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## Answerline

**Q. What are some unusual ideas to do in 2017?**  
A. If you're looking for something new to resolve in 2017, here are a few ideas: Get your photo taken in five interesting places, learn a decent party trick, break a record, make a new friend a month, develop a good relationship with your body, learn something you never learned as a child, try a new food each week, make the usual unusual, sort out a financial worry and do something nice for others every day.

## Briefs

**Band Boosters**  
The CHS Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the CHS Band Hall.

**Immunization Clinic**  
The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization and flu clinic for children with no insurance, Medicaid or underinsured and adults with no insurance on Wed., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Education Center, located at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut St. in Colorado City. Please bring child's immunization record to clinic. For more information or to make an appointment, call 325-754-4945 and leave message.

**Stock Show**  
Anyone interested in donating to the exhibitors at the Mitchell County Livestock Show can do so at the ribbon sale on Sat., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. Whether it's a little or a lot, every dime counts and is used by exhibitors to represent Mitchell County at the major shows. The sale is set to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

## Obituaries

**JoNell Pilkington**  
New Mexico

**Karen Whitaker**  
Sweetwater

**Darrell Bonner**  
Loraine

**Pat Key**  
Colorado City

**Pearl Jefferson**  
Arlington

## Around Town

Happy birthday **Daniel Perez** (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>)... **Dawn Hawley** gets a new addition... Happy 29<sup>th</sup> birthday **Cody Hubbard** (Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>)... **Debby Guelker** is a dog's best friend... Happy birthday **Irene Graham** (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>)... **Caleb Chaney** looking forward to the next five months... Happy birthday **Michele Potter**, **Yolanda Marquez** (Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>)... **Brenda Hammond** launches website for the new Hutchinson Lodge... **Ginny Harmon** showing concern for a friend...



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## Sharyland Utilities files new amended rate filing package

Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland) announced Tuesday that on December 30, 2016, it filed an amended rate filing package as part of its ongoing system-wide rate case with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to set regulated delivery rates for all of Sharyland's retail service territories. Sharyland jointly filed this amended package along with Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. (SDTS).

"This amended filing represents an important milestone in moving our rate case forward," said David Campbell, Chief Executive Officer of Sharyland. "It primarily addresses new procedural requirements related to the regulation of our lease agreements with SDTS, with minimal impacts on our proposed rates for our residential customers."

Sharyland originally filed its rate case on April 29, 2016, to consolidate Sharyland's two existing tariffs (one for its Stanton, Brady, and Celeste (SBC) service territories and one for its McAllen service territory) into a single unified tariff that will set uniform system-wide rates for all territories.

In reviewing the initial application, the PUCT determined that it would amend its previous method of regulating Sharyland and its leases. Sharyland leases utility assets that are owned by SDTS, and Sharyland operates and maintains these assets on behalf of SDTS.

On October 7, 2016, the PUCT approved a preliminary order directing Sharyland and SDTS to jointly file an amended rate case application no later than

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## Desal update comes from BOED director

According to BOED Director Sue Young, things are going well at the desalination plant under construction in the western part of the county. She said she expects the plant to be operational by the end of February.

When Corix Utilities purchased Mitchell County Utilities, company officials made it clear that they were quite interested in the desal plant and were going to look into the possibilities of their involvement with the plant in the future. Young said that, while Corix is a cog in the wheel, there's no contract with

the company just yet.

Young did have many complimentary things to say about the company and the representatives she's had the pleasure to work with.

"They are fabulous to work with and want to be a part of the community," she said. "We have bi-weekly conference calls and they always have positive input."

While water may not be ready to be transported in February, Young said she thinks the plant will be producing water by the February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## W'brook Stock Show is Saturday

The county stock show is just a couple of weeks away, and Westbrook students are taking the opportunity to hone their showmanship skills at the Westbrook Local Stock Show. The event is set to be held Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the school show barn.

Westbrook ISD ag teacher David Bray said there are just over 100 entries in this year's show that begins at 10:30 a.m. Bray estimated that close to 70 pigs, 20 steers, five goats and six sheep will be exhibited, and this year's show will conclude with the pee-wee pig show.

Brandon Freel, ag science teacher and FFA advisor from Denver City, will serve as the judge for the show.



**HOME FOR A VISIT** - GSM2 (SW) Sarah Nicole Campos was home for a visit this week. She is seen here with her daughter, Natalia, and her brother, Albert Campos Jr. She has been deployed to the Middle East for the last seven months.

## Campos enjoying visit with family members

Colorado High grad Sarah Campos was back in town to visit her mom and other family members, much like young people her age often do over the holidays. But, Campos' job is definitely not like that of most 24-year-old women.

GSM2 (SW) Campos is serving her country as a member of the United States Navy, and she's spent the last seven-plus months aboard a destroyer in the ocean in the Middle East. As of Tuesday, she's in Colorado City visiting her mom, Elia Aguilar, and brother, Albert Campos Jr., as well as her daughter, Natalia. She'll report back to New Port, Florida, where she's stationed, on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

For Campos, the hardest part of being in the Navy has been the time she has to spend away from her daughter. Though she's become accustomed to it over the last five and a half years, having to say goodbye to the people she loves

never gets easier.

But when you hear the lift of her voice as she talks about her time on board, you can tell that Campos loves her job. She said this last deployment is the second in her Naval career.

She went to boot camp one month after graduating from CHS in 2011, and she's been all around the world ever since. She's visited Hawaii, Guam, Italy, Samoa, South Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Bahrain and many other places.

When asked if she had endured any events that were scary, Campos chuckled and said that the things often considered "scary" are the things that get her adrenaline pumping. She said that the deployment to the Middle East brought them face to face with terrorists.

