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Answerline

Q. How big do Christmas trees get?
A. According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.

Briefs

Sr. Citizen Dance
Celebrate the Christmas Spirit with Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance 157 E. 2nd St., Colorado City, TX, Saturday evening, December 10th from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring a dish for the pot luck buffet. Live music by Kevin and Travis.

Opry Christmas Show
The annual C-City Opry Christmas Show will be held Thursday, Dec. 15th. Doors open at 6 p.m. and show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Campfire Christmas
Enjoy some fun Christmas activities at the Lake Colorado City State Park on Sat., Dec. 10th beginning at 5 p.m. Come out and participate in the hayrides, games, arts and crafts, caroling and Christmas stories. Santa may even show up around the campfire. Regular entrance fees apply. Library Santa.

Old St. Nick will visit the Mitchell County Public Library on Tues., Dec. 13th from 3 to 5 p.m. to hear all the Christmas wishes of good little girls and boys. Everyone is welcome to come talk to Santa.

First Hike
Staff at the Lake Colorado City State Park will guide a First Day Hike on Sun., Jan. 1st from 9 to 11 a.m. It will be over modest terrain for a total of nearly two miles. For more information, call the park office at 728-3831.

Youth Basketball
Signups have been scheduled for youth basketball. Kids from pre-k to 6th grade are eligible to play. All signups will be held in the Colorado City Multiplex (new gym) from 5 to 6 p.m. on Dec. 6, 9, 13, 19 and 20th. Please bring birth certificates.

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One killed on interstate near Big Spring Friday

A 52-year-old cheerleading sponsor from Iraan was killed when the school bus she was in collided with an 18-wheeler Friday night, about one mile west of Big Spring. Iraan had just left Colorado City, as they beat the Munday Moguls in the state playoff quarterfinals.

According to a report issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the tractor-trailer was traveling eastbound and the driver lost control and crossed the center median, entering the westbound lanes of I-20 and colliding with the school bus carrying the cheerleading squad from Iraan.

The accident resulted in the death of Liz Pope. She was immediately transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring but was pronounced dead by Judge Robert Fitzgibbons.

Christina Garlock, a sister of Pope, was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock along with two cheerleaders. As of Sunday, Garlock was listed in serious condition. The two other patients were in satisfactory condition and have since been released.

The DPS report said the truck driver lost control trying to avoid hitting a black Dodge Challenger that braked suddenly. The driver of the Challenger has contacted DPS and is cooperating to help investigators figure out what happened.

The small community of Iraan is mourning the loss of Pope, who could be described as more than

See SUPPORT, page 5

Jail population leads to budget amendment

The Mitchell County Commissioners' Court convened Monday morning and approved a budget amendment which provides money for salaries allowing the sheriff's office and jail to finish out the year.

According to County Auditor Heidi Harris, an additional \$44,000 will be necessary to pay salaries at the jail for the rest of 2016. Also, the budget was amended for an additional \$6,000 which is needed for salaries at the sheriff's office.

Commissioner Jeremy Strain asked why so much extra was needed at the jail. Harris said that there is a large inmate population at the jail right now, as

Tom Green County has sent many inmates to be housed here. The jail has three employees on duty per shift, and one employee is out and being paid according to the Family Medical Leave Act.

Harris said that the amendments were quite a bit less than what was required last year. County Judge Ray Mayo also reminded the court that the county gets paid \$45 per day per inmate when providing housing for other counties. Harris said the county has been receiving checks totaling \$20,000 from Tom Green County monthly.

In other action, an outdated payroll policy had

See C-COURT, page 5

Hospital board has plan to continue growth in the future

The Board of Directors for the Mitchell County Hospital District met recently to weigh input from various areas of the hospital and community and put down on paper a strategic plan for 2017. According to Hospital Administrator Robbie Dewberry, the key to successful strategic planning is to approach it not as an event or means to an end but rather a dynamic, ongoing learning process or adaptive change model.

Input came from MCHD employees, board members, administration and community groups via e-mail surveys and meetings.

After weighing the feedback, goals were developed in

five main areas: Clinical Quality, Community, Financials and Facility, Medical Staff and Team.

In the area of Clinical Quality, the board expressed a desire to have a working model in place for management team rounding to improve the MCHD patient experience. They would also like to see continuation of quality and patient safety improvement programs and results.

As part of that patient safety improvement, the board would like to see the hospital staff implement a multi-disciplinary antibiotic stewardship program. Another goal in this area is to reduce patient falls to less than 2% by 2017.

In recent years, the hospital district has implemented

several activities and programs to interact with the public and engage with the community. For instance, the hospital district now holds flu clinics, a health fair, open houses and more to bring the community out to the facility for more than doctor visits and lab tests. One of the goals in the area of community is to continue and increase MCHD's presence in the community by December 2017.

In the last few years, administrators and staff at the hospital added many patient services, including mobile mammography and tele-psych services. The board would like to see local and area citizens utilize more of the service.

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Westbrook Christmas festivities are postponed

Christmas festivities in Westbrook have been postponed due to the extremely cold weather that is moving into the area this week. The parade and activities in Memory Park have been rescheduled for Thursday, December 15th.

Everything is still set to be held. Only the date has been changed. Originally planned to be held this week, organizers de-

cided to wait an extra week after seeing the forecasted arctic cold front set to make its way into the area mid-week.

Just like in years past, Westbrook ISD is in charge of the parade, as in year's past. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the school. It will be a lighted parade again this year, and it is set to begin about 6 p.m. See FESTIVITIES, page 5

Santa letters due December 15th

Christmas is coming quickly! Let us, at the Colorado City Record, deliver your little one's wishes to Santa again this year. We will run the letters in the newspaper and forward them on to the North Pole to the big guy in red.

Letters to Santa Thursday, December 15th. That means turned in by Thursday 5 p.m.

Santa's Mailbox

will be printed in the December 22nd issue of the all letters must be day, December 15th

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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Mae P. Montague 1925 - 2016

COLORADO CITY -- Mae P. Montague, age 91, entered the gates of heaven on November 29th, 2016.

Mae was born in Frost and spent her early years in various areas of Texas. At 14 the family moved to El Cajon, CA where she met her husband, Tom. They lived in both the El Cajon and Colorado City areas over the next 40 years. They also lived in Washington state many years before moving to Colorado City in 1998. During Mae's years in El Cajon she worked as a nurse in nursing homes and for a doctor's office in Lakeside, CA. While in Washington, Mae began selling pies to local restaurants. In Colorado City, she became known as "the Pie Lady" selling pies via radio advertising, word of mouth, private people, and at Fuller Foods.

Mae is survived by her two sons, Gene and wife Kim Montague of Alma, AR and Robert and wife Cherry Montague of Renton, WA; two brothers, Gilbert and Marie Chaney, Floyd and Yvette Chaney, both of Colorado City; six grandchildren, Lisa, Duane and Doug in Washington, Lori and Sandra in California and Debbie in Montana; 19 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on February 25, 2017 at the First Baptist Church on Chestnut Street in Colorado City to honor Mae Montague and her husband, Tom, who died on September 23rd, 2007.

