish, a dog and pigeons. Learning is her favorite thing about Hutch.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Braelyn Spraks, Bradlee Phillips and Marissa Gutierrez were named students of the week this week at Hutchinson Elementary. *Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.*



LOOKS LIKE TWIN DAY – It's twins day every day at Colorado High School, as seven sets of twins are enrolled at the school. They are: (back row, l-r) Xavier Sosa, Austin Sosa, Mark Munoz, Alexis Munoz; (middle row) Jasmin Mendoza, Jazzlyn Mendoza, Jaqualyn Spraglin, Lynn Spraglin; (front row) Kelsea Martinez, Chelsea Martinez, Shaleena Greer, Shala Greer, Staeshia Campbell, and Haven Campbell. *Photo courtesy of Caleb Chaney.*

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OLDEST CITIZEN IN COLORADO CITY – Colorado High School students (l-r) Alexa Garza, Lexi Haag and Mackenzie Kern visited Valley Fair Lodge recently spending time with Maebell McCollum, a 103-year-old resident who lives in the home. As you can see, Maebell enjoyed the visit, as did the girls. *Photo courtesy of Mark Merrell.*



FOOD DRIVE—Loraine's classes have been collecting cans of food for their annual food drive. The student council and National Honor Society work in conjunction with the local churches to collect, sort and distribute the food. Loraine ISD collected 472 foot items this year. The top winner with 190 cans went to Pre-K and runner up is 4th grade with 69 cans. *Photo courtesy of Jana Edmonds.*

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CANTERBURY CHARACTERS – The Colorado Middle School One Act Play cast and crew won 3rd place in UIL competition with their performance of A Canterbury Tale: The Wife of Bath. Members of the group are (back row, l-r) Karen Barrera, Dillon Adkins, Garren Smith, Kristina Parker, Alex Pineda, Meledine Ruiz, Caleb Shields; (middle row) Trinity Douglas, Lina Rivera, Mia Monroe, Nariah Hawthrone; (front row) Madalyn Polich, Tae Lara, Skylar Juarez and Sara Barrera. Lilly Parras is not pictured.

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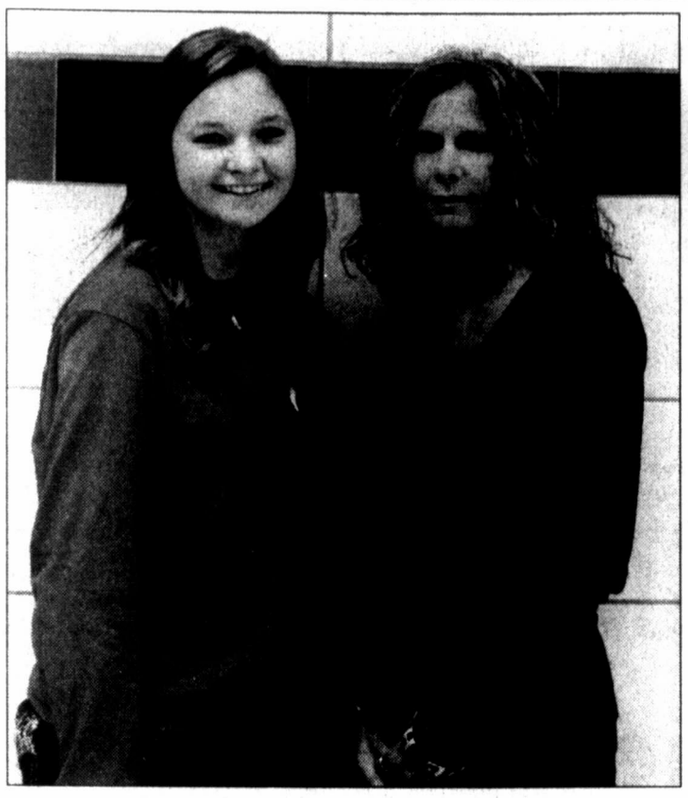


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SCHOOL NEWS



FUTURE LEADER – M'Leah Alexander (left) has been signed up to attend leadership training by CHS Counselor Rebecca Russell. Alexander was chosen based on her essay which was part of an assignment given to all sophomores. *Photo courtesy of Caleb Chaney.*

