

School Breakfast Menus

Jan. 11-15

Cliff Schools

Monday: Cinnamon Burst bread, applesauce cup

Tuesday: Sausage Gravy Fundle

Wednesday: Cereal, crackers

Thursday: Breakfast pizza

Silver Schools

Monday: Cinnamon Burst bread, applesauce cup

Tuesday: Sausage Fundle

Wednesday: Cereal, crackers

Thursday: Breakfast burrito

Friday: Breakfast pizza

School Lunch Menus

Jan. 11-15

Cliff Schools

Monday: BBQ rib sandwich, potato wedges, baby carrots, rosy applesauce

Tuesday: Beef stew, broccoli, dip, corn muffin star, fruit

9-12: Cheddar crackers

Wednesday: Lasagna roll-up, marinara sauce, green beans, whole-grain breadstick, fruit

9-12: Craisins

Thursday: Green chile chicken enchilada, pinto beans, garden salad, fruit

Silver Schools

Monday: BBQ rib sandwich, potato wedges, baby carrots, fruit

Tuesday: Beef stew, broccoli, corn muffin star, fruit

9-12: Cheddar goldfish

Wednesday: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, Tropical Twist juice, glazed carrots, fruit

Thursday: Lasagna roll-up, marinara sauce, garden salad, whole-grain breadstick, Ice Dog

Friday: Green chile chicken enchilada, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, fruit

HMS division strikes out on its own

By STEWART McCLINTIC
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The Southwest Center for Health Innovation has announced that it will be operating under its own non-profit status, after having been a division of Hidalgo Medical Services since its founding in 2011.

CHI works to provide innovations in health service delivery, improvements in health outcomes and lower costs for patients, health care workforce development, and public health policy and works with grant writers to focus on rural health needs.

Since the program's break from its former parent, HMS, CHI Chief Executive Officer Charlie Alfero believes that his organization is better suited to focus on those goals.

"I think in some ways it's inevitable. I mean, programs tend to grow and take on a life of their own. I think

creating sort of a policy in program development organization, or division within an organization is unusual," he said about his organization's past relationship with HMS.

However, the two organizations will still work closely together, he said.

"Moving forward as a separate entity, we'll have a strong ongoing relationship with HMS under our agreement," Alfero said. "We'll support them in a variety of ways, such as resource development, policy work and other things."

Many organizations throughout the country, including major corporations, create separate entities underneath themselves that focus on the kinds of things CHI does, according to Al-

fero.

"They all spend a huge portion of their budget on product development, program development. That's an investment that's built into their design," he said. "It doesn't always happen that way in small nonprofit or medium nonprofit organizations. But we decided to do that at HMS."

Alfero said although the "official" separation happened on Jan. 1, when all the assets and staff were finally transferred over, the transition process has been ongoing for a while now — with CHI even establishing its own board of directors.

"It's important that rural areas and frontier communities are represented. There needs to be a voice to influence those things that

affect them," he said.

CHI board Chair Magdaleno Manzanares said although there has been an official break from HMS, he, like Alfero, expects a good relationship to continue.

"It became obvious that both the divisions, CHI and HMS, had very specific goals that are not necessarily incongruent, but rather, because of the focus of both organizations, ... it was best to separate CHI from HMS," Manzanares said. "It is a logical, I think, outcome of CHI."

CHI will continue to work toward its goal of helping shape public policy at the state and national levels, as well as help other nonprofit health organizations, Manzanares said.

"That way, CHI can

dedicate itself to making efforts to impact public policy at the state and national level," he said.

Brian Cunningham, chief executive officer at Gila Regional Medical Center and board member at CHI, said although he has only been on the CHI board for a short time, the move seemed right.

"I am very impressed with the mission and vision of both organizations, and look forward to supporting CHI's next evolution as they continue to work to improve on key issues such as health care equity for citizens at the local, state-wide and national levels," he said.

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Police Beat Hit-and-run driver takes out signal

As the weather made streets more dangerous over the past week, the Silver City Police Department blotter has stacked up with some intense incidents.

Thursday around 1:30 p.m., a driver struck the traffic light on Silver Heights Boulevard at 14th Street before fleeing the scene.

Silver City Police Chief Ed Reynolds said the impact was so severe that the traffic light had to be removed — and the driver got away.

"So we removed the traffic light this morning — probably about 8:35, 9. They had to remove it with a crane," he said. "The traffic light is not functioning, and I'm sure that there is a four-way stop" until it gets repaired.

"The city is responsible for the repairs and maintenance. I don't know what the timeline is for getting it back up," Reynolds added.

Silver City Town Manager Alex Brown said he expects the light will be replaced next week, if weather permits.

"We don't have an idea

yet, but it shouldn't be too long. We had to take it down because of safety reasons. It was tilted, and it was no longer 13 and a half feet," Brown said. "And because that's the bypass route, we didn't want semis to be hitting it."

For now, the temporary stop signs will remain, making the intersection a four-way stop for all vehicles.

Another incident occurred on Thursday evening, this one causing minor injuries.

"There was a traffic accident up in front of Burger King, at the intersection on the turnoff into Burger King. There were minor injuries and complaints on some subjects," Reynolds said. "The airbag was deployed, so that's why we were called. There was nothing major."

On top of the two incidents on Thursday, blotter information also shows that there were three other vehicle wrecks after 6 that evening after snow began to fall, but with no injuries.

In other news, Silver City police officers responded to an assault call in Pinos Altos around 1 a.m. Friday.

Reynolds said that the suspect, who was friends with the resident, allegedly entered a home and accused the victim of stealing from

him before beating him, throwing him to the ground and kicking him in the back, ultimately sending the resident to the hospital.

"There will be a follow-up on the victim," he said, "but the victim does not want to pursue charges."

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