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Answerline

Q. Who are the four teams remaining in the class 3A DII State Playoffs?
A. Idalou will play Waskom in Mineral Wells and Franklin will play East Bernard in Houston. The two winners meet for the State Championship next week.

Briefs

Immunization Clinic
Mitchell County Hospital District will conduct a Flu & Pneumonia Clinic Wed., Dec. 16th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the hospital west tower. Seasonal Flu shot - \$25, High-Dose Flu Shot - \$40, Pneumonia Shot - \$90. Please bring your Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIPS card with you.

Library Santa
A surprise visitor will stop by the Mitchell County Public Library Thurs., Dec. 18th from 3 to 5 p.m. Come to the library, tell Santa your wish list, and don't forget to bring your camera!

Candlelight Service
On December 24th, there will be a special candlelight Christmas Eve service at the All Saints Episcopal Church at 304 Locust in Colorado City. A reception will precede the service at 9:30 p.m., and the service will begin at 10:30 p.m. with Father Jared Houze.

Special Guest
Jody Nix will be the guest speaker at Friday's Colorado City Lions Club meeting. Everyone is welcome. Please call Pat Cawthron to RSVP.

Christmas Program
Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario will have the annual Christmas Program Sunday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Food/Coat Drive
MCHD will hold a food and coat drive on Fri., Dec. 11th from 1 to 7 p.m. Members of the EMS will be collecting non-perishable food items and warm wear such as coats, gloves, scarves and blankets.

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Colorado City

Janie Sue Henderson
Colorado City

Stanley Moore
Loraine

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City raises rates, cuts budget

In an effort to put the city in a better financial position, the council of the City of Colorado City voted to amend the budget and raise water and sewer rates slightly during Tuesday's monthly meeting. All council members were present.

Despite objections from Councilman Craig Jolley, the increase in rates was approved with a 6-1 vote. Residential and businesses inside the city limits will see a \$1 increase on the base rate of water usage up to 2,000 gallons. The base rate will increase from \$17 to \$18.

Residential and business water customers outside the city limit will pay \$31 for a base rate, up from \$29. Base sewer rates also will see an increase to \$22, an increase of \$1 over the current rate.

According to City Manager David Hoover, the new rates will add about \$2 to every customer's bill and generate \$4,000 of extra revenue for the city per month.

City officials aren't expecting water customers to bear the brunt of reduced revenue by

themselves. The council also approved an ordinance amending the current budget by reducing expenses by over \$448,000. The amendments brought the budget more in line with reality, as the city has seen significant drops in revenue.

Hoover said he's been going over the budget to make the appropriate cuts since sometime this summer. Every department and line item came under scrutiny, from janitorial services and office supplies, to educational training and equipment purchases.

"We can't cut all these things every year, but we have to do this now," Hoover said.

The council also approved the purchase of four new police patrol vehicles. The first payment on the vehicles will not be due until February 2017, and Hoover said he expects the city to be in a much better financial position by that time.

Police Chief Luis Aguilar brought the request before the council, and Hoover agreed that

new vehicles are a must in the near future.

The police department has one 2008 and four 2009 Dodge Chargers that they use for patrol which were purchased through funds received from drug seizures. Each unit has 80 to 100,000 police miles on it, and the city has been paying more each year to fix problems with the vehicles.

Aguilar explained to the council that the vehicles were not manufactured to be police cars, and they are beginning to fall apart. To keep maintenance costs under control, the cars are sent to the city mechanic when feasible, but last year the city spent over \$21,000 repairing the aging Chargers.

With the contingency that the total of \$147,000 be paid out in three payments and because the first payment will not come due until 2017, Councilman Andrew Fuller moved to grant the chief's request for the new vehicles. Sen-dia Blake seconded and the mea-

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Wilson posts bond; charges are reduced

Stony Ray Wilson of Westbrook is out on bond after charges against him have been reduced. Wilson is accused of stabbing Brandon Hale seven times, while Hale was helping county deputies with a domestic situation in September.



Stony Ray Wilson

Wilson was originally indicted on the charge of Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant among others, but the decision was made to reduce the charge. Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said that personnel in the DA's office made the decision in an effort to make the charges stick.

Because Hale is a First Responder, he does not wear any type of uniform nor drive a marked vehicle, making the public servant charge somewhat inappropriate. District attorneys have expressed that the new charges are more in line with what could be expected from this type of incident.

District Judge Glenn Harrison set the new bond at \$20,000, down from \$1.75 million, and Wilson bonded out last week.

Wilson now faces the charges of Aggravated Assault Causing Severe Bodily Injury and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, both second degree felonies. Toombs said prosecutors can seek the maximum of 20 years for each charge.

On Tuesday, September 8th, Hale responded to a call regard-

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Join the Christmas fun at State Park Saturday

Join the Lake Colorado City State Park for a little Christmas fun and cheer, as Saturday, December 12th will be the day to celebrate.

Superintendent Kyle O'Haver invites everyone to come out to the state park and tinker like an elf to make a craft for family and friends and play reindeer games to master your holiday skills and knowledge from 4 to 6 p.m. that day.

Then, from 6 to 8 p.m., join in on more holiday fun with caroling and storytelling All Around the Campfire. Everyone is welcome to bring friends and family to enjoy something different this holiday season.

O'Haver said that visitors can check out the park to find that future favorite campsite or cabin for their next

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Record will be sending letters to Santa soon!

The employees at the Record office are, once again, being Santa's helpers by collecting and forwarding letters to the North Pole to Jolly Old St. Nick and his helpers. So, bring those Santa letters down to the office and let us help the old man out.

Letters to Santa should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 15th by emailing coloradorecord@att.net or mailing/delivering them to 257 E. 2nd Street. The letters will be published in the Christmas edition on Thursday, December 24th.



A DEAL IN THE MAKING - Westbrook Mayor Lynn Gaston (left) and City Secretary Pansy Fernandez (right) met with WISD Superintendent Todd Burleson to sign an interlocal agreement regarding the move of city hall to the school's tax office building. While it will serve as city hall most of the time, the building will also be used by the school district for elections.



IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT - Daviaun Byrd (left) and Sionni Emerson took a stroll through the Festival of Trees at the Railroad Building on Saturday following the Light the Night parade.

City of Westbrook is moving

The City of Westbrook is moving the location of city hall from its current location. After the beginning of 2016, Westbrook City Hall will be housed in the former WISD Tax Office at 302 West Thorne.