Memorial donations can be made in Mae's name to Mitchell County Nursing & Rehab Center, or to First Baptist Church, both of Colorado City.



Harold Dean Gainey 1926-2016

BIG SPRING -- Harold Dean Gainey, 90, died Thursday, December 1, 2016. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2016 at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Mark Lindsey officiating. Interment followed at Colorado City Cemetery. The family received friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

Harold was born May 27, 1926 in Westbrook and married Joan Barber on September 14, 1951 in Westbrook. She preceded him in death May 9, 2014.

Harold was 17 when he decided to join the United States Navy with his father's permission. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II aboard the USS San Francisco as a gunner. After returning from the war he eventually started working on the oilfield pipelines, retiring from American Petro Fina Pipeline after 38 years.

Harold is survived by two sons, Ronnie Gainey, and wife, Brenda of Big Spring and Glenn Gainey and wife Jeanie of Kermit; six grandchildren, Sandra Dunbar and husband, Rick, Paige Gainey, Nick Gainey and wife, Jami, Taylor Gainey and wife, Holly, Trent Gainey and wife, Ashley, and Allyson Gainey; two great grandchildren, Beau and Behr Gainey; one brother, Hollis Gainey and wife, Nell of Colorado City; and sister-in-law, Johnnie Gainey of Sweetwater.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, Hollis Sr. and Helen (Montgomery) Gainey and one brother, Bobby Gainey.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com



Shana Bassinger 1944-2016

COLORADO CITY -- Shana Jean Noble Bassinger was called home to the Lord on November 29, 2016. Her life was an example of grace and love for 72 years. Shana was born on January 25, 1944 in Colorado Springs, CO.

She was loved by so many and loved so many. She loved to travel, read, and most of all attending her children's many endeavors including their sports and school activities. She loved her church and the Lord. She always made family, friends, and new acquaintances feel welcome and loved. She loved being by the side of her strength and her rock, her husband Hubert. Later in life she found joy in birdwatching and gardening on a daily basis. Her legacy of love is an enduring model by which all of her family and friends will cherish. She led a joy-filled life and never stopped laughing and loving.

Those left to cherish Shana's memory are her loving husband of 54 years, Hubert; her daughter, Jana Bassinger Deloach; son, Raymond Bassinger and wife Shelley; her grandchildren, Seth Sanchez, Haley Deloach, Blake Deloach, Brice Bassinger, Beric Bassinger, Brec Bassinger; her brother, Reggie Noble and wife Roe; and one sister, Betty Starnes and husband Mac.

Shana is preceded in death by her father Raymond Gail Noble and her mother Rubilee Smith Noble.

Shana's greatest legacy was being a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. She will be deeply missed by those she loved.

A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado City under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.



Marcelina Martinez 1933-2016

COLORADO CITY -- Marcelina "Wali" Martinez, The Tamale Lady, 83, passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Monday, November 28, 2016.

She was born on March 24, 1933 to Luis and Rosa Sanchez Balderras in San Antonio.

Wali was a woman who was devoted to her God and to her family. A stay-at-home mom at heart, she made sure to spend as much time with her children and grandchildren as possible. In her younger days when she was not with her children, she could be found in the cotton fields or wheat fields helping her husband. Her faith in God was evident in every aspect of her life, she prayed the rosary daily, taught summer school to her children and cooked in the convent for the nuns.

She was a cancer survivor for over 20 years, battling different stages throughout and doing her part to help with finding a cure, even running a 5k Race for the Cure where she finished in 1st place for ages 70 and over. She was also a very giving woman that never met a stranger, many of whom were recipients of her fresh Tamales. In her spare time she enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and being out in the yard.

Marcelina is survived by her children Luis Martinez and wife Donna of Brownfield, Victoria Martinez of Colorado City, Martha Martinez of Colorado City, and Mary Alvarez and husband Robert of Breckenridge, as well as by nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Also surviving are her siblings, Luis Balderras and wife Yolanda, David Balderras and wife Teresa, Reuben Balderras and wife Rosalinda, Olga Balderras, Gilbert Balderras and wife Pat, Edward

Balderras and wife Mary, Dan Balderras, Gloria Martinez and husband Hilario, and Luisa Naranjo.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rafael Martinez and by her siblings: Ernestina Perez, Andy Balderras, Consuelo Valdez, Lawrence Balderras, Luisa Trejo, Alexandra Garcia, and Maria Eva Rodriguez.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Colorado City on Thursday, December 1st at 10 a.m. with Father Michael Udegbumam officiating, burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

The family received friends for a visitation on Wednesday, November 30th from 6-8 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. at Kiker Seale Funeral Home.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Ann's Catholic Church. Those wishing may leave condolences online by visiting www.kikerseale.com

Doris Henderson 1926-2016

LORAIN -- Doris M. Henderson, 89, passed away at the Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City on Friday, December 3, 2016.

She was born in Loraine on December 21, 1926 to J. W. and Pauline Crownover Smiley.

Doris is survived by her two sons, Jay Henderson of Loraine and Brad Henderson and wife Pennie of Midland and by her grandchildren, Ashley Henderson and spouse Logen of Grand Prairie and Morgan Foote and spouse Mykenzie of Midland. Also surviving are her cousins, Susan Farr and spouse Larry of Colorado City, Mary Pitts of Plains, and Kay Lancelley of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tharon in 2003.

A funeral service was held at the Loraine First Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7th with Pastor Herb Roeffer officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions to the Loraine First Baptist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home of Colorado City.

Santos Reyes, Sr. 1935-2016

COLORADO CITY -- Santos Lopes Reyes Sr., 81, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

He was born on June 19, 1935 in Sonora to Guillermo and Sophia Lopes Reyes. Santos was a hard-working man, who worked until he was 70 to support his family and to give them a good life. He was also a very religious man who knew his Bible inside and out and who was not afraid to pray. He loved his family greatly always making sure to make time for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was known to be a "jack of all trades", was a self-taught electrician and refrigeration expert, often picking up work to help local electricians and refrigeration companies.

Santos is survived by his children, Santos Reyes Jr. of Colorado City, Delma Rocha and husband Alex of Colorado City, Cynthia Fernandez and husband Alex of Breckenridge, and Elizabeth Viveros and husband Ruben Jr. of Rosenberg. Also surviving are his grandchildren Armando Rocha, Sonya Rocha, Alexi Fernandez, and Kimberly Viveros, and his great-grandchildren Kayla Rocha and Jaydan Espinoza, as well as by a sister, Ophelia Garcia and husband Enrique of Bridgeport.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucia Mendoza Reyes, and by his siblings Guillermo Reyes Jr., Julian Reyes, Ismael Reyes, Macedonio Reyes, and Olga Reyes. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:30 am at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Udegbumam officiating.

The family was present for a visitation on Friday, December 2nd from 6-8 pm at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with a rosary to be held at 7 pm.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church. Those wishing may leave condolences online by visiting www.kikerseale.com

Sr. Center open house is Dec. 14

The Wallace Senior Citizen Center will be the place to be for a holiday celebration on Wednesday, December 14th. Everyone is invited to attend and check out the new center's location.

