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City Awarded Grant To Hire An Additional Police Officer

Congressman Charlie Stenholm has announced that the U. S. Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has awarded a \$53,413 grant to the Santa Anna Police Department.

This grant award was made under the COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP). Funding under this grant will allow the Santa Anna Police Department to hire an additional sworn officer. This grant will pay for up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits of the one

police officers over three years. Funding will begin once the new officer has been hired or on the date of the award, whichever is later, and will be paid over the course of the grant.

"I am pleased to announce this grant to the Santa Anna Police Department which reflects the Department of Justice's commitment to continuing the outstanding work of the men and women of the police force," noted Congressman Stenholm. "This well-deserved

grant award will improve the quality of life of the people of Santa Anna."

According to City Secretary Alys Pelton, Mayor Karen Morris, with the approval of the council, applied for the grant a couple of months ago.

Under the guidelines of the program initiated by the Clinton

administration, the City of Santa Anna will pay 25% of the new police officer's salary and benefits for the first three years of his or her employment. After that time the City must assume the total cost of salary and benefits.

Pelton says the City has not yet received the paper work on the grant and will most likely not take action on hiring another police officer for a few months yet.

School Board Continues Study Of Gym Deterioration Problems

The Santa Anna ISD Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 12. Board members present were Roddy Dean, Dickie Horner, Mike Pritchard, Edwin Hipsher, Sharon Guthrie and Marty Donham.

School officials present were Superintendent of Schools Dean Bass, Business Manager Judy Hartman, District Principal Lee Coffman and Assistant Principal Debbie Bacon.

Visitors attending were Janet Neff, David Robinett, Sandra Guthrie, Montie Guthrie, Sharon Cheaney, Lois Harper, Roland Nicholas and Steve Boyles.

Boyles, representing General Claim Services which is the adjusting firm for TASB Insurance, reported the finding of test conducted on Perry Gym. He will be gathering information for a more comprehensive report of the deterioration problems caused by water leak damage. The report is to include repair estimates and possible recommendations for the best course of action.

School Counselor Montie

Guthrie presented the District Accountability Report. Board members were informed the high school received an exemplary rating while the junior high and elementary school were rated recognized. The district as a whole was ranked exemplary.

Second readings of local district policies DBBA, DNA and FD were passed.

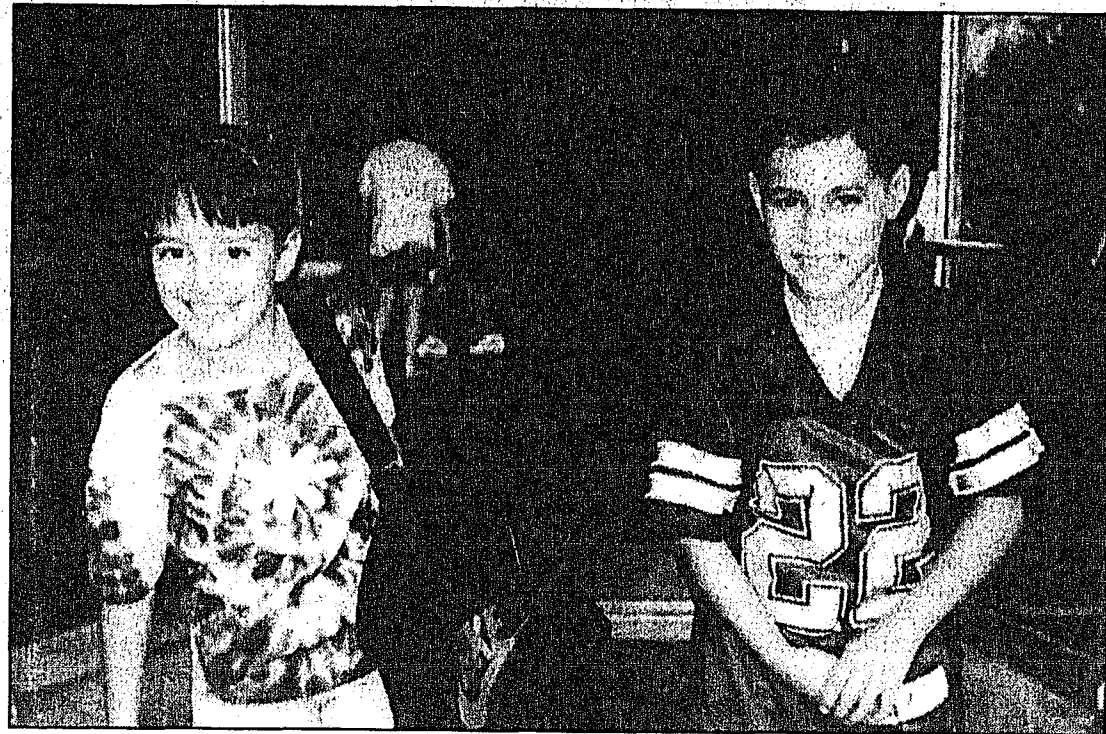
The administrative waiver for Title II was passed.

Employee insurance plans were discussed. The board agreed to continue with the deductible rates as in the past and to continue to subsidize the employees who have family coverage.

Superintendent Bass informed board members of an ice cream supper and budget workshop were planned.

Karen Taylor, elementary instructional aide, has resigned. Her position will be filled.

New bus drivers will be Peggy Goodman, CAP bus route and Gayla Lishka. Kim Hubbard will be the relief driver with Dina Gonzales serving as transportation aide.



Beginning The New School Year

These two fifth graders, Tana Salazar and Ramiro Guerrero appeared ready to begin the school year early Monday morning. School began at 8 a.m.. The first holiday of the year will be Monday, September 1, for Labor Day.

NEWS Staff Photo

Telephone Cooperative Meeting Set For Saturday

The 44th annual membership meeting of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative will be Saturday, August 23 at Mountaineer Stadium on the school campus. (In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the high school auditorium.) Registration will be from 7 to 8 p.m., at which time the business meeting will begin.

Items on the agenda for the business session include the report of officers, election of directors, and other business which may come before the meeting.

Nominees for new directors are Royce McIver and Lee Coffman for Santa Anna Rural South area; and Glen Scarborough and Thomas

Rutherford for the Rockwood area. All members of the Cooperative are urged to attend the meeting and vote for the directors of their choice.

