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Former C-City man fighting for his life in Metroplex.

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Westbrook announces Students of the Month.

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The Colorado City tennis team shines at local meet.

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Surrey with the Fringe on Top Mitchell County Museum

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MITCHELL COUNTY ELECTION
veteran Carl Guelker lived up to his nickname "Landslide" Tuesday by winning re-election as county commissioner by five votes.



Guelker wins re-election to county post

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

When it comes to winning a close race, no one does it better -- or more often -- than Mitchell County Commissioner Carl Guelker.

For the third time in his political career, Guelker managed to win re-election by a margin of less than 10 votes Tuesday evening when he edged out challenger Dale Geiger in the race for

Drew Darby carries Mitchell County in bid for election to Texas House

the Precinct 2 position on the Mitchell County Commissioners' Court.

Guelker defeated Geiger by a 5-vote margin, winning re-election by a slim 69-64 margin. In previous re-election bids, he had won by margins of five and two votes.

The latest win didn't come without a scare, however. Geiger actually led the race through the early voting stage. Among those voters who cast their ballots early, Geiger received 21 votes -- four more than Guelker.

Unlike Guelker, State Representa-

tive Scott Campbell didn't do as well with his re-election bid in Mitchell County, receiving about 20 percent of the vote.

Former Mitchell County businessman Drew Darby received much of the county's voter support. Darby received approximately 50 percent of all the votes cast in the county.

Challenger Kevin Housley was third among Mitchell County voters.

W'brook man dies in 1-car roll-over

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

A Westbrook resident died in a one-car accident on County Road 371 Thursday afternoon near Westbrook.

George William Beard died from injuries sustained in a one vehicle roll-over at approximately 2 p.m. on March 2.

According to reports from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Beard was fatally injured when the vehicle he was driving eastbound veered off the road -- approximately 3.4 miles west of Farm-to-Market Road 670 -- and struck an embankment that caused it to roll over.

Beard, who was not wearing a seat belt, was driving eastbound veered off the road -- approximately 3.4 miles west of Farm-to-Market Road 670 -- and struck an embankment that caused it to roll over.

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Kiwanis Pancake Supper slated for Thursday at CMS

The chance to help the Kiwanis Club's various endeavors and fight off hunger will present itself to Mitchell County residents this Friday evening when the service organization holds its annual pancake supper.

The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Colorado Middle School cafeteria. The price will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.



TEXAS FIRST LADY Anita Perry (at podium) speaks to hundreds of residents downtown last week at the Colorado City Main Street ceremony. Perry was visiting the community as part of her official "First Lady's Tour." Among the dignitaries attending the event were (from right to left) State Representative Scott Campbell, Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo, Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum, Texas Historical Commission vice-president Jane Barnhill and Colorado City Manager Paul Catoe.

Let the Party Begin

Hundreds turn out to watch First Lady kickoff Main Street activities

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

For a day, at least, everyone in the State of Texas had their eye on Colorado City.

And the community certainly put its best foot -- and festive mood -- forward.

With hundreds of school children waving Texas flags and members of the Colorado High School Jazz Band playing in the background, residents of Colorado City turned out in full force Wednesday afternoon to witness Texas' First Lady Anita Perry officially bestow Main Street acco-

“
This is pretty special. I feel like we're going to meet Selena or something
”

Jessica Castillo
CHS junior

lades on the community.
With the ceremony, Colorado City

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COLORADO ISD STUDENTS lined Second Street as Texas First Lady Anita Perry (in White vehicle) is escorted through downtown Colorado City during her Main Street visit. Perry officially designated the community as a 2006 Main Street Program member.

Around Town

Welcome Kayden Rees... Congratulations Austyn & Otis... Happy birthday Rosario Ventura (Mar. 11)... Rotary Club making plans for an island... Good luck to Bobby Wells in La Junta, Colorado... Happy birthday John Martinez (Mar. 6)... Happy birthday Golla Rivera (Mar. 11)... Good luck Mitchell County kids at Houston stock show...

Obituaries

George Beard, Westbrook
Fayrel Boney, Colorado City
Maria Munoz, Loraine
Gary Thomas, Plano
T.J. Stovall, Mesquite

Answerline

Q When is Hutchinson's Texas Fest?
A Texas Fest is planned for Thurs, Mar. 9 at the Railroad Building beginning at 5 p.m.

Briefs

Spring Break
Loraine ISD will be out for Spring Break March 13-17.

New Church
The Abundant Life Church, 125 S. Main, Loraine, needs donations of old oilfield tubing, sheet metal siding and angle iron steel. All donations are tax deductible.

Pancake Supper
The Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper will be held Fri., March 10 from 5:30-7:30 at the CMS Cafeteria. Tickets for adults are \$6 and \$3 for kids.

KCCB Clean-Up
KCCB will have a 2nd Saturday Clean-Up Sat., Mar. 11 at 8 a.m. Volunteers should meet at South Hwy. 208 and Business 1-20 with gloves, rakes, shovels, etc.

Account Opened
An account has been opened at First Bank of West Texas in Loraine for the family of Gene White, Jr. who was killed in an accident. Parents are Pat and Gene White of Loraine.

Spring Break
Colorado ISD and Loraine ISD will be out for Spring Break from March 13 to March 17.

Lake Levels

(as of Feb. 28, 2006)
Lake Colorado City...2067.47'
Full at 2070.3'
Down 2.83'
Lake Champion...2041.11'
Full at 2083'
Down 43.74'
Levels courtesy of United States Geological Service

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Banks honored with Trustee Recognition award at THT forum

Bobbie Banks, President of the Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors, was presented with the Trustee Recognition award from the Texas Academy of Governance on March 3 at the Texas Hospital Trustee (THT) Spring Forum in Dallas.

Banks' application was reviewed and approved for a period of two years, Feb. 2006 through Feb. 2008. Her achievement will also be announced and celebrated in the Trustee Bulletin and through other opportunities for community news coverage. Banks was among an elite group of nine trustees awarded in the state.

Academy recognition reflects not only Banks' commitment to excellence in governance, but also provides the people and communities served by the hospital district with confidence that trustees practice the most important aspects of trusteeship — community stewardship, leadership, dedication to effective governance, collaboration, vision, commitment and service.

A group of fellow trustees and management joined Banks at the Academy of Governance to sup-



Record Photos/John Martinez
MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD president Bobbie Banks is presented the Trustee Recognition award. Banks was honored at the THT Spring Forum in Dallas on March 3.

port her and celebrate this honor. Others attending were Banks' husband, Russell, Hollis and Nell Gainey, Geneva and Bob Ratliff, Mitchell County Hospital CEO Linda Mize and CFO Shirley McMahan.

CISD officials decide to extend raise to all teachers

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Independent School District followed the old rule that what is good for one is good for all Monday evening at its regular meeting. And the district's 22 teachers with more than 20 years of service will be happier for it.

School board officials voted unanimously to extend a 2.4 percent pay increase to teachers with 21 or more years of experience. The raise matched an increase for teachers in years ranging 1-20 that was recently mandated by the Texas Legislature.

With the decision, the district's 22 teachers, librarians, counselors or nurses that are rated Step 21 or higher would receive raises equal to that of the district's 81 other employees.

"I think it's only right," said

board member Lisa Hernandez. "If the state is going to give them (Step 1-20 teachers) a raise, we should do it for the others."

Colorado ISD Superintendent Jim White said the district would be able to cover the cost of the raises -- which will be paid as a lump sum payment in May.

"We can handle this," he said. "It won't be easy, but we can manage it."

With the state-mandated increase and the additional sum approved by the board for Step 21 and higher employees, the raises will cost CISD approximately \$80,000.

In addition to approving the raise, board members also approved the contracts for 99 teachers within the district for next year. They also approved the resignations of John Starcher, Debbie Blair and Kyle Baker.

TexasFest slated for Thursday evening at Railhead Building

Hutchinson Elementary's annual TexasFest gala will be held Thursday, March 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Railhead Building in Colorado City.

The event will be highlighted by a hamburger dinner, and numerous fun activities, including games and a gift basket silent auction.

The hamburger dinner, which comes complete with chips, beans and a brownie and tea, will be avail-

able for \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Among the many games slated to be on hand are paintball, putt-putt, karaoke, washer pitching, cow patty toss, sack races, a free throw shootout, as well as a cake walk and other fun activities.

Tickets for the event are 50 cents apiece or 12 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Hutchinson or at the door.

George Beaird 1938-2006

Mr. George Beaird, 68, of Westbrook, died Thurs., Mar. 2, 2006, in an automobile accident. Services were held Tuesday at Christian Temple Church with Rev. Matt Matlock officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Beaird was born to Homer and Naomi Keith Beaird on Jan. 15, 1938, in Oakland, California. He married Katie Fuqua on Nov. 21, 1967 in Merkel. He was a member of the Christian Temple Church and the Mesquite Country Emmaus Community. He was also an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking for family and friends. He was a loving husband, dad, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Katie Beaird of Westbrook; two daughters, Renee and husband, Michael Smith of Abilene and Gayla and husband, Andrew Ferris of Westbrook; four sons, Jeffery and wife, Chelci Beaird of Lake Champion, Michael and wife, Janice Beaird of Kerrville, Jerry and wife, Lynda of Kerrville and Tommy Beaird of Raleigh, North Carolina; one sister, Shirley McMillin of Snyder; one daughter-in-law, Johnna Beaird of Auteyville, North Carolina; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two step-brothers, Jackie Floyd and David "Bubba" Watkins.



Fayrel Kathleen Boney 1912-2006

Mrs. Fayrel Kathleen Boney, 93, of Colorado City, died Thurs., Mar. 2, 2006, in a local care center. Services were held Monday at the First Christian Church with Rev. Monte Wike officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boney was born to G.W. and Alice Garrett Plaster in Colorado City Dec. 19, 1912. She attended Hardin-Simmons University where she met and later married W.J. Boney in Merkel. He preceded her in death July 11, 1978. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Boney always worked in addition to being a wonderful homemaker, wife and mother. She and her sister, Marjorie owned and operated a café on 2nd Street for several years. She was a bookkeeper working with her husband in business for Standard Oil and W.H. Boney Insurance. She was also employed at Max Burman's Department Store and Colorado Drug. She was a wonderful seamstress, making all of her daughters' clothes and was a fine horsewoman.