Senior citizens are now meeting in what was formerly the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria located at 312 E. 12th Street in Colorado City. Organizers are excited to show off the new digs and hope everyone will make an effort to attend.

The celebration is planned for Wednesday, December 14th from 1 to 3 p.m. Wassail, cookies and punch will be served, and those attending will get to see the new place, including an addition which houses some recreational items. Make plans now to attend.



Abigail Ceniza

Ceniza named employee of the month

By Andra Hoback,
MCHD Marketing
Director/Grant Writer

Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Abigail Ceniza as the December Employee of the Month. Ceniza has worked for MCHD in the Laboratory Department for eight years.

"I commend Abigail for the fantastic job she recently did taking charge of the lab department amid vacation schedules and being short staffed. The laboratory operated smoothly with very minimal supervision," said Laboratory Director, Jean Dagondon, MT.

"I am very appreciative of this award. I am honored to have been recognized as Employee of the Month and have loved working at MCHD for the past eight years," said Ceniza.

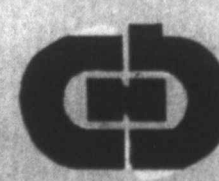


Christmas Open House

Friday, December 16th

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LOCAL NEWS

Williams share stories with local Lions Club

Daryl Williams is the principal at Wallace Accelerated High School. With careers that have ranged from education to body guard, he has many stories to tell and that's just what he did at the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club last Friday.

Williams, who lives in Abilene, commutes to Colorado City to work as principal of WAHS. He typically drives to Sweetwater where he catches the bus with students who attend school at Wallace.

The educator has traveled extensively and has been a body guard for several celebrities of various types, such as Amy Grant, Mercy Me and athlete Andy Pettit. He was a weight lifter and was part of a strength team, and the list goes on.

Due to his varied lifestyle throughout the years, Williams

has a lot of stories to tell and most of them include what he calls "Wow Moments." He says that wow moments are usually those things that teach you a lesson.

Williams told a story about a pastor, a farmer and the farmer's wife. The farmer and his wife were always faithful to attend church services, and the pastor often saw them around town doing good deeds for those less fortunate. He decided he would like to get to know the couple better.

One Sunday after church, the farmer invited the pastor over for lunch, saying that his wife was preparing fried chicken. The pastor agreed and made his way out to the place following services.

As he approached the farm house, the pastor noticed a huge cornfield with perfect rows heavy with ears of corn. As he traveled

further, he noticed an orchard neatly manicured, branches almost to the ground with fruit. The farm house was very old but very well kept and so on.

When the farmer greeted the pastor at the door, the man of God asked, "How do you do all of this?" The farmer answered, "You should have seen it before I partnered up with God!"

Williams said that one of his wow moments came when he partnered up with God. As part of a team with Bill Glass Ministries, Williams remembered going into prisons where he would spend days telling the inmates that someone loves them and they are worth something, as they are still human beings.

A 19-year-old man came up to Williams and poked him in his chest, asking why he was there. Williams is not a small man and has lifted weights for years. The inmate kept after him, poking him repeatedly. One final time, the inmate poked him and asked, "Why are you here?"

Williams blurted out that he was there to share that there is a God who loved us so much He sent His son to die for us. "I'm one of His children. How about you?" Williams yelled, something he did instead of punching the man who had been poking and antagonizing him.

The wow moment came when he found out the 19-year-old was a murderer.

Another wow moment came when he broke his back working as a meat cutter at a meat processing plant. He spent three months in the hospital, undergoing surgery in the process and working hard to recover.

He said he prays a dangerous prayer for God to send him where he needs to be. That's how Williams knows he's needed at WAHS.

Williams said wow moments often come when you've been

under pressure or suffering. He said he experiences another wow moment every time a student comes to him and says, "Mr.

Williams, I couldn't have made it without you."

"Those moments get me through my day," Williams said.



WHERE HE NEEDS TO BE – Daryl "Superman" Williams is the principal of Wallace Accelerated High School. A series of wow moments and praying dangerously has led him to the position.



NEVER TO LATE TO TRY SOMETHING NEW! Leadia Wood is an artist made famous by her outstanding watercolor pieces. After decades of painting, she's been into working on mixed media lately, combining watercolor, acrylics, oil and many other techniques and objects to make beautiful pieces of art. Her *Angels on High* display can be viewed in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust.

Wood's artwork can be seen at FirstBank & Trust

West Texas Art Guild founding member Leadia Wood is fourth generation Texan whose watercolor pieces have earned her many awards and she participates in many group and solo exhibitions. After decades of painting, she's now switching things up, trying out new techniques, and some of her mixed media pieces are on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust throughout the month of December.

The display has been dubbed *Angels on High*, as the pieces are of various angels in many forms.

Wood has really enjoyed trying her hand at mixed media for the past five years, and she has created some beautifully interesting pieces that are quite intricate. It shouldn't surprise anyone that she's really enjoying the new technique.

"Art is a journey not a destination and being a constant observer of life inspires my desire to create," Wood said. "I enjoy trying new techniques which opens up a world of inspiration where anything is possible."

Wood has studied art most of her life. Some of her earliest memories are drawing and creating doll furniture. She has been fortunate to study with many master painters in workshops and classes. Always learning, gathering new skills through books, the internet or from other artists, she considers learning a lifelong pursuit.

Last week, Wood said she always paints something that is used for the family Christmas card. Right now, she's into what she calls "little dwarves".

One of her many passions is preserving art classes in school. Besides being important for the sake of having artists in the future, Wood believes that art leads people to think with a creativeness that can pay off in other ways as well.

"In our schools, it's so important that these kids get to take art classes. It's important so they can express themselves and be creative and go on to invent things for us all," she said.

Wood and her husband, Don, have made their home in Colorado City where they have a family business, Wood's Boots. She also has a consignment gallery, Studio Twenty, where she creates and teaches classes.

An award-winning artist, Wood participates in group exhibitions and solo exhibits in numerous museums and galleries. Her artwork has been published in *Art Tells the Story*, *International Voices Speaking Through Art*, *Watercolor Magic Magazine* and *Southwest Art Magazine*.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Seminole has a new watering hole

If you drive along Seminole's Main Street you notice a building with an upstairs open-air patio. It's a place to drink and dine called Perica's Terrace. Perica in Spanish means parakeet or small parrot.

"Perica is my wife," says Mike Diaz, who built the place. "Her name is Anna, but she got the nickname Perica because as a young child she was always talking loud. Her parents jokingly called her Perica."

Perica's Terrace serves food and alcohol.

"Anna and I have always wanted to own a place like this. We thought about buying one or building one. We thought about locating further east, but since we were raised here, our kids and parents are here, we have good friends here, so we decided that it would be a good thing for Seminole."

Perica's Terrace has a dining room downstairs and a covered patio in back, which has a colorful plastic parrot on a stand. A stairway takes customers to the upstairs area that has a comfortable atmosphere with cushioned chairs and couches. Waitresses don't seem to mind the climb when they're delivering orders of food or drink. From the upstairs terrace, patrons get a view of the town.