Westbrook Mayor Lynn Gaston, City Secretary Pansy Fernandez and WISD Superintendent Todd Burleson met in the school administrator's office Monday afternoon to sign the papers making the agreement

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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR - Chris Martinez (right) was presented a plaque as he was named the Colorado City Firefighter of the Year award by last year's recipient James Matos. Martinez was chosen for the honor by his fellow firefighters.

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LOCAL NEWS

Credit Union drawings benefit CMN

The Mitchell County branch of the Big Spring Federal Education Employees Credit Union gather dozens of donated items each year and hold a drawing to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. This year was no different, as the credit union employees, along with individual and commercial donors, raised \$600 for the organization.

Each year, when it comes time for the drawing, "someone" who was born prematurely and benefited from CMN's services draws the names. This year, Lindsey Womack drew winners' names.

Lindsey is the daughter of Mar-

cia Womack of Ira. She was born six weeks early and her lungs were not fully developed. While her birth took place in San Angelo, Lindsey had to be airlifted to the Children's Hospital in San Antonio where she spent 10 days in Neonatal ICU.

Now 15 years old, Lindsey is an honor student and runs cross-country. She has competed at the state cross-country meet two years. She also plays basketball, softball and runs track.

According to credit union manager Pat Cawthron, 46 businesses and individuals donated prizes that were raffled. They are

Peppy, Vac Tek, Joe's Automotive, Bigg's, Alma Griffin, Joe and Genie Paredes, Lenore's, Rachel Sullivan, The Medicine Place, Mary Reyes, Pat Cawthron, Buck's Café, Mi Ranchito, Auto Service Center, Ava Ramirez, Desert Rain, Pizza Hut, Molina Appliance Repair, Naomar, Rick Salazar Designs, Colorado City Record, Fuller Foods, Oily Servants, Parts Plus, Sparks Trading Post, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Barbara Oden, Champion Septic, Teresa

Lopez, McAndrews Eye Clinic, Pansy Fernandez, Sheena Muller, Sheila Pruitt, Stoney's BBQ, Car Quest, La Fe Restaurant, Ann Henderson, Mail Boxes & More, Lynda Froneberger, Mirror Glass Photography, Teresa Williamson, Lulu Boyd Photography, Stacie's Creations and Kathy Newby.

This is the 9th year for the raffles, and all funds received are donated to the Children's Miracle Network.



OBSTACLES CONQUERED—Lindsey Womack performed the drawings for over 40 prizes in the raffle at the local credit union benefitting the Children's Miracle Network last Thursday. Womack was born prematurely and spent the 10 days of her life in Neonatal ICU. Photo courtesy of Pat Cawthron.

POLICE REPORT

On November 28th at 4:08 p.m., an officer arrived on scene where he observed a single vehicle crash and no occupants in the vehicle in the 300 block of Bridge Street. It was later found that the vehicle was reported stolen a short time earlier. The reporting party and owner of the vehicle did not wish to pursue criminal charges in reference to the vehicle being stolen. A minor crash report was also submitted in reference to the crash and property damage done during the crash.

On November 29th at 5:09 p.m., an officer made contact with an on duty dispatcher who had an incident at the police department. Statement and photographs were taken of the dispatchers' injury. An informational report was submitted in reference to the incident.

On November 29th at 8:06 p.m., dispatch received a call in reference to criminal mischief in the 100 block of East 8th Street. The officer arrived on scene and made contact with the reporting party. After a short investigation, it was found the incident took place at a different location in Colorado City. The officer took photographs of the damage caused to the reporting parties vehicle and gather their contact information. The officer later attempted to make contact with the alleged suspect but was unsuccessful in making contact with him. A report

for criminal mischief, deadly conduct, dating violence, and terroristic threat was submitted in reference to the incident.

On December 3rd at 5:08 p.m., an officer was contacted at the police department in reference to furniture missing from a residence.

On December 3rd at 7:47 p.m., an officer was notified by Andrews Police Department that a vehicle had been stolen out of their jurisdiction and the suspect lived in Colorado City. Another officer came on duty and both officers located the vehicle in question. Andrews Police Officer Delacruz was contacted and given the required information needed to have the vehicle entered as stolen. Once the information was entered, the officer called for the next rotation wrecker to come take possession of the vehicle. The Andrews Police Department was contacted and notified that the vehicle had been recovered.

On December 4th at 4:04 p.m., an officer was on an unrelated call when he observed an individual he knew to have outstanding municipal court warrants. The 40-year-old female was arrested and transported to Mitchell County Jail.

On December 4th at 10:19 p.m., an officer was contacted at the police department in reference to a theft. The victim stated that she paid an individual for some appliances and that the appliances were never delivered and she could not contact the suspect.

On December 5th at 12:05 a.m., an officer on patrol stopped in the 2300 block of Hemphill to investigate a vehicle he believed to be having car trouble. During the investigation, the driver of the vehicle was found to have a city warrant. The 43-year-old female was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail.

December EOM named at hospital

By: Audra Hoback, MCHD Marketing Director/Grant Writer

Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Maria Bueno as the December

Employee of the Month. Bueno has worked for MCHD for 4 years in the house-keeping department of the hospital.

"Maria always has such a great attitude towards guests and employees. She works very hard at keeping our facility beautiful and clean," said Carla Sauer, MCHD Administrative Assistant.

"This is such an honor and I am very thankful to have been chosen," said Bueno.



Maria Bueno

OBITUARIES

Ronda Mitchell 1967-2015

ARKANSAS—Ms. Ronda Darlene Kelly Mitchell, age 48, a resident of De Queen, Arkansas, died Saturday, December 5th at her home.

She was born to Dale and Lorene Roland Kelly in Paris on October 22, 1967. She worked in manufacturing, and was a Baptist. She enjoyed watching TV, reading, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother; her grandparents, Charles Robert and Mary Delilah Roland, and James and Ruby Kelly.

She is survived by her father, Dale Kelly, Sr. of Westbrook; a son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Amy Mitchell of Jonesboro; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Mike Mitchell Raczk of Crosby; four grandchildren, Amaya and Jacob Rhea of Mississippi, Jorden and Bailey Mitchell of Jonesboro, Arkansas; a brother and sister-in-law, Roger Dale and Deanna Kelly of Colorado City; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Becky Matney of De Queen, Arkansas, Dawn Molina of Wickes, Arkansas, and Jimmie and Rocky Salazar of Big Spring; and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Ronda Mitchell were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in the Grannis Cemetery, Grannis, Arkansas, with Rev. Floyd Wright officiating, under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home, De Queen, Arkansas. You may send an online sympathy message at www.chandlerfuneral.com.