She is survived by her two daughters, Sylvia Anne and husband, Bob Lindley of Potosi and Fanelle and husband, John "Pinkey" Edwin of El Paso; four grandchildren, Dirk Lindley, Debra Zachry, Elizabeth Madison, and Faith Edwin; six great-grandchildren, Dustin Lindley, Laci Smoot, Garrett Lindley, Brooke Zachry, Bridgette Zachry, and Angelique Madison; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Robert Plaster Boney; two sisters, Agatha Henry and Marjorie Hardegre; one brother, George Irvin Plaster; and a grandchild, Dawn Kathleen "Dee Dee" Lindley.



Maria Munoz 1911-2006

Miss Maria Munoz, age 94, of Loraine, died Wed., Mar. 1, 2006, in a local care center. Services were held Saturday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father George Varakukala officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Miss Munoz was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Mexico and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1919. She was an in-home babysitter and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Juanita Del.ora and Mary Munoz, both of Snyder; one brother, Manuel Munoz of Loraine and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary Wayne Thomas 1956-2006

Gary Wayne Thomas, 49 years, died on December 24, 2005 at his home in Plano.

He was born on February 6, 1956 to Tom and Kathryn Thomas in Gainesville. At two years of age the family moved to Abilene, where he attended Abilene Schools. Gary worked at numerous jobs starting with Abilene Reporter News as a newspa-

per carrier on his bicycle at 14 years of age. While working at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an installer, he met and married his best friend, Mary Munoz, on June 30, 1979 in Abilene.

On March 9, 1981, his voice was the first that came over the airways for KGNZ, a Christian Radio Station in Potosi and later in Abilene. Gary was one of the true pioneers in the solar industry spanning over 25 years. He was universally recognized for his hardware and software design skills related to control systems for high tech solar energy collectors and Stirling engines. Gary, as an electrical engineer, focused on the complex electronic controls and tracking systems for these solar dishes. In this effort, he holds patents and has become one of the world's recognized leaders in his field.

The SES Board of Directors has approved dedicating to Gary the Solar Dish Model Power Plant at Sandia, a multi-million dollar project in which Gary was deeply involved and a success in large part because of Gary's efforts. The Model Power Plant will hereafter be called The Gary W. Thomas Model Power Plant.

His greatest legacy was his love and commitment to his family, always a positive influence, and a gentleman in every way, especially his pride and joy, his three sons.

He is survived by his beloved wife and sons, Mary (Munoz) Thomas, Plano, Christopher Thomas, Nicholas Thomas of Carrollton, and Nathaniel Thomas of Haltom City; his mother-in-law, Paula Munoz of Loraine; his sisters and brother-in-law, Chester and Rhonda (Thomas) Jenkins of Rowlett; Donna Ligon of Pilot Point; Diane Dietze of Victoria; and one brother, Dr. Michael and wife Henny Beeson of Aptos, California, and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law and nephews and nieces.

Services were held Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at First Methodist Church in Rowlett. Officiating was Rev. Leighton Bearden, the couple's pastor who married them, and Gary's best man, David Thweatt. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to the American Heart Association.



Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) Stovall 1926-2006

MESQUITE—Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) Stovall, uncle to Carl Graham of Loraine, died Friday, March 3, at 3:30 p.m. at a Mesquite nursing home. He celebrated his 80th birthday on February 27th, 2006.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite with burial following at the DFW National Cemetery in Arlington with full military honors.

Mr. Stovall married Theta L. Minton, sister of the late Mabel Graham of Loraine, on October 11, 1943 in Dallas. He joined the Navy on November of 1944, serving during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Hoggatt Bay.

After his discharge from the Navy, he worked many years for Proctor and Gamble in Dallas before retiring. He then opened up U Frame It, a business that specialized in custom framing of pictures. He was a member of the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite, and a former deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Theta; four daughters, Karen Stringer of Combine, Vickie Herring of El Dorado, Arkansas; Dianne Molina of Jewett, and Rhonda Franklin of Arlington; one brother, Monroe Stovall of Dallas; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



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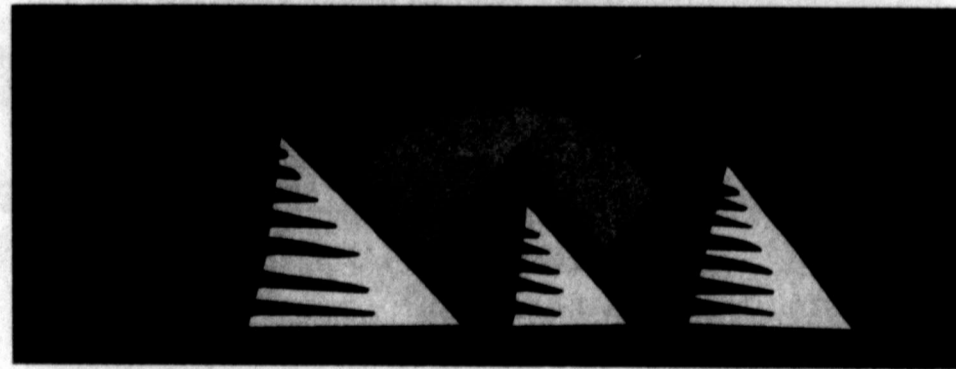
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on March 10, 2006 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on March 10, 2006 and reviewed by Administrative Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the city Council at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 11, 2006. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations.

Donna Madrid
City Secretary

LOCAL NEWS

HOW MITCHELL COUNTY VOTED REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY

	PCT. 1	PCT. 2	BOX 025	PCT. 3	PCT. 4	BOX 046 (Early Vote)	TOTAL
UNITED STATES SENATOR							
Kay Bailey Hutchinson	58	7	26	45	18	32	(105) 301
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DIST. 11							
Mike Conaway	51	5	17	42	17	28	(96) 256
GOVERNOR							
Rhett R. Smith	10	0	2	6	1	2	(5) 26
Larry Kilgore	13	2	4	12	4	12	(16) 63
Rick Perry	25	4	15	26	10	15	(81) 176
Star Locke	6	1	0	0	1	2	(2) 12
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
David Dewhurst	37	5	13	27	12	16	(79) 189
Tom Kelly	15	3	7	16	7	15	(30) 93
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Greg Abbot	45	6	16	37	16	27	(94) 251
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS							
Susan Combs	44	6	17	41	16	26	(92) 242
COM. OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE							
Jerry Patterson	40	7	17	39	16	23	(91) 233
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE							
Todd Staples	41	5	14	40	16	21	(91) 228
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER							
Elizabeth Ames Jones	27	3	14	25	11	14	(65) 159
Buck Werner	18	5	4	17	5	8	(34) 91
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME CT., UNEXPIRED TERM							
Wallace Jefferson	40	5	16	37	16	18	(87) 219
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2							
Don Willett	13	4	8	14	9	7	(44) 99
Steve Smith	30	4	10	26	6	12	(49) 137
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 4							
David M. Medina	36	5	16	37	15	20	(85) 214
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 6							
Nathan Hecht	36	5	15	37	17	19	(86) 215
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 8, UN. TERM							
Phil Johnson	37	6	14	37	16	21	(84) 215
PRESIDING JUDGE, CRT. OF CRIMINAL APPEALS							
Tom Price	25	5	8	19	11	9	(44) 120
Sharon Keller	19	3	9	21	7	12	(50) 121
JUDGE, CRT. OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 7							
Barbara Parker Hervey	36	5	15	37	17	18	(84) 212
JUDGE, CRT. OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 8							
Robert W. Francis	3	1	5	6	4	4	(26) 49
Charles Holcomb	32	7	10	23	9	14	(50) 145
Terry Keel	9	0	2	4	3	3	(11) 32
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DIST. 15							
Bob Craig	36	6	18	38	16	20	(90) 224
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 72							
Drew Darby	41	4	20	25	12	29	(70) 201
Kevin Housley	10	2	3	11	1	4	(11) 44
Scott Campbell	12	2	4	11	6	4	(33) 72
CHIEF JUSTICE, 11TH CRT. OF APPEALS DIST.							
Jim R. Wright	35	6	16	38	15	22	(91) 223
CHIEF JUSTICE, 11TH CRT. OF APPEALS DIST., PL. 2							
Rick Strange	30	6	10	33	17	16	(79) 191
COUNTY CHAIRMAN							
Teresa Beckmeyer	42	6	13	33	17	18	(80) 209

HOW MITCHELL COUNTY VOTED DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY

	PCT. 1	PCT. 2	BOX 025	PCT. 3	PCT. 4	BOX 046 (Early Vote)	TOTAL
UNITED STATES SENATOR							
Gene Kelly	4	21	15	9	22	3	(24) 98
Darrel Reece Hunter	4	13	6	4	7	1	(29) 64
Barbara Ann Radnofsky	3	9	10	3	4	7	(22) 58
GOVERNOR							
Bob Gammage	5	13	17	2	13	4	(36) 90
Chris Bell	7	25	13	17	19	7	(35) 123
Rashad Jafer	0	4	0	0	2	0	(1) 7
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Benjamin Z. Grant	7	25	20	10	19	6	(53) 140
Maria Luisa Alvarado	2	8	8	3	8	4	(12) 45
Adrian De Leon	1	7	3	3	5	1	(5) 25
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
David Van Os	9	37	25	13	28	9	(65) 188
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS							
Fred Head	9	38	22	13	29	9	(66) 186
COM. OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE							
VaLinda Hathcox	10	38	21	13	28	9	(63) 182
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE							
Hank Gilbert	11	32	25	13	28	8	(60) 177
Kocadee Melton, Jr.	0	6	3	4	2	1	(9) 25
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER							
Dale Henry	10	40	27	15	28	10	(66) 204
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2							
William E. "Bill" Moody	11	38	23	15	31	9	(62) 189
PRESIDING JUDGE, CRT. OF CRIMINAL APPEALS							
J.R. Molina	11	36	23	12	32	9	(56) 179
COUNTY JUDGE							
Ray Mayo	14	49	33	16	34	11	(85) 242
DISTRICT CLERK							
Sharon Hammond	14	49	29	18	35	11	(81) 237
COUNTY CLERK							
Debbie Carlock	14	48	31	18	37	11	(81) 240
COUNTY TREASURER							
Ann Hallmark	14	47	30	18	36	11	(85) 241
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2							
Dale Geiger	-	20	23	-	-	-	(21) 64
Carl Guelker	-	36	16	-	-	-	(17) 69
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3							
Billy H. Preston	-	-	-	-	34	10	(19) 63
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4							
Kay Richmond	-	45	29	18	-	11	(37) 140
COUNTY CHAIRMAN							
Geory Martin	11	42	25	17	32	10	(41) 181



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OPINION & COMMENTARY

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The sesquicentennial wagon train pulled out 20 years ago

With a hearty "Wagons Hol!" the sesquicentennial wagon train left Sulphur Springs for a trip across Texas on January 2, 1986. Gary France was wagon master.

