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City under pressure to do environmental work

Pressure from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to comply with regulations has the City of Colorado City between a rock and a hard place.

City manager Pete Kampfer brought the council up to date as TCEQ insists the city comply with regulations for well field, landfill and water treatment systems, including pulverizing a 1/4 mile stretch of boulders in the landfill.

Lacking the necessary equipment to pulverize the 10-20 ton boulders, and prohibited by TCEQ from using dynamite, the council is seeking other options, including a giant jackhammer located in Abilene. The cost of the equipment is approximate-

ly \$2,000 a day to rent the machine and Kampfer estimates the job will require five to 10 days to complete.

"We've been mandated. We've had to take some necessary steps without hesitation," Kampfer said, adding the city was out of time. "These are things we needed to attend to."

TCEQ has reviewed the sites and given the city 30 days to comply on some of the issues. Failure to resolve the problems can result in fines of more than \$10,000 a day.

Other areas where the city has reached the end of the grace period to correct non-compliance issues concern back up generators for the lift stations, gas

monitoring wells at the landfill, chlorine monitors and machines to add chlorine at the treated water facility.

"We've now moved into a different aspect with our facilities" Kampfer told the council at their meeting Monday evening. "Pay by fine or by purchasing the equipment recommended by TCEQ."

The city manager is already taking steps to correct the problems, but those steps require planning and planning takes time. Even something as simple as burning off the tanks at the waste water treatment plant involves a number of significant, inter-related factors such as perfect weather, coordination of fire control efforts, humidity and wind factors.

The city will have to install three gas monitoring wells in closed areas or areas of landfill that will be closed, to monitor methane production from the decomposing materials in the landfill. The wells will cost approximately \$5,000 a piece.

Another worry is that the landfill is running out of type 1 (ordinary household garbage) room in the landfill. Estimates assume around five years of space left due mainly to massive boulders in that part of the landfill.

"The landfill is built on a rock shelf. It's going to cause a lot of problems," said Kampfer, whose previous work as a geologist in the oilfield gives him a

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Candidates' filing deadline scheduled for January 4

Campaigning for the March 2010 primaries is already ongoing as candidates file for several open positions on the ballot.

Running for the Precinct 4 county commissioner seat are incumbent Democrat Bill Preston and Republican Jimmy Browne.

Democrats Janet McCright, Jennifer Rivera and Debbie Guelker will be running for county treasurer on the March ballot.

McCright filed last Tuesday.

Running for Justice of the Peace in Precincts 1 and 4 are

Deputy Sheriff Rick Grissam and Ryan Eime.

In precinct 2 and 3 Justice of the Peace James Williams, a Republican, has filed for re-election.

Those planning to run in the March 2 primary election must sign up by 5 p.m. January 4, 2010 at the courthouse with the county's party chairmen. Republicans should contact John Beckmeyer, Mitchell County Republican Chairman, and Democrats running for office should contact Geory Martin, Mitchell

County Democratic Chairman. Independents running for office should contact the county judge Ray Mayo. The courthouse will be closed, Friday, January 1 for New Year's.

Regionally, the seat for U.S. Representative for District 11, currently held by Mike Conaway (R), is up for grabs as is the state representative seat currently held by Drew Darby (R).

Republicans running for the party nomination for governor are Governor Rick Perry, Sena-

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UP ON THE ROOFTOP - Workers from Ventura Construction secure new metal roofing to a home with funds granted to the Colorado City Housing Authority through President Obama's stimulus recovery program.

Government stimulus funds aid local Housing Authority

Houses under the direction of the Colorado City Housing Authority are getting an energy upgrade thanks to stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Housing Authority has received \$164,498 in formula grants through the presidential stimulus program to "produce higher energy efficiency in these

apartments," said Pat Wetzel, HA director.

The homes will receive metal roofing, high efficiency windows and high efficiency heating and air conditioning units.

One of the requirements for the grant is that the majority of the workers hired to do the construction must be local, according to government regulations attached

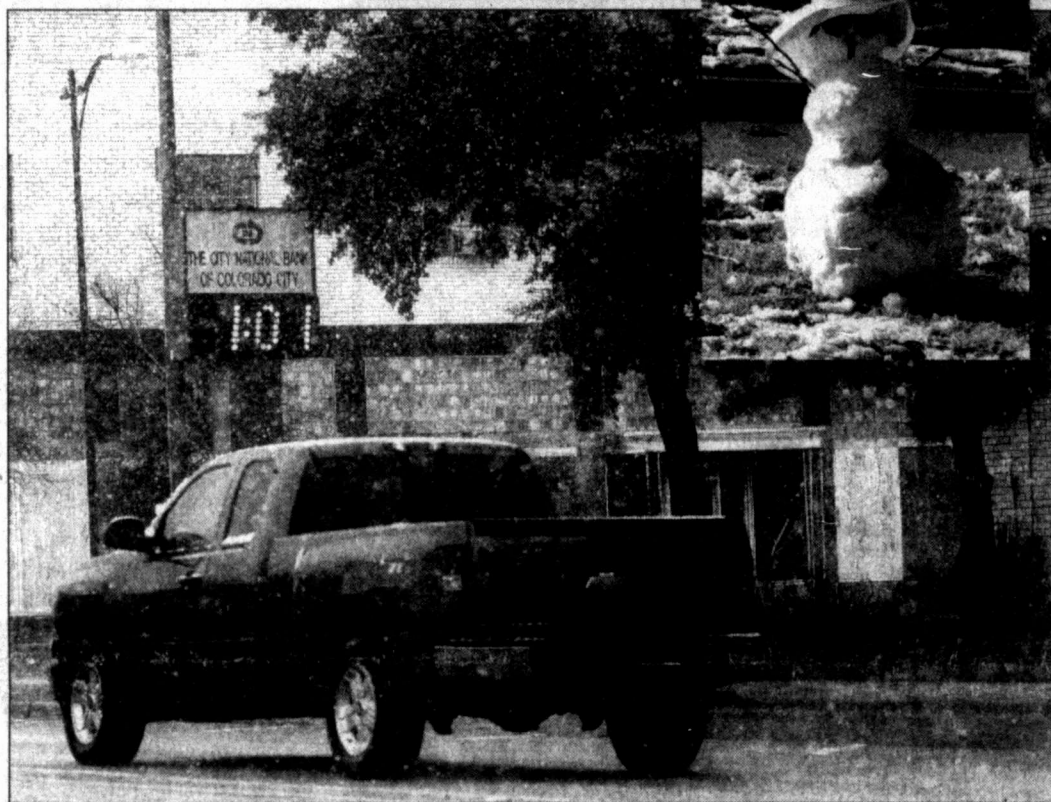
to the stimulus grant.

Construction has already begun and should be finished by the end of January, according to Wetzel.

"New roofing has already been installed on several houses on Locust and W. 7th," said Wetzel. "The money is already sitting in an account to be used and we

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LET IT SNOW...



SPORTING A COWBOY hat and sunglasses the first snowman of the year welcomed the holiday season with a jaunty look. Snowfalls over the Christmas and New Year holidays blanketed Colorado City with a festive look.

City receives energy efficient stimulus funds

Colorado City is one of dozens of small towns receiving a portion of state grant monies through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

The city received \$23,000 through the State Energy Conservation Office, according to city manager Pete Kampfer.