"We pretty much established it as a wine bar," says Mike. "You know, try to serve a good variety of wines. We also wanted to offer a good variety of cocktails and beer. We serve food, but it's not a full service restaurant. We try to make something different every day for lunch. We have a salad bar. In the evenings we have an entrée for every different day."

Seminole is not completely wet when it comes to serving liquor in restaurants, so if customers want a drink, they have to buy temporary memberships. Mike says when he opened this past summer, customers filled the place.

"It was a very popular response. We had a certain amount of yearly memberships which sold out the first week."

The structure housing the establishment was originally built around 1940 and was home to an eating-place called Master's Café. Mike has a construction company and he got a crew together to re-do the building. He and Anna had no experience whatsoever in running a restaurant or bar.

"It's very exciting and we enjoy it. We traveled around the country visiting places like this. We saw one in San Francisco that had a unique entrance and we sort of copied it."

Mike is a musician.

"My five brothers and I had a band and did some recordings. Sometimes we'll play some of our stuff over the speakers in the restaurant."

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POLICE REPORT

On November 25, at approximately 1:12 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1400 block of Pine and Cypress in reference to a suspicious vehicle. The officer located the vehicle and made contact with the male driver who had an argument with his significant other and was driving around to cool off. No report.

On November 25 at approximately 1:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of East 2nd Street in reference to a coin operated machine being burglarized. Officer responded and the report was documented. The business was placed on close patrol for one month.

On November 25 at approximately 1:26 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of West 2nd Street to meet with a citizen in reference to follow-up information on a previously reported incident. Officer responded and collected follow up information and evidentiary items.

On November 25 at approximately 4:16 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 900 block of W. 1-20 in reference to a patient's family that was being loud, rude and disruptive. Officer responded and the problem was over. Subjects had calmed themselves prior the officer's arrival.

On November 25 at approximately 5:16 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area north of the 100 block of Temple in reference to a pickup being driven with children in the bed of the truck and an un-restrained child in the cab of the truck. The officer located the vehicle in the 300 block of East 2nd Street and made contact. The violation was corrected.

On November 25 at approximately 7:07 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of East 10th Street in reference to a subject harassing another. The suspect party was gone prior to the officer's arrival. The complainant was referred to the County Attorney's office to obtain a Criminal Trespass Warning for the suspect party.

On November 25 at approximately 8:01 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Cherry Ave in reference to a nuisance dog at the concessions stand. The dog was located and transported to the animal shelter by the officer.

On November 26, at approximately 12:05 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Ruddick Park in reference to a welfare check on a duck. The officer responded and found the duck deceased. A note was left for ACO to remove the duck when she returned on duty.

On November 26, at approximately 10:26 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Jefferson Street and West Riverside Street in reference to construction workers blocking the roadway. The officer responded and

found the roadway to not be obstructed.

On November 26 at approximately 2:45 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Pine Street in reference to Harassment. The caller stated that the neighbors were harassing, stalking, and drugging the caller. Information was passed to the officer.

On November 26 at approximately 7:40 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of East 13th Street. The driver of the vehicle was found to hold two active warrants. The driver was placed under arrest for the warrants and booked into the Mitchell County Jail.

On November 26 at approximately 10:26 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of Austin Street. One subject was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and booked into the Mitchell County Jail.

On November 27 at approximately 1:32 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of West 3rd Street in reference to a report of a theft and debit/credit card abuse. Officer responded and a report was taken.

On November 28 at approximately 5:11 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of East 3rd Street in reference to a subject having been seen in the neighborhood riding his bicycle. Officer responded and it was a misunderstanding and the bicycles had been returned to the wrong owner. Problem resolved.

On November 28 at approximately 5:47 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of College Circle in reference to a child who had not returned home from school. The officer responded and the child had returned home at that time.

On November 30 at approximately 2:02 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2200 block of Hickory in reference to an elderly male who was disoriented and seemed lost. The officer responded and it was learned the male was traveling from Lubbock and unsure of his destination or his identifying information. Officers were able to locate a relative who came from Denton to pick him up.

On November 30 at approximately 4:04 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of Colorado in reference to Harassment. The caller was advised to call back when the offending party was present on the property so a Criminal Trespass Warning could be issued.

On November 30 at approximately 5:18 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2300 block of N. Hwy 208 in reference to an 8 year old being assaulted by a 10 year old. Officer responded and it was recommended that the problem be handled amongst the parents.

On December 1 at approximately 7:23

a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 900 block of Locust in reference to a verbal argument. The officer responded and learned that a juvenile had taken a vehicle from the residence and had an accident. Information report issued for minor vehicle accident.

On December 1 at approximately 9:07 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the Railroad Building in reference to a broken lock on the building. Officer responded and a report was taken.

On December 1 at approximately 9:11 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of East 17th Street in reference to a theft. Officer responded and the caller reported that the Christmas laser light at the residence had been stolen the Tuesday prior. Caller did not want a report, just to make the police department aware. Residence was placed on close patrol.

On December 1 at approximately 9:19 a.m., officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Hwy 208 in reference to an Assault. One male was placed under arrest for Assault Causing Bodily Injury - Family Violence with a Previous Conviction and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 1 at approximately 7:04 p.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop for a vehicle driving without headlights. During the traffic stop, consent to search the vehicle was given to the officer and narcotics were found in the vehicle. The driver was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1 >1g-4g and booked into the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 2 at approximately 12:25 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Wallace Accelerated High School in reference to two students who had been in a fight. The officer responded and the students were sent home. The school will handle it internally.

On December 3 at approximately 5:43 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of East 10th Street in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, several subjects were involved in an altercation. One subject was arrested for Assault Causing Bodily Injury and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 3 at approximately 7:28 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1300 block of Pine in reference to a subject who was being disrespectful to his mother and would not leave the residence. The suspect party was gone upon the officer's arrival. No offense.

On December 5 at approximately 8:44 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Temple in reference to a disruptive subject. The officer responded and one was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

The Old Testament was perhaps tens of thousands of years of wisdom in narrative form. About 2,000 years ago The New Testament was added and translated about 1500 years ago.

Until about 300 years ago the "world" was believed to be Earth (8,000 miles in diameter) and the "heavens above", all created in six days.

Now a telescope reveals a galaxy 10 1/2

billion light years in distance and infinitely departing. The "heavens" is now an imaginary ball 21 billion light years in diameter, expanding and infinitely beyond. All described as nature.

Is there a beginning and end to time, space, matter and energy (the universe) (nature)? Is there a cause, a super nature? A creator? A God? An eternal existence? Does it matter to life on Earth?

But once you have taken a bite of Eve's

"forbidden fruit" you are "hooked".

I try to avoid the fact and reason filter of belief. Is it healthy? Perhaps for some and not for others.

The purpose of this letter is not to convert readers or to subvert scripture but, instead, to share well-ripened thoughts of a well-ripened old man before it's too late.

Troy Powell

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LOCAL NEWS

HOSPITAL

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vices offered.

In order to maintain and grow patient services, the hospital must stay financially fit. About 10 years ago, the hospital was in dire need of changes that could bring it back from the brink of closure. In 2008, the district struggled to meet payroll with zero days of cash.