"Governor Mark White, when he found out we were going to Fort Worth by way of the King Ranch and El Paso told us he knew of a short cut," says Gary. "The route took the wagon train as far east as Marshall, as far south as Kingsville, as far west as El Paso and as far north as Amarillo for a total of 3,229 miles. It was quite a trip."

The wagons moved through Texas for six months, arriving in Fort Worth in early July.

"One group of people was with us all the way," says Gary. "We called them the core group. It consisted of somewhere around 30 wagons and between 150 and 200 people. We had a lot of people who weren't on the wagons, but kept the wagons rolling."

One hundred and two wagons left Sulphur Springs. In the sparsely populated areas of south and west Texas, the train dwindled down to 32 wagons. Gary says that was the lowest number of wagons on the trip.

"When we made it into El Paso it got bigger and when we left Amarillo it really picked up. When we departed Wichita Falls going into Fort Worth we were growing daily. Not only with the wagons, but we were having a lot of horseback riders. When we pulled into downtown Fort Worth, we were about 200 wagons strong with thousands of people on horses. We stretched out well over two miles."

The trip was made to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Texas. There was nightly entertainment in the campgrounds during and after the evening meal. Many of the people on wagons dressed in period costumes to experience the way their forefathers lived.

Gary, who lives near the Hopkins County community of Birthright, was 44 years old at the time he was wagon master. Life hasn't changed much for him, although his eyesight has deteriorated. He still makes his living breaking horses, something he has done all his life.

"I don't like to work with these big old wild horses from the range. I like the young ones with a natural gentle disposition about them. I use the soft touch method of breaking horses, but sometimes that doesn't work and I have to get real western."

He and his wife Carol, who he calls Cowgirl, (she calls him Cowboy) make at least one trip a year to the mountains of the West where Gary usually has encounters with black bears. He has developed into quite a storyteller and the benches around a big tree in his backyard are filled during warm weather with his friends and admirers. He has stayed in contact with many of the folks who made the wagon trek across the state.

Main Street Ceremony was success - according to an old Kentucky feller

I don't know about you, but I was pretty impressed with the Colorado City Main Street activities that were held last week. The whole thing - other than the hot weather - went off perfectly and cast a positive light on this groovy little prairie hamlet we call home.

I know everything went well because of the smile on the faces of everyone, and because of this Kentucky feller (I mean, gentleman) I met who shared his impressions of the whole ordeal in a letter home to his brother. Below, I have reprinted the letter for you to see.

Dear Bo Dickle,
I know you ain't a very fast reader so that is why I'm typing this here letter real slow. Boy, let me tell you somethin'. That Main Street shindig we had here las' week was sho nuff a blast. I reckon, they had to be a gazillion people out there.

I betcha yo ol' lady woulda had a great time seeing all them skool kids a'waving them Texas flags and havin' a good time. It kind of reminded me of the time when we was young and that squirrel ran up Ma's leg and sent her to having a dance on the front porch - ceptin' the First Lady wasn't rootin' her own.

I hear tell this Main Street thing is gonna make us look and feel better about ourselves. I'll be sho nuff glad to see that. I ain't had me nothing to grin about since that Mr. Cheney feller unloaded his huntin' rifle on his buddy.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By TOMMY WELLS EDITOR



Earlier this week, Bo emailed his mother back and said.

Dear Jo Dickle,

I sur was happy to git yer letter. Thanks for writin' it slow. It sur made it easier fer me to unnerstand sum of dem hi-falutin' words you been lernin' down there in Texas.

I'm glad to hear that party of yourn went well - e'en if'n I already knowd it would. I reckon dem people there in Colorado City are pretty smart and jus' about the most-determined people I know. I'm sho they gonna built that place up right.

I done tol' everyone that the next time we're down yonder (I lerned that word from you) we'd hafta drop in. I hear tell yer town isn't jus' gonna be a drive-by place no more. That sho is good to hear cuz I ain't much fer drivin' noways.

You 'member to tell all them folks there dem word that that guy on the movie said. You know, "Build it and we'll come."

By the way, Ma said no go an' be reminding her of that squirrel. She still has bad dreams about them bite marks on her back.

P.S. - I have sent you a couple of Pa's cornshucks. You might kin use dem as hippie hair until you kin find sum of that cotton.

Yer brother,
Jo Dickle

Yer brother,
Bo Dickle

POLICE REPORT

OFFENSES

On Mon., Feb. 27th, a 26-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of 3rd Street in reference to an outstanding Henderson County warrant. The subject was transported to Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On Tues., Feb. 28th, a store manager in the 400 block of Hickory reported receiving a forged check at his place of business. The case is under investigation.

On Wed., Mar. 1st, an 80-year-old female reported that someone had hit the fence at her residence in the 100 block of Fairmont. The case is under investigation.

On Wed., Mar. 1st, a 24-year-old male was arrested at 6th and Oak Streets for public intoxication and capias. Subject was transported to Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office.

On Thurs., Mar. 2nd, a 12-year-old subject disclosed information of sexual misconduct, indecency with a child. Case is under investigation.

On Thurs., Mar. 2nd, a store manager reported receiving non-sufficient funds checks at his place of business in the 2200 block of Hickory. The investigation continues.

On Fri., Mar. 3rd, a 38-year-old male reported that someone had siphoned some of the fuel out of his tank. The case is under investigation.

On Fri., Mar. 3rd, a store clerk at 100 South Service Road I-20 reported that someone had pumped fuel into a vehicle and left without paying. The investigation continues.

On Fri., Mar. 3rd, a 32-year-old male

was arrested in the 100 block of 3rd Street in reference to outstanding warrants. The subject was transported to Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On Sat., Mar. 4th, a 24-year-old male was arrested in the 900 block of 13th Street in reference to outstanding Johnson County warrants. The subject was transported to Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On Sat., Mar. 4th, a 24-year-old female in the 500 block of 4th Street reported that she was threatened by a known subject with a knife. She refused to press charges, so the case was closed.

On Sat., Mar. 4th, a juvenile female in the 700 block of 13th Street was reported as a runaway after not coming home. Subject did eventually come home.

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By Ace Reid



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Dear Editor:

Five years ago the Class of 1957 began a scholarship in remembrance of Gladys Miller. It has become difficult for that class alone to support the \$1000 scholarship given each year. Therefore, I would like to ask all of you to assist us in this very worthwhile effort.

In addition to monetary donations

we could use volunteers to evaluate the entries. This evaluation is a very simple matter and is rather enjoyable. It would take less than an hour of your time. Each year we use three individuals to select the recipient. If you are interested in being one of those three this year, please reply to phariss@earthlink.net. Your time and effort will be appreciated.

We sorely need monetary donations in order to keep this scholarship healthy for many years to come. All donations should be made to the Gladys Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund and sent to Charles Ray Dunn, 962 Marshall, Colorado City, TX 79512.

Joe Phariss
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LOCAL NEWS

MAIN

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joined Beeville, Conroe and Texarkana as the latest Texas cities to be welcomed into the Texas Historical Society's downtown revitalization program.

The significance wasn't lost on anyone in attendance.

"I think it's exciting to see something like this in Colorado City," said CHS student Rianna Rivera, who was part of what may have been the largest downtown gathering for a speech ceremony since the late 1940s when "Wild" Bill Egan visited the community as part of the former rodeo activities at Ruddick Park. "This is a small town and there aren't too many exciting things like this that happen. It's pretty neat."

Colorado High School junior Jessica Castillo agreed, saying the atmosphere surrounding Perry's visit was electrifying.

"This is pretty special," she said. "I feel like we're going to meet Selena or something."

In meeting Perry — the wife of Texas Gov. Rick Perry and a native of nearby Haskell — Colorado City found itself coming face-to-face with one of the most coveted positions in Texas: the Main Street designation. By being selected to the program, the community will be able to tap into state resources for technical and architectural design and be-

come eligible for grant funding to help downtown businesses refurbish and rebuild their buildings and improve the local economy.

The number of residents impressed Perry, who had attended a similar kick-off party earlier in the day in Texarkana.

"This turnout is a reflection of your community spirit," she said to the large crowd gathered at the corner of 2nd and Walnut Street. "Whether you are cheering for the Wolves on Friday night or something else, you are proud of Colorado City. Now we add one more source of pride for the citizens of this town. As a partner of the Main Street program you have acknowledged that downtown is the heart of Colorado City and that you care deeply about your community."

During the ceremony, Perry joined Colorado City Main Street Manager Cecilia Scott in unveiling an artist's rendering of what the Earnest Building on Walnut Street could be transformed into. The Earnest Building, currently owned by Robert Brookshear, was built in 1924 by C.H. Earnest and served as the home to C.R. Anthony's, Keybrook Confectionary, Neal Mills Millinery, a beauty parlor, Magnolia Petroleum and Earnest Law Office.