Alexander to attend leadership seminar to be held in June

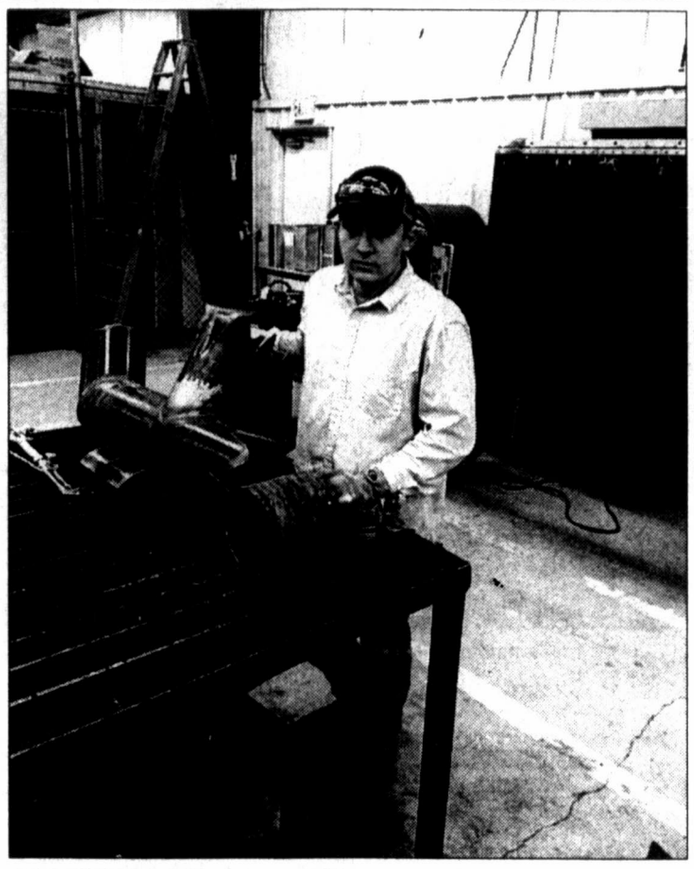
M'Leah Alexander, a sophomore at Colorado High School, has registered to attend HOBY Leadership Seminar and will travel to Arlington in June to participate. The seminar is designed to empower high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders.

All CHS sophomores were required to write essays for English class, and teachers chose Alexander, based on her essay, to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar. Alexander said she is excited about the seminar, and expects to be learning about personal leadership, leadership for society and group leadership.

Every spring, nearly 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country are chosen to represent their school. The seminar provides life-changing experiences for many who attend.

"I'm excited about going," Alexander said Tuesday. "I'm looking forward to being around all the different kids and seeing what they think it takes to be a leader."

In June, Alexander will travel to the campus of University of Texas in Arlington, where she will receive leadership training for three days.



CAREER BOUND – Jeremy Rivera is taking part in the welding program through the Colorado Career Academy. Students participating are bussed to TSTC in Sweetwater each week and will graduate with a high school diploma, as well as a certificate in the program. *Photo courtesy of Mark Merrell.*



TRAINING FOR A CAREER – Trinnon and Johnathon Jackson are taking the welding course offered by Colorado High School at TSTC in Sweetwater. The boys are two of several students taking advantage of the opportunity available through the Colorado Career Academy. *Photo courtesy of Mark Merrell.*

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SPORTS

Westbrook girls' hard work pays off with wins over Hornets

The Westbrook basketball girls have been working hard, and it's paying off. Both the varsity and junior varsity Lady Wildcats had wins over Aspermont last week. The victory improves the varsity's record to 7-5.

In the varsity contest, Westbrook jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Lady Hornets 15 to 3 in the first quarter. The second period saw the Aspermont girls cutting the Lady Cats' lead a bit, but Westbrook was up 26 to 13 at the half.

A tough defensive effort kept the Lady 'Cats in good shape, as Georgie Rivera had 10 rebounds during the game. Though the Lady Hornets gave a good rally in the last period, outscoring Westbrook by one point, the Lady 'Cats hung on to win 43-31.

Shannon Morris, a junior, led her team offensively, scoring 12 points in the contest. Senior Chelsey Lamb contributed 7, and Madison Anderson, a senior, and Kelcee Witte, a sophomore, each added 6. Senior Sarah Andrews scored 5 points, sophomore Brianna Lathers had 5 and senior Nikki Conley contributed 3 points to the win.