"The grants are to be assistive in planning energy efficiency for municipalities," Kampfer said. This includes projects which make use of solar, wind or any renewable type energy and the funds may be used for new thermostats, energy saving lighting, insulated windows, etc.

"The state does a little energy audit to see what best fits your municipality to see how you can

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Commissioners approve new library policies

The county commissioners approved changes to the Mitchell County Public Library's internet usage policies during their final meeting for 2009 last week.

The changes will help streamline the library's policy manual and help keep track of fees, fines and usage record keeping according to Brigada Hiser, librarian.

One of the main changes will require Internet users to present their library card or photo identification before receiving access to the library's internet system.

Another change extends the 30 minute user limit to one hour for patrons during peak usage times.

"It's not very often we have to ask someone to get

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Chamber banquet set Jan. 23

Tickets for the Chamber of Commerce banquet will go on sale January 18th at the Chamber of Commerce, 157 West 2nd.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, January 23 at the Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m.

Awards for Citizen of the Year

and the Agricultural Award will be presented at the banquet.

Nominations for citizen of the year and the agricultural award must be turned into the Chamber office by January 14. Entries may also be mailed to: P.O. Box 242, Colorado City, Texas 79512

Applications for the nominations may be picked up at the Chamber office.

Although applications for the Elmer Martin award will be accepted, the award is not awarded every year.

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Around Town

Happy birthday Alice Lopez (Dec. 30)... Happy anniversary Jeremiah and Lisa Wood (Dec. 30)... Happy birthday Carolyn Jeter (Dec. 30)... Tish Hickson gets an ear full of snow... Happy belated birthday Niki Edwards (Dec. 27)... Daniel Hammond getting searched... Happy birthday Beki Denison (Dec. 30)... Rustine Lendermon (Dec. 30)... Nadia Davila checking out a goat... Happy 13th birthday Mortyale Green (Jan. 4)... Happy birthday Artie Rivera Jr. (Jan. 2)... John Beckmeyer slipping and sliding through Lubbock... Happy birthday Matthew Molina (Jan. 2)...

Obituaries

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Briefs

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an H1N1 Flu vaccine immunization clinic Wed., Jan 6 at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization records to clinic. For more information, please call 325-754-4945.

Memorial Fund
A special account has been opened at Western Bank in Loraine to benefit the family of the

late Carol Parham.
Celebrate Recovery
A 12-step Christ-centered "umbrella" recovery program is meeting weekly at Christian Temple, 1927 Hickory, each Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for a meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separately for open-share sessions. Call for more information, 728-3118.

Memorial Fund
A special account has been

opened at First National Bank to benefit the family of the late Rickie Henderson.

Church Services

The Plainview Church of Christ, 3 miles south of Colorado City, 2209 S. Hwy. 163, holds Bible class each Sunday at 10 a.m. with worship services following at 11 a.m. Dr. Larry Fitzgerald is the minister. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thought of the Week

Repetition does not transform
a lie into a truth.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Lake Levels

(as of December 29, 2009)
Lake Colorado City...2059.92'
Full at 2070.3' Down 10.38'
Lake Champion...2047.74'
Full at 2083.2' Down 35.26'

LOCAL NEWS



WINNING DISPATCH OF THE YEAR — Donna Overton receives a plaque of appreciation from Chief of Police Ron Dooley at the city's annual Christmas party last Thursday evening.

Workforce to emphasize educational assistance

While getting presents at Christmas time is usually the highlight of the year, for a growing number of families in West Texas who are unemployed, it becomes one more source of tension.

Unemployment levels are up in West Texas, according to Gloria Gonzales, of the Texas Workforce Center in Snyder.

"Unemployment is really huge. Where normally we see 50 people a week, now we're seeing 200-300 coming into some of our offices," Gonzales said. Those numbers do not include people who are already on unemployment or those who are in the process of getting extension.

One-fourth to one-third of her case load comes from Colorado City.

A former Marine, Gonzales became interested in working with people when she was injured while serving in the military. A background in working with other governmental agencies such as Food Stamps, Medicaid and as an investigator for Child Protective Services, equipped her to understand the basic needs of those who are unemployed.

One of the Workforce Center's objectives is to help the unemployed gain the education or skills needed to secure a new job. "A tenth grade education is not

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OBITUARIES

Jeanine Bodine 1929-2009

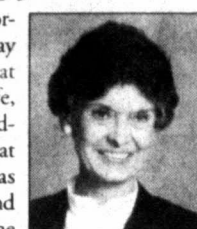
HUTTO — Jeanine Bodine, formerly of Colorado City, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2009 at the age of 80. Jeanine was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, caregiver, and great friend to all who knew her. She was born on March 1, 1929, to David and Thelma Bowman Stubblefield. She grew up in Mitchell County graduating from Colorado High School in 1946. She then attended Texas Tech before marrying her husband Ed Bodine, a geologist major at Texas Christian University, on March 5, 1948. In 1950 they moved back to Mitchell County where their three children were born, and they helped run the Bodine Brothers Dairy until 1958. They became active members of the Northside Church of Christ.

They moved to Midland, with Gulf Oil Company, where Jeanine worked in the Midland National Bank until her husband was transferred to Abilene in 1965. She was church secretary there with 16th and Vine Street Church of Christ before going to work at Abilene Christian University. In 1979, they moved back to their beloved Colorado City community and became very involved in church work with 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ. Jeanine made a good elder's wife; she loved having friends and family in her home.

Jeanine was a great homemaker and hostess and had a special love for swimming and water skiing. She was an avid bridge and 42 player, an expert cook and seamstress and loved all kinds of music including Big Band, Bing Crosby and George Strait. She made friends easily and was known by family and friends for her caring heart, friendliness, fun-loving personality, unconditional love, as well as being in constant correspondence with loved ones by phone and through mail. Jeanine was a faithful and long-time member of the Church of Christ. Her faith, family, and friends were very important to her, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a very special and extraordinary lady. Her family would like to express heartfelt thanks to all her church family throughout the years that have given her value and purpose as she befriended, served, and loved them. Jeanine's husband described her as "everlasting," knowing that their love has stood the test of time.

Jeanine was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Stubblefield; two of her brothers, C.N. Stubblefield and Travis Stubblefield, as well as her parents. Survivors include one brother, Dave Stubblefield of Colorado City; her children, Doreen Bodine of Colorado City, and Bodine and wife, Linda of Colorado City; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren and many other family members including nephews, nieces and a host of close friends.

The funeral services were held Tuesday, December 29 at the 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ in Colorado City. Interment followed the services at Colorado City Cemetery. Honoring Jeanine as pallbearers were Davey Stubblefield, Dwayne Stubblefield, Kirk Stubblefield, Blake Bodine and Bill Stokes. Dale Bynum and Mike Bodine were named as honorary pallbearers. Memorials may be made to Eastern European Missions, Abilene Christian University, Oklahoma Christian University, or Brentwood Christian School in Austin.



Margaret Covington 1922-2009

COLORADO CITY — Margaret Covington, age 87, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 20, 2009. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Shields officiating.

