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Council discusses pool and warning system

The city council's main thrust during their Tuesday meeting was improvements to the city pool and the possibility of upgrading the community's early warning system.

While surrounding communities are investing in million dollar pool projects, Colorado City seeks practical ways to repair the city pool and bring it up to compliance with state ADA codes.

Damage to the pool lining prompted the council last year to appropriate \$30,000 from the city's contingency fund to repair

the lining. Further study shows a long list of needed improvements, not only for appearance sake, but to comply with the Texas Department of Public Health.

"We would fail if we had a state health inspection," Pete Kampfer, city manager said.

Immediate upgrades to the pool include improvements to the rest room areas with new paint and fixtures, a day locker for storage of personal valuables so parents can accompany their children in the pool, a baby

changing table and benches.

Repairs to the fence, lighting and pavilion are also in the works.

Future projects that will be handled at the budget workshop in two weeks include bringing the city's baby pool into ADA compliance and possible purchase of an ADA lift chair for the larger pool.

Concerns relating to costs versus priority on the city's lengthy roster of needs were also discussed before the issue was tabled.

The recent fire last month which destroyed nine homes brought to light areas lacking in crisis management, prompting the council to discuss implementation of an emergency warning system.

One such system proposed was the CodeRED emergency notification system.

CodeRED is a high volume, high speed communication system that utilizes an Internet interface mapping system with a telephone calling system. The system directly links to land

lines and cell phone numbers entered into the system and with the push of a button can send a pre-recorded alert message up to 60,000 homes simultaneously about emergency events.

One of the benefits over other message delivery systems is the ability to deliver messages in full to answering machines without truncating or looping the message.

The council discussed lack of public education in using the current system, which includes both a siren warning system and

the Nixle alert system through the police department.

Advantages and disadvantages of current emergency protocols and warning systems were explored, along with the need to have a coordinated system interlinking city, county and school districts.

While the council was divided on the type of emergency warning system to choose, the consensus seemed to indicate that in the meantime whenever the sirens sounded, the public should turn to KVMC/KAUM for updates

Trade Days this weekend

Vendor spots are 90% full and "filling up fast" at the March Railhead Trade Days, according to Amie Wood, community development director.

The trade days, located in the Railhead Building in downtown Colorado City, are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20.

Booths will be open from 9

a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Both new and returning vendors bring a wealth of fascinating items for a unique shopping experience with a vast array of jewelry, home décor, pecans, pies, antiques and collectibles.

From wind chimes, iron work and lots of handcrafted items, to

signs, crosses, abstract art and clothing and accessories, there's something for everyone.

"Doggie stuff has become popular," Wood said. "We'll have treats, coats, all kinds of different things for your pet."

Shoppers can also visit the Juice Plus booth or pick out their favorite Scentsy candle. Beads. See RAILHEAD, page 5

C-City sales tax up 9%



Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state's sales tax revenue in February was \$1.75 billion, an increase of 9.7 percent compared to February 2010.

Colorado City will receive \$40,834.92 this month in sales tax revenues from the state comptroller's office, a 9.41% increase over last year. Overall, C-City has received \$145,964.41 for yearly sales tax totals thus far for 2011, up 8.59% from last year's totals of \$134,407.27.

Sales tax revenues for the county are up 72%.

"This is the 11th straight month

that sales tax revenue has increased," said Combs. "Much like in recent months, there were increases across all major sectors including oil and gas activity, manufacturing and retail trade. We will continue to monitor current economic conditions and gauge the effects on consumer and business spending."

On Friday, Combs will deliver a total \$433.1 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts. Local sales tax allocations are up 7.1 percent compared to March 2010. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 7.9 percent compared to the first three months of 2010.

See TAX, page 5

NRCS help is available to fire victim landowners

Landowners affected by recent wildfires in Mitchell County can apply for possible financial assistance through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for range deferment of all livestock grazing throughout the growing season, plant health concerns and cross fencing assistance.

Although sign-up is continuous, applications for this first funding period will be accepted in the Mitchell County NRCS office through March 28. In order to apply, landowners must visit the local NRCS office to fill out an application. Applications will be ranked and those approved for funding will be offered an EQIP contract.

Mitchell County NRCS District Conservationist Steve Shrode said, "NRCS in Mitchell County is prepared to assist landowners with their efforts to



WILDFIRES IN LATE February destroyed close to an estimated 8,000 acres of pasture and farm land in Mitchell County.

address wind erosion that is continuing to occur due to drought and the effect from wildfires."

"We want to provide assistance that will enable landowners and livestock producers to accelerate the recovery of the health and vigor of affected grazing land," Steve said.

He suggests landowners consult with their local NRCS district conservationist to develop

a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery and mitigating the effects of the dry conditions that Texas is experiencing. Wildlife habitat can also be impacted by the wildfire and NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance in re-establishing the habitats for desired species.

See RELIEF, page 5



LIVING TEXAS HISTORY - Park visitors Sara Brewster, Madison Brewster, Gary Brewster, Justin Brewster, Angela Brewster, Laura and Amanda Serrano listen to Dewane Wright talk about Texas longhorns during Mitchell County Day at the Lake Colorado City State Park last Saturday.

Officials continue search for Hailey

Members of the task force assigned to the Hailey Dunn case continue to pursue leads and conduct searches for the 13-year-old Colorado City teen missing since late December 2010.

Texas Rangers continue to assist local law enforcement, according to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs. Two searches were conducted last week in Mitchell County, one in Howard and one in Scurry County.

The task force also investigated one out-of-state lead in New Mexico, which did not pan out, according to Toombs.

"We don't see things happening every day like it was, but the case is still progressing," Toombs said.

Investigators are working with the district attorney in Howard County on possible charges of child pornography.

Concerning digital media recovered in Mitchell County from

the Dunn residence, Toombs said, there was "some question whether the pornography was child porn or not." Officials will continue working to make that determination.

Although there have been very few leads surfacing, the task force continues to work a dual-side case: searching for a live child, while at the same time investigating evidence of a possible and far more serious crime.

County hears bond proposal ...for new jail

The county commissioners heard a financial advisor presentation during their Monday meeting as part of the preliminary steps toward a November bond election for a proposed new jail facility.

Vince Viaille, managing director of Specialized Public Finance Incorporated, brought an overview of the financial advisor's

role in the upcoming bond election. The company is located in Lubbock.

Viaille gave a brief presentation of the different responsibilities for all the parties involved in the process as well as information relating to the two different types of bonds the county was authorized to issue.

Under Texas law counties may

issue either general obligation bonds or certificates of obligation.

GOs require a bond election; while COs do not, unless within 31 days prior to issuing the bonds five percent of registered voters submit a petition for a bond election.

The debt service tax rate for See COUNTY, page 5

Around Town

Happy birthday Priscilla Castro & Raymond Molina Jr. (Mar. 21)... Happy 7th birthday J.C. Rodriguez (Mar. 17)... Mindy Hale is a cupcake making queen... Happy birthday Mike Alexander (Mar. 19)... Happy 17th birthday, Ashli Cooper (Mar. 24)...