Door prizes will be presented to members as they register. Only members who attend are eligible to win prizes and vote. There will also be a drawing for prizes at the conclusion of the business meeting. Free cold drinks will be served.

Manager of the cooperative is Danny Kellar. Officers include

Jerry Allen, president; Tommie Connelly, secretary and Glen Scarborough, Donnie Neff, Stanley Hartman, Royce McIver and Glenda Gassiot, directors.



Alys Pelton at her City Hall desk

City Secretary Gets Grant To Complete Certification

By Barbara Kingsbery
Alys Pelton, Santa Anna City Secretary, was notified, last week that she is recipient of the Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship, an annual award that is given to advance the education, professional development and performance of selected city secre-

retaries. The award is a \$500 grant to be used toward professional training during the next year.

Ms. Pelton is working toward certification as a Certified City Secretary, having started the training in 1995. The course consists of eight seminars and four courses of home study on topics that include public administration, professional development, municipal finance, supervision, Texas election laws, and the Texas Local Government Code. She will complete the courses in September, the first Santa Anna City Secretary to receive the official certification.

A graduate of Santa Anna High School and the daughter of Tex and Pat Wright, Alys attended Central Texas Commercial College to study computerized accounting. She has been employed with the City of Santa Anna for ten years, beginning as a billing clerk. She was named City Secretary in January 1988.

Santa Anna School Enrollment Down

School enrollment is down the first day of the 1997-98 school compared to last year. First day enrollment showed 283 compared to 300 last year. The figures include students from the local district who are attending CAP High School.

A breakdown by grades is: K 23; 1st 17; 2nd 20; 3rd 21; 4th 24; 5th 21; 6th 11; 7th 30; 8th 23; 9th 20; 11th 20; 12th 22 and CAP 10.

Council Hears Citizen Complaint Of Trashy Conditions

The Santa Anna City Council met on Tuesday, August 12 with Jean Findley serving as mayor pro-tem. Other councilmen attending were David Powell, Jim Spillman and Bobby Morgan. Others attending the meeting were Thelma Brooker, Nell Hipp, Rusty Wells, Doug Watson and Alys Pelton.

Novelle Boylston discussed with the council the trashy and poor conditions of city streets and lots. She would like to see a general clean up of the town and the lots cleared of brush, tall grass and houses torn down where necessary to protect the public. The council agreed and the City will be attempting to clean up lots by mailing letters to the owners through the municipal court.

During last month's meeting local Santa Anna Fire Chief David Huggins requested approval for \$1,500 to replace the tank on the red Chevrolet fire truck which belongs to the City. The council agreed to replace the tank in October when tax money begins coming in. If the replacement needs to be done before that time the fire department may make the purchase and the City will reimburse the fire department in October.

The City has received a letter from Browning-Ferris Industries wanting to transfer the contract to B.F.I. Waste Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of the parent company. This was tabled until further study can be made.

The job descriptions of city employees was tabled.

The City Council approved the resolution to get a corporate American Express Credit Card for travel expenses.

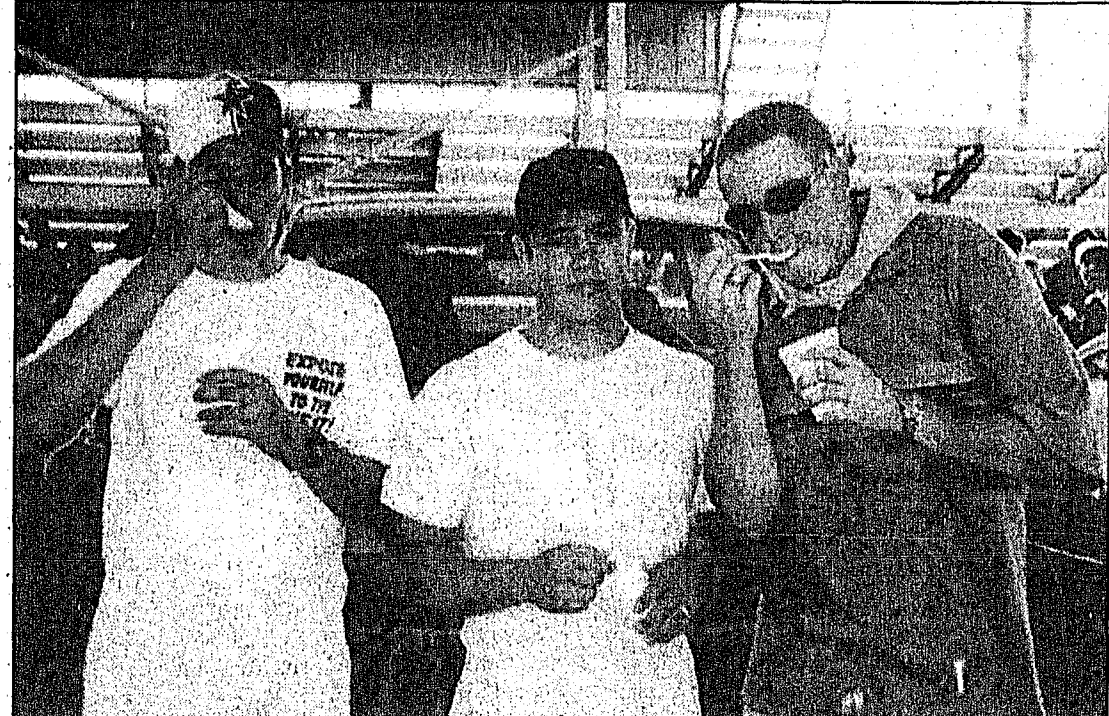
Barbara Kingsbery was re-appointed as municipal court judge.

A letter received from Collier Watson advised that the following equipment should be removed from the audit records due to the sale or retirement of the equipment in the past several years. The council agreed to write the following equipment off the audit records: 2-way radios \$291.00; Dodge Pac Man Truck \$1,250.00; 1974 Ford pickup \$2,808.00; Ford Courier \$3,096.00; 42 meters \$884.00; pickup \$7,619.00; backhoe \$26,006.00; tax surplus property \$176.00; 1974 Chevrolet utility \$360.00; 1982 Ford F-700 truck \$26,567.00; computer system \$4,995.00; water truck \$700.00; diesel fuel tank \$100.00; sewer pump \$743.00; motor \$5,262.00; trailer \$100.00; pump \$1,600.00; dumpsters \$3,981.00; marathon motor \$163.52; and truck cargo \$426.85. The total amount was \$87,128.37.