With the help of Rural Hospital Management Associates, changes have been made to capitalize on getting the most out of funding and now the district has 100 days cash on hand. Maintaining financial health for the hospital district goes hand in hand with the other goals. Offering more services and getting citizens to utilize them will bring more money into the hospital and produce positive financial growth.

Beyond continuing the good work currently ongoing at the healthcare facility, the board also looked toward the future when developing the plan. They would like to see administrators develop a feasibility study and design plan to remodel the emergency department, physical therapy department and the laboratory by the beginning of the next fiscal year which starts October 1, 2017.

Many citizens have expressed the desire to provide Mitchell County with another long-term care facility and assisted-living facility. Administrators are already researching designs and options. The plan sets a goal date of September 2018 to determine the feasibility of such a facility.

In the area of Medical Staff, it will be necessary to develop a succession plan for providers. Dewberry and other administrators will develop this plan based on the needs of the community over the next five years. Telemedicine will be added to the hospital's services in the near future, and the board would like to see the use of telemedicine in spe-

cialty areas as well.

With the new Family Medical Associates open, maintenance personnel at the hospital are working hard to get the former clinic ready for visiting Specialty Clinic physicians. As part of the strategic plan, the board expressed a desire to include specialty physicians in the areas of dermatology, ENT and endocrinology. Dewberry is already contacting doctors from around the area to expand the specialty services offered to patients, as the former FMA building will accommodate up to three visiting specialists per day.

The success of any healthcare facility ultimately lies with the team of doctors, nurses, administrators and many other employees. This is something of which the board is aware. Dewberry works with every department to keep employee morale up, seeking input from employees personally.

The board would like to see administrators do what is necessary to unify all employees from every department and location in order to identify as a whole MCHD team by July 2017. Board members would like to see employee satisfaction improved to more than 90% by November of 2017.

"Healthcare is challenging today, but you can make it work with great community support, a great medical staff, a board that has great vision and leadership and a team that buys in and supports that vision," Dewberry said. "We have all of that in Mitchell County!"

By developing the strategic plan, the hospital now has an overall direction with specifics on how to achieve the goals. Keeping the document current and monitoring progress provides opportunities to see the goal as a way to achieve a vision for the organization.

SUPPORT

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an avid Braves fan. If that weren't enough, the football team must travel to Abilene on Friday to face Wellington in the Class 2A Division II high school football state semifinal.

In an effort to show support for the school, approximately 50 cheerleading squads from across the state have expressed an intent to attend the game at Shorwell Stadium and cheer for the Iraan Braves. Colorado City will also have representation at the game. Members of the cheerleading squad who don't have prior commitments will be attending the game and will represent Colorado

High School.

According to a story in the *Abilene Reporter News*, plans have been made for a Friday evening meal for cheerleading squads at the Display Building of the Taylor County Expo Center. Also cheerleaders and sponsors will get into the game for free.

An account has been set up at Brave National Bank to provide support for those impacted by the accident. Donations can be sent to: Pray for Iraan Benefit Fund - Fund # 230173, Brave National Bank, P.O. Box 577, Iraan, TX 79744.



DEADLINE TO APPLY IS THURSDAY! - Applications are still being taken for Toys4MCKids at the Community Mission and will continue through Thursday, December 8th. Though the weather was not good for the car show on Saturday, CC Riders donated and assembled bicycles for the cause and monetary donations were also received. Donations can be sent in care of Jan Lemons, 314 W CR 145, Colorado City, TX 79512.

Grand jury returns indictments

Several were indicted by the Mitchell County Grand Jury, as it convened on November 17th. Details on the indictments follow.

Betty Ann Cantu, aka Betty Clark, was indicted for Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, >4 grams < 200 grams, a First Degree Felony.

Kimberly Ann Clark was indicted for Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, >4 grams < 200 grams, a First Degree Fel-

ony.

Betty Clark Cantu was indicted for Fraud Possess of a Controlled Substance, Prescription Schedule 1/11, a Second Degree Felony.

Jose Francisco Diaz was indicted for Injury to a Child/Elderly/Disabled with Intent of Bodily Injury, a Third Degree Felony.

Gregorio Garcia Limones III was indicted for Burglary of a Habitation, a Second Degree Felony.

Rogelio Esquivel Jr. was in-

dicted for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, a Third Degree Felony, enhanced with one prior, a Second Degree Felony.

Jerrold Dewayne Ward was indicted for Assault Causing Bodily Injury to a Family member with a prior conviction, a Third Degree Felony.

Jerrold Dewayne Ward was indicted for Burglary of a Habitation Intend Other Felony, a First Degree Felony.

Pilar Rusty Medrano was indicted for Online Solicitation of

a Minor Under 14, a First Degree Felony.

Leslie Ray Jones was indicted for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a Second Degree Felony Enhanced with One Prior, a First Degree Felony.

Marcus Shawn Bradley was indicted for Assault of a Family/House Member Impeding Breath/Circulation, a Third Degree Felony.

Shannon Dale Page received a Judgement of Conviction by Court; Community Supervision for a DWI 3rd of More.



IT'S OFFICIAL! Kody Wood and Marsha Rickard were sworn in to serve on the Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors by County Judge Ray Mayo recently. The two were elected to the board during the November election. Mark Merrell was also elected but couldn't be at the meeting. He will be sworn in later. Photo courtesy of Carla Sauer.

C-COURT

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to be amended and updated. This year, payroll falls on a holiday, Monday, January 2nd. The old policy would have county employees being paid one day before the holiday, but that's not possible this year.

The outdated policy also left a provision to cut single checks for anyone that had hardships from having to wait until after the holiday. County Treasurer

Jennifer Rivera said she's never issued an early check since she's been in office.

With the policy change, payroll will be approved at the court meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Holidays in 2017 for county employees were also approved. They are: New Year's, Jan. 2; Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 16; President's Day, Feb. 20; Good Friday, Apr. 14; Memorial Day, May 29; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 4; Columbus Day, Oct. 9; Veteran's Day, Nov. 10; Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-24; and Christmas, Dec. 22-25.

LETTERS

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Stick those letters in the mail to the Record at 257 E. 2nd Street, Colorado City, TX 79512 or email them to coloradorecord@att.net. They can also be faxed to 325-728-3414.

No matter how you get them here, just be sure to turn them in by December 15th.

FESTIVITIES

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The parade's theme is Christmas Movies.

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade is welcome to do so. For more information on how to join in the fun, call the school at 644-3131.

Immediately following the parade, Santa will make his way to Memory Park, take his seat and listen to all the Christmas wishes from little girls and boys attending. Photos with Santa will be made again this year, thanks to the City of Westbrook. There will also be cookies and hot chocolate for all.

For more information, contact Westbrook City Hall by calling 644-3131.

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TOURNEY

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The Wolves boys varsity will play Water Valley Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

See tournament bracket on Page 7.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CHS theater group plans fundraiser



CHS ALUMNI SPEAKER — Nicole (Neff) Singleton, graduate of Colorado High School, spoke to CHS students and faculty about distracted driving and shared her personal experiences about an accident she had had several years ago. She also talked about her career as a personal financial consultant. FCCLA members, Anessa Hulme and Muranda Garcia, has provide information and programs on distracted driving to CHS students and the community for their National Programs in Action Star Event.