Answerline

Q. How many Railhead Trade Days will be held in 2011?
A. Two - this weekend and Nov. 19 & 20 are the only two scheduled. The July Railhead was canceled because of the heat.

Obituaries

Marcia Rogers
Colorado City

Fred Walraven
North Dakota

Kick-Off Party

Mitchell County Relay for Life 2011 kick-off party is set. Grab your passport and come register your team for this year's Relay for Life as we set sail on the USS Hope to cruise for a cure! Join us Mon., Mar. 21 in the Civic Center for a come & go party from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A \$10 registration fee must be paid when you sign up that night. Refreshments will be served.

Ragball Tourney
MCGSA is holding a ragball tournament on Mar. 18-20. Cost is \$10 per player. For more information, call Amy Morris at 728-0152.

Briefs

Book Fair

The Loraine ISD Library will be the site of a Book Fair March 23-25 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each day. A family evening will be held Mar. 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check out the books.

Free Classes

Free grape pruning workshops starting at Siebold Vineyards. Call Becky at 325-242-0883 for more information. Also, there will be grapevine trimmings available free. These can be used to make baskets, wreaths and other crafts.

Baseball Signups

Mitchell County Youth Baseball will hold signups Thurs., Mar. 17 and Tues., Mar. 22 at First National Bank from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Players ages 4-15 are eligible. Bring birth certificate to sign up.

Ragball Tournament

A St. Elizabeth Ragball Tournament at Winston Field in Snyder is set for March 25-26. Players 10 yrs and older are welcome, and cost is \$10 per team member. Proceeds will benefit High School Youth Group Trip to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain. Contact: Gabriel Madrid 325-

207-4986, Kim Madrid 325-242-2222, or Melisa Chavez 325-207-0016.

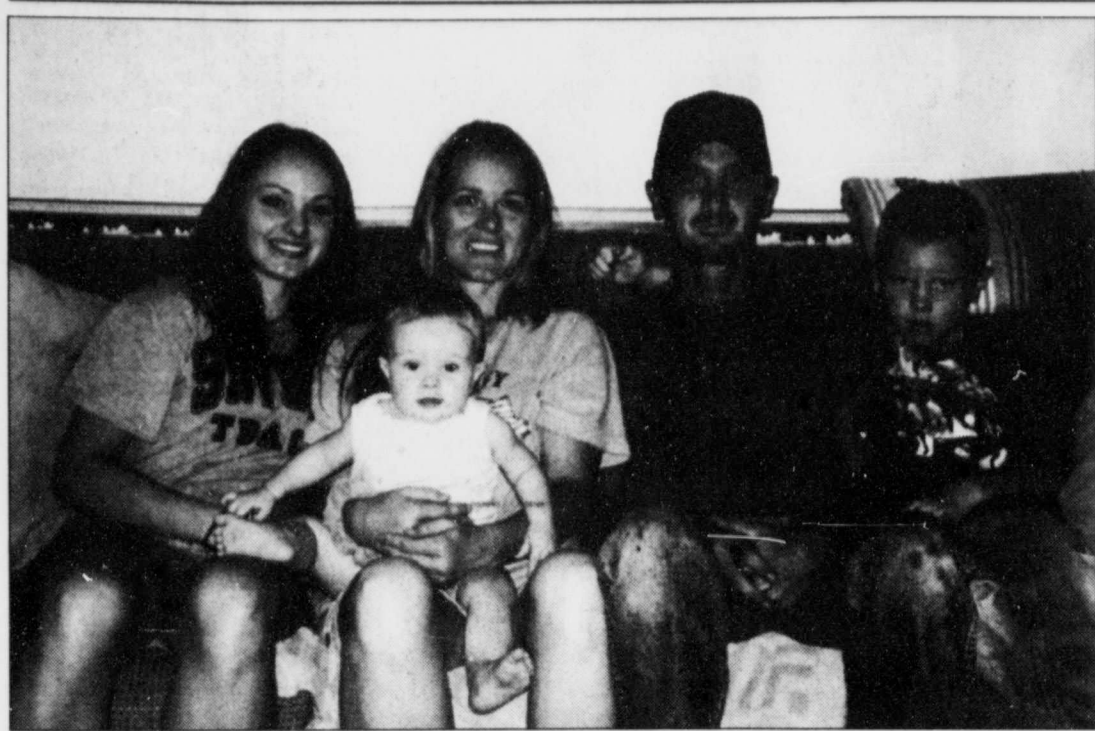
Art Guild

The West Texas Art Guild will feature Kay Smith demonstrating "Turning Bowers into Wowers", or how to rescue a failed painting. The demo will be on Mar. 26 at 10 a.m. at Studio Twenty.

Rap Concert

DJ Hurricane Sammy will be performing at the Roscoe Community Center, Sat., Mar. 19 beginning at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert. Reppin' Jesus Christ.

LOCAL NEWS



PAY IT FORWARD—Aleya Sharp (left) of the Veterans Families Fund of Big Spring recently presented a check for \$500 to (l-r) Pamela, Addison, James and Cameron Harris. Harris, a Marine Corps veteran, and his family recently lost their home in a grass fire. Photo courtesy of the Veterans Families Fund

Fire family receives help from area veterans group

Recently, the Veterans Families Fund gave \$500 to veteran James "Tommy" and Pamela Harris at a special event held at the Wal-mart Super Center in Big Spring.

On Feb. 27, 2011, the Harris family lost all of their belongings in a grass fire that destroyed a home they were renting at 158 E. CR 141 in Colorado City.

Harris joined the Marine Corp in November of 2004 and served in Iraq from February 2007 to February 2008 and currently serves in the Marine Corp Reserve.

"The \$500 is another way to say thank you to our veterans' families for their sacrifices," Gale Kilgore said. "We want to thank all the people of the Colorado City area for giving."

Donations to the Veterans Families Fund account #5901848 may be made through the Wood-Forest National Bank, 201 West Marcy Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bloodmobile will set up at Trade Days

The citizens of Colorado City are going to have the chance to help out their local hospital, as well as hospitals around the area soon!

The United Blood Services' Bloodmobile will be parked in front of the Railhead Building on Saturday, March 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during Railhead Trade Days, making it easy for anyone wanting to donate blood.

The blood drive is being sponsored by the local hospital volunteers, as Mitchell County Hospital is one of the many hospitals around the area that get their blood supply from United Blood Services in San Angelo.

To make an appointment, go online and enter the sponsor code: cccomm or contact Ernestine O'Dell at 728-5593.

Loraine farm sale is on tap

The 23rd annual Loraine Volunteer Fire Department Farm Sale will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Loraine Co-op Gin yards, beginning at 9 a.m.