Willie Pratt (Billie) Minear 1927-2015

COLORADO CITY—Willie Pratt (Billie) Minear, age 88, was called home on Sunday, December 6, 2015, surrounded by loved ones. Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2015, in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Billie was born January 29, 1927 in the Golin Community in Jones County to C. E. and Edna Cox Brown. She is survived by her three children, Randall and Bill, Eetha Minear of Odessa, Darlene and husband, Will Theobald of Midland and Becky Graham of Colorado City; two sisters, Evelyn Pomroy of Midland and Mary and husband, Jim Ingram of Onaska; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a son, Phillip Minear.

The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the funeral home.



Janie Sue Henderson 1929-2015

COLORADO CITY—Janie Sue Henderson, 86, passed away at the Mitchell County Nursing and Rehab Center in Colorado City on Thursday, November 26, 2015.

Janie was born on June 14, 1929 to Preston (Dick) and Ethel Erwin Thompson in Mitchell County where she spent her entire life.

Janie was a no nonsense type of person who was born during the great depression which is why she learned to be frugal. She attended Colorado High School and graduated in the class of 1946 and was proud to be the daughter and granddaughter of the Cuthbert Community Pioneers. After graduating, Janie went to work as a bookkeeper for the Guitar Gin in Colorado City, but she never let her work interfere with the most important thing in her life which was being an outstanding daughter, mother, and grandmother.

Janie Sue is survived by her daughter, Sue Guelker and her husband Carl of Colorado City; her granddaughter, Cheyenne Nichole Guelker also of Colorado City; and by two cousins, Emma Hopper of Colorado City and Neta Terry and husband Bob of Morton.

A graveside service was held in the Handley Cemetery on Monday, November 30 at 2 p.m. A visitation was held on Sunday, November 29 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers those wishing may make a donation to either the Colorado City Fire Department or the Westbrook Fire Department in Janie Sue's memory.

Online condolences may be left at www.kikerseale.com.

Stanley Andrew Moore 1946-2015

SAN ANGELO—Stanley Andrew Moore, 69, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, December 4, 2015. He passed away at home with his loving family by his side. Stanley was born on March 18, 1946, in Loraine to Marlin and Ruth Woods Moore.

Stanley was a hard-working man who always put his God and his family before all else. Those that met Stanley learned quickly that he was one of the most honest people they would meet and that he was both giving and forgiving, as he could not hold a grudge. Stanley served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War and earned a Bronze Star Medal. He was a graduate of McMurry University in Abilene, where he attended on a football scholarship playing as a defensive back. After his college years, the majority of his focus was on working in his cotton fields and being the best husband, father, and grandfather he could be. He always made sure to find time to coach or watch his children's sports and, later in life, he watched his grandchildren in their sports and activities.

Stanley is survived by his wife of over 45 years, Janet Moore; by his daughter, Brooke Weldon and husband Daryl of San Angelo; his son, Michael Moore of Austin, and his son, Kyle Moore and wife Bea of Hurst. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jeremy Cooper and wife Kirstie of Fort Worth, Brittny Weldon and Chelsea Weldon of San Angelo, Haley Moore and Lauren Moore of Hurst and by his great-grandson, Caleb Stanley Cooper of Fort Worth. Also surviving are his two sisters, Margie Pinkerton of Turkey and Wanda Bynum and husband Ray of Junction. He was also loved and survived by nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents, Marlin and Ruth Moore; his brother-in-law, Billy Pinkerton; and a nephew, Paul Bynum.

A funeral service for Stanley was held on Monday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at the 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ in Colorado City with the San Angelo Johnson Street Church of Christ minister Tommy King and the West Angelo Church of Christ minister Alvis Fisher both officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery. The family held visitation at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, December 6.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to Southwest Bible Institute, 3200 San Antonio St, San Angelo, Texas, 76901.



Petra McCoy 1955-2015

COLORADO CITY—Petra McCoy, age 60, died Monday, December 7, 2015, in an Abilene hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2015 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Petra was born November 8, 1955 in Germany to Arland and Katharina Straub and had been a resident of Colorado City since 1968. She married her best friend, Lynn McCoy on November 8, 1990 in Colorado City. She was an LVN for Valley Fair Lodge for many years and had recently retired. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by her husband, Lynn McCoy of Colorado City; three sons, Brian and wife, Christi Taylor of Colorado City, John Patrick and wife, Jennifer Fuller of Smithville, NC and Wayne and wife, Shaye McCoy of Minifree, CA; and nine grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

The family received friends 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



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LOCAL NEWS

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official. Gaston said she expects the move to happen sometime after the Christmas holidays.

The new site is expected to be a better location for city council meetings, as the current location is too small for the public to attending meetings. It is an old garage that has been enclosed, and only a couple of chairs could fit inside the small structure with its existing counter.

The idea came up for consideration when councilmember Matt Holbrook mentioned contacting Burleson to see if the school district would be willing to come to an agreement. Westbrook ISD doesn't have much need for the facility now that the Mitchell County Tax Assessor/Collector's office collects taxes for the entity.

The main use of the building by WISD now is to provide a polling location during elections. Voting will still be held there, as the two entities have agreed to share the building.

The new location will provide more room for citizens to attend city council meetings, and the building is in better shape structurally, according to Mayor Gaston. She went on to say that the City of Westbrook operates completely in the black, while keeping water rates low for citizens.

Part of staying out of debt means moving city hall to an already existing location rather than building a new structure.

For the month of December, all city business will still be conducted at the current location on Hooper Street.

WILSON

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ing a domestic situation in Westbrook. Law enforcement officers were looking for Wilson, who had left the scene.

As Hale was talking to a passing motorist, Wilson allegedly came out of the bushes and stabbed Hale seven times on the chest, arms and head. Ultimately, Hale lost his left eye due to the incident.



FLOAT WINNER—The youth of Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario put together the winning float of the Light the Night parade which featured a live nativity scene. Photo courtesy of Amanda Jo Ritchey.

CITY

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sure passed by a 6-1 vote with Jolley voting against it.