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Dinner and a show is what the Colorado High School Theater Department is offering next weekend. For those who want entertainment only, that is an option as well.

On Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th, the CHS Theater Department will present their production of *The Great Pandemonium* by Pat Cook. They play will be performed in the Colorado City Opera House located at 337 Walnut Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. Admittance to the play is free.

On Saturday before the play, students will host a hamburger fundraiser. Cost is \$10 for a cheeseburger, chips, cookies and a drink. Proceeds from the dinner go back into the drama program. Serving will be held from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in purchasing a dinner ticket can call the high school or director Tiffany Overby at 325-282-7977. Tickets can also be purchased from any member of the cast or crew. You do not have to eat in order to attend the play on Saturday.

Cast and crew are: Don Guazo, Jordan Smith, Alisha Sanchez, Layton Holey, Amor Carrillo, M'Leah Alexander, Carrie Chaney, Ted Rich, Bradon Upshaw, Sara Barrera, Dillon Adkins, Malisha Payne, Garren Smith, Bailey Gonzales and Trinity Douglass.

The play is estimated to be about 35 minutes long, and citizens are encouraged to come out and see the young entertainers. A brief synopsis follows.

"Now is the winter of our discontent," quotes high-school drama coach Jarred Nusthorp. "Shakespeare probably wrote that because he had to direct this play!" The play in question is *Richard III*, and now, the night before it opens, the cast and crew are having to run what is laughingly known as a tech rehearsal. Already on edge, Mr. Nusthorp has to contend with a militant assistant director, several missing actors who were grounded for teeping the principal's house and a prop lady who quits every chance she gets. Lights go up and down, actors fall off platforms and then the principal shows

up, proclaiming, "Pretend I'm not here," only to interrupt every

three minutes, wondering why they aren't doing *Grease*. It's all a

bit more than Mr. Nusthorp can take!



TOP CAST & CREW - The Colorado Middle School One Act Play cast and crew placed 1st in district and several individuals were honored with awards as well. Members of the cast and crew are: (back) Josh Hardesty, Kailee Bayley; (middle) Bradlee Phillips, Braylee Stone, Skylar Juarez, Destiny Read, Caleb Shields, Kay Shields; (front) Karli Shrode, Karson Bazany, Preslea Stone, Natalie Munoz, Katie Munoz, Lathan Limones, Veronica Cruz and Jeremiah Lara.

SCHOOL MENUS

COLORADO ISD BREAKFAST MENU Dec 12th - 16th

Monday- Pancakes, sausage, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Wednesday- Biscuit/Scrambled egg, sausage, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

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

COLORADO ISD LUNCH MENU Dec 12th - 16th

Monday- Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, hot roll, strawberries and bananas, choice of milk.

Tuesday- Spaghetti bowl, bread sticks, garden salad, calif blend veggies, peaches, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.

Wednesday- Chicken Quesadilla, Mexican corn, charro beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato cup, orange smiles, choice of milk.

Thursday- Texas chili, corn bread, broccoli bites, tiny tomato cup, orange

smiles, choice of milk.

Friday- Sloppy joe sandwich, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie, choice of milk.

LORAIN ISD BREAKFAST MENU Dec 12th - 16th

Monday- Cereal, toast, breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Cereal, toast, biscuit, scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday- Cereal, toast, cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday- Cereal, toast, sausage, egg, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday- Cereal, toast, waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LORAIN ISD LUNCH MENU Dec 12th - 16th

Monday- Philly sandwich, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lie, milk.

Tuesday- Hot ham and cheese, croissant sandwich, tomato-cucumber cup, garden salad, snowball salad, milk.

Wednesday- Chicken alfredo, tuscan vegetables, breadsticks, carrot coins, apple, milk.

Thursday- BBQ on a bun, coleslaw,

pinto beans, orange smiles, milk.

Friday- Pizza choice, broccoli bites,

baby carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST MENU Dec 12th - 16th

Monday- Pancakes, sausage, cereal, toast, milk.

Tuesday- Scrambled eggs w/biscuits and gravy, jelly, cereal, milk.

Wednesday- Breakfast club, cereal, toast, jelly, milk.

Thursday- Breakfast Pizza, cereal, milk.

Friday- French toast, cereal, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD LUNCH MENU Dec 12th - 16th

Monday- Chicken penne, garlic toast, green beans, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday - Homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, sweet carrots, hot rolls, banana pudding, milk.

Wednesday - Beef enchiladas, re-fried beans, Spanish rice, salsa, cherry cobbler, milk.

Thursday - Hot hamburger, salad, steamed broccoli, texas toast, jello, milk.

Friday - Corn dog, chips, carrots w/ ranch dressing, pudding, milk.

Concerts planned by bands

The Christmas season is upon us, and CISD Band students and directors have plenty of Christmas music lined up for upcoming concerts. The fun begins this week, and everyone is encouraged to come out and give the kids an audience.

On Thursday, December 8th, the Beginner Band and Colorado Middle School Band will hold a public performance in the Colorado High School Auditorium. The concert begins at 6 p.m., and those planning to attend should get there early to avoid interrupt-

ing the performances.

The Colorado High School Band will treat citizens with a concert on Sunday, December 11th. The performance is also set to be held in the CHS Auditorium, with the music beginning at 2 p.m.

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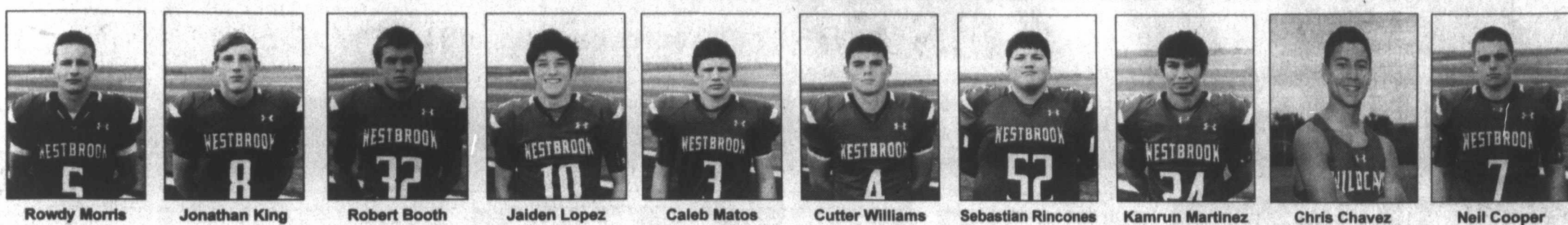
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	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,544,625	\$ 64,193	\$ 4,608,818
State Program Revenues	3,039,342	10,679	3,050,021
Federal Program Revenues	-	136,638	136,638
Total Revenues	7,583,967	211,510	7,795,477
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	2,144,704	58,887	2,203,591
Instructional Resources and Media Services	135,807	-	135,807
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,306	-	1,306
School Leadership	164,490	-	164,490
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	64,199	-	64,199
Health Services	37,072	-	37,072
Student (Pupil) Transportation	217,557	-	217,557
Food Services	-	270,009	270,009
Extracurricular Activities	299,249	-	299,249
General Administration	387,680	-	387,680
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	649,791	-	649,791
Security and Monitoring Services	10,856	-	10,856
Data Processing Services	83,705	-	83,705
Intergovernmental:			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	1,730,527	-	1,730,527
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	49,969	-	49,969
Total Expenditures	5,976,912	328,896	6,305,808
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,607,055	(117,386)	1,489,669
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	117,386	117,386
Transfers Out (Use)	(200,167)	-	(200,167)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(200,167)	117,386	(82,781)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,406,888	-	1,406,888
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	5,817,539	1,538	5,819,077
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 7,224,427	\$ 1,538	\$ 7,225,965