"We'll have anything from a bicycle to a 200 horsepower tractor," Ricky Bailey, Loraine Fire Chief said.

The annual fundraiser helps the department defray the cost of purchasing equipment. Proceeds from past sales have provided much needed items such as bunker gear, tanks, truck upkeep, radios, walkie talkies, and lights.

"It helps keep the burden off the city and county budgets," Bailey said.

The LVFD always accepts donations and auction items may be taken to the Loraine gin yard.

Those wishing to get a consignment need to call ahead to log in. Interested parties should contact Don Boyd at 325-242-1229, Doyle Mitchell, 325-933-0113 or Ricky Bailey at 325-242-2402.

The fire department will also be serving around 600-800 hamburgers for visitors and buyers alike.

"Even if you aren't interested in the auction, come on out and buy a hamburger basket," Bailey said.

OBITUARIES

Marcia Rogers 1948-2011

COLORADO CITY -- Marcia L. Rogers, 62, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2011. Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Big Spring with Rev. James Williams officiating. Family visitation was held Tuesday, March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dandy's Diner in Colorado City.

Marcia is survived by her husband, Curtis Rogers of Colorado City; a son, Gene Ray Rogers of Mitchell County; a daughter, Staci Rodgers of Dallas; a sister, Syble Pope of Sand Springs; and grandson, Kyler Ray Rogers.

Marcia was born June 10, 1948 in Big Springs to E.R. and Ethel Weatherman. She went to school and graduated from Coahoma High School. Marcia married Curtis Rogers on January 26, 1968, at her home with Paul Keele officiating the wedding. She lived all her life in the Big Spring/Colorado City area. She worked for Big Spring ISD as a teacher's aide and owned and operated Dandy's Diner in Colorado City. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church. Marcia loved working with kids and was a member of the PTA. She also had a special place in her heart for Ronald McDonald House and the things they do for families.

Pallbearers were Doyle Mitchell, Bobby Sparks, Clay Klatt, Tom Willingham, Tony Wagner, Mica Weatherman, and Jerod Weatherman.

Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, E.R. "Red" and Ethel Weatherman; her sister, Dorothy Moore; and brother, Wayne Weatherman.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Ronald McDonald House, 1315 Barbara Jordan Blvd, Austin, TX 78723.



Fred Walraven 1948-2011

NORTH DAKOTA -- Funeral service for Fred L. Walraven, 80, of Ellendale, North Dakota will be 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Glenn Raynor of First Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Ellendale City Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Visitation will be Friday from 5-7 pm at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Fred fell ill after traveling to visit with family in Odessa. He died March 10, 2011 at Regency Hospital of Odessa.

Fred L. Walraven, son of Lonnie and Ollie (Putman) Walraven was born October 6, 1930 in Cleburn. When he was six weeks old, his family moved to Colorado City where he attended school. When he was 16 years old, he moved to Stanton where he farmed. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1950 and was stationed in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1951 and returned to Kennedy where he worked in the oilfield. In 1956, he moved to Grants, NM where he worked in the Uranium Mines.

He was united in marriage to Marie A. Carlson Swartz on August 4, 1964 in Albuquerque, NM. They made their home in Ft. Worth where he worked in the steel mill. In 1969, they moved to Ellendale and settled on a farm southwest of town. He worked at the Ellendale Grain and Seed Elevator and also farmed. He retired in 1986. Marie died March 28, 2009 and Fred continued to make Ellendale his home. He attended First Baptist Church in Ellendale.

Survivors include his three daughters, Karen, Frances, Freddie and families; Marie's five daughters, Millie, Jeanie, Judy, Jackie, JoAnn and their families; eight grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jake, Kenneth and Bill; and one sister, Shirley.

His parents, wife and two brothers, James and Earl preceded him in death.

Casketbearers will be Dennis Durheim, Joel Durheim, Chad Durheim, Casey Durheim, Cameron Durheim and Paul Veland. The organist will be Shirlene Wagner and the soloist is Jody Tennyson.

Condolences may be sent to www.carlsenh.com. Carlsen Funeral Home of Ellendale has been entrusted with arrangements.



Program helps with child care

Child care assistance for qualifying families is now available through the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board and Child Care Service.

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board, and Child

Care Services (CCS) announced this week the availability of child care assistance to help qualifying families pay their child care expenses so they can work, go to school, or attend a training program. Customers receiving child care assistance must meet federal, state, and local guidelines and must be able to answer "yes" to the following statements in order to qualify for child care assistance.

Do you live in one of the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, or Throckmorton?

Do all of the adults in your household have a valid driver's license? See CHILD, page 5

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LOCAL NEWS

Disaster team responds to Colorado City needs

Helping people pick up the pieces of their lives following a natural disaster is the overarching aim of the Texas Baptist Mens Disaster Relief team.

Members from a Lubbock unit arrived in Colorado City last week to help remove debris from four homes destroyed by the February 27 grass fire.

Ten workers from Waco, Lake Cypress, San Antonio, La Grange and Atlanta, Texas make up the mobile clean up unit.

"There wasn't a whole lot left," Russell Schieck, unit director said. "The fire was such an intense fire. You could put all the valuables we found at one home in a styrofoam cup. That's tragic."

Schieck and his team cleaned the sites down to the ground and helped family members try to recover valuables from the fire.

"You'd be amazed at what people pick out that's meaningful," he said.

For the Northcuts, it was the shattered remnants of a grandmother's set of blue and white dishes.

"We're planning to make it into a mosaic table," Jana Northcutt-Couch said.

For another family, it was a recently purchased wedding ring. Volunteers found the ring and some of the veteran's service medals.

"Those few things make the difference to a family that's lost everything," Schieck said.

"They got down in the ash with us," Northcutt-Couch said. It was a bittersweet time for the Northcutt family who arrived early Saturday to salvage what they could before heading to their son's wedding.

For the Harris family, that meant unearthing some of Tommy's veteran medals from the ashes — all that remained of his home following the fire just a couple of weeks ago.

Sifting through ash is an arduous, time consuming task.

"To stand in the place where the living room used to be with a family that's lost everything is a very difficult position to be in," Schieck said. "When we come to a community, it's not a pleasant

thing that brings us, but we always make friends. This place has treated us well. With the county providing a dump truck, it made our job a whole lot easier."

Most communities aren't as easy to work with, Schieck said. Sometimes debris removed from a disaster site is left on the curb where the disaster team was told to put it; where it remains for weeks.

"Here, it went from site to landfill. It's an amazing thing," Schieck said. "You are blessed. When we got here we found a community already at work. I have never worked in a community that worked so well together to accomplish such a difficult task."

The mobile clean up unit was created in 2002 as part of the larger core of Texas Baptist Mens' Disaster Relief, which fields both feeding units and mud out units. Texas Baptist Men will be on hand wherever there is a natural disaster worldwide, whether floods, hurricanes, tornadoes or fires.