Margaret was born on February 11, 1922, in Bay City to Virgil and Jesse Sandlin. She lived in Colorado City for four years and attended First Baptist Church. Margaret was a resident of Valley Fair Lodge where she lived for two years. She graduated from Texas Women's College and taught in the Houston ISD for 30 plus years and served as President of the teachers association in Houston and as a member of the Culpepper Commemorative Air Force.

She is survived by her daughter, Shanna Wands and husband, David of Colorado City; Ed Covington and wife, Brenda of San Antonio; their father, Shannon Covington; four grandchildren, Tasha Covington, Shon Parker, Rachel Parker and Cristina O'Connor; four great-grandchildren, Destiny Covington, Dylan Johnson, Skylar McKurrian and Chloe O'Connor; and sisters, Billie Sweeney and husband, Dan of Wharton and Beth Anderson of Arlington.

Memorials may be given to NursCare in Snyder.



Lewis Ray "Lew" Shaw 1927-2009

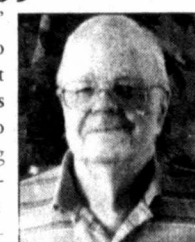
DALLAS — Lewis Ray "Lew" Shaw, former resident of Colorado City, died December 26, 2009, at Baylor Hospital, in Dallas. Lew was born January 26, 1927, in Colorado City. He served in the Navy during WWII and was called back into military service during the Korean War.

Lew was a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. His career included various business ventures throughout West Texas before moving to Dallas in the 1950s. He became a very successful restaurateur, owning and operating a number of restaurants until his retirement in 1989. He was an avid golfer and was involved in golf sports until the onset of health issues restricted his golfing.

Lew loved his home town and was considered him a true son of the town. He often recalled, with great fondness, the many friends he grew up with, and attended school with, during his growing-up years in Mitchell County. Lew is survived by his son, Steve Shaw and daughter in law, Judy, of Frisco; daughter, Lisa Hagen of the Dallas area; granddaughter, Tara Hagen of Little Rock, Arkansas; and sister, Lougene Renshaw of Cortez, Colorado.

A private family gathering to celebrate Lew's life will be held to honor the memory of this loving father, grandfather, brother and friend.

No formal funeral service will be conducted and any memorial in Lew's honor should be sent to the charity of your choice.



USDA to implement new supplement relief program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 2009 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Vilsack also encouraged producers to visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office beginning on January 4, 2010, to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

"This program is an important component of the farm safety

net and will provide financial assistance to producers who have suffered crop losses due to natural disasters," said Vilsack. "Producers will receive payments beginning in January, in time to help them with planning for next year's crop."

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to

60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For more information on the new SURE program, please visit your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Talkin' to the Boss

Many's the time on a Christmas Eve night,
With snow piled high and the stars turned bright,
Papa would saddle ol' Half-pint late,
Gather the reins and ride thru the gate.

He'd ride north to his favorite place,
Tug off his hat and bow down his face.
Then with only God and the stars up there,
He'd always pray his favorite prayer.

Papa prayed with a heart full of love,
Praisin' the Christ Child and the Father above.
He prayed out loud and prayed silent too,
Jes' prayed and prayed - until he was thru.

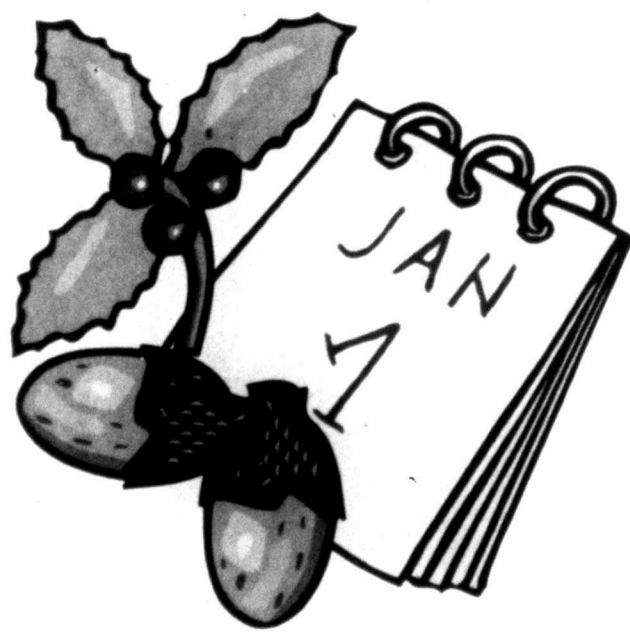
Sometimes he'd stay for a full hour long,
Then come ridin' back a bubblin' with song.
'Course we never knew what all he'd say,
But we all knowed he knew how to pray.

And later on as we sat round the tree,
Mama beside and me on his knee,
We found our not goin' wasn't no loss
'Cause then and there we shared his

TALK TO THE BOSS.

May each of you experience the joy of
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A.K. and Sue McCarley



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LOCAL NEWS

Loraine band releases second recording

Loraine's hottest Tejano band, *Proximo Sonido*, recently released its second CD *El Destino*.

"We chose the name which means 'destiny' to reflect where *Proximo Sonido* is right now," said Elias Barrera, founder of group. "We felt it (the CD) is the destiny of *Proximo Sonido*."

The band made the top five at the Tejano Awards this past year, competing against grammy award winners.

"It was pretty much a win-win. We didn't think we'd make it that far the first time. It was a great opportunity to get our name out there," said Barrera.

The band began working on the CD shortly after the awards, which features all new material.

The ten songs on the CD are all original, written by Barrera.

"It's a versatile CD," he said. "There are a lot of different sounds and beats."

Barrera feels the new release will be even better than the first CD.

"The first one was good enough to get us to the awards. I think this one will do some great stuff for us also," he said.

Bass player Mark Pantoja joined the group after they recorded the CD to fill the position left vacant when Sammy Alvarez took a leave of absence and left the group.

"It's still a family affair," said Barrera. "We went from one cousin to another."

All of the bass recorded on the new release was performed by Barrera.

El Destino is dedicated to the

memory of Frank Diaz, a past member of *Los Chuy's* who passed away this year, shortly before Thanksgiving.

"We were just wrapping up the CD. We played 10 years ago with Frank, but never were able to record anything," said Barrera. "He meant a lot to us. He was a great guy."

The band features its own unique blend of Tejano, and has played all over the state of Texas, from Dallas to San Antonio and Wichita Falls.

The band will hold a New Year's Eve party and CD release at the Civic Center, Thursday, December 31 from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The party is hosted by the Knights of Columbus and tickets are \$10 at the door.



EL DESTINO is an apt title for *Proximo Sonido's* newest release as the band makes its own way on the Tejano music scene. Members are Elias Barrera, vocals; Jesse Limones, Jr., drums; Joe Garza, vocals, bajo sexto; and Fabian Limones, percussion. Not pictured Mark Pantoja, bass. Photo courtesy of *Proximo Sonido*.

County shines in toy drive

Economic hard times may have the rest of the nation in a slump, but Mitchell County uses it as an opportunity to shine.

"I know a lot of good towns everywhere, but I don't know of anyplace that comes across in every need, every time, every year like Mitchell County does," said Kiwanianne Jan Lemons.

The county blazed like a beacon as residents provided meals and toys for 150 families and 350 children through the Toys4MCKids toy drive, as well as 373 food boxes delivered through the Community Mission in December. Offers of financial assistance to provide meals, as well as toys poured in. Families hard hit by illness or unemployment were also helped.