SPORTS



Westbrook Wildcats makes All-District football teams

The All-District Football selections have been made for Class 1-A Six Man Division 1, and sev-

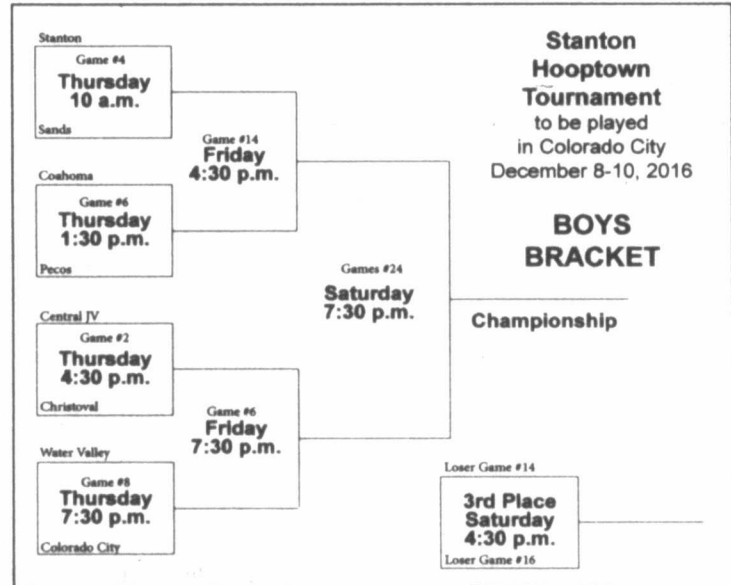
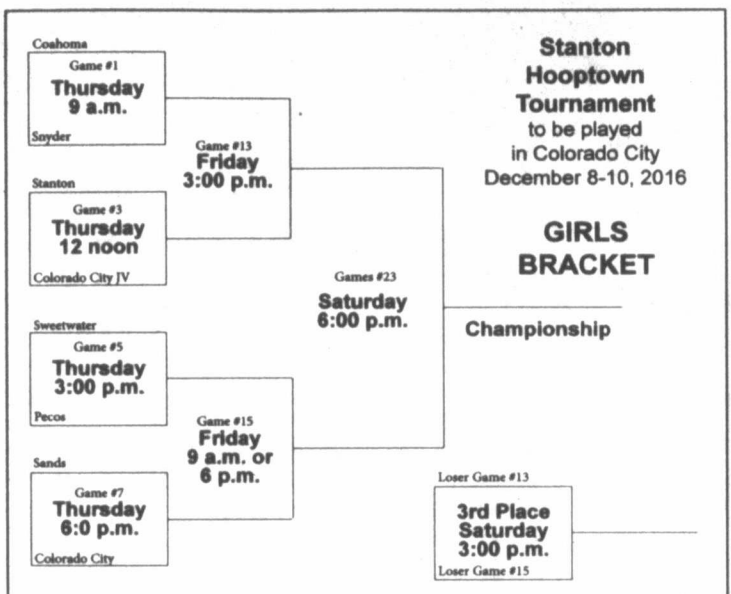
eral Westbrook Wildcats have made the teams. First team offensive selections

include senior Rowdy Morris for his performance at running back and senior Jonathan King at utility back.

On defense, senior Robert Booth was selected for his performance as a defensive lineman. King was also named for his outstanding play at safety.

Second team selections included: Booth, wide receiver; junior Jaiden Lopez, quarterback; sophomore Caleb Matos, defensive lineman; Lopez, linebacker; and junior Cutter Williams, safety.

Senior Sebastian Rincones, sophomore Kamrun Martinez, junior Chris Chavez, senior Neil Cooper received an honorable mention nod.



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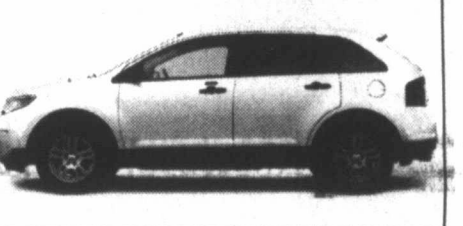
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A special thanks to the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home staff, Father Michael Udegbuma, the Parishioners, Guadalupanas, and to Gloria Rivera "Our Other Sister" for being so supportive and never leaving our side. Santos Jr, Delma, Elizabeth, and Cynthia.

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Jeanie Talley
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DATED the 8th day of December, 2016

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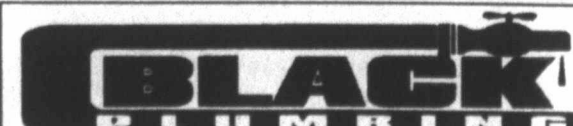
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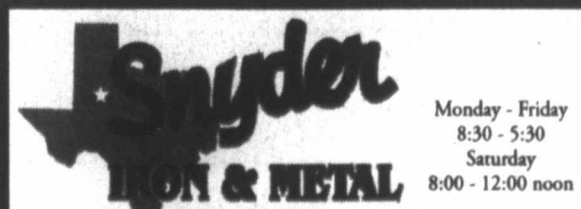
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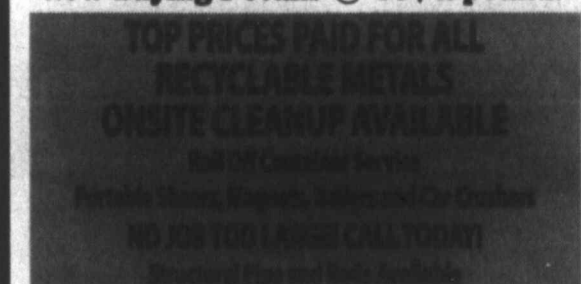
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HOSPITAL SHOPPING - Mitchell County Hospital District employees Erika Molano (left) and Genie Paredes didn't have to go far to get in on the Christmas shopping deals available at the hospital gift shop. The place was packed last Thursday during the annual open house.

Loraine basketball season underway



ALL TOURNAMENT - Loraine Bulldog Dakota Smith received a plaque, as he was recognized for his outstanding performance in the Oak Creek Basketball Tournament in Blackwell last weekend. Photo courtesy of Eric Sanchez.