DISASTER RELIEF WORKERS (from left) Judy Blackwell, Bill Blackwell and Bill Hydon from the Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief unit in Lubbock worked to clear debris from four Colorado City homes last week.

Filing for May 14 election ends

Filing for a place on the May 14 ballot closed Monday at five p.m., but write-in candidates still have until Monday, March 21 to file.

Bob McNeal has filed for a seat in District 2 as councilman, completing the city council's roster with the following: Carol Sue Dakan and Bobbie Banks, may-

or; Sammy Contreras, District 1; Sue Mason, District 2; Keith Hiser, District 5.

In the school board elections, John Martinez filed for Place 2 and Shane Johnson filed for Place 5 last Friday. The seat for Place 1 held by formerly held by Cliff Shiller is still open.

Hospital board members up for re-elections who met the filing deadline are Jerry Reynolds, Patty Pharis, Florence Bodine and Geneva Ratliff. No other candidates have filed.

Elections will not be held for uncontested seats. However, seats left vacant will be filled by appointment following the election.

Early voting will take place at city hall from May 2 through May 10 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Community is invited to be part of the vision

By Amie Wood
Community Development Director

Working together to achieve something great is at the foundation of all successful communities. This community has proven its ability to prevail, overcome and achieve time and time again. It is a source of pride among so many people and gives us a sense of belonging and security.

Colorado City has a lot of opportunity to move forward in a positive and successful direction. In order for this to be accomplished, we need to start thinking about what makes

this place great and who we want to be in the future.

Every member of Colorado City has an opportunity to participate and get plugged into this process of planning. Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. everyone is invited to attend a Visioning Retreat to discuss where we are today, where we want to be in the future and how to get there. If you are unable to make it but would like your suggestions to be heard, please find Colorado City Visioning on Facebook or email your message to ccityvisioning@gmail.com.



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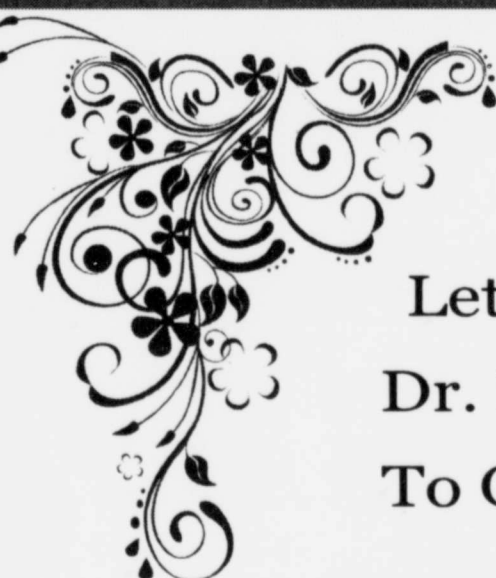
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH The shipbuilding boom in Orange

Sylvia Dickey Smith of Georgetown has written a book about World War II home-front activities. It's the story of Bea Meade, a Texas version of "Rosie the Riveter." The book is titled *A War of Her Own* and takes place during the summer of 1943 in Orange, Texas when the city was experiencing a shipbuilding boom. Sylvia grew up in Orange and is familiar with the era. In the book, Bea's husband leaves her and she goes to work as a riveter in the shipyards. *A War of Her Own*, a work of historical fiction, is Sylvia's 4th book. Her others are mysteries.

"I don't know what I would fill my days with if I weren't writing and creating stories and characters," she says. Mrs. Smith started college at age 40, and after earning BA and MA degrees, worked as a family counselor and retired when she was 62. Then she started writing books.

"It was fascinating after retirement to find my passion. I had done a lot of things I really enjoyed in my life, but to find your passion in your sixties was an extra, exciting thing to have occurred. It just seems like one story leads into another. Right now I'm working on two books at the same time. I've learned that characters become so real to an author they end up telling you what they will say and what they won't say or will do and won't do. It sounds weird, but they do. Writing is fun." Part of this book is autobiographical. She was married to a Baptist minister 28 years. Now she's married to a retired military officer.

She says the town of Orange mushroomed during the war. "It increased more than ten times its original size, going from sixty-five hundred to 70,000 people. There was no place for them to live. It was really kind of a chaotic situation. There were no beds for people to sleep in. They had what they call 'hot beds' where they rented the beds by the hour and when someone got up, another person got in. The bed would still be warm from the previous person."

Sylvia's mother worked at the shipyard. "I lived in some of the war housing there when I was growing up. Orange has the Neches and Sabine rivers there. It's a deep-water port. They had been doing some shipbuilding for England, but when World War II started, several shipyards in Orange got defense department contracts to build destroyer escorts, landing craft and all kinds of equipment for the war. You had these 70,000 people, most of them unskilled, and they got jobs building those warships. All you had to do was be a warm body and show up and you had a job. *A War of Her Own* is a book I've wanted to write a long time. Women during that time had difficulty because there was prejudice against women in the work place and times were so hectic and explosive there were a lot of marriages that broke up. Many of the ship workers went across the river into Louisiana and had a high-heel good time at Showboat Ruby's. Social structures fell apart and changed drastically during that time."

Sylvia Dickey Smith wrote *A War of Her Own* because she found the shipbuilding boom a fascinating part of our history and didn't think many people knew about the contributions those workers in a small Texas town made to the war effort. The book is published by Crickhollow Books.

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Cleaning opens storehouse of memories

By AppleJack

Warmer weather blows in more than just a promise of new beginnings and spring. With the weather change, many people get a renewed sense of energy and begin to fill their calendars with "to-do" lists. Raking the yards out, cleaning the gutters, planting a small herb garden, or getting a chunk of land plowed for a monster garden. Cleaning out cabinets, under beds and closets begin to take on a whole new meaning with longer days and pleasant weather.

I've got my own list, one that will probably never be finished. I don't let this make me feel badly, I just look at my list as a work in progress, otherwise known to those around me as "controlled chaos". My problem is this: I am pretty sure I am ADHD or something close to it. For instance, this morning I started in with sweeping and mopping the front room. Got it done. But, inevitably, while I was finishing up I realized I should have done the ceiling fan blades first. So, I get a do-

over. I start in on the blades and for some reason I remember the gallon of paint and brushes I bought for the laundry room, so I finish the blades and head to the laundry room. But I forgot to sweep and mop again. You see where this is going, right?

Every year it's the same story for me. I get about 80% of what I want accomplished. I'm ok with this because one of the things I enjoy most about spring cleaning is it gives me an excuse to go through the closets and boxes on the pretext of sifting out the unwanted and unnecessary.

I can't describe the pleasure I get when I am sitting on the closet floor with tubs dumped out around me and I come across my oldest son's receiving blanket. I feel it, smell it, and fold it up again. He's a grown man now, living his life, teaching and coaching in another city far from his parents, but I still have his baby blanket. I come across the prayer book of my second son, the one he carried with him to church in second grade. I touch the cover,

open the book and read his childish handwriting. I say a quick prayer for him, hoping his childhood prayers and guardian angel will get him safely through a military career. I come across very detailed plans in a notebook that the third son made when he was going to start a rock band. I believe he was in 3rd grade. I find Christmas cards, Mother's Day cards, and handmade valentines and hand strung jewelry from our baby girl.