The JV Lady Wildcats won a close one, beating Aspermont 29-24 last week.

The first quarter was mostly a defensive battle, as Westbrook scored four points to Aspermont's 1. The Lady Hornets went on a second quarter run, scoring 10 points to take an 11-7 lead into the half.

The Lady 'Cats came out of the locker room with a winning attitude, scoring 11 points in each of the last periods of the game to beat the Lady Hornets 29-24.

Freshman Madison Brewster scored over half of the Wildcats' points, contributing 15 points to the win. Madison Rivera, a sophomore, added 6, as did freshman Cheyenne Reyes. Sophomore Baylee Raff scored 2 and freshman Kierra Witte added a free throw.

The Westbrook girls traveled to Jayton on Friday, December 12th.

Lady Wolves take 2nd in tournament

The Lady Wolves came in second place in the Stanton Hooptown BB Classic Tournament played December 11th through 13th. They were defeated by Stanton in the championship game 39-29.

Baylie Lindsey led the Lady Wolves scoring in the game against Stanton with 14 points while Kaitlyn Kimball added 6, Taylor Epperson 5 and Cassie Sutton and Alexis Munoz scored 2 apiece.

Lindsey and Sutton were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

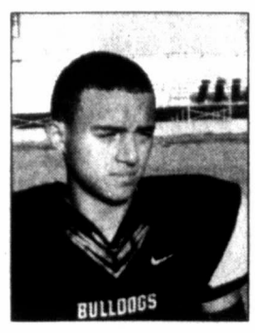
The Lady Wolves were victorious over Clyde 48-42 and the Stanton JV 42-26 to advance to the championship game.

Lady Wolves 42 - Stanton JV 26

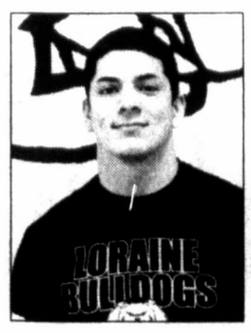
Wolves scoring: Kimball 13, Sutton 7, Lindsey 7, Jalessa Williams 4, Munoz 2 and Mikaela Madrid 1.

Lady Wolves 48 - Clyde 42

Wolves scoring: Sutton 13, Munoz 11, Lindsey 10, Taylor Epperson 9 and Kimball with 5.



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Four Bulldogs make All-Region Team

After a good run the in playoffs, several Bulldogs have been named to the All-Region selection list. Patrick Tillis took top honors, as he was chosen the Regions Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Two Loraine athletes were named to the First Team All-Region, fullback, Sebastian Benivamondez and cornerback, Sonny Benivamondez. Second Team All-Region honors went to wide receiver, Sonny Benivamondez, linebacker Sebastian Benivamondez, safety Patrick Tillis, utlity player and punter James-Thomas Cooper.

Lady Wildcats 30, Lady Jaybirds 35

Lady Wildcats lose close game

The varsity Lady Wildcats took on a tough Lady Jaybirds team last Friday in Jayton. The Westbrook girls dropped a close one 35-30 to the Lady 'Birds.

Competition was neck-and-neck during the first period of the game. Jayton scored 10 and Westbrook had 9 points in the first quarter. The Lady Jaybirds took a commanding lead in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady 'Cats 12 to 4, leaving Jayton with a 22-13 lead at halftime.

A third quarter rally by Westbrook closed the scoring gap a little, as the Lady 'Cats scored 9 points to Jayton's three. Both teams scored 8 in the final period, but the second quarter rally by the Lady Jaybirds was enough to win the game.

Shannon Morris led her team in scoring, as she had 11 points in the contest. Madison Anderson scored 6, while Brianna Lathers had 5.

Defensively, Georgie Rivera had five steals for Westbrook, and Anderson amassed 11 rebounds during the game. Lathers had two blocked shots.

"We have done well with a tough pre-district schedule," Coach Krissy Morris said Monday. "I believe we're on the right track and I believe in my team."

JV boys go undefeated in Post tournmaent

The Colorado City boys JV basketball team went undefeated in the Post JV Round-Robin Basketball Tournament last week.

The Wolves beat Plains 43-27, won over Post 33-31 and defeated Forsan 37-28.