"People that make up this community need to be praised for making this such an exceptional town," said Lemons.

"Whatever the need — house fire, community mission, toy drives, they help meet needs of unemployment and give people the ability to meet the necessities of life such as food and clothes," said Dot Smith, director of the Community Mission. "The food donations have been awesome."

Volunteers also put in numerous hours sorting, sacking and boxing. "It was marvelous. They just showed up," said Smith.

According to Lemons and

Smith, the generosity goes beyond companies and businesses. Many of the individuals who give "cut themselves short in order to share," said Lemons.

"So many people just want to make a difference in someone else's life," she said. "It takes the



SHERIFF PATRICK TOOMBS helps sack toys for distribution during the Toys4MCKids toy drive sponsored by the Kiwanianne. Photo courtesy of Kiwanianne.

hard times to help you realize how good people are. God over- sees all of this. It's the only reason it takes place."

"Somebody will need a bed or a wheelchair and within a week it will come," said Smith. "It's just God. There are so many little miracles. It just amazes me."

Volunteers through the Kiwanianne and Community Mission used a numbering system to help keep everything organized and straight while delivering the enormous amount of food boxes and toys.

A raffle for a wooden picnic table and benches, made by inmates at the Wallace/Ware units of TDCJ, sold so many tickets the Kiwanianne had to print additional ones.

"We made more money than we've ever made before on a drawing," said Lemons. Proceeds from the raffle went to purchase toys for Mitchell County children.

Leo Prater held the winning ticket for the raffle.

Oilfield News

Scurry County

PMC Operating will drill the No. 1-A Sharon in the Tonto field, nine miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 5,100 feet, drill site is in Section 235, Block 2, H&TC survey.

King Operating has completed the No. 14-L Ernest in the Ernest field, nine miles southeast of Snyder. The well was finished to produce 173 barrels of 43 gravity oil and 220 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,992-8,300 feet

and location is in Section 20, Block 3, H&GN survey.

P.L.O. has completed the No. 1-H Barfoot in the Hermleigh field, 10 miles southeast of Snyder. The well was finished to produce 150 barrels of oil and 150 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,210-9,163 feet and location is in Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey.

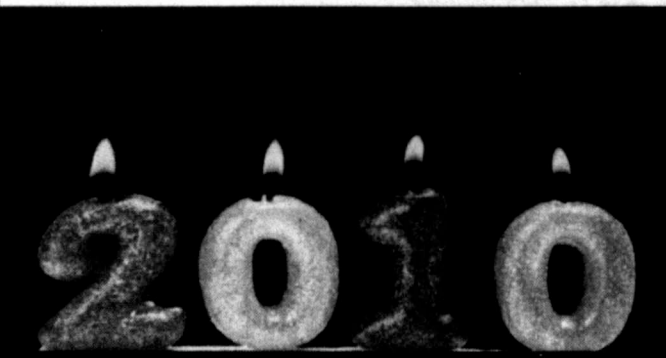
Parallel Petroleum has completed the No. 3-RK Lion Diamond M field unit, 12 miles

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would like to thank all our customers for the great year! We look forward to serving you in the future. Many blessings to you and yours for the New Year.

Thank you, Audra Hoback



Website expands features

A column by New Zealander author Grace Bridges will soon be added to the *Colorado Record's* website.

Bridges will be the second featured columnist on the *Record's* travel page at www.coloradorcord.com beginning this week.

Author of *Faith Awakened*, 2007, and *Legendary Space Pilgrims*, Bridges is the owner of *Splashdown Books*, an independent publisher of inspirational sci-fi and fantasy at www.splashdownbooks.com.

A Kiwi of Irish descent, her columns will focus exotic locations, especially in New Zealand.

SHOWING THIS WEEKEND
Now Showing:
Dec. 31, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010
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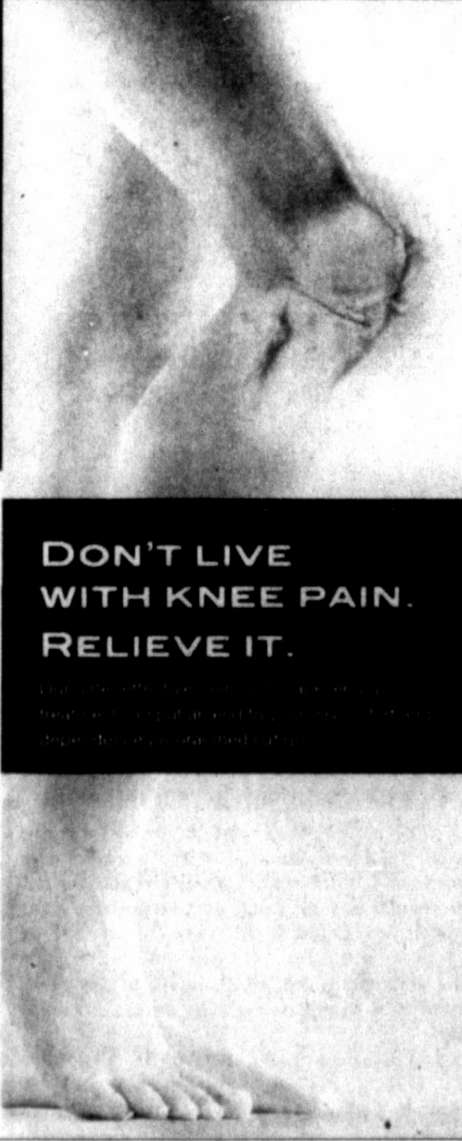
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH THE BIG STOCKING

Mary Urias of Fort Stockton has a beautiful family and a husband who loves her very much. He bought Mary her first bicycle after they were married. He gave her the first teddy bear she had ever owned. Christmas is a big celebration around their house. Decorations are everywhere and Mary prepares a huge meal for everyone to enjoy in the midst of opening presents. Things now are quite different from the way they were when she was growing up in El Paso. She was one of nine children. Her mother was young and loved to party. Sometimes she would be gone over a three-day weekend and leave Mary to take care of the younger ones.



"I loved my mother," says Mary, "and I tried to be a good daughter. I did everything I could to make my mother love me. When she would leave, she would lock us in the house and tell us never to turn on the stove. She made us a big batch of oatmeal and put some canned milk in it. That's all we had to eat while she was gone: old gray, cold, hard oatmeal." Her mother often gave Mary whippings with a belt.

Santa Claus never came to Mary's house. The only present she got was from a grandmother who gave her a small sack that contained candy and nuts. Mary recalls one childhood Christmas: "I woke up very early. I jumped out of bed and started looking around. There was no Christmas tree. There was no Christmas dinner. There was no Christmas baking, no music, no nothing. It was just dark and gloomy in that little room. But I knew Santa Claus had come. I started looking everywhere to see what he had left me. My Mom told me I was not getting anything and told me to stop looking. But I kept looking. I looked everywhere, under pots and pans, in cabinets. The room was tiny but I searched everywhere. I looked out the window and knew that Santa Claus had come, because all the kids in the neighborhood had new clothes, shoes, they had skates and bikes. Little girls had little fur coats on. They had their buggies with their dolls. There were new puppies. There were toys. There was joy. And I didn't have anything. I went back to searching for my present from Santa Claus. I finally got on my mom's nerves. She pulled out that belt and gave me the whipping of my life."