I relive moments in my children's lives as I sort through baby outfits and t-ball gloves. I remember the sounds and smells of each and every event as I close my eyes. I take my time packing everything back up. I make sure to toss out an old sweatshirt and some broken flip-flops so I can honestly say I cleaned something out. The whole day has disappeared on me, it's gotten dark out and somehow I've spent the last six or seven hours just looking through one closet and reading scrapbooks.

And I don't care that I never made it to the laundry room. The paint will wait.

"I was just teasing" isn't always funny

By Monte Wike

You have something biting and sarcastic and mean to say to someone, hurting feelings and throwing relationships into bedlam. But when you finished and they react with anger or wonder, you use the lame excuse, "But I was only kidding. I am just teasing you!"

Lame excuses have been around since man-one, woman-one. "But it was her fault, but it was the serpent's fault." Having to admit mistakes, weaknesses and outright lies takes some real courage. To hide behind some flimsy, transparent reasoning is as easy as falling with the pull of gravity. We want to hurt and hurt badly, but we don't want to have to admit we have done that, or done it purposely, so we feign innocence and surprise at their reaction and deny evil intent.

Other times hurting another's feeling is more open and apparent. I have

noticed this with students. They are liable to say anything and really mean it. They call names, point out mistakes and weaknesses and make fun of any slight or difference. Also, when people are angry and tempers boil, then statements are made that are real and dangerous. We may try to patch it up later, but that verbal wound is penetrating, deep and permanent.

How much easier it would be to understand the words, "Now, children, be nice to each other"; how much easier to live in peace; how much kinder to live with understanding and without regret or tissue paper cover-ups.

Jesus said that if we call a brother a fool, we are in danger of severe punishment. One of the great wounds He suffered during His trial and crucifixion was the verbal denial of Peter that he was an associate with Christ. Another was the taunts of

the priests and the demands of the people for His crucifixion. But at the same time, one of the great benefits of this is that He bore our sorrows.

He knew that physical wounds, even those leading to death, hold no comparison to those caused by a sharp tongue. That may be why when He appears the next time, it will be with a sharp sword coming out of His mouth. This will allow Him to judge and speak people into condemnation and judgment.

There are ways to tell a person unpleasant things. Sometimes this is necessary. But it is so much more honest to frankly encounter a wrong-doer with, "I have something to say to you and it is not pleasant", than to spurt it out and try to deny or cover up the scars later. Teasing is a form of lop-sided punishment where we want to spew venom but think we have done no wrong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the past few weeks, there has been much talk and media coverage about unrest in the Middle East driving up the prices of fuel in the U.S. There is a certain sense of vulnerability when we realize events that occur half a world away affects our quality of life right here at home... in our own backyard. However, when it comes to food, fiber and yes, bio-fuels, we suffer no sense of vulnerability - Why? Because, thanks to America's farmers and ranchers, we have what I refer to as, "Homegrown Security."

Food, fiber and alternative fuel sources are affordable and abundant right here in the United States. Agriculture is the backbone of our nation. Our ability to provide for our own plus a significant percent of the world's growing population is the envy of all other nations. For this reason alone, it is appropriate that we recognize farmers and ranchers on National Ag Day, which we celebrate March 15, 2011.

But let me make my point stronger. The agriculture industry has made signif-

icant progress in the past century. That progress has made the United States the most self sufficient country in modern civilization. Take for instance the most common commodity - grown in nearly every state of the union - corn.

In 73 years (the average length of human life), agriculture has made America so productive and secure that its fundamentals are seemingly invincible. In that time, corn has become more than a food product or sweetener. It is an alternative fuel, a source for plastics and an icon for the industry. But it is just one of many as most commodities have seen similar successes, technological advances and alternative uses.

Because of agricultural ingenuity, we can feed, clothe and shelter ourselves and provide life's necessities to all U.S. citizens at home and to our armed forces worldwide. Agriculture is the first line of defense IN America. It is the first line of defense OF America. We owe the proud men and women involved in agriculture an enormous debt of gratitude.

I hope you will join me in making good

on that debt as I extend a much deserved, "Thank You" to America's farmers and ranchers on National Ag Day.

I, as well as the 1,666 USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees in Texas, understand and appreciate the amount of work that farmers and ranchers do on a daily basis to protect our natural resources and produce the nation's supply of food, fiber and fuel, and I encourage consumers to learn more about agriculture and the people involved in the industry.

We never want to find ourselves dependent on a foreign food supply. It's America's farmers and ranchers who make sure our nation stays independent from the ground up. And as long as America's farmers and ranchers remain steadfast in their stewardship and productivity, America will remain strong. Please take time on National Ag Day to show your appreciation for American Agriculture... our Homegrown Security.

Respectfully submitted,
Juan M. Garcia
State Executive Director
USDA Farm Service Agency - Texas

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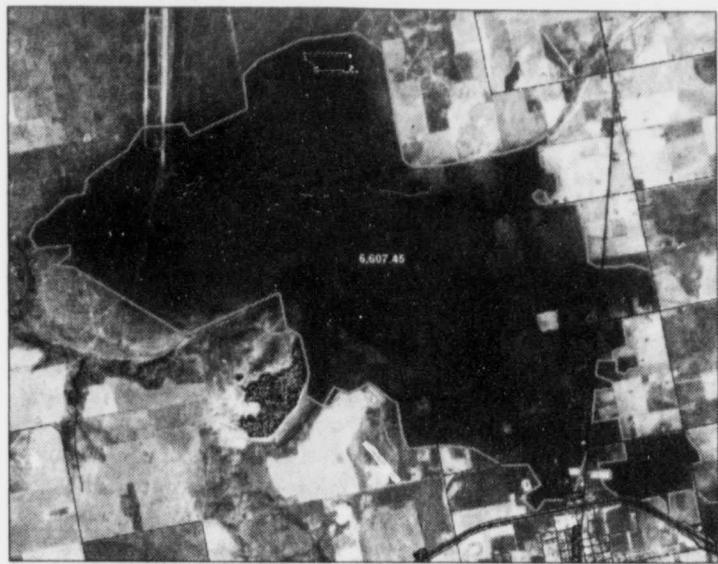
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LOCAL NEWS

2010 rains qualify counties as disaster zones



GRASS FIRES DESTROYED an estimated 9,250 acres total from three fires in Mitchell County last month with 6,607 acres in Colorado City itself. Satellite imagery from the Landsat 4/5 shows the extent of the damage. Photo courtesy of Mitchell County USDA-FSA.

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general obligation bonds and certificates of obligation are outside the rollback tax rate, according to Viaille but are subject to an 80 cent cap, including general fund tax rates.