The city maintenance department reported seven water leaks during the month. A discussion was held of unmetered taps and cemetery usage.

The uniform shirts received from UniFirst were bought out for a sav-

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Some Of The Mountaineers We Met Monday

The Santa Anna Booster Club "Meet The Mountaineers" was a success Monday night with athletes, parents and fans attending and enjoying ice cream following the introduction of the high school football players, volleyball players, cheerleaders and coaches. SAHS seniors Tony Abernathy, Ryan Keeney and Josh Daniel appear to be enjoying their ice cream at the event.

NEWS staff photo

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying "Hello" to
Joyce Mueller of San Antonio

Obituaries

Louis Shambeck

Louis John Shambeck, 74, of Graham, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 1997, in Dallas.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday Aug. 13, 1997 at First United Methodist Church in Graham with Rev. David Mosser, pastor and Bishop Joe Wilson of Fort Worth officiating. Services were under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

He was born July 18, 1923 in Wilson to the late Louis George and Elsie Marie (Nesse) Shambeck. He married Jeana Rose of Feb. 12, 1955 in Graham. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he received his Doctorate of Divinity. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy having served during World War II, a member of the Graham Lions Club and Graham Rotary Club. He was a retired Methodist minister and a member of First United Methodist Church in Graham.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Laurie S. King of Irving and Jana S. Richmond of Rockwall; a son, Mark Louis Shambeck of Rockwall; three sisters, Elmer Welch and Mary Sanders, both of Lubbock and Leona Scherhagen of Huntsville; two brothers, Bill Shambeck of Lubbock and Clarence Shambeck of Washington, D. C. and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Third Generation Fund at First United Methodist at First United Methodist Church in Graham.

The Rev. Shambeck and his family will be remembered here as he pastored the Santa Anna Methodist Church from early to mid 1970's.

Love And War In The Mud... And Growing Old In Small Texas

By Mike Estes
(A re-print of a Jan. 12, 1997 article in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.)

SANTA ANNA: Billy Joe Harvey wishes he could climb Santa Anna Mountain.

Now his West Texas legs are too old.

In 1944, Billy Joe and the late Junior Wristen tried to climb another mountain. One in Italy at Monte Casino.

Seventy-four-year-old Billy Joe is a medium-sized man with a large impish grin. A widower, he lives alone 60 miles south of Abilene.

Billy Joe looks no older than he did 40 years ago.

"I don't feel as good as I look," Billy Joe said laughing.

We were leaning on the table where Billy Joe and Junior's sons had slapped dominoes 40 years earlier.

I had arrived with mud on my shoes.

Billy Joe said, "Junior won't like this mud. But when we were young'uns, if there was a mudhole, Junior was in it. He loved mud oozing between his toes. Junior even patted mud on his tummy."

Our mud discussion led to other matters.

"Some of us joined the National Guard when we were 15," he said. "Our parents signed a paper saying we were 17."

They mobilized 35 of us Santa Anna National Guard boys together in 1940. We had known each other all our lives.

"We spent the next five years together in the 36th Infantry Division, 142nd Infantry Regiment (many of whom were Lubbock, per

Billy Joe). "Almost all of us were in the same anti-tank company."

"We went to North Africa.

"We then fought at several beach landings, including Salerno and Anzio. We fought through Italy, to Germany," Billy Joe continued.

"Being fired down on by the Germans from that monastery at Monte Casino stands out. The night-time river crossings were tougher. We worried about the water in addition to enemy fire.

"That water was deeper than Jim Ned Creek," he said, laughing.

"We hated the mud worse than the Germans. Junior always cracked, 'Once back home I don't want to even think about mud.'"

Billy Joe said, "Of the original 35 Santa Anna boys, we had only three killed. But over half were wounded, several more than once."

"I was happy to pass on a Purple Heart," he said smiling.

"We had several natural leaders. I don't know why. Junior made platoon sergeant early," he said. At age 21 Billy Joe made three-stripe platoon sergeant, in charge of 40 men.

"We Santa Anna boys bunched up during rest and relaxation," he said. "In combat we sometimes talked about home for a moment. If we had a moment."

I asked Billy Joe about afterward.

"We all first came home. Some got off a bus in Santa Anna around 3 a.m. When they broke out their field mess kits, they woke up Mrs. Merritt. She ran the cafe-hotel. She asked whether they wanted a free room or breakfast instead."

"They said an early breakfast and then an early lunch. They didn't know what they would do after lunch."

"About a dozen of us stayed on here," Billy Joe said. "We saw each other all the time. Lately I'm going to their funerals."

"I hope to pass on my tribute for awhile," he said, grinning.

I asked Billy Joe if he regretted remaining in this small town of Santa Anna.

"I can see a million stars from my porch for free," he said, chuckling.

Billy Joe went to the porch. He looked at the rain. Several moments went by. He turned to me, serious.

"Oh, I could have moved to a larger town and made more money. I could have still had a good marriage and good kids."

"But, my folks were here. My friends were here. And I'd already had enough excitement."

I asked him if I could buy him a hamburger before I pushed on to a cousin's.

"Thanks, but another time. I told a friend I would stop by."

Mike Estes, a former Rockwood resident and 1972 Texas Tech University graduate, operated Estes and Associates, a Fort Worth public accounting firm.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUGUST 21
Heather Bradley
Candi Daniel Dockery
Jason Wade Dean
Kathy Hudson
Mr&Mrs. Zane Keeney*

AUGUST 22
Tim Abernathy
Molly Pritchard
Bobby Chamberlin

AUGUST 23
Lois Ann Harper
Tom Guthrie
Jeff Greenlee

AUGUST 24
Brent Beal
Kelly Rose Nixon

AUGUST 25
J.E. Casey Jr.
Jim Laubhan
Mr&Mrs David Horner*
Oleta Mobley

AUGUST 26
Vicki Drake
Danna Jones
Pat Wright
Tara D'Ann Watts

AUGUST 27

AUGUST 28
Alex DeLeon
Nikki Donham
James Matthew Steele
Bernidine Watson
Vikki Wristen
Mr&Mrs Kevin Fritz*

'Round & About

Stanley and Judy Hartman were in Duncanville and Midlothian visited their children Robin Hartman and family and Stephanie Hartman and daughter. They

attended the graduation of Stephanie from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dale and Carol Herring and Casey Wade received a visit from Jimmie Schulle of Bangs on Friday. Saturday Pete Herring and Pam Thompson and Lane of Lake Brownwood visited. Also visiting were Derek Little and Shane Woods of Brownwood. Casey returned to Brownwood with Derek to spend the night.