One October when Mary was 39 years old, she was in a restaurant with her daughter and husband and she told them this story. It was the first time they had heard it. A couple of months later, on Christmas day, Mary put her Christmas dinner in the oven, got her children dressed and went to church. When she got home, she rushed into her bedroom to change into comfortable clothes so she could put the finishing touches on her Christmas dinner. And there on the wall was a huge stocking nearly as tall as Mary. It was filled with presents and had a letter attached to it. The letter read: "Mary, for years I have been looking for you. I hope you can forgive me for being lost. I know we will have lots of good Christmases together. I'm glad I finally found you. I love you and I'm all yours. Your long lost Christmas stocking."

Mary hangs that big stocking every year, right along with the stockings for her children and grandchildren.

Travel tips for far-flung destinations

By Barbara Washburn
Texas Traveler

Before leaving home: scan your documents and email them to yourself. In case you need them, you can log into your email and print your documents from anywhere in the world. This could include: passport, travelers' checks, driver's license, student ID, vaccination card, birth certificate, medical insurance information, etc.

Consider this: How many strangers come in contact with your luggage? Airport baggage handlers. Taxi drivers. Bus drivers. Bellhops. If you put your personal address on your luggage tags, you are advertising that you're not home and are vulnerable to would-be thieves. Instead, try using a business address.

Stay safe while driving: When driving in large cities, keep the car windows up, doors locked, and valuables out of sight. Try to always travel well-lit busy routes as opposed to dark, deserted roads. If accosted or followed, drive to a place of business, such as a gas station or convenience store where there are other people; better yet, a police or fire station. Stay in the car and honk the horn to draw attention. Never get out of your car and confront your stalker.



THE FIERY BLOOMS of the pohutukawa or New Zealand Christmas tree (foreground) makes a striking contrast at Takapuna beach, with the young volcano on Rangitoto Island (background). Photo courtesy of Grace Bridges.

Language barriers: If you are using public transportation or taxis, carry a business card or brochure from your hotel with you. If there is a language barrier, you can show the address to the driver.

Keep it safe: Once you have reached your final destination, if you carry your

passport and other documents with you while you are going about town, it's always a good idea to put them in one of those pouches that you can wear underneath your clothing. That way you don't have to worry about them getting lost or stolen.

Most importantly: have fun!

New car tax break does not last forever

The Internal Revenue Service reminds individual taxpayers who are considering buying a new car that they have until Dec. 31 to take advantage of a tax break that may not be around in 2010.

"The end of 2009 is getting close, but don't forget that taxpayers who buy a qualifying new motor vehicle this year after Feb. 16 can deduct the state or local sales or excise taxes they paid on the local \$49,500 of the purchase price," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Qualifying motor vehicles include new passenger automobiles, light trucks, motorcycles, and motor homes."

Individuals who itemize and those who take the standard deduction can benefit from this tax break. In states without a sales tax, other taxes or fees can qualify if they are assessed on the purchase of the vehicle and are based on the vehicle's sales price or as a per unit fee.

Sanford said the deduction is reduced for joint filers with modified adjusted gross incomes (MAGI) between \$250,000 and \$260,000 and other taxpayers with MAGI between \$125,000 and \$135,000. Taxpayers with higher incomes do not qualify.

Taxpayers who take the standard deduction need to complete Schedule L and attach it to Form 1040 or Form 1040A to increase the standard deduction by the allowable amount of state or local sales or excise taxes paid on the purchase of the new vehicle. Also, check the box on line 40b on Form 1040 or line 24b on Form 1040A. Individuals who itemize should include the allowable amount of state or local sales or excise taxes from the purchase of the vehicle on Form 1040, Schedule A.

More information is available at IRS.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We would like to express our deepest thanks to the many, many people, individuals, families, churches, schools, TDCJ, businesses, the hospital, law enforcement, organizations like CC Riders, the retired teachers, and all the individuals, groups and organizations that provided for additional families not registered through the Toys4MCKids.

Special thanks to Nurse Mary Smith for keeping track of everyone and making sure no child was left out.

Our businesses are to be commended for the extra help, support and food they contributed.

The Mission and the Kiwanians could never do this without the support, without you. This was the best year of all.

Judy Phillips
Dot and Dan Smith
Jan Lemons

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WORK

going to get you far," said Gonzales. "We see a lot of people turning down minimum wage jobs because that's not what they were used to. So many people quit their jobs or quit going to school to go into the oilfield. They were making \$20-\$30 an hour and now they're not."

"Right now everything is at a stand still, so our push is re-education. There's money for welding classes, GED classes, whatever it takes to get you back in the work place," she said.

"If you don't have a job now, take advantage of what you do have — time — and get something going. We have a lot of money to get people re-trained in their interests," Gonzales said.

The Workforce Center has several options available to job hunters, including money for tuition to Western Texas College or Texas State Technical College.

"We have whatever it will take them to get to school to get an education to get a better job," said Gonzales. "People are just not taking advantage of them. Our end result is a job; it's what we're shooting for."

Previously upgrading one's skills was left to the applicant. Now the Workforce offers aptitude tests and training

skills, access to computerized tutorials on topics such as resume preparation and basic computer skills, no cost workshops to enhance workforce skills and increase marketability, and access to copiers, fax machines, telephones and computers free of charge to use in job search efforts.

The center also provides online registration through a state employment agency, job listings through on-site job boards or through computer job banks, assistance in utilizing job search resources, referrals to partner training institutions for basic and skill-specific training and assistance and referrals provided for transportation, housing or child care. Workforce will even provide gas for job seekers to travel to Snyder or Sweetwater to apply with Work Force.

"We're trying to overcome their barriers," Gonzales said. "It's all about self-sufficiency. We're not a welfare agency. We help them find a job they'll keep for a long time."

Contrary to public opinion, the Work Force Center doesn't just provide jobs for the unskilled laborer. They are set up to provide employers with qualified, skilled workers as well as helping professionals find work in

their fields.

"We have a list of companies that are tied into specific job markets. Employers getting snowed under with applicants or who see a lot of turnover, we can offer our services to screen applicants or train applicants before getting to the employer," she said. "The end result is less turnover and a high quality employee."

The center also provides space for interviews or will train current employees to deal with safety or customer service issues. Since everything is done on-line, TWFC is "going global," expanding beyond the traditional city limits in terms of matching employees with jobs.

"We're actively looking for the employer as much as for the employee," she said. "If we can't find it for them, we'll find the resources to get it."