The county commissioners will hear a second financial advisor presentation from Coastal Securities out of Austin on March 28.

The commissioners voted to approve a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment which would restrict the legislature from forcing unfunded mandates on counties.

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Combs will send March sales tax payments of \$289.4 million to Texas cities, up 6.7 percent compared to March 2010. So far this year, sales tax allocations to cities are up 7.1 percent compared to the same point in 2010. Texas counties will receive March sales tax payments of \$27.1 million, up 11.1 percent compared to one year ago. County sales tax allocations so far this year are up 13.7 percent compared to a year ago.

The 174 special purpose taxing districts around the state will get \$18.2 million in sales tax revenue, up 15 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems will receive \$98 million, up 5.9 percent.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

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For further assistance in evaluating your land and planning practices to address concerns following a wildfire, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Soil and Water Conservation District in Colorado City at (325) 728-3473 USDA Service Center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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charms, baby items, flip flops, pillows, hides, pottery, handbags and jams and jellies help recall the days of county fairs and old time craft shows.

New at the first show of the season are donkey rides. A local group will offer donkey rides to the adventurous at 1st and Oak.

No trade days would be complete without delicious food and the Knights of Columbus will be grilling up their famous hamburgers and brisket burritos. The Rocking D from Westbrook will be on site with mouth-watering barbecue, turkey legs and sausage on a stick. Kettle corn, foot long coney dogs, fried Twinkies and Snickers, Texas taters will tempt hungry shoppers.

"The weather's supposed to be beautiful," Wood said. "I think it will be a really good time."

WASHINGTON, March 10, 2011 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated Howard County in Texas as a natural disaster area due to losses caused by excessive rain that occurred July 1 – Dec. 1, 2010.

"President Obama and I understand these conditions caused severe damage to upland cotton and we want to help," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This action will provide help to hundreds of farmers who suffered significant production losses."

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties in Texas also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous: Borden, Dawson, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling. All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas March 10, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for

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and instructions in the event of a natural disaster or emergency.

The council finally voted 6 to 1 to look for a system that would best meet Colorado City's needs, whether it was the CodeRED system or not.

The city will host a Colorado City Community Visioning Retreat for all residents, on Saturday, March 26 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the civic center.

Coffee and doughnuts along with lunch will be served and residents are asked to think about ways they can make a difference in Colorado City.

The council will begin budget

low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested

workshop planning on April 5 and April 7. A public hearing on the budget will be conducted on April 19 and the council will vote to adopt the new budget on April 26.

Various groups presented proposals for use of the hotel/motel tax fund for 2011-2012. Those requesting funds were Boar Goat, \$2,000; Chamber, \$15,000; Main Street, \$10,000; Baker Hotel, \$7,000; CC Riders, \$5,000; Mitchell County Reunion, \$500; Mitchell County 4-H, \$1,000; Mitchell County Hospital Foundation, \$1,000 and the Opera House, \$1,500.

CHILD

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household do at least one of the following:

*Work at least 25 hours per week

*Go to school full-time

*Work and go to school combined for at least 25 hours per week

*Does your family meet the CCS income guidelines?

*Eligible Children must be between the ages 0 – 13 Years.

Families who are determined eligible for child care assistance may choose from a wide variety of child care arrangements for their children. The Child Care Services (CCS) has contracts with licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, and

registered child care homes to provide care. In addition, families may choose to have an eligible relative care for their child.

If you believe you may be eligible for child care assistance, you will need to complete an application form, collect some verifying information and submit it to the Child Care Services (CCS) office located at CCS, 400 Oak St., Suite 317, Abilene, TX 79602 or visit our website at www.workforcesystem.org and go to "Child Care" heading.

Questions regarding this child care assistance may be directed to the Child Care Services office at 325.795-4283, or 1-800-542-4045.

farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application

procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.



SHOWING WITH WESTBROOK FFA, Chelsea Martinez (right) took 3rd place with her Exotic Charolaise, weighing in at 1145 lbs, at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. David Bray (second from right) is seen here with Martinez. Photo courtesy of Chelsea Martinez.

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2011 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

Mitchell County Appraisal District
2112 Hickory Street
Colorado City, TX 79512
(325) 728-5028

Or contact:



Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
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A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

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All Colorado City citizens are encouraged to attend.

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LOCAL NEWS



RETIRED HUTCHINSON TEACHER, Susan "Coach A" Anderson, visited Hutchinson Elementary during Texas Week to talk about the role of cotton in West Texas. Helping Coach A with her presentation were her husband, Woody, and Producers Co-Op Gin manager Ray Ritchey and wife, Amanda Jo, who brought a computer-operated sprayer and a module hauler for the students to see. Photo courtesy of Kitten Arthur.

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BIRTHS



Corey and Kayla Beavers are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Riffin Beavers.

He was born Sunday, February 20, 2011, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene at 9:10 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Gary Don and Belinda Rich of Westbrook and the late Larry and Sally Beavers.

Rhiannon Skye Chambliss is proud to announce the birth of her sister, Claudia Faith Chambliss, born at 9:46 a.m. on March 2, 2011. She weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Jessica and Wesley Chambliss of Colorado City.

Proud grandparents are Jack and Debbie Chambliss and Greg and Nancy Chaney, all of Colorado City.

Kattes speaks to local club

Whether it's flies masquerading as bumble bees, spiders that look like flowers or moths and caterpillars that look like bird droppings, David Kattes finds bugs fascinating.

Professor of entomology at Tarleton University, Kattes gets up close and personal with nature's creepy crawlies.

"Insects are pretty important to us," Kattes said. "Without insects all blooming plants would die."

Kattes can find something positive about any insect — even the boll weevil. "Enterprise, Alabama has a bit of a different perspective on the boll weevil," he said. The town erected a statue in the weevil's honor and hold an annual festival.

Before the advent of the boll weevil, cotton was king in Enterprise. The boll weevil destroyed the cotton crop, forcing the Alabama town to grow peanuts instead and led to agricultural

diversity with more prosperity than the town had enjoyed from cotton alone.

During his work with county extension service agents in Colorado City and Snyder in the late '70s, Kattes assisted with the launching of the boll weevil eradication process.

"The only way to kill them was after they came out of the boll," he said. He recalled seeing solid balls of weevils coming off the sides of traps. "It's a different story today," he said, crediting Woody Anderson with spearheading the project that has almost made weevils a thing of the past in West Texas.

"It's amazing. More money is spent on boll weevils than all insects combined."

Kattes was guest speaker at a recent Garden Club meeting, along with his wife, Molly. Kattes used a humorous slide presentation to introduce club members to the multiple benefits of not-so-popular insects such as wasps and mosquitos.

He waxes lyrical about bugs and their habits, finding interest and beauty in the worst of bugs, the "ugly ducklings of nature."

Kattes spends a large amount of time photographing different life stages of insects, with the same enthusiasm others have for photographing children or pets.