Many may have heard in the news about a

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## Blood drive set for civic center

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be in town on Thursday, and citizens are encouraged to come give blood to help their fellow citizens. The blood drive will take place at the Colorado City Civic Center from 1 to 6 p.m. on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

The new bloodmobile recently put into service at Meek Blood Center was designed with the donor in mind. The five beds are interchangeable to accommodate a right or left arm. The interview rooms are larger, the aisle is wider and there is more head room. The canteen area at the front of the bus is also larger. The bloodmobile is a convenient way for those in outlying communities and businesses to give blood, and it can accommodate up to 12 donors per hour.

Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at Mitchell County Hospital, and support from the communities the center serves is vital. Various illnesses and conditions

require the use of blood.

For instance, a cancer patient may require as many as eight units of platelets a day while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. An accident of trauma victim may require as many as 30 pints of blood upon arrival to the hospital. A patient undergoing open-heart surgery may require between four and six pints of blood, and as little as three teaspoons of blood can save the life of a premature baby.

O positive blood is the blood type that is needed most. It is the most common blood type, therefore it is the type that is transfused most often. O negative blood is the universal donor, which can buy vital minutes when blood cannot be typed for an exact match. Only 7% of the population has this type blood.

Only 5% of the population in the U.S. eligible to give blood actually donate. On any given day, approximately 40,000 units of

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# LOCAL NEWS



**STARTING WITH EDUCATION** – Judy Hill (left) of Sweetwater and Sonja Booker of Colorado City developed their techniques with lessons and in turn learned to love art even more. Pieces by the two artists are on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust throughout the month of January. Photo courtesy of Linda Mathis.

## Art on display at local bank

Judy Hill of Sweetwater and Sonja Booker of Colorado City are members of the West Texas Art Guild and have artwork on display at FirstBank & Trust. Citizens are encouraged to stop by and take a look at the pieces, as they are also available for purchase throughout the month of January. Booker retired from Mitchell County Hospital in 2007, and she serves as secretary of the art guild. Hill is the office manager of Sweetwater Floral. Both ladies have enjoyed pursuing their artistic interests in their free time.

Booker said in a quest to stay active in her retirement, she took on the task of refreshing and repainting her house. As that project was completed, a friend suggested she take some art classes from Carolyn Walker.

"I have always doodled but thought nothing of it," Booker said. "When my friend suggested art classes, I thought she had lost her mind, but she had seen some of my doodles and encouraged me to take the classes. I am so thankful for the persistence of my friend."

Booker said that she loves old buildings and historic homes. "They seem to speak to me," she said. She has painted some historic family buildings in oil and acrylic.

She said she also enjoys capturing the various moods of nature and is always on the prowl for unique ways to combine the two interests.

"As secretary for the West Texas Art Guild, I have been exposed to many talented and wonderful people. I am so grateful that they are willing to share their tips and techniques with a novice painter," Booker said.

Art classes also were a beginning of sorts for Hill. "Arts and crafts were my thing for years but decided some years back that I needed to try my hand at painting," she said.

Hill started painting with Walker in her studio in Colorado City, and she's been painting ever since. She said she enjoys working with various medium, including acrylic, oil and mixed media but her first love is watercolor.

"Through my art, I have met a lot of wonderful people and feel so blessed to have this in my life," Hill said.

Everyone is encouraged to take a trip down to FirstBank & Trust to view the artwork of these two artists. Who knows? There might be a painting there that you can't live without.

# OBITUARIES

## JoNell Pilkington 1940-2016

**NEW MEXICO** - JoNell Pilkington, 76 of Hobbs, NM, passed away in Lubbock in the early hours of December 31, 2016.

She was born on June 9, 1940, to Emerson and Doris (McCarthy) Garrett, in Prescott, Arkansas. She married Charlie Pilkington on May 1, 1959.

JoNell is survived by two sons, Charles (Cami) and Sammy (Dawn) of Hobbs, NM; two daughters, Mary Jo (Brent) Shafer of Ira, and GayNell (Sammy) Massingill of Colorado City; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Willie (Mildred) Garrett and Mack Garrett of Colorado City; three sisters, Carolyn Maberry and Rachel Winn of Colorado City and June (Harlin) Hickson of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Marie Garrett of Hobbs; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charlie; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kathy Ann Willis (Earl) and Wilma Jean Pilkington; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Tom and Jerry (Marie); and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at New Life Bible Ministries Church at 1644 Hickory in Colorado City on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 2 p.m. with Pastor James Williams officiating.



## Karen Marie Smith Whitaker 1954-2016

**SWEETWATER** - Karen Marie Smith Whitaker, 62, formerly of Colorado City, Karen entered heaven's gates on December 31, 2016, after passing suddenly and quietly in her home.

Karen was born October 7, 1954 in Colorado City to parents of the late Loyd Smith and Helen Joyce Cain. Karen was a 1972 graduate of Colorado High School.

Throughout her life she held different positions professionally, but found her life's calling in her role in her oldest son's lengthy battle against leukemia. During that journey, she found strength, respect, purpose and many friends. She found her spiritual family at Bethel Assembly and attended as much as possible. Her hobbies included shopping, cooking, dancing and adventure. She enjoyed long conversations with her sisters while attending loved one's special events and family gatherings. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Her bright smile, strong will and larger than life spirit made her widely known, loved and unforgettable.

She leaves her memories to be cherished by her loving children: daughter, Danielle Benson Alcala of Abilene and son, Lindley Benson of Sweetwater; beloved grandchildren, Megan and Timothy Holsey, Allison and Addison Torres, Shelby, Dustin, and Bill Benson all of Sweetwater; blessed great-grandchildren, Jaxon Williams of Sweetwater; adoring sisters, Annette Pruitt and husband Pete of Euless, Beth Cade and husband Trey of China Springs; devoted brothers, Skeet Smith and wife Pamela of Sweetwater, Allen Smith of Sweetwater; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, honorary children and friends.

A memorial service and celebration of Karen's life was held Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethel Assembly in Sweetwater. Reverend Carter Edmondson officiated. A graveside service and interment immediately followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Pete Pruitt, Laiden Smith, Mark Smith, Eddie Torres, Kyle Cade, Keith Ruddick, Tyler Smith. She was preceded in death and welcomed home by her son, David Wade Benson and her grandson, Roger David Torres. Online condolences made be made at mccoeyh.com.