Check It Out

By Alice Anna Spillman

Mr. Bill Williams from down on the river hasn't been in the library recently. Hope he will soon. We talk the weather at the turn of the seasons. He really understands the messages that nature sends. He's spent his life studying. I enjoy quoting things I've heard moving about the country and other countries. About two weeks ago, right across the street from our house were two snow-on-the-mountain flowers. Back in Grayson County at Finke School, the kids said that was a sure sign of the early arrival of fall and winter. Wonder if Mr. Bill has seen any signs? We sure could use the relief. To my knowledge there is no book in the library on this subject. Doe's Farmers Almanac discuss this?

It's interesting how many people come to the library asking where our town got the name and some early history. Last week a man from San Diego, California and two ladies from Mississippi were checking out that. Fortunately we can refer them to books by Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Bruce. Someone else was looking at the *Free West Magazines*. Remember that you can come and read these as well *Golden West* and *Frontier Times*. You surely get a different picture than the western books paint. Thank you friends who have donated all this good historical material.

True Women the book by Janice Woods Windle is in for a change. If you want to read it check. Also *Midnight In the Garden of Good and Evil*. These are both very popular now. Carmen Donham brings such good paperbacks. Her latest is *Jade Star* by Catherine Coulter. This is part of the series with San Francisco characters. They are in Maui.

My Point and I Do Have One by Ellen Degeneres has been donated. Perhaps we can understand her better by reading it.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
Open faced hot beef sandwiches, okra/tomato gumbo, onion and peppers and brownies

MONDAY, AUGUST 25
Oven fried fish, coleslaw, tator tots and lemon cake

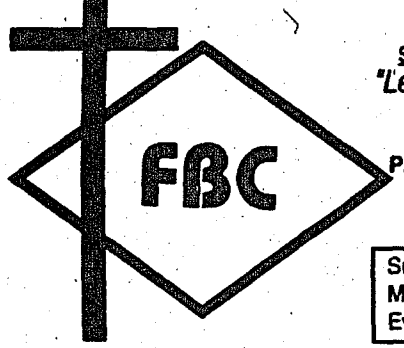
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
Chicken strips, white gravy, baked corn, green beans and banana pudding.

Amanda Ellerbe brought one of the Christian fiction books that we have mentioned. *Once Upon a Summer* by Jonette Oke. What interesting variety Mrs. Ellerbe left. *How to Cut Your Own or Anybody's Hair* by Bent. *Lifetime Weight Control* Fanning and several cookbooks-one *Cajun Cooking* sounds good.

Carol Herring sure topped herself with this sackful. A Louis L'Amour *Trail to Crazy Man*, J. A. Janice *Dead To Rights* an Arizona mystery. A modern western mystery *Mount Dragon*. Research hidden in New Mexico mountains. *Invasion* Robin Cook. *Vendetta* Jackie Collins. *Infamous* Joan Collins and several new Patricia Cornwell mysteries--*All That Remains*, *Body of Evidence*, *Cause of Death*, *From Potter's Field* and *Post Mortem*.

Have you tried waving or saluting to everyone you meet in cars or walking? I've received smiles from many people lately. Give it a try, doesn't cost anything or take extra time.

It's a waste of time, telling folks to be careful so they'll live long. People ain't interested in livin' long, just in livin' high.



SUNDAY MORNING
Scripture - *Gracious Days & Days*
"Let No Man Put Asunder"

SUNDAY EVENING
Preaching From Revelation
"The Throne Room"

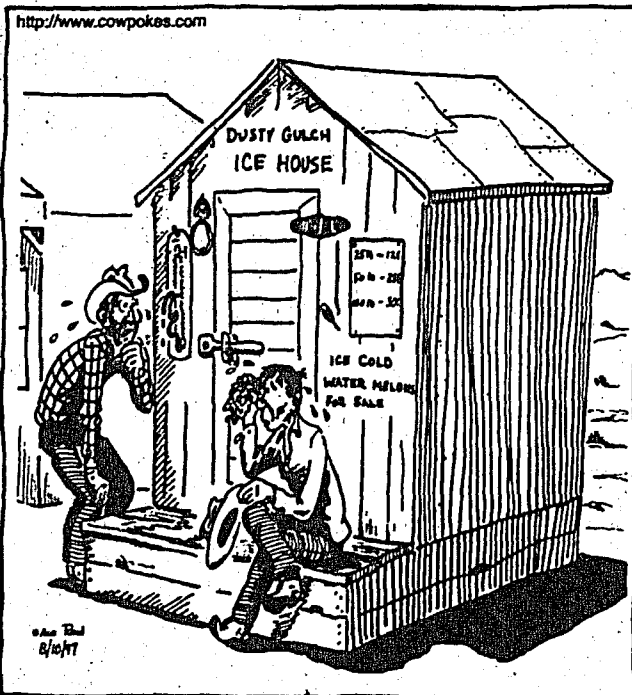
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COW POKES
By Ace Reid



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Air Force One (R)
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News For And About Santa Anna Mountaineers