Jolley said he understands that the purchase is a must in the near future but he would like to see such a large purchase be considered in the upcoming budget planning season.

The four new vehicles will be 2016 Ford Interceptor Utilities, and each SUV will come outfitted with all the equipment needed for patrol and a striping package. Each vehicle costs around \$37,000, and will be purchased at an interest rate of 2.9% through Government Capital.

Two bids were received for the lease of 80 acres owned by the city. Tanner Cox Farms bid \$3,150 per year to lease the land, and Brodie Harris bid \$2,025.

The council awarded the bid to Tanner Cox Farms. Keith Hiser abstained from voting on the measure, as he does on all farm

leases.

The Bob Reily Learning Center is going up for sale. The city has named the asking price of \$330,000 for the former daycare/prekindergarten facility. Hiser said that he had been talking to Colorado ISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer who said he has been considering a request to use the structure as a home for the Early HeadStart and HeadStart programs in the future.

Blake said that the building was specifically built for the purpose of educating pre-elementary age kids, and government funds were used to pay for some of the construction. All council members agreed that the facility would be best used in that capacity.

CRP signup underway

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently reminded farmers and ranchers that the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began Dec. 1, 2015, and ends on Feb. 26, 2016. December 2015 also marks the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

"Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country," said Vilsack. "Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat."

STATE PARK

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trip. "The time is open for you to have some holiday fun and explore the park with a setting sun," he said.

There is no cost to participate in the hike, except for the daily entrance fee of \$4 per adult. Children 12 and under get in free.

For more information, call the park office at 325-728-3931.

Sharyland rate case hearing to be held on April 30, 2016

The Public Utility Commission has made the decision to move up the Sharyland Utilities rate case that was scheduled for mid-summer of 2016. Following the outcry by citizens made at a public meeting of the Office of Public Utilities Counsel in Big Spring, the PUC in Austin has scheduled the case to be heard April 30th, 2016.

For many months, customers have complained about exorbitant electricity delivery charges. In November, a public meeting was held in Big Spring and was well attended by citizens, along with Senator Kel Seliger and Representative Drew Darby.

Since then, area lawmakers sent a letter to Donna Nelson, Chair of the PUC of Texas, urging the commission to move up the rate hearing. An excerpt from the letter follows:

Over the last year we have heard repeated complaints from constituents about the outrageously high transmission and distribution utility (TDU) charges from Sharyland Utilities. These rates were set by the Public Utility Commission

(PUC) through a rate case after Sharyland bought CapRock Energy. While our constituents may have the ability to choose a retail electric provider offering a lower electricity rate, such relief is only minimal when the delivery charges from Sharyland are the highest in Texas. In a recent report issued by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) staff, it is noted that distribution charges for Sharyland Utility customers are two to three times higher than that of other TDU's in ERCOT.

The letter went on to urge the chairwoman to take the necessary steps to expediate a rate case with Sharyland. The letter also suggests rolling back rates to a prior level.

Lawmakers signing the letter were Senator Seliger, Representative Darby, Senator Charles Perry, Representative Dan Flynn and Representative Brooks Landgraf.

The case is set to be heard April 30th, as PUC commissioners have said they had to give Sharyland 120 days notice to hold the rate case.



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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Breakfast Dec. 14th - 18th

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

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

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

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

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

Colorado ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 14th - 18th

Monday - Steak fingers, baked

potato, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, hot roll, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti bowl, breadsticks, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, sliced peaches, chocolate or vanilla pudding, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, choice of milk.

Thursday - Breaded porkchop with gravy, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, choice of milk.

Friday - Sloppy joe sandwich, sweet potato waffle fries, fresh seasonal fruit, double chocolate chip cookie, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Dec. 14th - 18th

Monday - Waffles, sausage,

oatmeal round, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Biscuit, scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Cinnamon rolls, bacon, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Sausage, egg, cheese pretzel, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Breakfast burrito, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 14th - 18th

Monday - Hamburgers, garden salad, baby carrots with ranch, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Spicy Thai chicken, tomato cucumber cup, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk.

Wednesday - Chicken alfredo, breadstick, garden salad, carrot

coins, apple slices, fruit cup, cookie, milk.

Thursday - Meatloaf with gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, roll, milk.

Friday - Barbeque on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Dec. 14th - 18th

Monday - Pancakes or pineapple yogurt parfait with graham crackers or cereal with toast, chilled pears, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Chicken and biscuit or scrambled eggs with ham and toast or cereal with toast, chilled peaches, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or ham and cheese wrap or cereal with toast, chilled apricots, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Pancake and sausage on stick or breakfast on a bun or cereal with toast, chilled mixed fruit, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Homestyle cinnamon roll or breakfast taco or cereal with toast, chilled mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 14th - 18th

Monday - King ranch chicken or sloppy Joe's with chips, glazed carrots, broccoli Normandy, chilled peaches, fresh fruit, roll, milk.

Tuesday - Baked potato with diced ham, fajita chicken, shredded cheese or crispy chicken chef salad, broccoli cheese soup, oriental vegetables, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit, roll, milk.

Wednesday - Cheese or pepperoni pizza, corn dog with chips, mixed vegetables, yellow squash, blushing pears, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday - Chicken fajita tacos, Spanish rice, black beans, broccoli and cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit slush cup, fresh fruit, milk.