## Darrell Ray Bonner 1957-2016

**LORAIN** - Darrell Ray Bonner, 59, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2016 in Waco after a massive heart attack.

Darrell was born to Louis and Elaine Bonner on March 30, 1957 in Manhattan, KS. His childhood was spent in Wamego, KS and he attended the Manhattan Vo-Tech School for Welding. Darrell later enlisted in the US Air Force where he received an honorable discharge. He was employed as a truck driver at the time of his death. He started in the business at a very young age and had always preferred being behind the wheel of a freightliner where he could enjoy the open road. It was said that he was a very smart kid. He never had to study in school and often skipped school, only to show up on testing day to make an A. He was well-liked and made friends very easily. His blunt and to-the-point personality often drew people around him. He was a man of few words and worldly possessions but prideful none the less. His love for his grandchildren was evident through his bantering ways. He would

not want his family and friends to take pity on his death but rather celebrate with a "shindig".

He was preceded in death by both his parents, Louis Bonner and Elaine Robinson; a younger sister, Beverly Bonner; and a niece, Amanda Bonner. He is survived by his daughters, Cassie and husband Joey Lujan of Loraine, Jamie Bonner of San Angelo, and Alyssa and husband Brandon Paschel of Hereford; sisters, Darla Hanks of Holton, KS and Joann and husband Frank Douglass of Enid, OK; a brother, Bill Bonner of Las Vegas, NV; four grandchildren, Casein, Josiah, Johnathan, and Cayton Lujan of Loraine; and a handful of cousins and nieces.

There will be a Celebration of Life for close friends and family at the Colorado City Housing Authority at 1 p.m. on January 21, 2017. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Heart Association in his name.

## Ethel Maxine "Pat" Key 1924-2016

**COLORADO CITY** - Ethel Maxine "Pat" Key, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 in Colorado City. She was born the next to youngest of 10 children on February 3, 1924 in the Seven Wells Community to Phinis and Minnie Barrett Basham.

As a youth, Pat attended school at Seven Wells, where she was raised to be a "proper woman". Pat held many jobs in her life, including being a truck driver and working at J.C. Penney. She was most known for her job with the Colorado ISD, where she drove a bus for 23 years, doing the same route which happened to be the longest route in the district. She enjoyed taking road trips and had to stop at every Historical Marker along the way, because history was important to her. Being that she was from a large family, it would come as no surprise that family was the most important thing to her, especially the children, as they were her kryptonite. Anyone that knew her also knew that she was one of the nicest ladies a person would know. She was the type that never met a stranger and who never had a mean word to say about anybody. In her spare time, Pat enjoyed crocheting, reading, watching westerns, gardening, and cooking.

Pat is survived by her daughter-in-law, Billie Faye Key; and by her grandchildren, Shelia Janson and husband Edward, Niki Watlington and husband Ty, Alicia Key-Hines and husband David, Kenny Key and wife Brenda, Koda Key, and Melony Moncebiaz. Also surviving are her great-grandchildren, Shaley Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Carrie Chaney, Hayden Janson, Joshua Moncebiaz, Nicole Moncebiaz, Jody Moncebiaz, Kylie Key, and Major Key and by her great-great-grandchildren, Aaron Fields and Wyatt Luttrull.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Key; two sons, Bill Key and Kenneth Key; and by her parents and her brothers and sisters. There will be no formal services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

## Pearl Lee Jefferson 1924-2016

**ARLINGTON** - Pearl Lee Jefferson was born August 8, 1924 to Dennis Hayes and Mary Medkins in Marlin. She came to Colorado City with her family at an early age for a "cotton pick" and lived there until relocating to Arlington, August 1, 2008.

Pearl united with Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was a faithful member until her move to Arlington. She was the president of the senior choir for 20+ years, served with the culinary staff as well as numerous other committees. She was involved with many community organizations, such as Keep Colorado City Beautiful, Christmas in April, Housing Authority Board and was awarded the Key to the City of Colorado City. Pearl attended D.W. Wallace School and was a maid for several families, including Dr. Jene and Bobbie Steakley for over 50 years. She united with Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church shortly after moving to Arlington in 2008 where she was an active member and participated in the Thursday/Senior Sunday School classes and the GCMBC Women's Choir. On April 28, 2015, Pearl suffered a stroke and the result was the onset of Alzheimer's. She fought this horrible disease with dignity and never lost her faith.

On December 17, 2016, Pearl was called home to be with God. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rutherford Jefferson; her sons, Charles Belvin and Howard Belvin; one sister, Rosie Hall; and two grandsons, Robert and Jamal.

Pearl leaves to cherish and mourn her passing a sister, Vickie Thomas of Odessa; one daughter, Brenda Russell of Arlington; four sons, Sam Modkins(Linda) of San Angelo, Calvin Belvin of Big Spring, Weldon Jefferson of Lubbock, and T.J.(Pam) of San Angelo; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Pearl's precious memories will forever be cherished by the hearts she touched during her life.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Cawthron retires from local credit union branch



**A SYMBOL OF TIME** — Pat Cawthron (left) was presented a glass clock by Linda Conaway, BSEE Federal Credit Union Board President, in honor of her retirement. Cawthron has worked for the credit union for 28 years.

When people in Colorado City think about the credit union, most people think about Pat Cawthron. After all, she's been working there for nearly 30 years. That era came to an end recently, as Cawthron's last day at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union was Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Cawthron's career started 28 years ago in September of 1988. Georgie Carver was the manager at the credit union which was located in the back of the building that now houses the Samaritan House on Westpoint Avenue. Back then, it was just the two of them, Carver and Cawthron.

Fast forward three or four years, and everything began to change at the credit union. The most notable change came in location. The facility was moved from Westpoint to its current location on Hickory Street. Cawthron said that's when the credit union really began to grow.