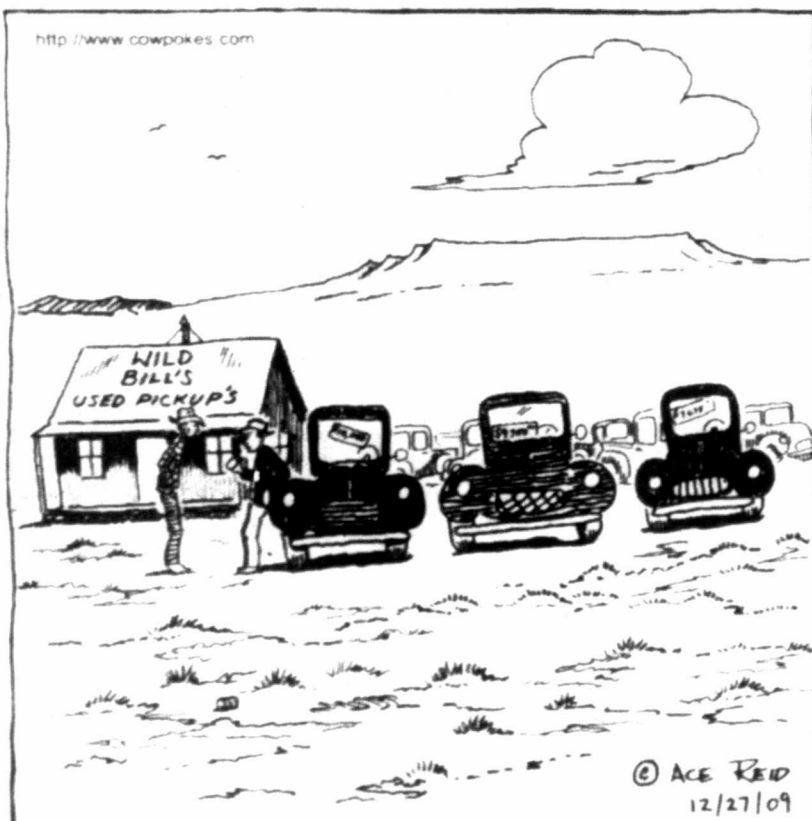
The Snyder office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1912 37th Street, (325) 574-1739, 325-574-1749.

The Sweetwater office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 606 E. Broadway, 325-235-4324.

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good grasp of the situation. One option is to look at nearby communities for recycling program that Colorado City can participate in jointly to help lessen the impact on the landfill. "Within the next six weeks, I will have options to make economic sense of the landfill," he told council members.

At the water treatment plant, TCEQ is requiring affluent meters at \$5,000 apiece. These have already been replaced, but the city is trying to automate them under recommendations from TCEQ. Currently city staff work the affluent screen manually by hand to clear it at regular intervals.

For the treated (potable) water, two chlorine monitoring machines must be installed. Legally, the monitors are required at treatment water plants to detect and control bacteria there. The \$5,000 machines have to be installed by Dec. 31 or the city faces fines, according to Kampfer.

In addition, machines to add chlorine will need to be installed, along with new valves to replace the metal fittings worn out by chemical corrosion.

Other areas of concern are the aging water towers and the need for a water tower in the north part of town in the vicinity of 17th street. The old towers must be taken down due to structural issues.

"We've been advised by TCEQ that we have to have plans on the

table to take the towers down," Kampfer told the council, estimating the cost of the project to be around \$1.5 - 2 million.

TCEQ is also requiring back-up generators at each of the three lift stations. Currently only one station has a compliant backup generator. The city will need to purchase two additional generators.

Power outages, with no back-up generation, lead to sewage backup. With the proximity to the river, TCEQ is citing the city for issues related to power outage problems.

Kampfer will be aggressively searching for cost effective purchases in order to have the same kind of generators. Stressing the familiarity of training and maintenance, and the ability to switch out parts, he has recommended the city acquire generators of the same kind instead of three different types.

The city also accepted a letter from the city attorney terminating the agreement between the city and Rees, Rees and Fuller to act as city attorney. The firm was hired on a temporary basis to serve as city attorney during the time when the city was without one.

The council authorized the city manager to seek suitable candidates to bring before the council for voting at the earliest possible date.

C-COURT

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off," said Hiser, adding the time limit will facilitate user accessibility during high usage hours such as immediately after school. "We don't want to limit the internet usage, just streamline our process."

A further change concerns fines for overdue books, allowing the library to charge patrons for the price of a book that is overdue for an unreasonable amount of time. Once the book is returned, adjustments can be made.

The commissioners' court

also approved setting the civil court records preservation fee for county and district court at \$10 per action. The new fee will help the court cover the future cost of digitizing court records for long term preservation.

The new fee goes into effect January 1, 2010 and is applicable to each action filed in both courts.

The commissioners' court's next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2010.

ELECTION

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tor Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Larry Kilgore of Amarillo and Wharton County party chairman Debra Medina.

Competing for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination are musician Kinky Friedman, rancher Hank Gilbert and Farouk Shami, executive officer for a hair products company.

Statewide, in addition to the governor's office, the lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, commissioner of general land, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, three members of the state Supreme Court, three members

of the Court of Criminal Appeals and eight members of the state board of education are up for election.

The last date to file for either primary election is Jan. 4.

Those planning to vote should be registered with Faye Lee at the county tax collector/assessor's office by Feb. 1.

Early voting will be held Feb. 16-26 on the first floor of the county courthouse. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 2. If a runoff is needed in any race, it will be held April 13.

BANQUET

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Citizen of the Year is awarded annually to a recipient for going above and beyond in community service in the last 12 months. The nominee must be at least 18 years old and contributions cannot be job related.

The Agricultural Award recognizes a family or ag-related business for community service, as

well as dedication to farming or ranching.

The Elmer Martin Award, based on Martin's commitment to lifetime community service, honors citizens who have spent a lifetime giving back to the community.

For more information, contact Sue Lowrance at 325-728-3403.



THE REAL SANTA - More than one child made that declaration as the Colorado City Police Department accompanied Blue Santa and his elf helper on their rounds Christmas Eve to deliver toys and food to disadvantaged families in town.

Santa wears blue

Wearing a distinctive royal blue suit in place of the traditional red, Santa dropped in on several Colorado City residents as part of the Blue Santa program sponsored by the Colorado City Police Department.

Thirteen families received gifts and food from Santa, who made his appearance on a hay bale filled trailer pulled by a red Durango and escorted by a pa-

trol car. Each family received two boxes of food and provisions, along with the gifts.

"We want to thank all the folks and business in Colorado City who made it possible for us to provide that," said Ron Dooley, Chief of Police. "Seeing the expressions on the faces of children made it all worthwhile."

STIMULUS

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draw it down as I spend it." The upgrade will bring almost all of the 96 units up to specifications. "We will still have a few that will need metal roofing," she said, "but we plan on doing those at a later time."

The newer units under the HA jurisdiction will not be receiving an upgrade.

The application for the grant was filed through HUD in March of 2009 and all the money received has to be spent by March 2011.

The HA was also required to present a plan that obligates all the funds for specific projects by March of 2010, but "that's already been done," said Wetzel.

ENERGY

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best spend that money," Kampfer said.

Colorado City hired the firm of Jacob and Martin engineers out of Abilene to conduct an audit to help the city determine its energy needs.

"Once the plan (to use the funds) is in place, the money will

be allocated," Kampfer said, adding it would be four to six months before the firm brings its recommendations to the city council.

The grant was distributed by SECO to cities with populations under 35,000 and counties under 200,000.

Deputy to seek county office

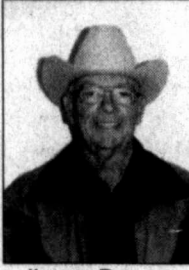
Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Browne has entered the race for Precinct 4 county commissioner for the March 2010 election.

Retired from Browne Brothers, Inc., Browne has served in the Mitchell County Sheriff's office as a reserve deputy for over 27 years.