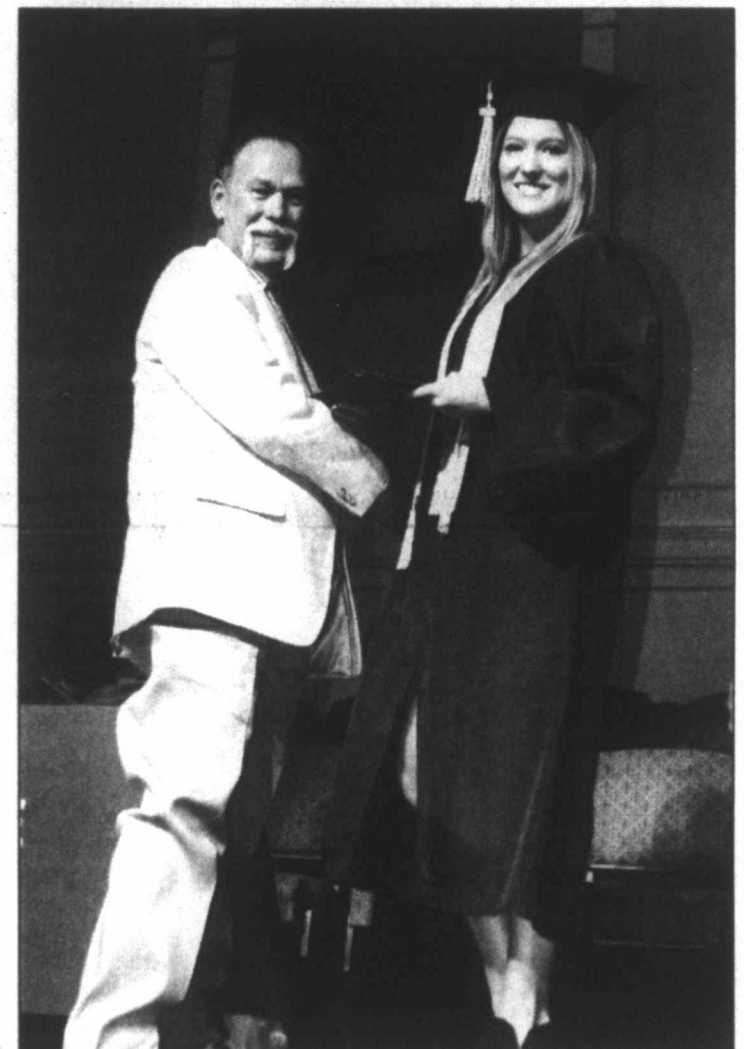
Friday - Hamburger, sweet potato fries, burger salad, corn on the cobb, steamed broccoli, chilled peach cup, fresh fruit, milk.



CHILD DIVISION WINNER - The winner of the Festival of Trees in the child division was this tree decorated by the HeadStart and pre-k classes at Kelley Elementary School in Colorado City. Photo courtesy of Amanda Jo Ritchey.



UIL STUDENTS - Kelley Elementary sent several students to the District UIL Meet recently. Those competing were: (back row, l-r) Jackson Redwine, 2nd place, Storytelling; Lyla Roman, 4th place, Ready Writing; George Jurgins, 2nd place, Spelling; (front row) Danica Salazar-Taylor, 3rd place, Story Telling; Karah Shrode, 4th place, Spelling; Reagan Molina, 1st place, Spelling; Presley Haag, 1st place, Ready Writing, 2nd place, Spelling; Ximena Darling, 3rd place, Ready Writing; Brooklyn Lemons, 1st place, Story Telling; and Kezley Strain, 6th place, Story Telling. Photo courtesy of Melinda Alexander.



COLLEGE GRADUATE - Heather Merket was among 51 students earning diplomas during Ranger College's commencement exercise on Thursday, December 3rd. The next step for the CHS graduate will be to continue her education.

Merket and Wells receive diplomas

Heather Merket, a former high school volleyball standout at Colorado City, and Katie Wells, a former high school basketball star at Strawn, found plenty in common with chart-topping singer Adele on Thursday evening in front of a standing-room-only crowd in the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church. They were, after all, saying hello from the other side.

The other side of collegiate world, that is.

Merket and Wells were among 51 graduates earning diplomas during Ranger College's commencement exercise. In all, 13 students graduated with Associate of Arts degrees while six more earned Associate of Science degrees. Additionally, 16 graduated with Associate of Applied Science degrees as part of the Ranger College Nursing, and 16 completed the Ranger College Cosmetology program.

"It feels very exciting to reach this point," said Wells, a 2009 graduate of Strawn who worked her way through college as a waitress at Mary's Café. "I'm thrilled to have done this, and I'm so thankful for my family's support in helping me do this. This is a great feeling."

Merket, who started on the RC women's volleyball team, and Stephenville's Mackenzie Mayes agreed. A Pre-Med student, Mayes said her Associate of Science degree was exciting and moved her closer her ultimate goal.

"It's just a step forward," she said. "Now I will enroll at Tarleton (State University) and continue my education."

Merket, too, said she would enroll at a 4-year institution to attain her Bachelor's degree

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LOCAL NEWS



FIRE KING AND QUEEN SPARK—Another award was added to the Colorado City Fire Department banquet this year. In an effort to get the youth involved, Maddix Salazar was named Fire King and A.J. Goodney was named Queen Spark. The awards will now be part of the annual event.

Casares speaks to local Lions Club

Starla Casares visited the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club last Friday and spoke to club members on behalf of FirstBank & Trust. She has been working at the bank for 10 years.

When Casares first began her job at the bank, it was First National Bank. As of August, the institution has undergone an ownership change.

Casares said she grew up in Colorado City with her grandparents, Cecil and Gladys Fox. She graduated from Colorado High School in 1997. She's married and the mother of four kids ages 19, 16, 13, and 10.

The bank employee said she feels like she is "right where God wants her." Casares is friendly and likes talking people making her job in customer service a perfect fit for her.

After starting at the bank in 1995, Casares was a teller for eight years. She now has an office and helps people open accounts of all types.

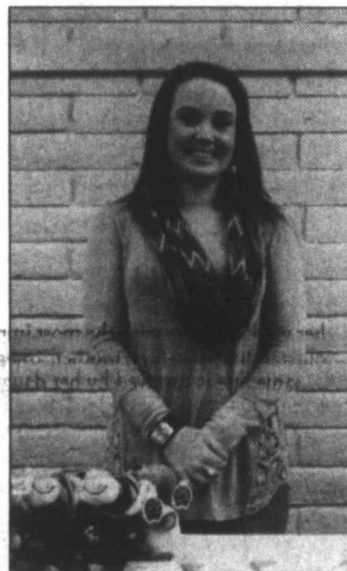
"I love all the different people. You never know who you'll meet," she said.

Casares' boss, Mark Waldrip, was present at the meeting, and he said Casares is a good employee.

"She's being modest, but she can do anything in the bank," Waldrip said.

Casares told club members about the various programs being offered by FirstBank & Trust, including Cash Back Checking and the Bank Bucks program.

There was a drawing for an insulated bag cooler, and Charlene Reily won.



REPRESENTING THE BANK—Starla Casares spoke to the Colorado City Lions Club on behalf of FirstBank & Trust last Friday. She also brought along various items from the bank's store to share with members.

Changes made to livestock show

The time is drawing near for the 79th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show, and a few changes have been made. The upcoming show will be dedicated in memory of Eldon Harris.