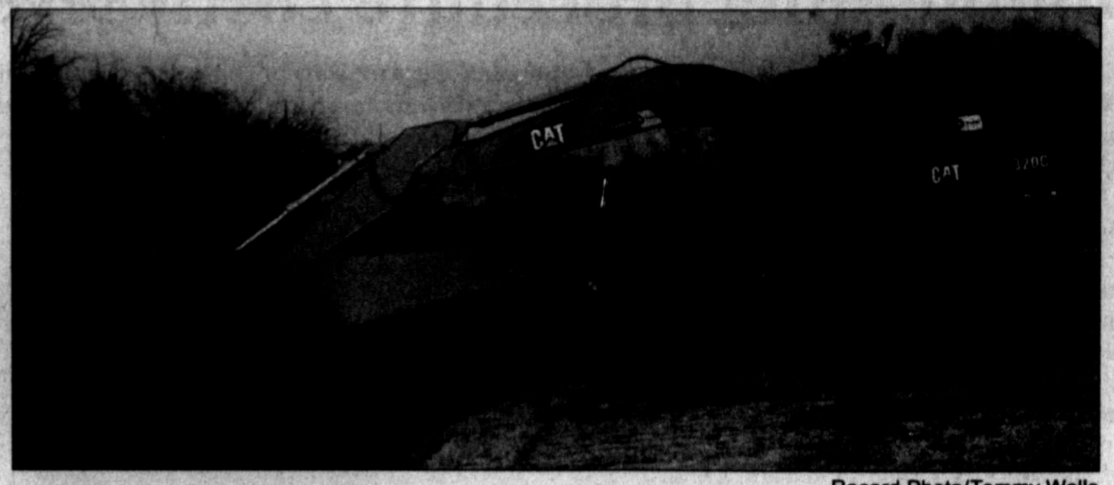
Perry told residents Main Street was a great tool for connecting a community's history to its future generations.

"The Main Street program is an amazing way for Texans to not only preserve their heritage, but plan great things for future generations," she said. "It's about a community joining together to say they are proud of their way of life and they value the place where they live."

"We're not just revitalizing buildings with this program," she added. "We're rejuvenating communities. This tells everyone it's about our community."

Perry said Colorado City was

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Record Photo/Tommy Wells
LONE WOLF RESOURCES employees use a backhoe to dig out years of silt buildup in Lone Wolf Creek Monday afternoon. The company placed the mud into county-owned dump trucks to be transported to a disposal site. The cleaning out of the Ruddick Park creek is being sponsored by the Colorado City Parks Advisory Board with help from the city and county.

“
Main Street is an economic engine to take you into the future. The Main Street program links the history of the community to a strong economic future. Together, we're going to protect the heritage of this community and Texas and make it even better for future generations
”

Jane Barnhill
Texas Historical Commission

ROLL-OVER

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a seatbelt at the time of the accident, was partially ejected from the vehicle and pinned under the vehicle.

"It appears the gentleman was driving eastbound on County Road 371 when for some reason he went off the road and hit an

embankment that caused the vehicle to roll over," said Trooper Alejandro Chavez, who worked the accident.

Chavez said the accident remained under investigation, and that Beaird's body had been transported to Dallas for an autopsy.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Double-lung procedure costly, even with government aid

By Karin Shaw Anderson
The Dallas Morning News

Some of the best medicine Jeff Matthies has gotten this year for his cystic fibrosis came in the form of a 10-pound Boston terrier named Bevo.

"Bevo has been a lifeline for Jeff in giving him a reason to get up every morning," said Pam Matthies, the 33-year-old's mother. "Bevo needs him to take him outside, and Bevo needs Jeff for all the other daily things in life," she said. "Bevo makes Jeff laugh."

Spending \$250 for that kind of therapy was a bargain, Mrs. Matthies said.

But it won't heal her son's lungs, which strain to take in oxygen through thick mucus. And it won't cure the diabetes that came as a result of his cystic fibrosis.

Mr. Matthies moved into his parents' Mesquite home last year after he went on disability leave from his job selling auto parts. His wife left him, he said, because of the strain of his illness.

Now Mr. Matthies is waiting for government medical assistance to go into effect in August so he can qualify for the double-lung transplant his doctor has recommended.

"With my lung function at 17 percent, if it isn't done within less than a year ... my health will be too deteriorated to even go through the procedure," Mr. Matthies said.

His doctor, Randall Rosenblatt, a cystic fibrosis and lung transplant expert, said that when lung function drops below 30 percent, mortality increases dramatically. And even with significant advances in treatment, the average life expectancy for cystic fibrosis patients is 34 years. Three decades ago, most children with the disease didn't live through their teenage years.

organ transplant surgery come after the procedure, when patients must take expensive medications to prevent rejection and infection, and to combat the side effects of those drugs. The costs can run be-



Courtesy photo Dallas Morning News

tween \$25,000 and \$50,000 a year for life, he said. "I wish I could put him on my insurance, but there isn't anything that I can do," Mrs. Matthies said.

Together, they wait. Mrs. Matthies works as a medical transcriptionist at the Cooper Clinic in North Dallas. Watching patients at the clinic get some of the best preventive care available while her son languishes is difficult, she said.

To fill his days while waiting, Mr. Matthies enjoys playing with Bevo and working on his 1977 Volkswagen Beetle. But after he had gone outside to change the oil one recent afternoon, Mrs. Matthies found her son nearly unconscious under the car. His blood sugar had dropped too low.

"The doctors said that if I had found him 30 minutes later, he would have been gone," she said. She cries when she talks about her son's chances. Mr. Matthies said his faith removes worries.

"Giving up married life, I struggled with that a little bit," he said. "Knowing that you can't afford to live on your own and for health reasons you can't live on your own, it is a struggle.

"But my family is there for me, so that's all I need," he said.

But getting the life-saving operation before August would cost Mr. Matthies about \$500,000, he estimates, based on studies published in 2005. Hospitals generally require proof of the ability to pay a portion of the cost before

a patient is placed on an organ waiting list. Even with government assistance, he'll be responsible for as much as 20 percent of the cost.

Dr. Rosenblatt said the majority of the costs for

Family, friends set up account for Matthies

When Jeff Matthies lived in Colorado City, the former owner of Nix Barbecue didn't need a lot of help to deal with his Cystic Fibrosis.

Times have changed, however. Matthies, who moved to the Metroplex when his disease began taking a toll on his body, is now in need of a lot of help. Financially and spiritually as he attempts to obtain an expensive double-lung transplant - without the aid of health insurance or government aid.

Matthies, who lost his health insurance when he and his wife divorced, worked at an auto supply store after moving to the Metroplex. Shortly after starting, his health deteriorated to the point he was unable to hold a steady job.

Despite his inability to work, Matthies is unable to receive Medicaid support. Under Medicaid's formula, Matthies made \$40 too much to qualify. According to Medicaid rules, he can re-apply for aid in August.

That, according to his family, won't be possible as he could die before then.

According to physicians, Matthies' lungs are working at approximately 17 percent of their normal ability. Should that percentage become too much lower, he would be unable to survive a double lung transplant.

Matthies' family and friends are actively attempting to help him raise the \$100,000 he needs to be placed on the list for the surgery and an additional \$408,000 to help cover the costs of the surgical operation and the anti-rejection medications he will need following the procedure. Local residents who would like to contribute to the account can do so by sending their tax deductible contributions to: NTAF, 150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite F-120, Radnor, PA 19087. Contributors are asked to include the following information in the memo section of their donations: NTAF South-Central Double Lung Transplant in Honor of Jeffrey Matthies.

Individuals can also donate online by logging onto www.transplantfund.com and type in the word Matthies into the patient search box, or they can make a donation over the phone by calling 1-800-642-8399.

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As commercial biotechnology in the United States celebrates its 10th anniversary in our fields, it's hard to talk about this significant change in production agriculture without mentioning glyphosate. But with all advancements in technology, caution should be exercised because nothing is invincible.

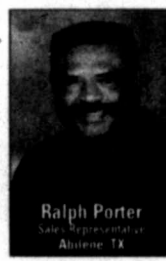
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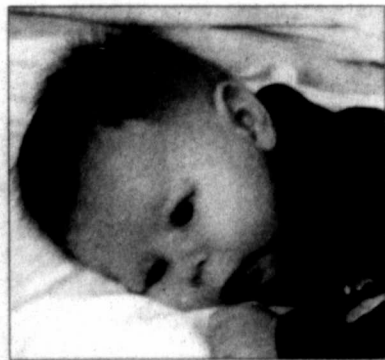
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AN AREA HOME school group called SMART (Scurry, Mitchell Association of Really Talented) Kids visited Valley Fair Lodge recently bringing handmade spring decorations and refreshments for all the residents.

BIRTHS



Michael and Mandy Barkley would like to announce the birth of their son, Brandon James Barkley, born Jan. 4, 2006, at 12:12 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Brandon weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Roxie Strain and Eddie Strain, both of Colorado City. Maternal great-grandparents are Waddell and Jerry Strain and the late Cliff and Jerry Greaves, all of Colorado City.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Betty Barkley of Blackwell and Anna and Joe Eubank of Jewett. Paternal great-grandparents are Maxine and the late James "Biscuit" Barkley and Evangeline and the late Louis

Sturm, all of Big Spring. Also welcoming Brandon are his cousins, Cole Tanner, Landon and Brenlye Strain.



Zac and Jen would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Zen Michelle, born Feb. 4, 2006, at 4:30 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Valerie Redwine. Paternal grandparents are Kenny and Sylvia Clanton.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Theresa Redwine and Melvin and Shirley Dorn.



Nathan Byrle Chapman would like to welcome his brother, Reagan Charles, born Jan. 31, 2006, in Sweetwater. Reagan weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Reagan's parents are Greg and Kelly Chapman of Sweetwater.

Proud grandparents are Byrle and Judy Chapman of Colorado City and Carrol and Mairilee Reed of Sweetwater.

Great-grandmothers are Marion Berg of Colorado City and Verna Lee Reed of Sweetwater.

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SCHOOL NEWS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE & HONOR ROLLS

Colorado High

Students with perfect attendance during the fourth six weeks of the school year at Colorado High School are as follows:

Freshmen
Ryan Gainey, Manuel Garza, Rosendo Gonzales, Serena Guerrero, Christina Leanos, Stacy Little, Morgan Maddox, Nathan McCright, Lauren Munoz, Corey Owens, Eugene Pena Jr., Ashton Raschke, Marie Ruth and Samuel Williamson.