School Menu

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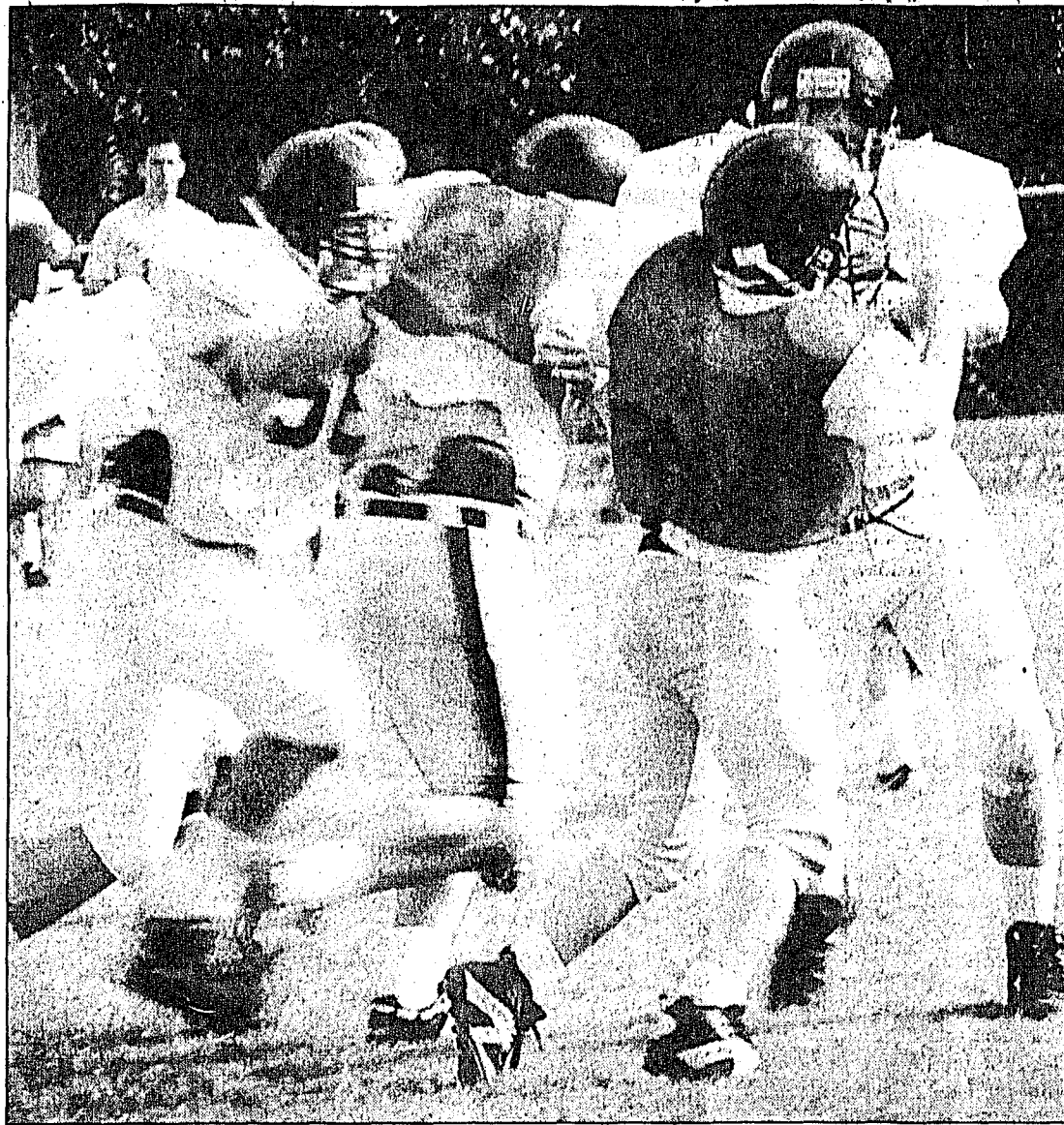
MONDAY, AUGUST 25
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll
Lunch: Steakfingers, seasoned potato wedge, hot rolls, gravy and honey

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
Breakfast: Waffles, sausage and syrup
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich w/lettuce and tomato

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
Breakfast: Breakfast muffins
Lunch: Salisbury steak, english peas, steam rice, hot rolls and brown gravy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28
Breakfast: Biscuits w/sausage gravy and jelly
Lunch: Burritos w/chili and cheese, whole kernel corn, crackers, picante sauce and peppers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
Breakfast: Creamy rice, toast and jelly
Lunch: Chopped bar b que on a homemade bun, tator tots, pork and beans, slice pickles, cookie and catsup



Mountaineers Kick Off Year With Scrimmage At Robert Lee On Thursday (Tonight)

A number of Santa Anna High School Mountaineers are pictured in pre-season practice. Thursday (tonight) at 5 p.m. the Mountaineers will travel to Robert Lee to take on the Steers in a scrimmage. Next week will be the first outing at Mountaineer Stadium when Roby comes to town for a 6 p.m. scrimmage. The first game of non-district will be on Friday, September 5 against the Christoval Cougars at Mountaineer Stadium.

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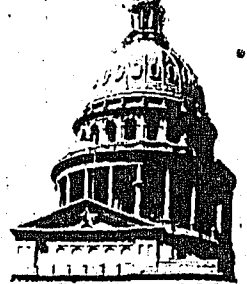
Artistic Advice

Two-time Oscar winner and pioneer animation director Chuck Jones, who has delighted generations of audiences with such characters as Bugs Bunny and Wile E. Coyote, almost dropped out of school when, in his first life-drawing class, he became despondent at the skill of his fellow students. He sought solace from his beloved Uncle Lynn. "They're a bunch of da Vincis," Jones lamented. "You can't make a racehorse out of a pig." Perhaps, agreed his uncle, "But you can make a very fast pig."

Santa Anna Junior High School Football Schedule

Sept. 11	Ranger	Here	6:00
Sept. 18	Santo	There	6:00
Sept. 25	May	Here	6:00
Oct. 2	Baird	Here	6:00
Oct. 9	Rising Star	There	6:00
Oct. 16	Gorman	Here	6:00
Oct. 23	Evant	There	6:00
Oct. 30	Cross Plains	Here	7:30
Nov. 6	Lometa	There	6:00

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

noted in favor of the tripling of the homestead tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The tax break will save the average homeowner about \$140 a year.

Gov. George W. Bush lauded the results. "The people endorsed my efforts and the efforts of the Legislature to cut property taxes," he said.

The final count was 690,678 votes for the \$1 billion property tax cut and 41,388 against.

In November, voters will decide on 14 other proposed constitutional amendments, including whether increases in property values should be capped at 10 percent per year.

Math Scores Up, English Down
Texas students showed improved math skills on the ACT test this year, but English and reading scores dipped slightly, according to test results released last week.

Assessing the scores, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said he believes a statewide focus on reading in the early grades and new curriculum standards will help turn around the dip in English and reading scores.

On math, the average Texas score rose from 19.9 in 1996 to 20.2 this year. The national math average was 20.6.

Other Capital Highlights
After Dec. 31, the public will no longer have access to audits that determine whether oil and gas companies are paying the royalty they owe the state for operating on public land in West Texas. Gov. Bush signed the audit-closing legislation into law in June.