Harris was an exhibitor as a child in the show he came to love. As an adult, he served on the livestock show association board for several years and as swine superintendent for many more. Harris often donated hogs to kids that couldn't afford to buy one and even provided them a place to keep it and ready it for a show.

Eldon bred and sold show hogs during the 1990s while his son, Brodie, was also an exhibitor. Brodie said he remembers being beaten in the show by the very pigs his dad had sold.

"He was always a big supporter of the livestock show," Brodie said Tuesday.

The biggest change coming up is that the show will be held a week later than normal to better fit school schedules for the students participating. The show kicks off on January 14th and continues until the 16th.

All animals are required to be in the barn on Thursday, January 14th by 4 p.m. Weighing will begin at 5 p.m.

The show will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, January 15th, with the hogs showing first. This year, the number of hog entries is limited to four per student, down from six in previous years, due to the high number of hog entries and limited space in the barn.

Kevin Thomas of Jacksboro High School will serve as the judge of all categories this year.

All animals will be shown on Friday, with goats following hogs, then lambs, the pee-wee goat show, heifers and steers showing last Friday evening.

Saturday, January 16th will be the day for the annual premium sale. The sale was started in 1995 to help exhibitors with expenses for the major shows.

Set-up for the premium sale will begin at 8 a.m. that morning. All buyers are welcome to enjoy a complimentary lunch prepared by Matt Syler and Brandon Hale beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meal will be sponsored by Lone Star Ag Credit in Sweetwater.

Once everyone has had a chance to eat, the awards ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. The sale is set to start about 1 p.m. that afternoon.

The 2015-16 board of directors responsible for preparations for the show are: Brodie Harris, president; Jim Cogburn, vice president; Dee Roach, secretary; Margo Connell, treasurer; Jeremy Strain, finance chairman; and Dalton Maddox, premium sale chairman.

Mitchell County Vocational Ag Teachers are advisors for students exhibiting animals. They are: Robin Senter, Colorado City; Jennifer Morris, Colorado City; Lindsey Sykes, Loraine; and David Bray, Westbrook. Mitchell County Extension Agents Robert Ferguson and Audra Graves will also serve as advisors.

Livestock superintendents and assistants in each category will be: Kent Boyd and John Senter for cattle, Nub Morris and Amanda Jo Ritchey for sheep, Mike Hill and Tip Chaney for hogs, and Mike Jordan and Tommy Morris for goats.

The livestock show is open to the public, and everyone is invited out to see the work put into livestock showing by the students.



IN MEMORY—This year's Mitchell County Livestock Show will be held in memory of Eldon Harris. He is seen here after winning Grand Champion with his Duroc in 1970. Harris served the show in many capacities over the years.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Brady man was B-17 machine gunner

Herb Cavness of Brady was a teenager when he entered World War Two in 1943. He was a waist gunner on a B-17 and flew 25 missions in Europe with the 8th Air Force.

"We were stationed in England and flew out of there," he says. "Our missions were mostly over Germany."

Mr. Cavness handed me a sheet of paper that gave an accounting of all his missions. Many of them lasted ten hours. His plane was shot at during 22 of the 25 missions. He rated the flak as weak, moderate and heavy. Ten missions rated heavy. His plane bombed tanks, plane factories, oil refineries, naval yards, barracks, armament plants, submarine depots and airfields. Targets included Dresden, Frankfurt, Bremen, Hamburg, Dortmund, Hannover, Nuremberg and 14 other places. His squadron lost 13 planes. He had to make two emergency landings but was not hurt. His plane had a young crew.

"My pilot was just two months older than me. It was just a bunch of boys. Our radio operator was 31. We called him Pop."

In addition to manning a fifty-caliber machine gun, he had another duty. "When we got on a bomb run, the bomb bay doors would be open. I took a walk-around oxygen bottle and went into the bomb bay and pulled the safety pins on the bombs so they would drop. And at 20,000 feet up with the bomb bay doors open, it is cold."

The missions were long and crewmembers got hungry.

"Before we left they gave each of us a candy bar. When we'd come down to 12,000 feet we took our oxygen masks off and ate that candy bar. That was our lunch. We didn't have any water because it would have frozen."

When the war ended, he came home.

"We flew our old combat plane back to the states. We got out of the airplane and two pilots got in it and took off for the junkyard. It was scrapped in December of 1945."

Mr. Cavness and his 9-man crew were to get a short course in the B-29 and go to the Pacific and join the fighting there.

"But they gave us 30 days leave and while I was at home the Japanese surrendered and I didn't have to go."

Although he served less than two years in the military, the memory of that time remains fresh in his memory. He has attended reunions of 8th Air Force personnel. Mr. Cavness is in great health at age 90. He weighs 115 pounds. The most he has ever weighed was 149 and a half. He said he tried for 150 but just couldn't quite do it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear family and friends,

Once again it is a joy to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior and the author of peace and contentment.

This year has been a good one for us, and I hope for you.

We are both doing relatively well. Noma had surgery this spring to correct a bladder problem and then cataract surgery on both eyes. She is doing very well. She has been busy making quilts. We have a new great-granddaughter arriving in February, and of course, she had to have a quilt, and that started the process. Busy Noma is on her third one now. I still cut the pieces and mark the seams and she (magically) does all the rest.

There was some concern that my eyesight is getting so bad that I would have to give up the churches, quit driving, and move to Dallas. We decided to just stay here and continue our work. Both churches clapped and cheered when I told them of the decision to stay. That was a good feeling, to be wanted. I take Occuvite and that has really helped.

I have been busy with both churches, writing sermons, and writing prisoners. In July I was privileged to preach the sermon for "Prison Fellowship Seminar" at the Ware unit. There were 90 men in the room, 25 were turned away from lack of space. All had their Bibles (most well-worn and marked up) and all worshipped and praised and listened and were blessed that Friday night. I went back for the Saturday service and go to preach twice more!

The churches are doing well. We have had some new folks attending here,

and that has helped. We have communion every Sunday at each church and it never grows old. We still enjoy preaching at the Samaritan House about once a month. So many of the families who have been there have expressed their appreciation. The church at Snyder has undertaken this as a project and regularly sends plates, plastic ware, cleaning supplies and paper goods. That is a big help.