New members were signing up for accounts and the facility was on the cusp of the computer age. Up until that time, Cawthron and Carver did all their work by hand and sent the paperwork in to the main office to be posted into computers.

Cawthron clearly remembers the conversion from paperwork by hand to computers, including all loan applications. Though the transition created a lot of work, she knew the value of working on computers, even then.

"It made things a lot easier," she said Monday afternoon.

During Cawthron's time with the credit union, Don Wilson came on board. He was the first manager to issue loans locally. He taught Pat everything about it, and her career advanced from there. While she started as a teller, Cawthron has served in just about every position at the credit union.

"I did a little bit of everything throughout the years," she said. "I've worked as a teller, worked the vault, and approved loans."

The credit union may have started with one full-time and one part-time position, but it has grown to need three full-time

workers, along with a part-time employee. Cawthron, Helen Edwards and Margo Connell were a team for 17 years.

While Cawthron is looking forward to more free time in retirement, she said that leaving was "a little bit sad."

"I'm going to miss the people," she said. Cawthron said she doesn't have any big plans.

"I'm going to do what I want to do," she laughed.

Just because she won't be at the credit union any longer doesn't mean Cawthron is just going to sit back and relax into retirement. She has been the treasurer

of the Colorado City Lions Club for many years, taking care of most of the business of the club. She plans to continue that work and she's also planning to serve on a few of the credit union's committees.

Credit Union Board President Linda Conaway was on hand at Cawthron's retirement party last Wednesday to present the long-time employee with a glass clock as recognition for her many years of service to the facility.

And, let's face it, no matter how friendly the faces or how top notch the service, Cawthron will be missed at the credit union.



Kyle Shimanek and Kelly Morris

## Morris, Shimanek plan August 5th wedding

Kirk "Nub" and Maureen Morris are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly to Kyle Shimanek.

Kyle was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Wesley and Kathleen Shimanek, moving to Austin just before the 7th grade. He graduated from St. Andrews Episcopal School and went to Texas A&M University where he earned his degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering with Business and Math minors.

Kelly graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in Business Information Systems and Accounting.

Kelly and Kyle currently live in Houston, where they both work for Accenture as Information Technology Consultants. They love to play golf, spoil their Great Dane Rugar, and travel. They are planning an August 5th wedding in Lake Leelanau, Michigan where Kyle's grandparents live and his family has vacationed for many years.

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# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## TUMBLEWEED SMITH Downtown Sulphur Springs is changing

If you go to Sulphur Springs and haven't been there in a while, you'll notice downtown is a totally new place, with interesting restaurants, bars, shops and apartments. You might think you're in Key West or maybe even France.

"We made the sidewalks wider and the street narrower," says city manager Marc Maxwell. Sometimes people complain about how narrow Main Street is because it's the narrowest of all the streets downtown. But a lot of times when they're complaining they're sitting at a café table outside on Main Street enjoying a meal or a drink."

The transformation of downtown Sulphur Springs started eight years ago when the city was trying to figure out a way to get people downtown, especially at night. Since the city has 200 events, city leaders decided to call Sulphur Springs Celebration City.

"We're sitting on Celebration Plaza right now. We don't refer to it as the square anymore. From spring through fall every Friday and Saturday night there's something to do downtown. Friday night we show movies and Saturday night is the market itself. Vendors sell produce, prepared food and all kinds of crafts."

Celebration Plaza has computerized lights and sound. "All the trees have lights underneath them and we can even synchronize them to music. During Christmas we put on a beautiful light show with music that can be heard all over downtown. We're trying to create the magic that makes people want to come downtown."

Downtown property values have gone through the roof since the renovations started. Previous vacant or burned buildings are now thriving businesses.

"We're working our way around the plaza, making changes in the streets leading to it. Each time we begin a new phase, there is a wave of investment downtown. People are buying buildings, restoring them, and moving businesses into them. It's to the point now that it really has its own momentum. We don't have to get out there and push. We used to recruit for restaurants like mad, trying to entice them to come downtown. We don't do that anymore. They come to us."

One of the owners of a downtown business drives a Tesla automobile.

"We're now getting a Tesla charging station. We'll be the only such facility between Dallas and Hot Springs, Arkansas. People that buy these hundred thousand dollar Teslas have to come here to charge and they have an hour on their hands. What are they going to do? They'll shop, right?"

Downtown Sulphur Springs has a theater that has half a dozen live shows a year.

"We're trying to get them to do more. When there's a play going on it doubles the activity downtown."

## Government transparency still necessary in today's times

Editor's Note: This guest editorial was published in the Snyder Daily News on Saturday, December 31. It was noted that the column is one in an occasional series of opinion pieces on legislators and other Texans who are openly committed to sustaining government transparency and accountability. The articles are being prepared and distributed by the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and the Texas Press Association.

By Dave Montgomery

After 15 years in the Texas Legislature, Rep. Todd Hunter of Corpus Christi has distinguished himself as a relentless defender of press freedoms and government transparency, reflecting a passion rooted deep in his heritage.

The son of a journalist, Hunter grew up in a family he says was "very strong on freedom of speech and open government," shaping what would become a lifelong pursuit as he went on to become a lawyer and lawmaker. Over the past decade, he has been instrumental in the passage of nearly every major bill strengthening First Amendment protections and preserving citizen access to government records.

"He's unquestionably the No. 1 champion of transparency in government," said Donnis Baggett, executive vice president of the Texas Press Association, which represent most newspapers in Texas.

Hunter received the Open Government Lawmaker of the Year Award from the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas in 2013.

The Texas Press Association has named Hunter "Friend of the First Amendment" three times.

Countering the impact of two court rulings that limited access to public records connected to private or non-profit entities is expected to rank among the top open government challenges when the Legislature convenes Jan. 10. The Texas Supreme Court decisions

stemmed from cases involving the Boeing aerospace company and the non-profit Greater Houston Partnership.