Sophomores
Diego Albarran, Isabel Davila, Ricky Davila Jr., Toni Diaz, Catherine Dolan, Armando Flores, Carina Flores, Billy Gonzalez, Ryan Graham, Michael Hollis, Julian Lieja, Alyssa Martinez, Lucas Martinez, Orlando Moreno, Cindy Pina, Mindy Pina, Zulema Ramirez, Nathan Slater, Krystal Ventura, Lindsey Kelly, Sarah Smith, Brien Toombs, Alfredo Ventura and Isabel Ventura.

Juniors
Michelle Arispe, Pavel Brantley, Tanner Cox, Lori Denson, Kyle Fox, Kimberly Henderson, K'Leigh Jackson, Axel Lewis, Robert McGuire, Kelly Morris, Paige Newby, Stuart Ponko Jr., Ashlea Sowa and Zane Whitesides.

Seniors
Michael Chambers, Mario Flores Jr., Jodi Owens, Courtney

Pharis, Roland Rivera and Edgar Roman.

Westbrook ISD

The perfect attendance list has been released for Westbrook Independent School District. The list is as follows: Kaitlynn Andrews, Sarah Andrews, Douglas Bell, Hannah Berber, Allison Bray, Michael Bray, Benjamin Brown, Brandon Brown, Brianna Brown, Austin Buckalew, Seth Burleson, Elizabeth Clanton, Justin Daniels, Ruben Fuentes, Selena Gonzalez, Anthony Gutierrez, Erica Gutierrez, Gabriel Gutierrez, Ivy Gutierrez, Rosa Gutierrez, Adrian Hale, Brianna Hale, Ian Hale, Linda Hanks, Kassie Holbrook and Aubrianna Jones.

Other students with perfect attendance are: Larry King, Makena King, Reanna Krapf, Andrew Lamb, Michael Lamb, Haiden Lopez, Jacob Morris, Rowdy Morris, Tyler Morris, Alexis Nobles, Jared Pierce, Hadley Redwine, Cutter Rees, Katlyn Rees, Cheyenne Reyes, Madison Rice, Kalee Rich, Kohl Rich, Sebastian Rincones, Austyn Rivera, Madison Rivera, Cason Smith, Jordan Smith, Brandon Smoker, William Stewart-Armstead and Logan Truelove.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for the week of Feb. 23, 2006 at Hutchinson Elementary were: (l-r) Kaysi Sims, Heather Merket and Shea Duncan.

Hutchinson students of the week announced for week of Feb. 23

Students of the Week have been named at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Kaysi Sims, Heather Merket and Shea Duncan.

Kaysi, daughter of Clint and Jennifer Sims and Kristi Sims, is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. She has two dogs named Tuffy and BB. Math is her favorite subject, and her teacher is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Heather, a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class, is the daughter of

Kerre and Thomas Huff and Leslie Merket. She enjoys swimming as a hobby, and has a dog named Scamp. P.E. is her favorite subject, and Accelerated Reader trips are her favorite.

Shea, son of Randy and Paula Duncan, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class. Reading is his favorite subject. When asked his hobby Shea said, "I play a lot with my dog." He also says that his school "has the best teachers."

CHS lists honor roll for fourth six weeks

All A and A-B Honor roll lists have been released at Colorado High School.

All A Honor Roll

Freshmen: Clint White, Sam Shrode, Morgan Maddox and Cheyenne Guelker.

Sophomore: Sarah Smith.

Juniors: Ashley Sowa and Kelly Morris.

Seniors: Danjell Arispe, Felicia Arredondo, Logan Boyd, Michael Chambers, Sagan Everett, Brittany Farquhar, Felicia Forbes, Chasity Jackson, Brik McGuffin, Jodi Owens, Tiffany Owens, Roland Rivera and Sara Warren.

A-B Honor Roll

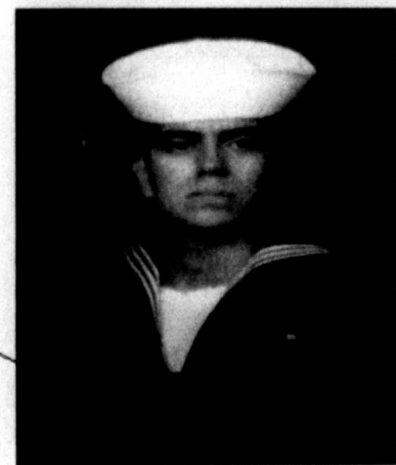
Freshmen: Emily Atkinson, Amber Campos, Ryan Gainey, Manuel Garza, Tamara Lelek, Kari Matlock, Nathan McCright, Lauren Munoz, Ashton Raschke, Hopic Salinas, Matthew Sowa and Samuel Williamson.

Sophomores: Robert Arispe, Cheyenne Cearley, J.D. Clay, Kate Dannheim, Catherine Dolan, Kolby Free, Georgiana Guerra, Tia Huff, Sydney Johnson, Lindsey Kelly, Valerie Martinez, Zulema Ramirez, Nathan Slater, Brien Toombs, Shelbi Turner, Christa Valdivia and Isabel Ventura.

Juniors: Lee Beddingfield, Pavel Brantley, Tanner Cox, Cheyanne Fain, Stephanie Freeman, Roxanne Hernandez, K'Leigh Jackson, Axel Lewis, Kirby Matlock, Lana Perez, Sonya Rocha, Erick Roman, Kateshia Russell, Marisol Salazar and Kassondra Shoals.

Seniors: Frankie Arguijo, Raquel Arispe, Timmy Atkins, Cody Avalos, Frances Carlos, Naneki Collins, Mallory Espinoza, Mario Flores, Nolan Frizzell, Cody Hubbard, Felisha James, Micheal Luera, Courtney Pharis, Miracle Ramirez, Lacey Reyes, Henry Reyna, Edgar Roman, Nathan Smith, Elida Sosa, Krista Stubblefield, Megan Tolle, Virginia Tovar and Jose Valenzuela.

Avalos receives naval letter of commendation



Dario Avalos, formerly of Colorado City, recently received a Letter of Commendation from the Aircraft Division of the U.S. Navy.

Avalos was commended for his outstanding performance of his duties while serving as an Aviation Electrician for the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero, at the Naval Air Warfare Center in Patuxent River, Maryland, for the last two years. The letter went on to state that Airman Avalos was instrumental in the troubleshooting and repair of 430 maintenance discrepancies, encompassing more than 1,600 man-hours, including the correction of a recurring fuel quantity discrepancy and a long-standing autopilot gripe.

Avalos, son of Elena Tirado, is a 2003 graduate of Colorado High School.

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu

Mar. 13-17

Spring Break

CISD Head Start Lunch

Mar. 13-17

Spring Break

Kelley, Hutchinson, CMS Breakfast Menu

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Kelley, Hutchinson Lunch Menu

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CHS Breakfast Menu

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CMS & CHS Lunch Menu

Mar. 13-17

Spring Break

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu

Mar. 13-17

Monday - French toast sticks, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage in a blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - PB & J Uncrustables, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu

Mar. 13-17

Monday - chicken patties, gravy, creamed potatoes, black-eyed peas, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday - pepperoni pizza, corn, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - tacos, meat, cheese, salsa, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday - chicken fajitas, tortilla, cheese, salsa, refried beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday - cheeseburgers, French fries, salad fixings, brownies, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu

Mar. 13-17

Spring Break

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu

Mar. 13-17

Spring Break



MORE CHALLENGES AHEAD ... These three Hutchinson Elementary students (l-r) Christian Cantu, Allison Burrola and Whitney Ortiz, have completed the Ultimate Challenge, a timed mixed-facts math quiz. Christian and Whitney have completed the test with perfect results in five minutes. Allison whizzed through the two-minute challenge and is now working on the one-minute challenge. The math quiz is made up of 100 mixed-facts which must be completed without mistake to move on to the next challenge.

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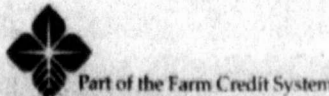
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SCHOOL NEWS



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WISD STUDENTS OF the month were recently named. Among the students honored at the WISD school board meeting were: Hadley Redwine, Gavino Silva, Ivan Rivera, and Jasmine Alvarez (above, l-r); Dustin Lutrull, Keagan Lendermon and Tyler Morris (left).



Hutchinson honor its students of the week

Students of the Week have been selected at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Mikaela Madrid, Damion Huff and Thea Guaza.

Mikaela, daughter of Mike and Donna Madrid, is a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class. She enjoys playing softball as a hobby and singing is her favorite subject. The teachers are her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Damion, a fourth grader in Mrs. Matlock's class, is the son of Laston and Aimee Stephens. Playing baseball is his hobby, and science is his favorite subject. P.E. is his favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Thea, daughter of Arnel and Theta Guaza, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stone's class. Reading is her hobby, and math is her favorite subject. Recess and reading time are her two favorite things about her school.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are Mikaela Madrid, Damion Huff and Thea Guaza. The school honors some of its top students each week with the Student of the Week accolades.

Seniors eligible for 'Texas' Scholarship

High school seniors have the opportunity to win the 2006 Don't Mess with Texas scholarship, which this year honors the legacy of a Temple physician who worked to keep his community litter-free.

The family of David D. Barton, M.D. is funding the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) scholarship program, which will award one \$3,000 and two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating Texas high school students who have implemented a creative and sustainable solution to a litter problem in their school or community.

All Texas high school seniors are invited to apply no later than April 7, 2006. Students may obtain an application and information at www.DontMessWithTexas.org or through their counselor. Students must meet these guidelines:

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
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 (location)
 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006
 and ending on May 9, 2006
 (date)

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Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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 (date)

Additional early voting will be held as follows:	Location	Date	Hours

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 Member Sandra Sullivan Member Keenan Lendermon
 Member Hadley Redwine Member Holly's Army
 Member Member

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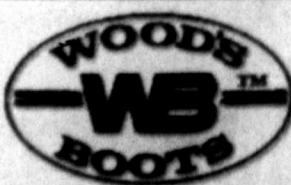
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Sports Briefs

Ollison nets silver at SP track meet

Former Colorado High School standout Hann Ollison competed at the South Plains track meet held in Levelland last Saturday and placed second in the 200-meter dash in a time of 22.11.