We had to trade cars. The headlight went out on the Mazda and it was going to be \$800 to replace the whole unit. So we looked at the new ones, did not like them because I could not see the speedometer figures. The dealer then brought out a 2005 Honda Odyssey with 16,000 actual miles and big numbers. We bought it on the spot. It is the luxury edition, leather, sunroof, the whole works. We have really enjoyed having a nice big van again.

Warmest blessings this Christmas and great joy for the New Year.

Monte and Noma

Letter to the Editor:

Guns kill people like airplanes fly into Twin Towers or Austin IRS buildings.

The U.S. Constitution provided that the citizens may have guns to throw off the yoke of government tyranny; to reinstate the Creator's given rights. Hunting, varmints, "Indians" and intruders were incidental. Our government violates the constitution at an ever accelerating rate. I suggest a visit to the Abilene IRS office for a glimpse of your future.

The citizen is to blame! Careless casting of our vote is our sin. We get the gov-

ernment we elect. Hope this is not over.

Our nation is at the brink of socialist tyranny where voting is a farce - one party made up of democrats and republicans being the choice as in Russia, China, Cuba and North Korea.

Ted Cruz is the only presidential candidate whose platform is the constitution.

Government wants Ted Cruz silenced as it does the thinking citizen. We who think must speak up in support of citizen rights at all times and in all places.

Many American boys have been sent into battle and many have given their lives to defend the U.S. Constitution. Some friends of mine died. I am ready to fight its "Enemies-domestic or foreign". I take seriously those citizens who enjoy liberty, but will not even lift their voices in support.

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

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Dec. 11	Food & Coat Drive	Mitchell Co. Hospital
Dec. 12	Christmas at State Park	Lake C-City State Park
Dec. 12	All Around Camp Fire	Lake C-City State Park
Dec. 17	Carolyn Jeter Retirement Party	MC Law Enf. Center
Dec. 18	City National Open House	CNB
Dec. 19	Franco Deacon Ordination	St. Ann's Catholic Church

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MARRIAGES

Clint Cooper White to Caroline Elizabeth Conley on 12/04/15.

FILED WITH COUNTY COURT
Jason Dean Offield, Speeding, 12/04/15.

ARRESTS
Raymond Flores-Ponce, 21, Sterling Co., Assault CBI, 11/26/15.

Perla Iyon Abalos, 19, MCSO, DOC, 11/29/15.

Tracy Renee Stafford, 27, MCSO, Assault of Threat, 11/28/15.

Alfonso Delgado, 25, MCSO, DWI, Wreckless Driving, 11/29/15.

Albert Martinez, 20, DPS, POM O/Slbs U/50lbs, 07/11/15.

Jeffrey Ausburn, 17, Nolan Co., Resist Arrest, 11/30/15.

Gary Hildebrand, 43, Sterling Co, DWLI, 12/02/15.

Joe Lee Huff, 41, CCPD, Warrants x4, 12/04/15.

Joshua Steven Walker, 25, MCSO, MTR DWI x2, 12/04/15.

SPORTS



Loraine JH boys basketball team off to good start

The Loraine junior high boys' basketball team is off to a great start, as the team beat Trent and Paint Creek for early season wins.

On Monday, November 30th, the Bulldogs took on Trent and gained a victory, beating the Gorillas 44-21.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead, scoring 14 points in the first frame of the contest and holding Trent to only 2. The Gorilla defense got in the game in the second quarter, allowing only 5 Loraine points and cutting Loraine's lead to 19-8 at the half.

The Bulldogs came out of the locker room with hot hands, and scored 21 points in the third quarter. Though Trent's defense threatened again in the final frame, the big scoring periods proved too much for the Gorillas and Loraine got the win.

Giovanni Benivamondez led the team's offense with 18 points, and Cadon Walhall also scored in double digits with 11. Cameron Garza pitched in 6 points, Jaxson Phariss scored 5, and Tony Williams and Jeffrey Putnam each contributed 2.

The Bulldogs faced the Paint Creek Pirates on Monday, December 7th, winning 40-18.

Loraine took the lead early in the game and never looked back, outscoring the Pirates in every frame. The Bulldogs led 14-7 after the first quarter and 27-9 by halftime. The game continued on the winning path, with Loraine scoring 9 to Paint Creek's 6 in the third and 4 points to the Pirates' 3 in the final.

Walhall turned in a stellar performance in the game, both offensively and defensively. He scored 13 points for the Bulldogs and had 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals and 2 blocks.

Phariss was close behind the leader, scoring 9 points and getting 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 6 steals. Benivamondez scored 8 points, got 1 rebound and 4 steals, while Garza scored 4, rebounded 1 and had 2 steals.

Putnam scored 4 points and got 1 rebound, and Christian Diaz added 2 points and had 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Daniel Finley is credited with 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals and 1 block, while Angel Lopez had 1 assist and 1 steal.

Oscar Vasquez had 3 rebounds with 1 assist, Tony Williams got 2 rebounds and 5 steals, and Cash Cruse stole the ball 4 times during the game.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED - Members of the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes brought toys to the December meeting and donated them to Toys4MCKids. Kiwanianne Jan Lemons was at the meeting to receive the toys which will be distributed at Christmas. Those participating included: (back row, l-r) Kwentin Malveaux, Jordan Lawson, Ted Rich, Conner Hickson, Adam Clifton, Bradon Upshaw, Jhaden Bishop; (middle row) Calvin Spencer, Taylor Epperson, Garren Smith, Shelby Ortiz, Clancy White, Sonja Gonzales, Victoria Melendez, Ethan Smith, Quilton Cook, Damian Rivera, Jan Lemons; (front row) Jonathan Franco, Jack Johnson, Markis Monroe, Alyssa High, Jayden Griffith, Bell Douglas, Taylor Smith, and Don Guazo. Photo courtesy of Nick Morales.

FCA challenge brings in toys for Toys4McKids

The Colorado High School Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently challenged members to bring a toy to donate to the Kiwanianne for the annual Toys4MCKids toy drive. The members stepped up to the challenge and brought in

lots of toys to the regular meeting on December 2nd.

The local FCA group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for Bible study, games and snacks. They rotate meeting locations between First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church

and First United Methodist Church.

FCA is sponsored by CHS graduate and coach Ryan Gainey and local youth ministers Lori Dockrey, Nick Morales and Sterling Burleson.

This Christmas, FCA mem-

bers wanted to get involved in helping others, and the toy drive provided the perfect outlet. Kiwanianne Jan Lemons was on hand to accept the toys.