Issac Jennings had a three game total of 31 points to lead the Wolves' scoring while Tommy James added 20 points.

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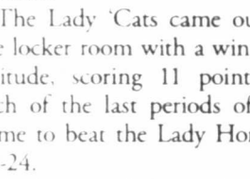
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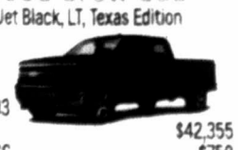
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SPORTS



BIGGER IS NOT BETTER – The Colorado Middle School's 7th grade boys A team faced a big Reagan County team last Monday night at The Pit. Shots like this one by John Hernandez (20) helped the Wolves cruise to a 39-4 victory. Other Wolves (l-r) Joey Gutierrez (34), Alex Thompson (14) and Josiah Silva (22) make their way to the basket as well.



DAVID AND GOLIATH – A smaller, quicker 7th grade Wolves team schooled the Reagan County Owls in the game of basketball Monday night. Josiah Silva (22) sets up the offense. The Wolves beat Reagan County 39-4.

7th "A" Wolves win over Owls

The Colorado Middle School 7th grade A team took on the Reagan County Owls at The Pit Monday evening, and the Wolves proved that bigger does not equal better. Quickness and sharp skills drove the Wolves to a 39-4 victory over the Owls.

Though the Owls were bigger in size, the Wolves jumped out to a quick lead from the beginning and never looked back. Colorado City scored 10 points to Reagan County's 2 in the first period of the game, holding the Owls scoreless until they made another basket in the final quarter.

John Hernandez was a standout on offense, as he scored 26 of the team's 39 points. Alex Thompson added six of his own.

The win brings the 7th graders' record to 4-1. The Wolves, coached by Ryan Gainey, have an open schedule until January 8th when they will compete in the Coahoma Basketball Tournament.

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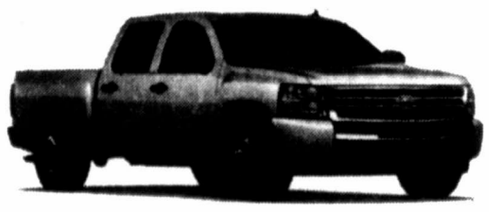
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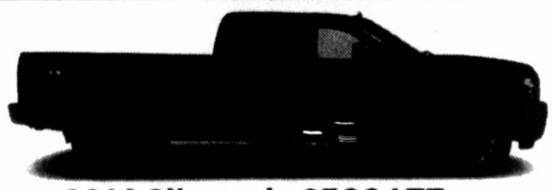
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By: Jim Baum, Mayor
Date: December 18, 2014

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Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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Local News

Local church to present live nativity

Members of the congregation of Christian Temple have plans to help local citizens keep Christ in Christmas this year. The group will hold the first-ever drive-by live nativity in Colorado City.

According to Pastor Bobby Matlock, everyone is invited to get in their vehicles and come check out the live nativity scene portrayed by various members of the church. It is planned to be held on Sunday, December 21st from 6 to 10 p.m.

Preparations are being made to hold the drive-by nativity in the empty lot just east of Christian Temple. Matlock said there is plenty of room for people wanting to see the nativity scene to pull to the right a bit and drive close enough to get a look.

Church members will be putting up traffic cones and someone will be positioned in a fluorescent vest directing traffic. Hot chocolate and cookies will be handed out to those attending.



A VISIT WITH SANTA – Hutchinson students in Mrs. Leverton's class got to tour the Festival of Trees, enjoy a special breakfast and have their own personal visit with Santa recently.

Pig show to be held Saturday

The Lone Wolf District Pig Show will be held on Saturday, December 20th at the Loraine FFA Showbarn, and everyone interested in showing is welcome. Gilts and barrows will be allowed, but not boars over 125 pounds.

The show is set to begin Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and weight cards are due at 9:30 that morning. Entry fee is $15 per pig, with 70% payback and a buckle awarded to the Grand Champion.

There will be showmanship awards presented also, and cost is $5 to enter the showmanship category. Winners get 100% payback, and three age divisions will be awarded: senior – 14 and up, intermediate 10 to 13 and junior, 9 and under.

Dark OPB (Berkshire, Poland China and Spots) will show first with Light OPB (Chester and Landrace) following. Durocs will be shown next with Hampshires, Yorkshires, Dark Crossbred and Light Crossbreds closing the line-up.