Under a plan signed by Education Commissioner Mike Moses and officials from Spain, teachers from Spain will be allowed to teach in Texas classrooms for one to six years. Under the same initiative, Texas teachers who teach Spanish will exchange jobs for one year with Spanish educators who teach English.

The Texas Lottery Commission is considering contracting with more than one company to operate its online games. Vendors who want to bid must file a letter of intent by Aug. 22 and submit a proposal by Dec. 3. The commission will announce the winners, if any, in March.

Special Calf & Yearling Sale

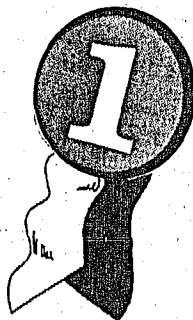
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Bullock asked the committee to submit a status report by March 1, 1998 and a final report by Oct. 1, 1998. The panel is to make recommendations to the Legislature in 1999 if it is determined that problems exist in the public information process, Bullock said.

Nursing Home Exec Punished
The Texas Board of Nursing Home Administrators voted 8-0 last week to place a Rockdale nursing home administrator on probation for six months.

According to a 1994 report, state inspectors found urine and fecal odors, filthy linens and rooms; roaches in the kitchen and flies on residents; a broken emergency call button system; and bottles of prescription medication in an unlocked box on the floor of the administrator's office.

In the four years the state board has been in existence, the Rockdale case is the only one that has resulted in the punishment of a nursing home administrator.

The board, however, voted to close 109 cases of complaints against nursing home administrators.

On Sept. 1, the board's duties will transfer to and office in the Texas Department of Human Services, which licenses and inspects the nearly 1,200 nursing homes in Texas.

The Texas Legislature voted to create that office after the *Austin American-Statesman* reported on the failure of the current, industry-dominated board to punish administrators of substandard homes.

Voters Approve Tax Break
About 94 percent of those who cast ballots in the Aug. 11 constitutional amendment election

You know its a bad day when your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

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Bass are fair in numbers near the dam. You'll find them in deep water humps around 30-35 feet deep. Not too many keepers, but plenty of bass 14 to 16 inches in length. Great Pumpkin French Fries and ten inch worms are working best.

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Madge, Texas -- Church School

Ruby Wenzel shares this information concerning the Madge School which held classes in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at Madge, Texas which was located in the Camp Colorado area of Coleman County. In 1893, Madge became a post office which was discontinued in 1907. In the Coleman County History Books we are told that Madge probably did not have a public school as no history of it could be found and Madge itself was not mentioned after 1911. The following poem was written in 1908 by E. Wilhelm, the teacher at the one room SDA school at Madge:

MADGE, TEXAS - CHURCH SCHOOL

Twenty-one boys and nineteen girls, more dear to me than forty worlds.
Forty children to me given --- Forty minds to train for heaven.
O, happy thought to meet them there! This sacred trust with God I share.

First on roll is Richard's name, Then Esther of poetic fame.
Mertie, Maudie, true and kind, Easy to manage, good to mind;
But they look so nearly the same, That I call the one by the other's name.

Then Cuba is the next in place, Leroy, Will, dear little Grace,
Fred and Earnie --- two little men; Hill and Calvin with us blend.
Stella, Ila - small 'tis true, Just as sweet as any of you.

Jim and Floyd whose lives may blend, With that of good, useful men.
Oho rises above the world, Vida, too, that sweet girl.
Lela, too, so young and sweet, Shall have a place where angels meet.

Ennice next --- then 'tis Zella; Vida's name shall be next to Stella.
Four whose presence makes us glad, When they smile we're never sad.
Then Jessie and little May, Live in hearts all the day.

Dee and Lester two we claim, Shall have a right to honest fame.
Ola, Jesse, Doyle we call, Little Valma least of all.
Arch and Delmar firm and true, Harry -- poet and artist, too.

Manie's next in proper place, True in heart and fair in face.
Glen and Arch we quickly pass, Fred comes next and nearly last.
May and Ollie last we find, With faces true and hearts so kind.

One by one in quick review, Forty names are brought to view.
Forty souls for Christ we claim, Forty minds for Him we train.
Coming Lord, Thou soon shall see, Jewels we have found for Thee.

--- Teacher, E. Wilhelm.

The students mentioned in the poem are, in the order used, Richard Chatfield, Esther Norma Coleman, Mert Coleman and Maude Coleman. Cuba Coleman, Leroy Cox, Will Cox, Grace Cox (who years later taught in the SDA School in Santa Anna), Fred Cox, Earnie Cox, Hill Cron, Calvin Cron, Stella Davis and Ila Davis. (The Davis girls were Mrs. Wenzel's older sisters).
Ennice Franklin, Zella Franklin, Vida Franklin, Stella Franklin, Jessie Freeman and May Freeman.
Dee Freeman, Lester Freeman, Ola Gibbs, Jesse Hood, Doyle Hood, Velma Hood, Arch Liebman, Delmar Liebman, Harry Liebman, Mamie Liebman.
Glen Wilhelm, Arch Wilhelm, Fred Wilhelm, May Wilhelm and Ollie Wilhelm.
Mrs. Wenzel relates that she attended the Madge School for the first two years and then attended Bee Branch and Buffalo School before finishing school at Coleman.

Rockwood Report

By Sandra Wilson

Hot-Hot-Hot, is about all I can report for this week. Once or twice it looked promising for rain but none materialized.

Guy and Dorothea Whisenant were in Brownwood to visit Jim and Cathy Fraser Friday. Dorothea held her ceramic class Sunday with Peggy Gordon, Nell Hipp, Neva Arradonda and Lori Singleton. They were back to visit with Jim and Cathy Monday.

Pat Greener and Judy Robinson returned home after visiting with Sadie Bryan Thursday. Saturday afternoon Sadie visited with Charles and Sharon Greenlee. Sadie and Minnie Bray were business visitors in Brownwood Monday.

Sylvia Edwards visited with Burgess and Gayle Stewardson Saturday. She also visited with Judd Stewardson.

Minnie Bray visited with Kim Whitton, Clay and Katie in New Braunfels until Wednesday. Wednesday night Minnie hosted Bible study for Bro. Jeff, Loma and Sara Dean, Jr. and Nell Brusenhan and Blake Williams. She quilted at the community center Thursday. She had lunch with John and Frankie Gregg Sunday. Sunday night she hosted the Spinner Gang. Those joining here were Sadie Bryan, Jack and Skeeta Cooper, Claudia Rutherford and Faye Wise.