Members of the FCA would like to encourage everyone to support Toys4MCKids this year.

Lady Cats lose close one to Sterling City

The Westbrook Lady Cats traveled to Sterling City Tuesday evening and lost a close game to the Lady Eagles, 41-37. Shots weren't falling for the Westbrook girls whose record now stands at 4 and 4.

A slow start would eventually come back to haunt the Lady Cats, as Sterling City scored 11 points in the first frame and held

Westbrook to only 3. While scoring improved in the second quarter, the Lady Eagles went into the locker room at half with a 20-11 lead.

Westbrook came back to rally a bit in the final two frames of the game, but the 26 points scored in the second half weren't enough to get the win.

Coach Krissy Morris said that

the reason for the loss was clear.

"We shot poorly at 34% and were 7 of 22 from the free throw line," she said. "It's one of those games you wish you had back."

Emily Whiteley led the Lady Cats on offense, scoring 10 points. Shannon Morris scored 9, and Brianna Lathers and Cheyenne Reyes each scored 6.

Whiteley was also on top defensively, as she is credited with 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Morris got 6 rebounds and had 8 steals during the game, and Hadley Redwine got 8 rebounds and a steal for the Lady Cats.

The Westbrook girls traveled to Blackwell over the weekend to participate in a tournament.

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nament recently.

The Bulldogs faced Mo-
ran on Tuesday, December
1st and came out on top,
46-40. The boys started off
on the right foot, as they
scored 10 points to Moran's
7 in the first frame of the
contest. The second quarter
was all about offense, as the
teams went into the locker
room tied 20-20.

A third period rally by
Moran saw them lead-
ing the Bulldogs 34-27 in
the third period, but that's
when Loraine turned on the
heat. The Bulldogs scored
19 points in the final frame
and held Moran to only 6 to
clinch the win.

Javon Walthall led the
Bulldogs offensively, scor-
ing 18 points in the game.
Patrick Tillis also scored
in double digits with 14
points. Dakota Smith and
Gage Carlson each added 6,
and Esian Fuentes scored 2
points for the Bulldogs.

The Loraine boys had a
tougher time in the Black-
well tournament, losing
to Blackwell and Panther
Creek.

The Bulldogs faced a
tough Blackwell team in the
first game of the tourney
and were defeated 53-30.
Some good defense by the
Hornets held Loraine score-
less in the second quarter,
and the Bulldogs could not
recover from the deficit.

Tillis had an outstanding
game offensively, scoring
20 of 30 points for Loraine.
Walthall scored 6, and
Sonny Benivamondez and
Smith each contributed 2
points.

In the second game of the
tournament, Loraine lost a
close one to Panther Creek.
The Bulldogs started off
right, outscoring Panther
Creek by three points in the
first quarter. By the half, the
PC team had pulled ahead
and was leading 21-15 at
halftime.

The Bulldogs fought
back in the third frame and
were leading 34-32 at the
end of the period. Panther
Creek managed to hold Lo-
raine to only 2 points in the
final quarter to take the win
39-36.

Again, Tillis led the
Bulldogs' offensive efforts,
scoring 22 points. Beniva-
mondez scored 8 for Lo-
raine, and Walthall, Smith

and Carlson each had two
points.

The Bulldogs' varsity
team is coached by Eric
Sanchez.



CONSERVATIVE LEADER - Teresa Beckmeyer was
honored by Empower Texans as one of the Conservative
Leaders of Texas awards for 2015 and was presented
with a commemorative sword during a gala held at the
Gaylord Texan Hotel in Grapevine earlier this month.
Shown with Beckmeyer is Sen. Charles Perry (left) and
Rep. Dustin Burrows. Photo courtesy of John Beckmey-
er.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS - Ahmia Craft had a smile
from ear to ear as she got to take part in the Christmas
festivities downtown last Saturday. She is seen here next
to Kelley's kindergartners' tree at the Festival of Trees.



MADAME PRESIDENT SERVING CHILI - MaryAnn Stevenson, president of the Li-
ons Club, and her son, Shane Stevenson, worked hard to provide the hungry crowd
with some delicious chili after the Light the Night parade last Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS



CHECKING OUT ST. NICK – Kaul Free was taking a close look at Santa Claus while he sat in his lap at the Railhead Building Saturday night. Santa rode into Colorado City in the parade and gave all the boys and girls a chance to give him their wish list before making his exit.

Deadline for Blue Santa is quickly approaching

The deadline to donate toys, gift cards or money to the Blue Santa program is quickly approaching. Applications and donations are still being taken at the police station.

Deadline to donate will be Sunday, December 20th, so anyone planning to donate should do so before that date.

As always, gifts for teens can be hard to buy. CCPD Chief Luis Aguilar said that gift cards have been popular for the older kids and just about any type of cards will make a good donation. Most restaurants and stores sell the card that can be loaded with any amount of money.

The number of families that can be helped depends on the donations that are received. Personnel at the police station are hoping citizens will bring in new, unwrapped gifts and monetary donations to help them help others this holiday.



WHOVILLE VISITORS – Isabella (left) and Amie Wood visited Whoville in Friendly Park on Saturday afternoon where they got Who Hairdos from the CHS Cheerleaders. The Grinch was also downtown taking photos with the large crowd attending the festivities.



CHRISTMAS WITH SPANKY – Main Street volunteers Dawn Hawley and Spanky were downtown on Saturday helping bring Christmas cheer to those taking part in Whoville activities.



1ST PLACE – Shirley McMahan (right) won 1st place in the Toys4MCKids Car Show with her 1956 Ford Thunderbird. She was presented a trophy by Kiwanianne Jan Lemons at the show in the Family Dollar parking lot Saturday. Photo courtesy of Jan Lemons.



2ND PLACE – Buck Parker (left) was presented a trophy by Donny Lowrance for winning 2nd place in the Toys4MCKids Car Show on Saturday. Parker entered his Monster Christmas Truck in the show. Photo courtesy of Amanda Jo Ritchey.



NICER THAN HE APPEARS – Delilah Martinez (standing), Selene Martinez and Ruben Rodriguez were three of many kids having their picture made with the Grinch Saturday afternoon downtown. The Palace Theater showed *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* for free as part of the celebration.

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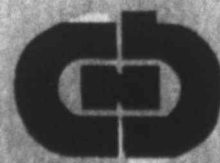
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Friday, December 18th

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Santa will be visiting
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