Hunter anticipates a "good open-air discussion" on the legal ramifications of those cases, but added that it's too early to predict the outcome. Lawmakers must strike the correct balance between private and public interests without endangering access to public information, he said.

Lawmakers are "very open" to the concept of government transparency, Hunter said, and noted they will focus on how that translates to modern technology, such as access to emails.

"I see some great opportunity to educate a lot of new members on the importance of public disclosure, the importance of information," said the Republican House member. "We're going to go into a legislative session where sometimes our biggest hurdle is that technology has gone so fast, that sometimes our freedom of information laws haven't caught up."

Hunter said the Texas Public Information Act remains one of the strongest laws of its type in the country, despite a number of exemptions added by lawmakers since its passage in 1973 following the Sharpstown stock fraud scandal. He also suggested that state agencies should be doing more to fully comply with the act's requirements.

"I think that probably agencies in general are very defensive," he said. "Overall we just need to send a good positive message to encourage freedom of information within the agencies and all branches of government."

Hunter entered the Legislature in 1989 and served until 1997, before taking a 12-year break to help raise his three children. He returned in 2009 and, now at age 63, chairs the powerful House Calendars Committee, charged with deciding which bills make it onto the House floor.

Hunter has cited the 1990 jailing of a Corpus Christi new reporter as a major catalyst behind his years of activism for transparency and press freedom.

Libby Averyt of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, now the newspaper's president, spent a weekend in jail for refusing to disclose unpublished information from her interviews with a defendant who was charged — and ultimately convicted — of capital murder.

Hunter's body of work improving public information access grows every session.

One of his First Amendment victories was enactment of a press shield law protecting reporters from being forced to reveal their sources.

He also led the fight for enactment of legislation to block retaliatory lawsuits aimed at chilling free expression, the anti-Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) law drew its name from the term used to describe the legal action.

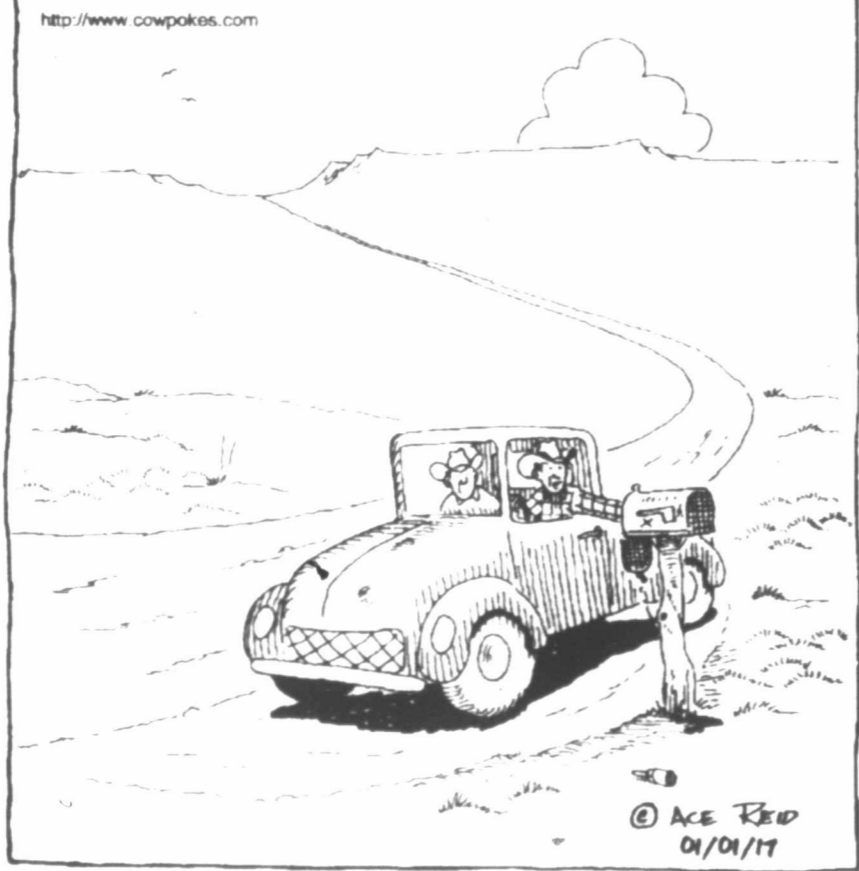
In 2015, he pushed through legislation allowing reporters to cover issues of public importance contained in accusations that aren't part of a government investigation. The so-called third-party allegations bill restored a longtime legal precedent that had been overturned by a court ruling.

In 2013, he helped pass a measure clarifying that emails, texts and other electronic communications by government officials regarding public business are public records, even if they are on privately owned devices. Hunter will return to that issue in 2017 by trying to close a loophole and make it easier for governments to get those records.

Texas needs to remain the nation's "shining star" for First Amendment protections, Hunter said.

At the core of his efforts is what he says is a simple truism, "Freedom of information just makes it a better government for everybody."

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## WCTCG looking for volunteer ombudsmen

By Raquel Cisneros  
Staff Ombudsman  
West Central Texas Council of Governments

Ombudsman is a funny-sounding word. But long-term care ombudsmen have a serious and important job to do. We advocate for the health, safety, welfare and rights of residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We are independent ombudsmen — we don't work for facilities; we work for residents.

We work with residents from all walks of life, with varying interests and wishes. Some residents want to switch doctors or make decisions about their end-of-life care. Some want to find a way to return home, or move to a different nursing home. Some residents want to have a say in what they eat, what they wear, or who they spend time with. Residents have the right to make these kinds of decisions.

A long-term care ombudsman visits with residents and listens to their concerns. Our job is to work alongside residents to resolve those concerns. We might meet with facility staff, doctors or family members. We help resolve problems based on what the resident wants, even if that is different from what facility staff or a family member might want. For us, resident rights come first.