Ollison, now a freshman at McMurry University in Abilene, also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 6.71 meters.

Ollison has already qualified for the national track meet which will be held later this spring.

C-City Teen baseball signups set

The Colorado City Texas Teenage League baseball League will be holding registration for players at Thursday's Texas-Fest activities at the Railhead Building. Signups will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The league is open to players ranging in age from 4-15. The cost is \$40 per player for athletes aged 4-12 and \$45 for those 13-15.

Additional signup dates will be held on March 21 and March 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Thompson Room.

First-year players will need to bring their birth certificates to registration.

Beltran shines at Region II-2A

Colorado High School powerlifter Veronica Beltran turned in an outstanding effort this past weekend at the Region II-2A Powerlifting Meet in Abilene by taking third in her weight class.

Teammate Donnica Fowler was sixth in her division.

Westbrook grappler sits out state meet

After battling for more than two months to earn a berth in the Texas USA State Wrestling Tournament, Westbrook Elementary fifth-grader Bobby Wells found an opponent he couldn't pin ... his weight.

Wells was forced to sit out the state meet Saturday in Conroe when he failed to make weight in his bracket. He weighed in at 77.8 pounds -- two pounds over his 75-pound entry.

CHS girls to play in Slaton

The Colorado High School softball team will be participating in the Slaton Invitational Softball Tournament, beginning Thursday.

Lady Wolves win 4 straight in Snyder



Record Photo/Tommy Wells
THE C-CITY SOFTBALL TEAM closed out the Snyder tournament with four wins.

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

SNYDER—After getting off to a 0-2 start in the Snyder Invitational Softball Tournament, the Colorado High School Lady Wolves came back to win their next four games in a tournament filled with traditional softball powers.

The Lady Wolves opened play against perennial power Monahans and suffered a tough 4-2 loss. Then, in Game 2 against Jim Ned, the Lady Wolves -- with a

total of nine players suited up -- went down in defeat, 7-2.

In the third game of the tournament, the Wolves played a travel team from the Metroplex called Americas. The Lady Wolves defeated Americas, kicking off a 4-game win streak.

The next victim for the Lady Wolves was Mineral Wells, a Class 4A program near Weatherford. Colorado City, despite playing a 9 p.m. game, won.

On Saturday, the Lady Wolves defeated Lamesa, 23-2, in one of

their best games of the tournament.

"We seemed to be doing everything right in the game against Lamesa," said Colorado City head coach Sara Davies. "We hit the ball well, fielded well, and played sound fundamental softball."

In their final game of the tournament, the Lady Wolves went into extra innings before taking a 3-1 win over Class 5A Midland Lee.

"I am seeing improvement in our play each week," said Davies.

"We are still making changes in our lineup which we thought needed to be made. We are playing much better right now. I wish we had another pitcher to back up Brittany (Hill), but we will play the hand we have been dealt."

Monahans took first place in the tournament followed by Levelland and Eula, respectively.

The Lady Wolves are scheduled to return to action this weekend when they travel to Slaton to participate in the Slaton Invitational Softball Tournament.

Tahoka turns back Wolves

Bulldogs survive late threat by C-City

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

MIDLAND — The Colorado Wolves basketball season came to an abrupt halt last Friday at the Midland College Chaparral Center when the Tahoka Bulldogs eliminated the Wolves from post-season play with a stunning 68-54 victory before a packed house.

In the first half, the Bulldogs utilized 6-foot-5 post Zack Tillman to perfection. The Tahoka standout scored in the paint while throwing up four 3-pointers.

The Bulldogs, who a few days earlier had eliminated No. 2 Floydada, managed to turn a 16-9 run in the first quarter into a 35-24 first-half lead.

In the second half, the Bulldogs had six 3-pointers -- including five from Colby Gardner, who was a virtual shooting machine for the Bulldogs. For the game, Gardner hit five of 17 attempts from behind the line as well as sinking both of his attempts from the charity line for 17 points.

Together everything proved to be too much for the Wolves who were on a 12-game winning streak. Colorado City reeled off 12 straight wins -- including a perfect 10-0 mark in District 4-2A play -- after having entered district play with a below .500 record of 8-15.

The Wolves defeated Hawley, 65-37, on Jan. 31 to move to 14-14.

Colorado City entered the playoffs on a roll. After blistering all of its district foes, the Wolves entered the regional tournament as the only squad to have won its district championship.

Wolves' head coach Danny Keeton said he wasn't displeased with his squad following the loss.

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File Photo
THE COLORADO WOLVES' 2005-2006 basketball season came to an end last Friday with a tough loss to the Tahoka Bulldogs in the regional semifinals at the Chaparral Center in Midland. Cody Avalos (above) and the CHS squad finished the year having won 12 of their final 13 games.

Wolves dominate 4-2A all-district squad

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Wolves may have ended their state basketball playoff run, but the post-season accolades have already begun to roll in.

The Wolves dominated the recent District 4-2A postseason selections by having a handful of standouts chosen to the all-district roster. Colorado City, which advanced to the regional semifinals, had three first-team, two second-team, and three

honorable mentions picks.

The selections were all seniors with Roland Rivera, Henry Reyna, and Nolan Frizzell all getting tabbed for the first team, while Cyrus Goodman was named the District 4-2A MVP.

The MVP honors gives Goodman his second straight postseason accolade from district coaches. Last year, he was tabbed the "Newcomer of the Year."

Reyna and Frizzell are both first-team repeaters from a year

ago, while Rivera was a second-team selection last year.

Named to the second-team squad were Brik McGuffin and Kenneth Scott. Scott missed all the basketball season a year ago while McGuffin was a second-team selection.

Named to the honorable mention squad were Frankie Arguijo, Adrian Arrellano and Cody Avalos.

After leading his team to an undefeated mark in District 4-2A play, Colorado City head

coach Danny Keeton was rewarded with being named "Coach of the Year," a title he won two years ago when his team went undefeated in district play.

The Wolves turned in a stand-out effort in the playoffs. Colorado City kicked off the postseason party by downing Mason.

From there, they defeated Jim Ned before falling to Tahoka -- the Region I state qualifier -- last Friday night.

Starcher resigns as C-City coach

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

An era came to an end Monday evening for the Colorado High School Lady Wolves' basketball program when head coach John Starcher submitted his resignation to CISD officials, effective the end of the current school year.

Starcher, who informed members of the CHS varsity and junior varsity programs Monday of his decision, tendered a brief letter of resignation at the school board.

"It's just the right thing to do right now," said Starcher, who helped the Lady Wolves snap a two-year district losing streak this season.

"I told the varsity and junior varsity players yesterday (Monday afternoon) what I was doing so they wouldn't be surprised."

A West Texas native, Starcher said the move to step down was part of his desire to enter into the administration side of the public education system. He had recently completed requirements to serve as a principal.

Under Starcher, the Lady Wolves turned in a solid 2005-2006 season, finishing with two victories in district play. Prior to this season, the CHS girls program had not won a loop game since 2002.

Colorado ISD officials said a search for a new head girls basketball coach would begin in the near future.

Clyde deals Wolves a 4-2 setback

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Wolves dropped a 4-2 decision last Thursday to Clyde in baseball action played at the Mitchell County Sports Complex.

Clyde jumped on the Wolves early. The Bulldogs, taking advantage of a short-handed CHS roster, scored three times in the top of the first inning.

Colorado City played the game without several players due to the prolonged basketball season.

The Wolves, however, came back with a single run in the bottom of the first inning to cut the lead to 3-1.

Colorado City added another run in the second and pulled to within 3-2.

Clyde scored its final run in the fourth inning.

The Wolves could only manufacture two hits off Clyde pitcher Brady McNutt. Defensively, Colorado City shot its self in the foot by committing three errors.

Michael Luera suffered the loss despite allowing only three hits.

Hannon among 5 'Cats named to all-district squad

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Westbrook High School Wildcats dominated the recent selections to the all-district team. The Wildcats finished the District 13-A, Division II race as the co-champions with Roby.

Senior forward Josiah Hannon

was named as district's most valuable player, while teammates Cory Morton, Dustin Luttrull and Tate Burtson were all named to the first team. Colton Nobles was selected to the district's honorable mention squad.

The Wildcats, who went 26-5 under

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Record Photo/Tommy Wells
CHS TENNIS

STANDOUT Catherine Dolan prepares to return a shot during her semifinal round match Friday in the CHS Tennis Tournament. Results will be in next week's edition.

SPORTS

Wolves, Lady Wolves turn in solid efforts in track opener

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Considering that a large contingent of the 2006 Colorado High track squad was still playing basketball through last Friday, the Wolves were still able to place fifth at the Stanton Invitational track meet Saturday with 46 points.

The varsity girls team placed third with 111 points.

Placing for the girls were Paige Newby, who set a new meet record in the discus with a toss of 144 feet, 1 inch. The throw gave her the second-best discus toss in the state.

LaToya Jackson was first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.77. She also won the long jump. Laciresha Johnson placed second in the event with a jump of 15-1.

In the triple jump, Johnson

placed first with a leap of 35-5 while Jackson placed second with a leap of 32-3.

The CHS girls 800-meter relay team placed third with a time of 1:56.19, while the 1,600-meter squad placed second at 4:35.73. The 400-meter relay team placed second. Elena Rodriguez placed third in the 800-meter run in a time of 3:03.37, while Lauren Mu-

noz was third in the 100-meter dash with a mark of 14.10.

On the boys' side of the coin, Logan Boyd won first in the shot put with a toss of 47-3, as well as placing second in the discus with a toss of 126-11. Ray Ryan placed fifth in the shot with a toss of 43-8.

Jake Marsh took home a gold medal with a first-place mark in the high jump with a leap of 6-feet.

Tony Salazar placed sixth in that event.

Salazar also placed third in the 400-meter dash in a time of 55.38.

Marsh also placed sixth in the

100-meter dash in a time of 12.21.

Jose Gonzalez placed second in the 1,600-meter run in a time of 5:09.



Courtesy Photo

THREE COLORADO CITY residents participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships' District and Diocese competitions this past weekend. Among those shooting were Megan Bullard, Rankin Bullard and Ronald Aoyama.