Shorty and Viola Richardson of Brownwood visited Wednesday with Jack and Skeeta Cooper. Thursday night they hosted the Spinner Gang for Claudia Rutherford, Sadie Bryan, Faye Wise, Mike Chance and Minnie Bray. Saturday their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis of Snyder, and Elec and Rose Cooper who had lunch with them.

Coleta Pearson and Vivian Steward were business visitors in Brownwood Monday and Wednesday. Friday and Saturday Faye Wise, Claudia Rutherford, Minnie Bray, Vivian Steward and Coleta enjoyed going to garage

sales together. Faye and Coleta were in Coleman Monday and had lunch with Jeff and Loma Dean.

Friday Jr. and Nell Brusenhan went to New Braunfels and spent the weekend with Jody Brusenhan and his family and his guests Anita O'Leary of Illinois and Meca Broadway of Austin. They stopped on their way down and back at the Brady Hospital and visited with Bailey Hull. Monday they were back in Brady where they visited with Mrs. Bailey Hull and her guests Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hull of Houston. Harold and Lucy Underwood and Concho Moore stopped in while they were visiting. They also visited at the hospital with Bailey.

Sunday evening Denny and Louise Densman visited with Elec and Rose Cooper.

Blake Williams was in Brownwood Wednesday for a doctors appointment. He was in Coleman as a business visitor Friday.

Tuesday I was in Coleman where I visited with Gladys Slayton and her guests Christine Turner and Mike Montgomery. I visited briefly with Fredna Horton, Sammie McCreary and Willie Matthews. Thursday and Friday I was a business visitor in Coleman. Saturday I visited in Waldrip with Charlie Smith and Frances McAlister and their guests Charles and Barbara Washburn. Monday afternoon Becky Brooks and Frankie Matthews stopped by on their way to Pflugerville.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

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million acres in the public hunting program statewide.

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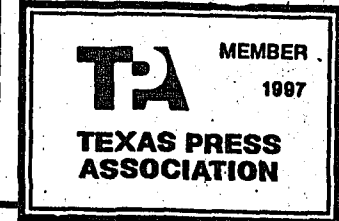
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Trickham Tidbits

By Anna York

Rankin and Natalie McIver returned home on Monday after a long weekend in California. They flew from Austin on Thursday to Los Angeles on to Huntington Beach for the wedding of her son Mike Crider which was held on the "Queen Mary", there were around 50 present for the lovely occasion. The McIvers also visited her daughter Brenda and sons Steve and Larry who were there. They report a wonderful trip. Thursday Natalie enjoyed lunch in Brownwood with her sister Jane Young and those that visited with Natalie and Rankin during the week were a niece of his Patsy Grubbs of Granbury and Royce and Wanda McIver.

Verna Bolton attended the Brookesmith reunion where her classmates and others gathered at the Gold Key Inn on Saturday in Brownwood. Helen Cole Chamberlain and Ruth Perry Armstrong were hostesses and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anderson of Henderson, Texas spent four days last week visiting with Reba and Elvis Cozart.

Verna Bolton and Novella Stearns were Wednesday visitors with Mrs. Winnie Haynes.

Bettie Martin visited with her mother Mrs. Mary Crawford last Saturday in Brownwood.

Shane and Tona Holland and children Jonathon and Charity attended the burger cookoff for new teachers and students at Brookesmith Friday evening. Sunday evening dinner guest of the Hollands were Tim and Amy Kirk and Alexis of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirk and Greg Kirk.

Sherry Copley and her daughter Whitney of Glen Cove and Mary Lou Jones were in Fort Worth Thursday on business.

Ray and Bobbie Dean attended the Brookesmith reunion at the Gold Key Inn in Brownwood on Saturday and Bobbie attended a breakfast there Sunday morning. Kit Dean of Comanche spent the weekend with

Mall Seemed To Be Perfect Setting For Unusual Wedding

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story, written by Bill Whitaker, appeared in the Tuesday, August 19, edition of the Abilene Reporter News. The Bobby Densman who is written about is a native of Santa Anna.

ABILENE—Retired fireman Bobby Densman got married to Sharon Bush Sunday evening, but as with most things involving Sharon the wedding was more complicated than usual. Which only begins to explain why they exchanged vows in the J C Penney Courtyard at the Mall of Abilene, effectively making Sharon, a Penney's employee, "the belle of the Mall".

This was, after all, a woman for whom time and place is important. By her own admission, she refused to give birth to her son Jeff in New Mexico stubbornly insisting at the pivotal time she be rushed 40 miles over the state line so the child could be born a bona fide Texan.

So when Sharon and Bobby, both of whom had been married before, decided to get hitched, the idea of a wedding at the Mall of Abilene just naturally came up. Bobby insisted it was a mutual decision, but the Rev. Pete Knight pointed to Sharon as the chief culprit.

That's all right by Sharon,

his folks, the Deans and Wyndham. Helen McIver visited on Tuesday with Annie Lou Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barton of Waco visited on Thursday and Novella Stearns and Leona Henderson visited on Saturday. Earlene Dockery has been in and out several times.

Thursday was a special day for Talmadge McClatchy, he was in the Philippines on August 14 when they received word that the Japanese had surrendered and they wouldn't have to go any further. It was a day of thanksgiving so those that came to help him and Laverne celebrate Jeannie and Fred Drienhofer, Nicholas Drienhofer, Bob Anderson and Merrilee McClatchy. Nathan Drienhofer visited during the weekend and Leona Henderson visited Sunday evening.

The eighty-four club met Thursday night usual time and place with twelve being present.

Lorene Rice visited on Monday with Mrs. Ilene Rutherford in the Whon community.

though. "For one thing, the mall here has never been married in," Sharon told me, as if that was a mighty fine reason for getting hitched there. "Also, we spend an awful lot of time here. And, well, I thought it would be a wonderful thing being able each day to look out at the very place I got married."

Sure enough, Sharon not only works at the Mall of Abilene, she's also a member of the mall's Heart & Sole Walking Club.

She was present at the club's first meeting six years ago.

Actually, the couple had initially planned to get married during a Caribbean cruise but were dismayed to learn many cruise weddings were performed and dispatched in drably routine fashion by a Florida notary public. So they set that idea adrift. Then they rang up the idea of getting married at the mall.