For example, there have been cases when a nursing home resident needed help getting meals that would be appetizing and meet her dietary needs, and was unable to solve the problem on her own. The ombudsman was there to listen and help resolve the problem. Through meetings with the facility's dietician, the ombudsman was able to help the resident voice her concerns and work with staff to create meal plans that worked for her. The resident stated that the help of the ombudsman really made a big difference in her life and enabled her to eat better food.

It's not an ombudsman's job to decide what's best for the resident, or tell them what they should do. We try to empower residents to advocate for themselves whenever possible. And when they need it, we can be their voice. As Olivia Kidder, one of our ombudsmen, puts it, "Being an ombudsman means you stand beside someone. Sometimes people think they are alone, but this program ensures that residents are not alone."

Volunteer ombudsmen must be at least 18 years old, have available transportation and complete a free 36-hour certification course that includes classroom, self-study and in-facility training. For more information, contact the Managing Local Ombudsman, Alesha Willis, 325-518-5556 or awillis@west-centraltexas.org.

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## RATE

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January 1, 2017.

On December 30, 2016, Sharyland and SDTS jointly filed the amended rate case application and rate filing packages that seek to: 1) set new wholesale and retail rates that Sharyland will charge its customers; 2) establish the rates that SDTS will charge to its only customer, Sharyland; and 3) grant a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) and transfer CCN rights to SDTS.

As part of this amended filing, Sharyland highlights the significant capital investments it has made to the transmission and distribution system since 2012, which was the test year for its previous rate case in 2013.

These investments were critical in supporting the approximately 15 percent annual load growth in Sharyland's West Texas SBC territory and in renovating the outdated SBC system that Sharyland acquired from Cap Rock Energy in 2010.

"Since 2012, Sharyland has made significant investments to improve the system and to meet continued load growth in the regions we serve," said Campbell. "Going forward, we will continue our efforts to improve the efficiency of our system and our operations."

For an average Sharyland residential customer using approxi-

mately 1,333 kilowatt hours a month, those in Sharyland's SBC territories would see monthly delivery rates decrease by approximately \$3, not including riders, and similar residential customers in Sharyland's McAllen territory would see monthly delivery rates increase by approximately \$36, not including riders. With riders included, the monthly bill for an average SBC residential customer will remain essentially the same, and the monthly bill for an average McAllen residential customer would increase \$55 overall, similar to what was proposed in the original filing back in April 2016.

For the past 16 years, Sharyland has subsidized rates for its McAllen division customers. For this filing, the regulated delivery rates in McAllen were calculated using system-wide cost-based rates, as required by the PUCT final order in the 2013 rate case. The current rate case will be the first full review of rates in the McAllen service territory in 16 years.

Sharyland has filed this amended rate case application under PUCT Docket No. 45414, with final action by the PUCT expected by mid-summer 2017. Additional information about this rate case can be found on Sharyland's website at [www.sharyland.com/rates](http://www.sharyland.com/rates).

## CAMPOS

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ship being repeatedly shot by missiles. Campos was aboard the ship that relieved the one being shot. She said the most intense experience for her came one early morning as she was "on watch" at 4 a.m.

Campos' ship lost all power and went completely dark. She said many missiles had been targeted at them in the days prior, and if any had been aimed their way when the ship lost power, it could have been devastating.

The destroyer was without power for almost an hour. Cam-

pos is an engineer and she's in charge of the engines and generators aboard the ship.

"It was probably the most intense hour I've experienced," she said.

Though it will be hard for Campos to wish her family farewell again, the citizens in Colorado City will be proud to see one of their finest go back to serve the country.

Campos is the daughter of Elia Aguilar of Colorado City and Albert Campos of Winters.

## POLICE REPORT

On December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:41 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Hickory. The driver was found to be Driving While License Invalid. The 45-year-old female was arrested and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:35 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of Chestnut in reference to a burglary. The officer arrived on scene and met with the reporting party. An offense report was generated for Burglary of a Habitation after it was found that numerous items had been taken from the residence.

On December 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:47 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of Locust Street in reference to an unwanted subject. The officer arrived on scene, made contact with the reporting party and suspect. After a brief investigation, the suspect, a 47-year-old male, was arrested for Criminal Trespass and Assault by Contact. He was transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:50 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of Locust Street in reference to a report of a burglary. On arrival, the officer confirmed that a Burglary of a Habitation had occurred. Information was gathered and a report was completed.

On December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in reference to a report of theft. The theft occurred in the 900 block of Walnut Street. Information was gathered and a report has been completed.

On December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m., an officer was notified that an assault had taken place in the 100 block of College Circle. When the officer arrived, he found that the suspect had left the area prior to his arrival. The suspect had broken into the residence using forced entry to the back door. Belongings in the living room were damaged and family violence was committed. The victim sustained no apparent injuries and refused to pursue criminal charges. Statements from the victim and witness were taken, along with photos of the victim's injuries. A report was generated for Assault/Family Violence.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:35 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2300 block of Hickory in reference to a theft that occurred at a local business. Video evidence was collected and a report has been completed.

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## Livestock Show kicks off January 12th

The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show is set to take place next week, and exhibitors and organizers of the show are making the final preparations.

Anyone wanting to help the exhibitors can come out to the ribbon sale on Saturday and donate any amount to just one, a few or all exhibitors. The kids use the money donated to show their animals in the major shows around the state.

On Thursday, January 12th, all animals will be due in the Mitchell County Ag Barn by 4 p.m. and weighing will begin by 5 p.m. The show kicks off bright and early Friday morning, January 13th with the hog show at 8 a.m., followed by goats, lambs, heifers, steers and the PeeWee Goat Show.

A buyer's meal will show some hospitality to those who will be coming to donate money to the

exhibitors. The meal, which is prepared by Matt Syler and Brandon Hale and sponsored by Lonestar Ag Credit in Sweetwater, will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Scholarships and buckles of many types will be awarded around 12:30 p.m., and the ribbon sale is set to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

To be eligible for competition, animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitors. Students showing animals must also live in Mitchell County, be in third grade or be nine years old and not more than 19 years old on the day of the show.