Bullard advances to KC State Free Throw Championships

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Megan Bullard is the closest thing to a "sure thing" in Colorado City ... and, maybe, the whole state.

The 11-year-old daughter of Julie and Randy Bullard, etched her name into the books as one of the favorites to win the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships with a stellar effort last weekend. The Colorado Middle School sixth-grader sank 16-of-25 attempts from the free throw line en route to earning a berth in the state

tournament on March 18 at the University of Texas campus in San Antonio.

Bullard earned her way into the KofC Diocese round by hitting 17-of-25 attempts at the District level.

Bullard was one of three local contestants to participate in the District tournament. Joining her were her younger brother Rankin and Ronald Aoyama, a seventh grader at CMS.

A win at state would enable Megan Bullard to advance to the KofC national tournament this summer.

Sheppard highlights 13-A picks

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Sophomore transfer student Heather Sheppard made a lot of noise in her first year of playing basketball for the Loraine High School Lady Bulldogs.

After all, at 6-foot-4 she should make a lot of noise.

Sheppard was the only Lady Bulldog to be named to the first-team in District 13-A.

Fellow LHS standouts Lucy Rico and Heaven McGrael, along with sophomore Felicia Gibson, were named to the honorable mention team. Rico and McGrael are both seniors.

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head coach Jim Hill, ended their season by losing to No. 11-ranked Throckmorton in the area round of the state playoffs.

Loraine only had one first-team player in senior Michael Walker, but had three players -- Jimmy Grissom, Miguel Acevedo, and Zack Gibson -- named honorable mention.

Morton and Walker were selected to play in the TSMCA all-star basketball game this July.

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"We lost to a better team tonight," said Keeton. "They probably hit more outside shots than we thought they could. You have to give them credit; they are a good basketball team."

The loss not only ended Colorado City's 12-game winning streak, it brought to a close high school basketball careers of nine senior Wolves.

"It was a great run," said Keeton. "I am so proud of these guys. They are a great group of kids and we are certainly going to miss them."

Though they added sophomore guard Kolby Free and freshman guard Manuel Garza from the

Another MLB baseball season is about to start

Hello out there all of you sports fans!

It seems like the major league baseball season was just over, but a new season is just around the corner. I have a son who lives in Midland and he said they are already selling tickets to the Oakland A's game with their farm club, the Midland Rock Hounds.



SPEAKING OF SPORTS...
CARL GRAHAM
SPORTS EDITOR

We congratulate the Colorado Wolves basketball team on a tremendous season. A lot of folks were counting this group of kids out early in the season, but after being 8-14 at one point of the season, the Wolves rallied to win 12 straight games.

The team had nine seniors, including Roland Rivera, Cyrus Goodman, Henry Reyna, Brik McGuffin, Frankie Arguijo, Kenneth Scott, Nolan Frizzell and Adrian Arrellano. These guys will be surely missed on next season.

junior varsity at the end of the regular season, only the nine seniors got any playing time in the game as they accounted for every point.

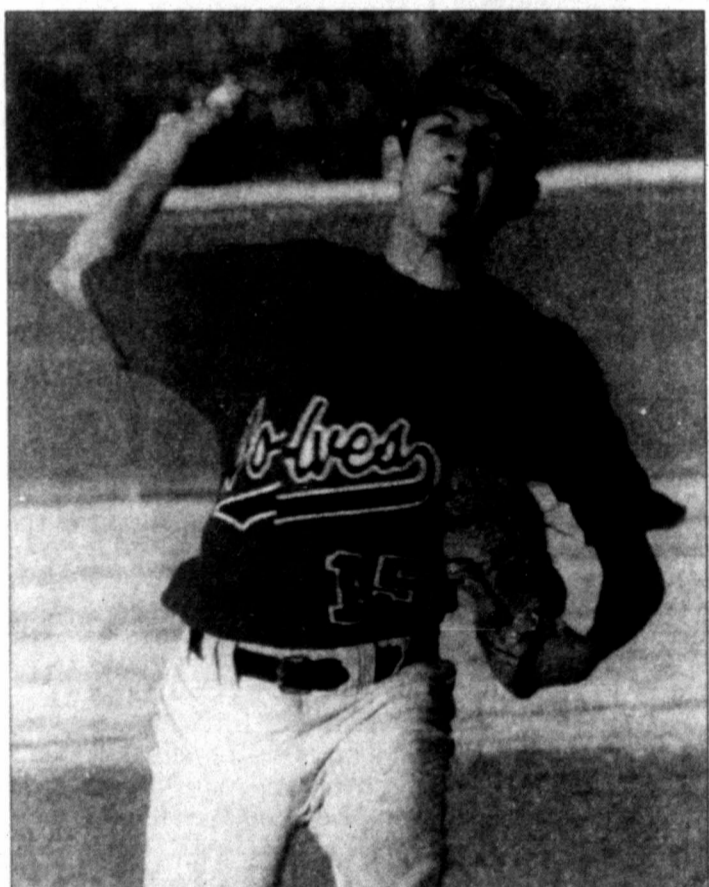
Henry Reyna led the team with 13 points, while Cyrus Goodman and Brik McGuffin added 11 and 10, respectively.

The Wolves hit on 6-of-13 attempts from 3-point range in the contest. McGuffin and Nolan Frizzell each finished with two treys, while Kenneth Scott and Frankie Arguijo knocked down one.

Reyna said this group of seniors had played together since junior high school, and it was tough playing their last game.

"We have played together forever it seems," said Reyna. "These guys are great. They all play hard and that will help us be winners forever."

Tahoka took care of Reagan County in the regional championship game on Saturday to advance to the state basketball tournament. The state championship tournament is scheduled to get under way in Austin this Thursday.



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COLORADO CITY PITCHER Simon Reyna prepares to release a pitch to the plate in a recent game at the Mitchell County Sports Complex. The Wolves are scheduled to play at home this weekend.

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RFP will be awarded to the successful vendor with the stipulation that payment will be made by the school district upon completion of the project and upon the acceptance of the Board of Trustees.

Specifications and plans may be obtained from the office of the Business Manager located at 1132 Hickory Street, Colorado City, Texas or by calling 325-728-5312.

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a lot like her hometown, in that everyone knows everyone. That type of community, she said, is what makes West Texas unique, she said.

"We (Perry and her husband) know what its like to recall the name of everyone in your graduating class, and when they got their braces, or who their first date was with," said Perry, who received a nursing degree from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) in Canyon. "I don't have to remind you about these attributes of a small community, you live them everyday. Main Street isn't about paint, wood and trees ... It's about a community working together and I can tell from this your community will work together."

"Your city will live up to its name as we get ready to paint this town red," she added.

Perry said the Main Street program has served as more than a revitalization project for buildings since it began in 1981. It, she says, can be a tool for strengthening a communities' economic development.

"My hope is that the residents of Colorado City take the program to heart," she said. "I really believe this can be an economic boon. Industries have changed in Texas and because of that you have to look for other avenues. Other Main Street cities have used the program to do that and have been quite successful."

According to Perry, the Main Street program has helped more than 140 Texas communities since it began by enticing local business leaders to reinvest more than \$ 1 billion in downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. That reinvestment has led to the creation of more than 21,000 jobs and more than 5,500 businesses.

City Councilman Sammy Contreras said he hoped Main Street program could become a major deal for Colorado City.

"It's tremendously important for the city," said Contreras, who



TEXAS FIRST LADY Anita Perry (left) and Colorado City Main Street Manager Cecilia Scott (right) unveil an artist's rendering of what the Earnest Building could be transformed into during the Main Street ceremony last week.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club registration permit by Mi Ranchito, an unincorporated association of persons, to be located at 237 Concho Street, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Officers of said private club are: David Castillo, president; Austin Barber, vice-president; and Olga Castillo, secretary/treasurer.

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GARAGE SALE
2043 Hickory
Sat., Mar. 11
8-2
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GARAGE SALE
947 Sheppard
Sat., Mar. 11th
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Lots of stuff!

GARAGE SALES

HUGE 3 FAMILY SALE
945 Elm St.
Friday
7-7
Baby bed, entertainment center, TVs, DVDs, name brand clothes, children's clothes, lots of household items, treadmill, toys, dresser, too much to mention.

also serves as Mayor-Pro-Tem. "This is going to take us as far as the community wants us to go. I really think this could be one of the most special things to happen to us. If we stay motivated as a community, this could help Colorado City for a long time."

Perry also made sure her name would live in Mitchell County history at the event. Following her speech, she autographed several copies of children's books for students. The books, according to Scott, would be placed in the Mitchell County Library and the Kelley and Hutchinson school libraries.

Perry and Contreras weren't the only ones feeling Main Street could grow into an economic stimulus for Mitchell County. Jane Barnhill, the vice chairwoman of the Texas Historical Commission, said the program was an avenue to growth.

"It's not just beautification," said Barnhill, who congratulated residents for the support of the program. "Main Street is an economic engine to take you into the future. The Main Street program links the history of the community to a strong economic future. Together, we're going to protect the heritage of this community and Texas and make it even better for future generations."

"I think I can bet on this ... Colorado City is going to be the best Main Street city we have because it's true what I've heard

about you. You're hard as nails and downright gritty, you're the folks from Colorado City."

Other guests attending the ceremony including Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) Executive Vice President Steve Scurlock, several members of the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Main Street State Coordinator Debra Forrest, State representative Scott Campbell and Julius Reid, the wife of Main Street founder Anis Reid.

The students at Kelley and Hutchinson elementary schools and members of the CHS Jazz Band opened the Main Street ceremony with a special performance. The students, under the direction of Jincy Ross and Navetta Marta, joined the band, led by Linda Clay and soloist Logan Boyd, led the dignitaries and residents in singing "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Prior to the ceremony, Perry met with members of the Colorado City City Council, county commissioners and other local dignitaries.

Prior to departing for Beeville, the Texas First Lady attended a community-wide reception at the Colorado City Civic Center, where she urged residents to use the day's activities as a springboard to future success.

"The Main Street program works. How far it takes you is up to you," she said. "The entire state is cheering for you."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mitchell County will have numerous items to sell at the Loraine Fireman's Annual Auction to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006, at the Loraine Co-Op Gin yard, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m.