Plans called for beginning the wedding moments after the Mall of Abilene closed for the day at 6 p.m. The Rev. Pete Knight, who is retired but remains active in ministering to many single adults, agreed to perform the holy rites.

"Well it's not orthodox", Knight told me later, "but when it's someone I know and love, I cannot do it orthodox. And with Sharon-well, I told her I'd marry them on top of the mall if I had to."

Sharon is so sweet she deserves happiness."

So does Bobby, 57, who worked for the local fire department for 28 years before retiring. Bobby, who now works in the Texas Department of Public Safety's emergency management division, was married 36 years before losing his wife to the dreaded disease Lupus.

"I think Sharon's personality captured Bobby's heart," Shirley Archer said of the happy couple, who met New Year's Eve 1994. "Yeah," Angela Miller chimed in, "they're both crazy, outgoing people who enjoy life."

Certainly it was another one for the record books, at least in West Texas. After Kristi Wisniewski sang for the happy occasion, Jeff Bush and Joel Densman got up and did what appeared to be a comedy routine to celebrate their parents. They also introduced other family

members. Later, Jeff was spotted bobbing for soap bubbles.

Certainly there was a joyful air about the whole thing. When the Rev. Knight was done with the ceremony he invited Bobby to kiss his bride, prompting eager applause from the crowd. Following the ceremony I asked Sharon's demure daughter, 25-year-old Holly Bush Parrish, if she had

tried to talk her mom out of getting married at the mall.

"Absolutely, but I would expect nothing less than this from her," Holly said.

"When we were decorating this afternoon, people kept coming by and staring. I just wanted to say, 'Hey, this isn't me, this is not my idea.'"

Classified ad in Entrepreneur magazine: "Publicize your business absolutely free. Send \$6."

Cleveland Chats

By Clara Cupps

Brandon Mills, Jennifer and Stacy Bryant of Fort Worth are spending a few days with grandparents Eunice and Emmitt Terry.

Carmilla Baugh visited Mrs. Ruth Hibbits Saturday. Jamie Joe Bible has been in and out. Carmilla talked to Eula the past week and they were doing very well.

Jerry and Cathy Ellis, Bryce, Jamie and Alicia had Sunday dinner with the Cecil Ellis. Tuesday night the Cecil Ellis had supper with the Jerry Ellis.

Sandra Walker of Bangs visited her parents the Edd Hartmans Sunday.

Delores Vaughn and her son

Steve visited with John and Juanita Naron last Friday. Juanita took L. V. to Hamilton.

Tex and Pat Wright went to Fredericksburg last Sunday to visit their children, the Smiths.

LaDell and Burnice were at church and doing well.

Doyle and Juanita Ward visited the R. W. Cupps Thursday and had coffee.

Syble Huggins says Lee Ray is doing very well and has had lots of company. He is holding his own.

Jamie Ellis visited Jennifer Brown Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McDaniel and Johnny of Carbon visited Margie Fleming Thursday afternoon.

No news from Ovella or Thelma, they are doing very well.

We could use a good rain right now. All you have a nice week.

Christi Trichel visited one evening.

These visiting Lora Russell over the weekend were Carmoleta Johnson of Irving, Alan Haught of Plano, Layne Johnston, Janifer and Molly of San Angelo, Bob and Marilyn Russell of San Angelo, Jim and Susan Cole, Wes and Amanda, Laura Russell, Billie Haught of Coleman, and John and Ronnie Russell of Brady.

Dr. Ward Lane of Dallas and friends, and Danny and Shelly Margaret Lane are visiting with Mrs. Winnie Lane. Gib Young of Lubbock spent Friday and Saturday.

Kathleen Avants visited her mother Mrs. Ruth Hibbits Wednesday and Sunday.

City Council

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ings of \$177.50 for the remainder of the year.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs granted the city an extension on the sewer line grant. The original deadline was June 30, 1997. It was extended until September 30, 1997.

Numerous complaints on vacant overgrown lots were discussed. This and other ordinance violations should be handled through the municipal court judge.

Thelma Brooker has taken over the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center as of August 1.

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COLEMAN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

EMS TRANSPORT POLICY

It is recognized by Coleman County Medical Center Emergency Medical Services that in order to serve the needs of all the citizens of Coleman County that our transport policy must be somewhat flexible. In order to accommodate the citizens of Coleman County the following will stand as our transport guidelines.

- 1) If a situation in the field is deemed by the CCMC paramedic at the scene to be an emergent, life or death situation, according to medical control the patient must be transported to the nearest appropriate facility.
- 2) If a patient or person with decision-making authority for the patient refuses transport to the nearest appropriate facility, they have the option to contact the patient's physician. This does include persons with valid durable power of attorney for healthcare, when a physician has certified the patient is unable to make his or her own healthcare decisions, as well as parents and legal guardians of minor children or court-appointed guardians of incapacitated persons. If the patient's physician will verbally give orders to EMS stating that he/she will accept full responsibility of that patient from point of EMS contact until the patient is released to him/her at the facility of choice (within an 85 mile radius of Coleman) the physician accepting responsibility will be considered an intervenor physician in accordance with TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RULES, 1996, section 197.5, MEDICAL DIRECTOR RULES. The verbal order of the physician will need to be witnessed and the physician will need to be advised that written documentation of his/her acceptance of responsibility will be expected upon arrival at the accepting facility.
- 3) At the time patient or responsible party refuses transport, supporting documentation must be completed at that time.
- 4) If the patient's physician will not accept responsibility and patient or responsible party still refuses transport to the nearest appropriate facility, CCMC EMS will at that time return to service. The patient will be responsible for arranging further transportation.
- 5) All out of county transport decisions from the scene will be made by the paramedic or EMT in charge of the scene, who must consider availability of additional resources left within the county.
- 6) At no time will an out of county transport, or an extended scene time be permitted if a backup unit is not readily available.

TRANSFERS

1. A transfer is any prearranged transport of a stable patient who has doctors orders stating the medical necessity of an ambulance. A transfer needs to be prearranged 12 hours in advance and will be done only if resources are available.
2. If the paramedic does not feel that the patient is stable he/she should contact the transferring physician and explain patient condition. After contacting transferring physician the paramedic should transfer patient to the nearest appropriate facility.

Michael Morris,
Chief Executive Officer