It's important for exhibitors to also keep their grades up. If any exhibitor is ineligible in school because of grades, he or she is also ineligible to participate in the show and sale.

All animals in the show must meet health requirements set forth by the Texas Animal

Health Commission. Market animals shown in the county show previously will be ineligible to show the following year. Only 10 places will be awarded in any class.

Preparations such as shearing must be done outside of the show barn. There are facilities outside of the ag barn or in the west wash room for shearing. Organizers urge exhibitors to have their animals prepped a day or two before the show begins.

One particularly important rule is in reference to when livestock can be loaded on Saturday. The rule book says there will be no loading of livestock during the sale, and exhibitors failing to comply with this rule will forfeit ribbon sale money.

MCLA Directors are: Harris, president; Jim Cogburn, vice president; Tom Connell, secretary; Margo Connell, treasurer; Jeremy Strain, finance chairman;

and Dalton Maddox, ribbon sale chairman.

Exhibitors also get help from advisors throughout the year. Advisors are: Robin Senter and Jennifer Morris, Colorado City FFA; Michael Barrientez, Lorraine FFA; David Bray, Westbrook FFA; and Audra Graves, Mitchell County Extension Agent.

This year, Kent Boyd and John Senter will be cattle superintendents, Nub Morris and Amanda Jo Ritchey will serve as sheep superintendents, Mike Hill and Tip Chaney will be the swine superintendents, and Mike Jordan and Tommy Morris will serve as goat superintendents.

Superintendents do things like assign stalls and pens when animals begin arriving, set classes, oversee the show once it is started and help resolve any issues that may arise in their respective areas.



**FENCING FOR SAFETY**—A sheet metal fence was being installed last week by workers with Champion Creek Farms, LLC along 10<sup>th</sup> Street near the new school. The fence will provide a barrier between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and the pit from where dirt was taken to build the new CISD campus. It may also reduce the temptation for kids to go onto the property.

## DRIVE

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Golden algae levels low at Lake C-City



**THAT'S A LOT OF TUBING** - This 18-wheeler carrying copper tubing took out a guardrail and rolled off the interstate last Thursday around noon. The driver wasn't seriously injured and no other vehicle were involved in the accident that happened near Buck's Café in Westbrook.

According to Lake Colorado City State Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver, there's good news on the golden algae front. A recent sample indicated that golden algae levels are low which means the lake may be able to be stocked with fish soon.

O'Haver said that a recent sample came back in the middle of December with the lowest reading of the past three winters. Of course, heavy rains in November have certainly helped the algae

situation. Golden algae blooms that kill fish tend to occur when water levels are very low.

The water samples are tested by a laboratory that contracts with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. O'Haver said the low readings are good news for those who would like to see Lake Colorado City return as a good place to go fishing.

"If we can keep that number low, there will be (fish) stocking in our future," the park superintendent said.

As for a timeline on when that could happen, O'Haver estimated that fish stocking could happen as soon as the upcoming spring and summer months.

O'Haver wanted to remind visitors to the park that Golden Algae is always non-toxic to humans and all other non-gill breathing animals.

"That means it's fine for you, and if the fish are caught live, they are fine to eat," he said.

## Sweetwater DL office closed for renovations

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Sweetwater Driver License Office will close temporarily for renovations on January 2, 2017. When work is complete, the new Sweetwater office will feature upgrades, including increased capacity and new technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. The office is expected to reopen to the public on January 23, 2017.

Until the renovated office opens, DPS is encouraging customers in the area to visit the

Abilene, Snyder, or Anson Driver License Office. DPS would encourage the customers to call any of the offices before traveling to them as the Snyder and Anson Driver License office are not open every day. Below are the phone numbers to those offices.

Abilene Driver License Office- 325-695-0988 Open Monday-Friday

Anson Driver License Office- 325-823-3631 Open Monday-Friday (Except the 1, 3, and 5 Wednesday of month from 8:30-5:00)

Snyder Driver License Office- 325-573-5631 Open Tuesday-Thursday (8:45-4:00)

Many Texans are eligible to take advantage of online services for driver license/ID card renewals, duplicates or address changes available at Texas.gov. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal and online renewal are the same. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

### Upcoming Events

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Tuesday - pita pocket breakfast or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.  
Wednesday - chicken 'n' waffles, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.  
Thursday - stuffed bagel and sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.  
Friday - Dutch waffle and bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

### COLORADO ISD LUNCH MENU Jan. 9-13

Monday- enchiladas, Spanish rice, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, choice of milk.  
Tuesday - meatball sub sandwich, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.  
Wednesday - fiesta bowl, garden salad, tiny tomato cup, fruit cup, choice of milk.  
Thursday - chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, broccoli, apple slices, choice of milk.  
Friday - corn dog, oven fries, baby carrots, peaches, crispy cereal treat, choice of milk.

### LORAIN ISD BREAKFAST MENU Jan. 9-13

Monday- cereal, toast, pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Tuesday - cereal, toast, chicken n biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Wednesday - cereal, French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thursday - cereal, toast, breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Friday - cereal, toast, Dutch waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice,

### LORAIN ISD LUNCH MENU Jan. 9-13

Monday- chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.  
Tuesday - pizza choice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, chilled cookie, milk.  
Wednesday - chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salsa, tiny tomato cup, refried beans, hot cinnamon apples and milk.  
Thursday - cheeseburger, garnish, oven fries, veggie cup, orange smiles, milk.  
Friday - chicken parmesan, garden salad, breadsticks, savory green beans, apple slices, milk.

### WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST MENU Jan. 9-13

Monday- oatmeal, cereal, toast, milk.  
Tuesday - breakfast sausage wrap, cereal, toast, milk.  
Wednesday - scrambled eggs with biscuit and gravy, cereal, milk.  
Thursday - waffles with toppings, syrup, cereal, milk.  
Friday - breakfast casserole, toast, cereal, milk.