Basketball season is underway and the Loraine Bulldogs are back on the court. Last week, the boys lost a close one to Moran and competed in the Oak Creek Basketball Tournament.

On Tuesday, November 29th, the Loraine varsity boys team took on Moran at home, dropping a close one 54-51. Loraine took the early lead, jumping out front 11-9 at the end of the first quarter. A big rally by Moran in the second saw them take a 27-18 lead into the locker room.

By the end of the third period, Moran was leading

42-30. The Bulldogs rallied hard in the final frame of the game and managed to close the gap within three points. Unfortunately, it was not enough to get the win.

Cadon Walthall led the Bulldogs offensively with 19 points, and two other Loraine players also scored in double digits. Dakota Smith scored 12 points and Sonny Benivamondez got 11. J.T. Cooper and Javon Walthall rounded out the scoring with 4 points apiece.

Last weekend, the varsity Bulldogs traveled to Blackwell to compete in the Oak Creek Basketball Tournament. After a win over Blackwell, Loraine fell to Trent and Rotan, both close contests.

Game one of the tournament saw the Bulldogs take on the Blackwell Hornets and got the win, 49-41. Loraine led the whole game, starting with a 14-8 lead after the first frame. The Hornets stepped up their game in the second period, but the Bulldogs had a 26-20 lead at halftime. Only 5 points separated the teams after the third period, but Loraine managed to widen the gap and get the win.

It was Dakota Smith that was on top in scoring with 16 points, and Sonny Benivamondez was next with 12 points of his own. William Smith added 7 for the Bulldogs, Cadon Walthall scored 5 points, and J.T. Cooper scored 4. Javon Walthall and Gio Benivamondez pitched in three points in the win.

Loraine faced the Trent Gorillas in game two of the tourney. The score was close throughout the game, but the Gorillas came out on top, 50-44.

It was a close first quarter, as Trent only led by 4 points at the end of it. The Bulldogs fought back and managed a 25-22 lead at halftime. By the end of the third period, Trent was in front 40-31, and while the Bulldogs stayed tough, it wasn't quite enough to get the win.

Dakota Smith and Sonny Benivamondez were leaders in scoring with 12 points each. Cadon Walthall scored 11 points of his own, while Cooper got 5 and Javon Walthall got 4.

In the consolation game, it was Loraine vs. the Rotan Yellowhammers. Scoring was low, as both teams gave their best defensive effort. Loraine lost a heart-breaker 31-30 in the final.

Rotan led 8-6 at the end of the first quarter, but Loraine had a 1 point lead at halftime, 13-12. At the end of the third period, it was Bulldogs on top 18-16, but the Yellowhammers pulled it off at the last second.

Cadon Walthall led offensively with 9 points. Dakota Smith scored 5, William Smith, Sonny Benivamondez and Javon Walthall each scored 4 and Cooper scored 2 points for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs have a season record of 1-3. They faced the Lubbock Titans on Tuesday and will travel to Motley County for a tournament on Saturday.



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LOCAL NEWS



LITTLE BAKER - Isabella Wood played the part of a baker in Bethlehem last Sunday. She and her family members, Ty, Amie and Sophia Wood, were part of the live nativity.



REASON FOR THE SEASON - Addison Espinoza (left) and Jayden Usener played Mary and Joseph in the live nativity at Bethlehem in the Baker on Sunday.

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BETHLEHEM BLACKSMITHS - Scenes of Bethlehem were depicted at Bethlehem in the Baker, which was relocated to the ag barns due to inclement weather. Village blacksmiths were: (l-r) Javier Ventura, Juan Reyes and Jalen Naylor.



SMART KIDS - When asked which Christmas tree was their favorite out of the many at the Chamber's Festival of Trees, these kids said the money tree. They are: (l-r) Elijah Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Samaya Garcia and Noah Garcia.



HUNGRY MUCH? Tom Carlock (right) brought his own bowl to the Lions Club Chili Supper Saturday. The size of it may have shocked some of those in attendance.

Lions raise \$1,500 with chili

Despite the cold, rainy weather, the annual Colorado City Lions Club Chili Supper was a success, as citizens came out to get a bowl or two on Saturday. Though the parade and other outdoor activities were canceled, the chili supper, Festival of Trees and photos with Santa drew a crowd to the Railhead Building.

Lions report proceeds of the chili supper totaling about \$1,500. The money is used by the club to help local families, award scholarships to graduating seniors and donate to worthy Lions charities like the Texas Lions Camp for disabled and ill children.

A drawing was held for a Smith & Wesson 40 caliber pistol, and Tim Warren was the winner. The raffle brought in about \$600 for the club as well.

The chili supper is one of the club's major fundraisers, and Lions are grateful that the community comes out to give support to the supper every year.

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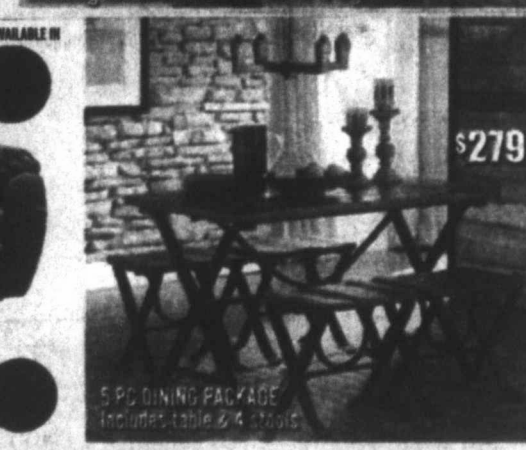
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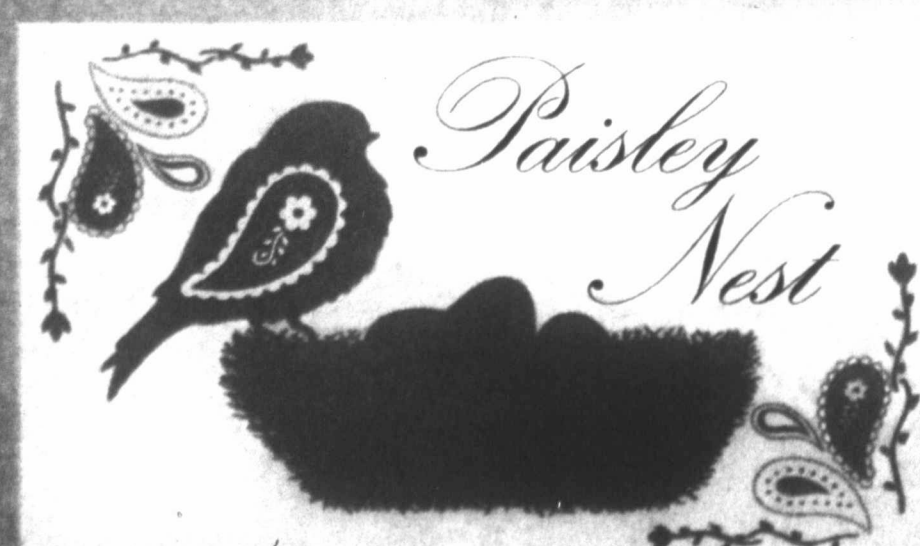
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