List of items to be auctioned available at the County Auditor's Office.
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GARAGE SALES

2 FAMILY YARD SALE
610 E. Pacific, Loraine
Friday
8-6
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"It's tremendously important for the city," said Contreras, who

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GARAGE SALE

345 Sherman
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8-7
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Warren, Tovar to participate in Sweetwater Snakecharmers pageant

Snake charming just comes easy for some people. So it is with Colorado High School seniors Sara Warren and Virginia Tovar.

Warren and Tovar will be participating in the Rattlesnake Roundup Snakecharmer Pageant Thursday, March 9.

Warren, the 18-year-old daughter of Tim and Cheryl Warren, will be one of 10 young women vying for the title of Miss Snakecharmer. She will perform a lyrical ballet dance to the song "Collide" for the talent portion of the event.

Warren, and the other contestants, will be judged on their interview skills before a panel of judges.

Warren, who plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington and major in nursing, will also compete in modeling casual and evening wear.

The pageant is the latest endeavor for Warren. This year, she served as Color Guard Captain for the CHS Wolf Band, and as the FCCLA vice-president as well as being a member of the National Honor Society.

Tovar, the reigning Miss Snakecharmer, is the daughter of Joanne and Gilbert Arellano. She won the honor last March.

A Howl Night favorite throughout her high school days, Tovar is scheduled to perform "Streets of Heaven" and "Unbreakable Hearts" during the pageant before making her final walk on the stage as Miss Snakecharmer.

Over the past year, Tovar has made many appearances as Miss Snakecharmer, including attending several Jaycee events such as the AJRA Rodeo and the Sweetwater Ranch Rodeo. She also participated in the Jaycees' Labor Day Rest Stop activities by providing coffee to traveling motorists, and served as a guest speaker at the Colorado City Rotary Club.

A flutist in the CHS band, Tovar was also active in many CHS activities. In addition to her Miss Snakecharmer duties, she also served as the school's head cheerleader and qualified for the regional meet in cross country. As a cheerleader, was selected to the Universal Cheerleaders Association's squad.

Following graduation, Tovar plans to attend college to pursue her Associates Degree in nursing to become a Registered Nurse.

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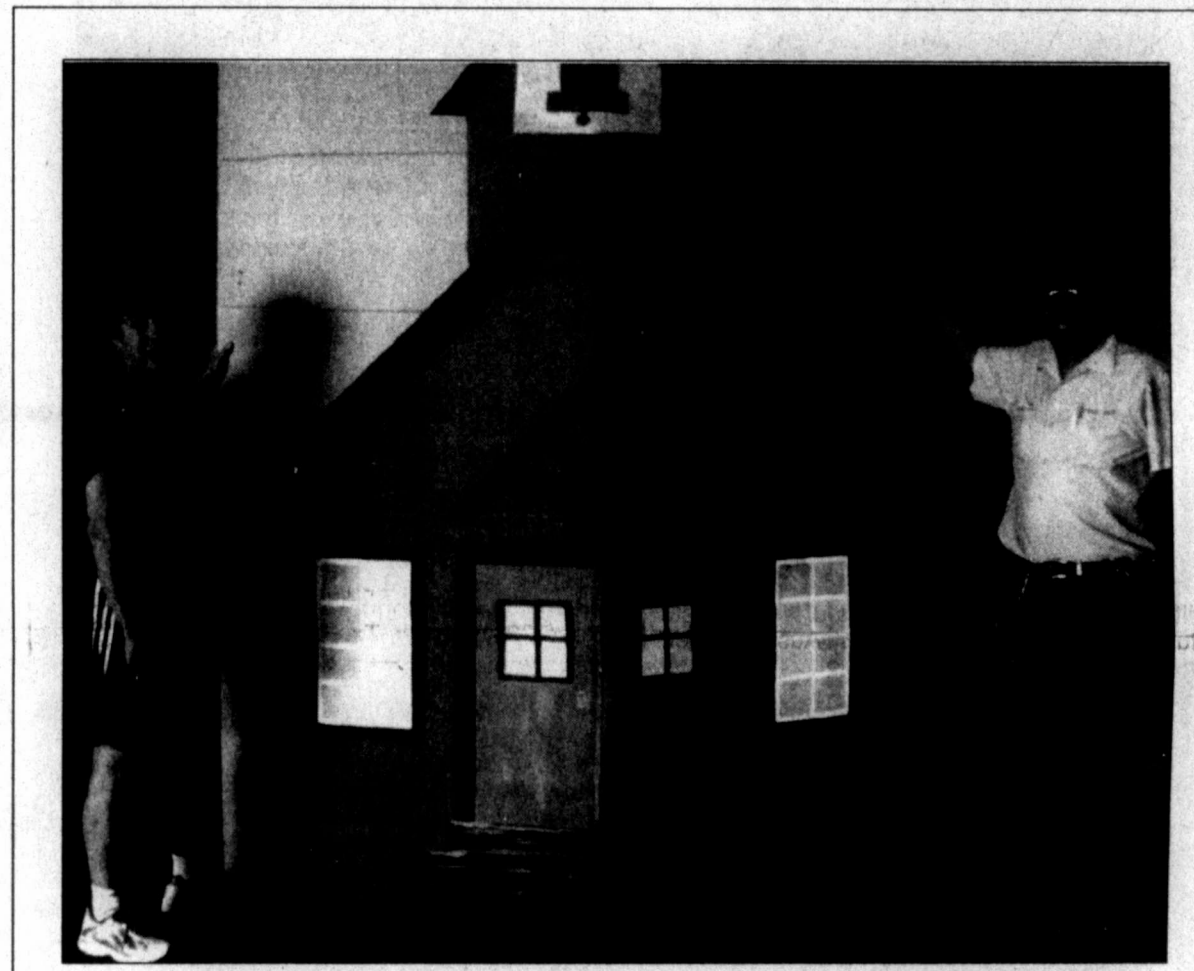
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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

What a week of beautiful weather, are we leaving winter and going straight into summer? 80 degree weather doesn't seem like springtime.

Get out your boots and put away your sandals for it is just about time for rattlesnakes to come out of hibernation.

The rattlesnake round-up is getting into high gear for this weekend's event. The downtown construction may play havoc with

all the expected traffic in Sweetwater for the round-up.

On Tues., Ricky Bailey and city workers were cleaning off the gin yard getting ready for the farm sale. They will start hauling in equipment Tuesday. Please donate what you can to this worthy endeavor.

Judy Macha of Lockney spent the weekend in Loraine visiting with her parents, Grady and El-nora Mitchell.

She attended church at First

Baptist Sunday with her parents. Judy came Thursday and returned home Sunday night.

Betty Chandler went to Lubbock last week to visit Bro. Jake Chaney in the hospital. She also took Barbara out for the day to help celebrate her birthday. "We enjoyed eating out," said Betty, "and going to some of the resale shops. It was a nice day, just to give Barbara a break from the hospital."

Earline Crisp called to thank

those who were responsible for putting up a light at Line and Hinson streets near the ballpark.

Earline also wanted friends and former neighbors of Verlie Owens to know she still thinks of you and says to tell everyone hello. Verlie is residing at Ingleside and is doing fairly well.

Her eyesight isn't great but she is still working at a computer now and then. It's good to hear from her.

Recently, five ladies who worked at the Loraine bank several years ago had a nice get-together. They went out to eat at a local eatery.

They had fun catching up on news and enjoying the meal together. Attending were Adeline Boyd, Chris Oliver, Vida Mae McDaniel, Doris Graham and Doris Henderson.

Special music was provided by Judy Macha at First Baptist Church last Sunday. The song was beautiful and she has a special invitation to sing there anytime.

Jan Millering and her dog, Dusty, were out walking Saturday and Jan had a large sack of aluminum cans collected before she got back home. She may make her goal yet.

Sheila Womack is a very proud mother in general but can especially give praise to her son, Jordan at this time.

For the past two years, he has been living in Dawshill, England, with his dad, Tech Sgt. Ron Womack, who is stationed there with the Air Force. Jordan is 14 years old.

He competed against 150 other

students in a science project and came out in first place. Way to go Jordan!

His thesis was "Does a corked bat have anything to do with the velocity of the ball and how far will the ball travel?" Jordan also gave an oral presentation.

George and Brenda Martin are also very proud of their grandson and his sisters, Kristian and Brooke as well. Congrats to Jordan.

In town lately have been Ray and Peggy Harmon of Greenville and Darrell and Barbara Bennett of Littlefield. We always welcome these friends and glad they come back home.

Alex and Andrea Reed and their daughters, Jessica and Ashley, were visitors at the Methodist Church Sunday. We are surely glad they live here now.

Doris Peck, Iva Armstrong's sister, came to Loraine and to visit with Iva over in the care facility last week.

Joan Long told me a sad critter story. It seems that some wild dogs have killed and made meals

out of two of her baby kids. Poor babies.

I also have a sad story to tell. I haven't had an inside pet since my fighting blue and black fish bit the dust, or water rather. His name was Sweetie because I thought he was a she.

He didn't have anyone to fight with. Poor Sweetie, I think he was lonely.

Last Monday at the Center, the line dancers came over from Sweetwater to entertain attendees before a nice meal of meat-loaf and several good trimmings. Those line dancing were Sue Cervic, Maudie Evans, Evelyn Dawson and Neva Hall.

Visitors at the Center last week were Ray and Peggy Harmon, Darrell and Barbara Bennett and Doris Peck.

Memorials have been made recently to the Center in honor of Doug Riley, J.B. Cooper, Lee Roy Cornutt, Vida Alsbrook and Gene White Jr.

Last Friday seniors played bingo.



ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL SELECTIONS included all nine seniors on the CHS basketball team. Coach Danny Keeton (back, left) was named Coach of the Year, (back l-r) Cyrus Goodman was named MVP; Roland Rivera, Nolan Frizzell and Henry Reyna were named to the 1st team; (front row) Brik McGuffin and Kenneth Scott were named to the 2nd team; Frankie Arguijo, Adrian Arellano and Cody Avalos made honorable mention.

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