"I feel it's my civic responsibility to use the talents I've developed over 40 years of business experience to benefit the residents of Precinct 4 in particular, and Mitchell County as a whole," Browne said.

As a business owner for over 45 years, Browne has gained extensive experience in dealing with budgets, equipment, governmental agencies and employees.

"Fiscal responsibility should be a top priority of any elected official, especially during the difficult economic times that we find ourselves and our country in," he said.



Jimmy Browne

A three-generation Mitchell County resident, Browne and his wife Leona have a daughter Teresa Beckmeyer and two sons, Jimmy Dale Brown of College Station and Jay Browne of Irving.

Browne has served as president and vice-president of Browne Brothers Inc. and currently serves on the airport advisory board.

"I've been in public service all my life," said Browne, who grew up helping at his father's service station. "You use the experience that has been used over the years to try and better your work."

Browne hopes to have the opportunity to promote the strengths of Mitchell County in order to attract new businesses, while paying strict attention to conservative economic management practices.

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LOCAL NEWS

Community mission hits record high in distribution

The Colorado City Community Mission reached an all time high registration for the monthly USDA commodity food distribution program.

Beginning in January 2009,

the mission increased from 203 families registered with a total of 514 persons to 462 families with 1315 persons; an increase of 228 percent.

The average income of all

these families is reported below \$850 per month. Qualifications for the USDA distribution is based upon the registrants' annual income and proof of residence in Mitchell County. Other restrictions may apply and registrants are required to renew their registration each January.

A total of 3,918 boxes of food was distributed throughout the year, ranging from 274 boxes in January to 373 boxes in December, according to Dot Smith, Community Mission director. The mission also distributed a total approximate weight of 117,540 pounds of food, at an estimated cost to the mission of \$21,157.

Most of the mission's expenses cover the transportation fee assessed by the state to cover the cost of delivering food to the food bank in Abilene, where county commissioners pick it up to bring back to the mission.

Funds to finance the commodity program in Mitchell County, as well as the operation expenses of the mission, rely on daily sales or donations for purchases and the contributions by individuals and community organizations.

The mission is not subsidized by any governmental body, except for the "very gracious assistance from the Mitchell County Commissioners who provide the transportation of the food from the Food Bank of Abilene to the mission and the helping hand from the TDCJ Wallace Unit who supplies the manpower to unload and store the food each month," said Smith.

The mission also distributes many pounds of food, personal hygiene, household personal

needs, clothing, furniture, housing, and transportation assistance to many families in the county, as well as distressed travelers driving through the county. These needs are met through the generous donations of canned goods, household products, monetary and other donations by citizens throughout the year.

"This year the mission was fortunate to be able to distribute Christmas food boxes to 297 families a total of 9,075 pounds of food," said Dan Smith. "Without the generous and caring help of the organizations, individuals, and most helpful volunteers, this accomplishment would have been impossible."

Dot Smith, the volunteers and the Board of Directors of the Community Mission wish all those who made 2009 a successful year in caring and helping our own a very happy and prosperous new year. "The mission's goal for 2010 is to continue to serve those in need and make tomorrow a brighter day for all," said Smith.



IT'S OFFICIAL! Jody and Mandy Beavers would like to announce the adoption of their son Trey Mathew Lynn Beavers. The adoption was finalized December 17, 2009. Photo courtesy of Mandy Beavers.

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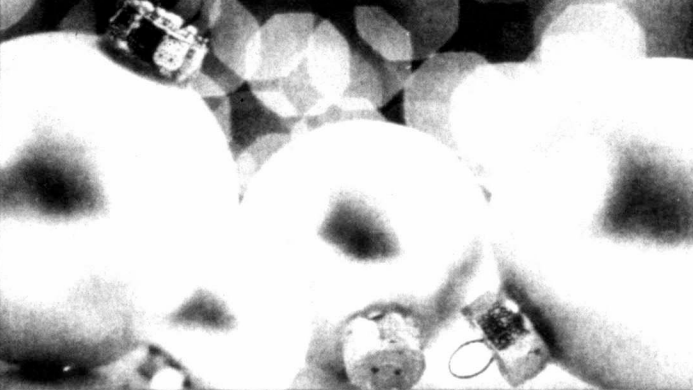
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Wilson's Weekly

Psalm 13: Blessings of God

The thirteenth Psalm demonstrates the frustration David was going through and the sorrow he felt as his enemies pursued him. Yet David knew where to place his trust. David wrote, "I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me" (v.5,6 - ESV).

As we come to the end of another year, we look back and remember all the difficulties we have faced and the great blessings we have received. Most people have the tendency to focus on the negative. We remember the hurtful things that people have done to us. We remember the financial difficulties we have suffered. We remember the pain we, our friends and our families have felt. It is easy to look back and gripe and complain, wondering what might have been. Negative thinking will not help you to have a great day.

Instead, let us remember the bountiful blessings of God. Remember the people who have touched your lives this year. Remember the great opportunities for growth that have come your way. Remember the financial blessings that have been given to you (especially considering we are very rich considering how most of the world lives). Rather than focusing on the hardships, let us focus on God. His love is constant and true. He provides us with salvation when we do His will. Therefore, we praise God for all that He has done for us...for His bountiful blessings.

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HIS FIRST DEER... Eli Sauer shot his 1st deer, an 11-point buck at his grandparents' ranch in Schleicher County on December 25, 2009. Eli is the son of Andrew and Carla Sauer and the grandson of Kenny and Kathy Hammond of Colorado City and Hyman and Gina Sauer of Eldorado. Photo courtesy of Carla Sauer.

Mitchell County Library makes policy changes

The Mitchell County Public Library has made a change to their computer sign-in policy.

Starting January 4, a library card or other form of identification will be required to use the internet at the library. This change will not prevent anyone from access to the computers as long as they status is in good standing with the library.

For more information, call the library at 728-3968 or stop by Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Library offers more than meets the eye

Looking for a reason to visit the public library this month?

The obvious answer is the Mitchell County Public Library has a wide and varied selection of books for readers of all ages.

Here are ten more reasons to drop by and visit the library during the month of January.

At the library, you can:

1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine @ your library.
2. Update your MySpace or Facebook page.
3. Research new job opportunities.
4. Find a list of childcare centers in your area.
5. Pick up tax forms.
6. Prepare your resume.
7. Check out your favorite graphic novel.
8. Pick up a DVD or VHS.
9. Get wireless access.
10. Participate in a community forum.

OIL

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southwest of Snyder. The venture was completed to produce 18 barrels of 346.9 gravity oil and 987 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,728-9,680 feet, and location is in Section 198, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County
Primexx Operating will drill the No. 1501 CR, a 9,200-foot wildcat located 11 miles northwest of Gail. Drill site is in Section 15, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Kent County
Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1-56 Double Mountain, a 6,300-foot wildcat located eight miles southwest of Clairemont. Drill site is in Section 56, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mitchell County
Energen Resources has completed the No. 731 North Westbrook field unit, 11 miles northwest of Colorado City. The well was drilled to produce 28 barrels of 34.2 gravity oil and 163 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,379-3,069 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County
Unit Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Birkhead in the Signal Peak field, three miles north of Coahoma. Planned depth is 8,800 feet and location is in Section 14, Block 31, T1N, T&P survey.