### WESTBROOK ISD LUNCH MENU Jan. 9-13

Monday- lasagna, black-eyed peas, salad, garlic bread, apple crisp, milk.  
Tuesday - Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, banana pudding, milk.  
Wednesday - taco salad bowl, shell, ground meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, charro beans, Spanish rice, salsa, sheet cake, milk.  
Thursday - turkey pot pie, fried okra, tossed salad, jello, milk.  
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# SPORTS



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!** The Colorado City Wolves won four games to become the Comfort Holiday Classic champions last weekend. Team members are: (l-r) Mgr. Omar Canillo, Gavino Silva, Bubba Williams, Calvin Spencer, Reid Harris, Anthony Gutierrez, Tracy Smith, Tommy James, Gabriel Salazar, Kwentin Malveaux, Omar Boone, Jhaden Bishop, and Markis Monroe. Photo courtesy of Marcus Monroe.



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS** – The Colorado City Lady Wolves beat Johnson City, Mason, San Antonio Randolph and Comfort to win the Comfort Girls Basketball Tournament over the weekend. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Conley Niblett, Kaymey Russell, Kaci Phariss, Alexa Garza, Jalessa Williams, Taylor Smith, Makaylah Rivera, Kaitlyn Kimball, Taylor Epperson; (front row) Jadyn Griffith, Sara Roach, Deanna Wooddell, and Clancy White. Photo courtesy of Barry Kimball.

## Lady Wolves take Comfort tourney

Colorado City's varsity Lady Wolves basketball team traveled to Comfort over the weekend and won the championship at the Comfort Girls Basketball Tournament. Kaitlyn Kimball was named MVP of the tournament and Conley Niblett and Taylor Epperson were both named as All Tournament.

The Lady Wolves faced Johnson City in the opening round of the tournament and beat them 39-22 to start off on the right foot. Stats for the game follow.

Kaitlyn Kimball - 12 pts/1 assist/3 rebounds/4 steals  
Taylor Epperson - 9 pts/5 rebounds/3 steals  
Makaylah Rivera - 6 pts/4 rebounds  
Taylor Smith - 4 pts/1 rebound  
Clancy White - 3 pts/2 assists/3 steals  
Jadyn Griffith - 2 pts

Conley Niblett - 2 pts/2 rebounds/3 steals  
Alexa Garza - 1 pt/1 assist

The Colorado City girls went on to defeat state-ranked Class 2A Mason 47-42. Stats follow.

Taylor Epperson - 16 pts/1 rebound/5 steals  
Kaitlyn Kimball - 13 pts/2 assists/3 rebounds/3 steals  
Conley Niblett - 9 pts/1 assist/2 rebounds/1 steal  
Sara Roach - 5 pts/1 assist  
Clancy White - 2 pts/2 assists/4 steals  
Makaylah Rivera - 2 pts/2 rebounds  
In the semifinal game of the tournament, the Lady Wolves beat San Antonio Randolph 47-21.  
Kaitlyn Kimball - 15 pts/2 assists/3 rebounds/3 steals  
Taylor Epperson - 9 pts/2 rebounds/1 steal  
Conley Niblett - 5 pts/1 assist/1 rebound/2 steals

Clancy White - 4 pts/2 assists/2 rebounds/2 steals  
Makaylah Rivera - 4 pts/6 rebounds  
Taylor Smith - 4 pts

Kaci Phariss - 2 pts/4 rebounds/2 steals  
Sara Roach - 2 pts  
Alexa Garza - 2 pts

The championship game saw the Lady Wolves take on tournament host Comfort, and Colorado City came away with a convincing 49-31 win.

Conley Niblett - 11 pts/1 assist/3 rebounds/4 steals  
Kaitlyn Kimball - 8 pts/1 assist/6 rebounds/2 steals  
Alexa Garza - 8 pts/1 assist/1 steal  
Taylor Epperson - 7 pts/8 rebounds/2 steals  
Jalessa Williams - 2 pts  
The wins bring the Lady Wolves record to 16-4 for the season. District action starts Friday as the Stanton Lady Buffaloes come to Colorado City.

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## NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 30, 2016, as required by order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") in Docket No. 45414, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS") (collectively "Applicants"), regulated electric utility companies, filed an application with the PUC titled *Amended Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., Statement of Intent to Change Rates, and Request for Grant of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Transfer of Certificate Rights* ("Amended Application").

The Amended Application requests: (1) the setting of new wholesale and retail rates that Sharyland will charge its customers; (2) the establishment of rates that SDTS will charge its only customer, Sharyland; and (3) the grant of a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") and transfer of CCN rights to SDTS. This proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis.

The Amended Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015. The Amended Application supports an increase in Sharyland's adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately \$1.4 million or 1.4 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is \$101.2 million, plus an additional \$2.23 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover \$30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will decrease by approximately \$3.14 per month, exclusive of riders, but in McAllen and Mission they will increase by approximately \$35.69 per month, exclusive of riders. The Amended Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of \$147.6 million, plus an additional \$3.7 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.

The Amended Application also supports a total revenue requirement for SDTS of approximately \$170 million. SDTS' proposed rates are lease payments that SDTS will charge only to Sharyland for leasing its transmission and distribution assets. In a new tariff for SDTS, separate rates will be provided for the leasing of transmission assets and for the leasing of distribution assets.

The Amended Application also requests that the PUC grant a CCN to SDTS and transfer rights under Sharyland's CCNs to SDTS authorizing SDTS to own transmission and distribution assets and lease those assets to Sharyland for the provision of electric service, along with any other rights as necessary. No new facilities are being sought in the Amended Application.

The Amended Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Amended Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The Applicants have proposed that the requested rates be made effective February 3, 2017.

A complete copy of the Amended Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

Sharyland  
1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400  
Midland, Texas 79701

-or-  
1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460  
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Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is February 13, 2017.

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