He once watched an ant drag a wolf spider twice its weight across Katte's yard and driveway and spent two to three hours photographing the journey instead of mowing the lawn.

His book, *Insects of Texas: a Practical Guide* is available through Amazon and Barnes and Nobles.



C-CITY LIONS CLUB members (from left) Ed Blake, Pat Cawthron, Bob Brookshear and Bob Ramage presented a check for \$7,000 to Amie Wood for the Main Street Unmet Needs Fund for the families left homeless from the fires last month. Lions Club International contributed \$2,000 and an individual Lions Club member donated \$1,000. Photo courtesy of the Lions Club

Ag conference slated March 30

SNYDER — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual multi-county Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 30 at the Scurry Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder.

"This year's program will touch on everything from weed resistance to herbicides to the proper supplemental feeding of cattle," said Greg Gruben, AgriLife Extension agent in Scurry County.

Topics will take into consideration specific area needs.

Morning topics will include: cotton and grain economics, laws and regulations, and weed resistance to herbicides.

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into two concurrent sessions.

Session A presentations will be: Cotton Weed Management/ Volunteer Cotton Management, Fertilizer Management-Goals for Economic Yields, Grain Sorghum Production and Integrated Pest Management Update.

Session B presentations will be: Providing Proper Supplementation with Available For-

age, individual Plant Treatment Recommendations for Invasive Range Plants, Quail Management Update, Forage Sorghums and Vaccination/Trichomoniasis Update.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered -- four in the general category, one laws and regulations and one integrated pest management.

Persons needing a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license can receive the necessary training from 9 a.m. to noon with the test at 1 p.m. For this training, RSVP by March 25 by calling 325-573-5423.

Individual registration for the conference is \$20 and includes lunch.

For more information and to register, call the AgriLife Extension offices in Mitchell County at 325-728-3111, Nolan County at 325-235-3184, or Scurry County at 325-573-5423.

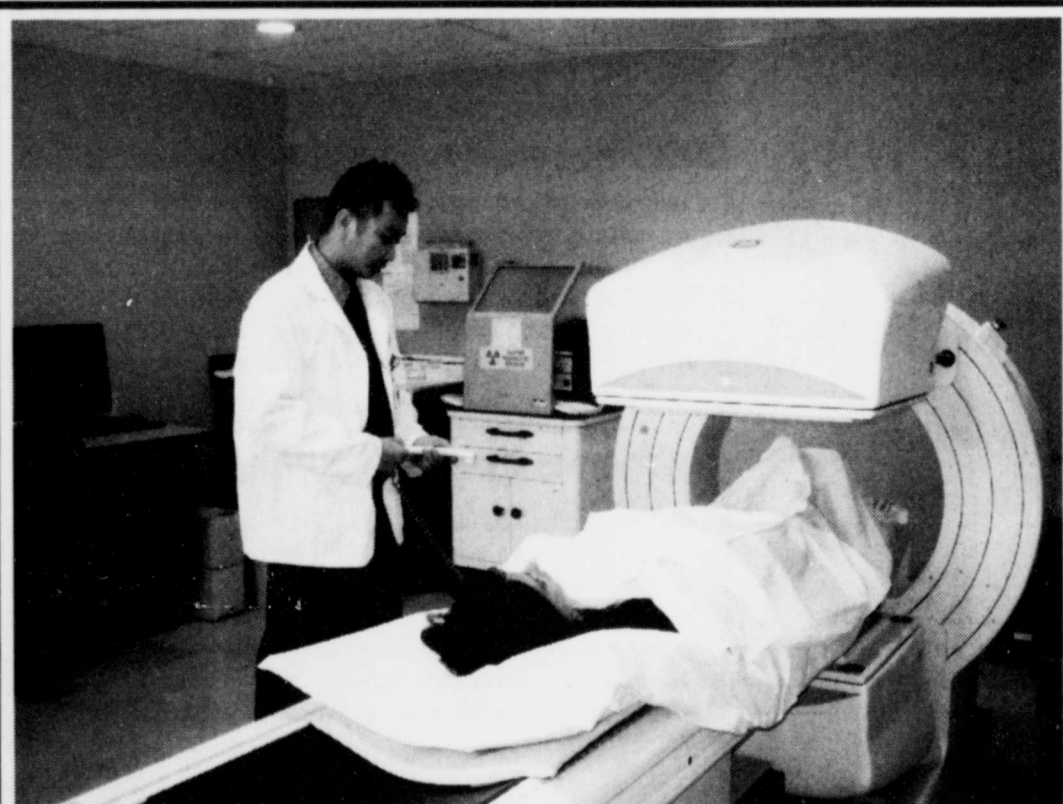
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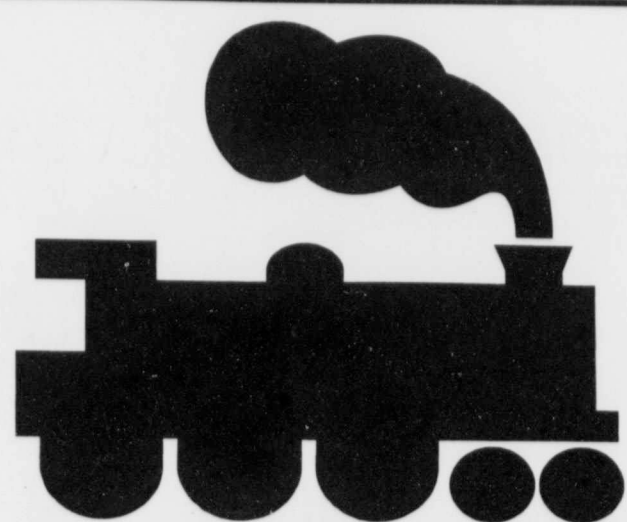
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SCHOOL NEWS



LENDING A HELPING hand, FFA students from Colorado High School Jay Haggerton, Rylan Gardner, Clinton Keck and Alex Salazar help Dot Smith and Robin Senter unload a trailer load of clothing donated by DECA students from Snyder. The donation will help families suffering from the February 27 grass fire. Photo courtesy of Dan Smith.

Students collect for fire victims

Snyder students from Lisa Parker's DECA class collected 40-50 boxes of clothing to help the families left homeless in the February 27 grass fire.

Students participating in the clothing drive were Kelton Garcia, Morgan Strickland, Donnie Medrano, Brandon Medrano, Will Varela, Melinda Worley, Tara Gordon, Makeanna Scott, Kaitlin Horton, Santos Perez, Marcie Phillips and Leslie Rosas.

Dot Smith, of the Community Mission, picked up the trailer load of boxes in Snyder.

Several Colorado High School FFA students assisted with the unloading of the boxes at the mission upon Smith's return.

CHS students who helped with the unloading were Jay Haggerton, Rylan Gardner, Clinton Keck and Alex Salazar. Robin Senter is the FFA sponsor.