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SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS OF THE week at Hutchinson Elementary are Isaiah Quiroz, Nate Johnson, and Rion Maxwell. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Hutchinson announces students of the week

Students of the Week have been named at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Isaiah Quiroz, Nate Johnson and Rion Maxwell.

Isaiah, son of Robert and Mona Quiroz, is a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class. He collects crystals as a hobby, and science is his favorite subject. His favorite

thing about Hutchinson is getting to make new friends.

Nate, a fourth grader in Mrs. Matlock's class, is the son of Shane and Misti Johnson. He has a favorite pet named Little Bit, and science is also his favorite subject. Nate says that the principal, Mrs. Arthur, is his favorite

thing about his school.

Rion, son of Richard and Andra Maxwell, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Wulfjen's class. He enjoys skateboarding and playing guitar as hobbies, and science is his favorite subject. He says the teachers are his favorite at Hutchinson Elementary School.



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL Band's French horn section members from l-r are: Macall Maddox, Brandon McFall, Reba Williams, Ann Marie Morrison, Dylan Billingsley, and Alyssa Leverton. Photo courtesy of Sheila Montalvo.

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Jan. 7-8 Thursday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk. Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.	CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Jan. 7-8 Thursday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk. Friday - hamburger on a bun, fries, lettuce cup, strawberries, choice of milk.	Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
CISD Head Start Lunch Menu Jan. 7-8 Thursday - corn dog, green beans, mixed fruit, milk. Friday - peanut butter & jelly sandwich, vegetable soup, strawberries, milk.	Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 4-8 Monday - cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Tuesday - sausage, gravy, biscuit & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Wednesday - morning sausage roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Thursday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.	Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 4-8 Monday - BBQ wings, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, cinnamon apples, hot roll, milk. Tuesday - crispy tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk. Wednesday - spaghetti, meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, garlic bread stick, sliced peaches, milk. Thursday - hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk. Friday - chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk.

Full moon sets stage for night sky effects

Amateur astronomers will want to mark their calendars on December 31 to check for moon haloes.

Chilly temperatures, a full moon and ice in the air make the perfect combination for a ring around the moon.

According to scientists, the haloes form when moonlight passes through pencil shaped ice crystals floating in freezing clouds high in the atmosphere.

Other interesting phenomena

are moon dogs and moon pillars, formed by plate-shaped ice crystals which often accompany their pencil-shaped cousins.

Moon dogs are bursts of light on moon haloes, appearing on both sides of the moon. Moon dogs form in ice crystals, called diamond dust, at about 30,000 feet.

Moon pillars appear above or below the moon when the moon is near the horizon.

Angelo State University graduates 366

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 366 students during 2009 fall commencement exercises Dec. 12 in San Angelo.

The fall graduates include the following from the Colorado City area: Thomasa F. Bocanegra, Bachelor of Arts; Jessica E. Rodriguez, Bachelor of Science Nursing, cum laude; and Jon S. Ventura, Bachelor of Science.

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LORAININE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Hi to Record readers. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and stayed warm and well.

Let us strive to make improvements in this world both far and near. Let us begin in our community and have a happy blessed new year! Happy New Year 2010!

Vickie Modkin came home to Loraine to have Christmas with her siblings and while in town she stayed at her sister, Vanessa Smith's, house. She also visited with other relatives while here. Vickie lives in San Angelo.

Elnora Mitchell had her son, Henry, his wife, Kellie and their children, Leslie and Carson Mitchell over for Christmas day. The rest of her family was stranded in snow and ice in northern Texas. She will see them at a later date and celebrate Christmas then.

My children, Mike and Rhonda, were here for Christmas on Sunday, December 27. My brother, Johnny Price, John Robert Price, J.G. Price and Ninfa, John's wife, were also here for a visit on the 27th.

My brother will stay with me until Wednesday, December 29.

Four days before Christmas I had a home accident that incapacitated me for a few days. Angel neighbors and friends did a lot of nice things to help me.

Faye Lee is a great cook! I can attest to that fact. And George Lee helped me so much. The EMTs came to help when the call was made for an ambulance. They are so helpful and do great things in the community.

Joan Long went to Ackerly to visit her youngest son, Quenton, during Christmas. Adam, Darla and Kasey Merket from Midland also visited.

Derek Merket was home on leave from the Marines and his family was glad to see him.

Joan said all the kiddos got games from Santa and both young and old played them all day. They had a great time.

Gerrie and James Wooddell had a big, very big, Christmas Day with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. There were 47 family members. All the siblings were there with the exception of one son who lives in Columbus, Texas. He will be able to come in January.

Gerrie said they had a big dinner, exchanged gifts, played games and music. There are several musicians in the family. They always have a lot of fun.

A decorative bowl was donated to the center by an anonymous person in early November. The item was raffled off last week and won by Billie Powell.

The bowl was hand-painted and fired by the late Ida Baird, a blue-ribbon china painter.

The proceeds will go toward the program with the greatest need at the center. Thanks to everyone who took part in the raffle.

Some Loraine ladies did some Christmas caroling prior to Christmas day. They went up and down several streets and were seen on Campbell near Jennifer Zuniga's home and other streets.

The singers were Lydia Lopez, Bea Lopez, Christina Morris and a friend, Machele.

Bobby and Wanza Graham had a wonderful time with family during Christmas. On the Friday before Christmas they were invited to a meal and visiting with their daughter and family, Dianne and Willis Hughes in Roscoe. The Willis' children, Holly and Michael Dewbree and girls, Kaylie and Riley, of Richland Hills; Kim and David Shipp and boys, Dawson and Mason and daughter Peyton, of Roby were in attendance. Cody and Amy Hughes and baby, Carley Jo, of Abilene; along with Frances Hughes of Roscoe and granddaughter, Haley Grant of Comanche were also there.

At noon on Christmas Eve, the Wooddell's had all their children and spouses over. Those attending were Dwayne and Patti Graham, Mike and Glenda Hemphill, Tom and Debby Carlock, all of Colorado City; Tom and Brenda Linam of Loraine; Willis and Dianne Hughes of Roscoe; and granddaughter, Mindy and husband, Jonathan Greening of Midland.

The meal of ham and all the trimmings were brought in. There was fun and laughter as they had the Chinese gift giving game.

On Christmas day, the Grahams had dinner with the Hemphills, the evening meal was with the Carlocks.

On Saturday, the 26th, the grandchildren, who were unable to visit on Christmas day, gathered at the Grahams and grilled hamburgers. A good day was had by the following: Cade and Nole Carlock, and Caleb; Cory and Max Carlock of Lubbock; Chad and Hunter Harmon, of Colorado City; David and Kim and son, Dawson of Roby; Mindy and Jonathan Greening of Midland; Haley Hemphill; Cody and Amy Hughes and Carley Jo of Abilene. Others attending were Tom and Brenda Linam, Willis and Dianne Hughes, Tom and Debby Carlock and Jonathan Haralson of Colorado City.

Cade Carlock was the main chef. This was a great four days of Christmas and they thanked God for the time spent with family.

They did miss their grandson, Jason, who is stationed in Japan; granddaughters, Elizabeth Evans in Virginia and Jennifer Turnage of Fort Worth, who were snowed in.

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Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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Signed
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