Riggin Barham from Corsicana will serve as judge for the show.

Along with the show, there will be raffles, a dessert auction, and a concession stand will be provided. All proceeds go to the Loraine FFA to help cover show expenses for members.

For more information, contact Lindsey Sykes at 972-837-9318 or by email at lsykes@loraine.esc14.net.

CCPD offers tips to keep citizens safe this holiday

With the holidays in full swing, members of the Colorado City Police Department have a few tips that may help keep your Christmas a merry one.

CCPD Chief Luis Aguilar said there are many things citizens can do to stay safe and keep their belongings safe as well. The first tip is something that generations before never had to worry about.

Aguilar advises citizens not to post about out-of-town trips on social media sites. When would-be burglars see photos of people who have left town to visit family, it's like an open invitation letting them know that the house is unprotected.

Similarly, Aguilar advises those who know they will be gone for the holidays should have someone they trust to stop several times while they are gone to check on the house and any remaining vehicles.

A list of other tips by the CCPD follow.

Leave a porch light on for late night returns from holiday shopping. This will help prevent trips and falls while carrying in gifts.

If shopping online, make sure you make purchases from reputable online retailers. Pay for your items through a third party such as PayPal or Google Checkout.

Keep track of your bank account and credit cards to make sure someone else isn't having a Merry Christmas with your money.

Keep blinds and curtains closed as much as possible. This helps keep "window shoppers" from being tempted.

Break down large boxes that gifts came in and take them to the recycling center. Even boxes in dumpsters let burglars know what kind of goodies are in the neighborhood.

If you go on vacation, contact the police department and request a close patrol. Officers will patrol your neighborhood, keeping a close eye on your property for suspicious activity.

Watch out for your neighbors. With all of the holiday festivities, many family members will come and go, but if something doesn't look right, check with your neighbors. If you can't get in contact, notify the police.

The Colorado City Police Department wishes everyone a safe and joyful Christmas and happy New Year. While it is OK to celebrate, please take extra caution on wet or icy roads and never drink and drive.

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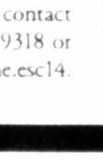
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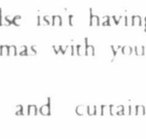
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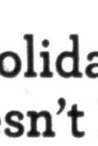
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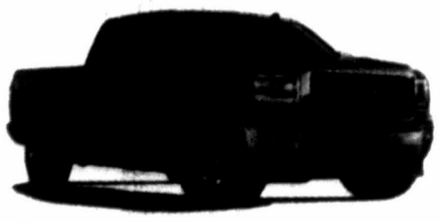
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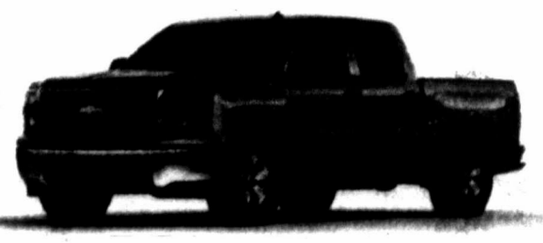


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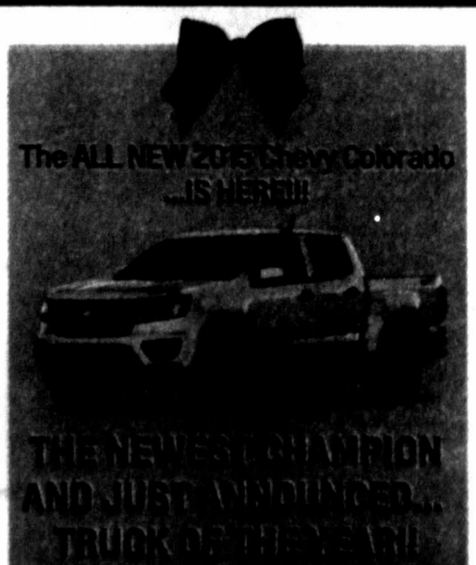
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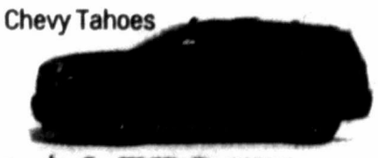
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