SNYDER'S DECA CLASS collected items for fire victims in Colorado City. Under the leadership of Lisa Parker, students Kelton Garcia, Morgan Strickland, Donnie Medrano, Brandon Medrano, Will Varela, Melinda Worley, Tara Gordon, Makeanna Scott, Kaitlin Horton, Santos Perez, Marcie Phillips and Leslie Rosas loaded boxes for the Community Mission.

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - honey bun, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - mini corn dogs, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - pizza, green beans, apple slices, milk.
Tuesday - pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, half slice bread, pears, milk.
Wednesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, peaches, milk.
Thursday - Frito pie, refried beans, tossed salad, pears, milk.
Friday - mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, apricots, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - mini corn dog, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - pancake pups, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - wolf burger, fries, lettuce cup, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Frito pie, tossed salad, refried beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - catfish, fries, golden corn, homemade biscuit, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, scrambled egg, biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, French toast, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, egg & cheese taco, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS

Lunch Menu Mar. 21-25
Monday - wolf burger, fries, lettuce cup, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - grilled ham and cheese, glazed carrots, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - roasted chicken, half of baked potato, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - green chili casserole, spicy pinto, tossed salad, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - catfish, potato salad, golden corn, homemade biscuit, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - muffins, cereal, juice, milk.
Tuesday - breakfast pizza, cereal, apple, milk.
Wednesday - French toast, cereal,

apple, milk.
Thursday - PopTarts, cereal, apple-sauce, milk.
Friday - egg & cheese sandwich, cereal, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - burritos, cheese, Spanish rice, cookie, broccoli florets, diced peaches, milk.
Tuesday - chicken tetrazzini, green beans, carrots, jello, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
Wednesday - steak fingers, gravy, broccoli with cheese, mac and cheese, apple, biscuits, milk.
Thursday - corn dogs, salad, tater tots, carrots, cake, milk.
Friday - cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, fresh orange, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - twin sausage, gravy, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Hot Pockets, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - strawberry mini pancakes, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Mar. 21-25

Monday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk.
Tuesday - golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit, garlic breadstick, milk.
Wednesday - Frito pie, pinto beans, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, cornbread, milk.
Thursday - chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, sherbet cup, milk.
Friday - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple chunks, milk.

Loraine ISD festival is Sat., Mar. 26

Loraine ISD has plenty of family fun in store on Saturday, March 26, and everyone is welcome to come out and join in.

A Spring Festival and Book Fair Carnival will be held Saturday, March 26, beginning with the book fair in the library from 1 to 4 p.m. and continuing with games on the football field from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be lots of games including a jumping obstacle course with a giant slide, a car bash, coke toss, basketball throw, cake walk and much more. Along with the games, several raffles will be held.

To participate in the fun, tickets must be purchased for 25 cents each at the event.

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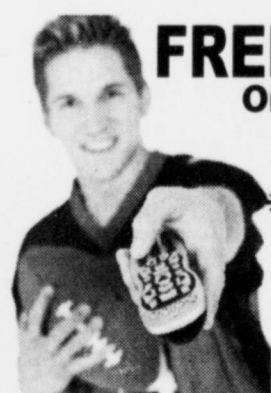
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SPORTS

CHS girls place first at Clyde meet

The girls' varsity and JV track teams from Colorado High School participated in the Clyde Golden Shoe Relays, with the varsity finishing 1st in the meet.

The varsity Lady Wolves placed 1st with 123 points, followed by Jim Ned in 2nd with 115.5. Albany placed 3rd with 103 points, with the rest of the field rounded out by Cisco Clyde and Coleman. Results for the varsity

and junior varsity follow.

Varsity
High Jump: Michelle Billingsley, tied for 1st, 5'0"; Heather Merket, 6th
Shot: Nece Braziel, 1st, 33'7"; Ava Macedo, 2nd, 30'
Triple Jump: 2nd, Heather Merket, 31' 6"
4X100 relay: CCity, 2nd, 53.37, Emma Leanos, Heather Merket, Thea Gauzo, Luran Meeks

4X200 relay: CCity, 2nd, 1.54, Hope Sanchez, Heather Merket, Micah Minkina, Raegan Costabile
4X400 relay: CCity, 3rd, 4.57, Valerie Vera, Gracie Aguilar, Thea Gauzo, Micah Minkina
800m: Valerie Vera, 2nd, Gracie Aguilar, 6th
400m: Emma Leanos, 1st; Valerie Vera, 4th
200m: Heather Merket, 1st;

Emma Leanos, 2nd
Junior Varsity
3200m: Katy Muñoz, 1st, 16.18; Angenette Gonzales, 2nd, 17.07
1600m: Katy Muñoz, 3rd, 7.24
High Jump: Mackenzie Kimball, 1st, 4'6"
The Lady Wolves will travel to Hamlin on Saturday, March 19 to participate in their next meet.

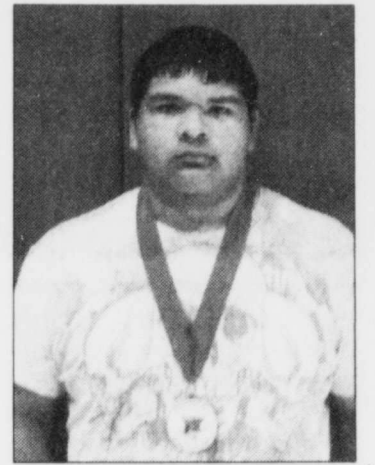
Gutierrez qualifies for state powerlifting

Two CHS powerlifters traveled to Sundown over the weekend to compete in the Region 1 THSPA meet on Saturday.

Sophomore Fabian Gutierrez took 1st place in the 275-lb weight class, and qualified to compete in the State Powerlifting Meet which will be held in Abilene on March 26.

Number one ranked junior Ramiro Reyes also competed in the meet and was expected to qualify for state as well but was disqualified for intentionally dropping the bar during the deadlift competition. Reyes set a new record for Region 1 during the squat event, lifting 535 pounds. Reyes also bench pressed 360 pounds.

According to powerlifting coach B.H. Graham, Reyes insisted that he dropped the bar accidentally during the lift that disqualified him. "I'm not sure how you tell if someone drops something intentionally," Gra-



Fabian Gutierrez

ham said. "The rule itself is subjective."

Although Reyes was quite disappointed with the ruling, he is a junior at Colorado High School and will get the chance to compete again next year.

Girl powerlifter Darian Lenderson is set to compete in the state meet Saturday, March 19 in Corpus Christi.

CHS tennis teams compete in Garden City

...player brings home a 3rd place trophy

The Colorado High School tennis team competed in the Garden City Invitational Varsity Tennis Tournament in Garden City on Friday March 11. There were seven schools participating in the meet including Forsan, Sterling City, Grady, TLCA, Grape Creek, Colorado City and Garden City.

According to tennis coach Mary Lou Costabile, Forsan and Garden City had some state

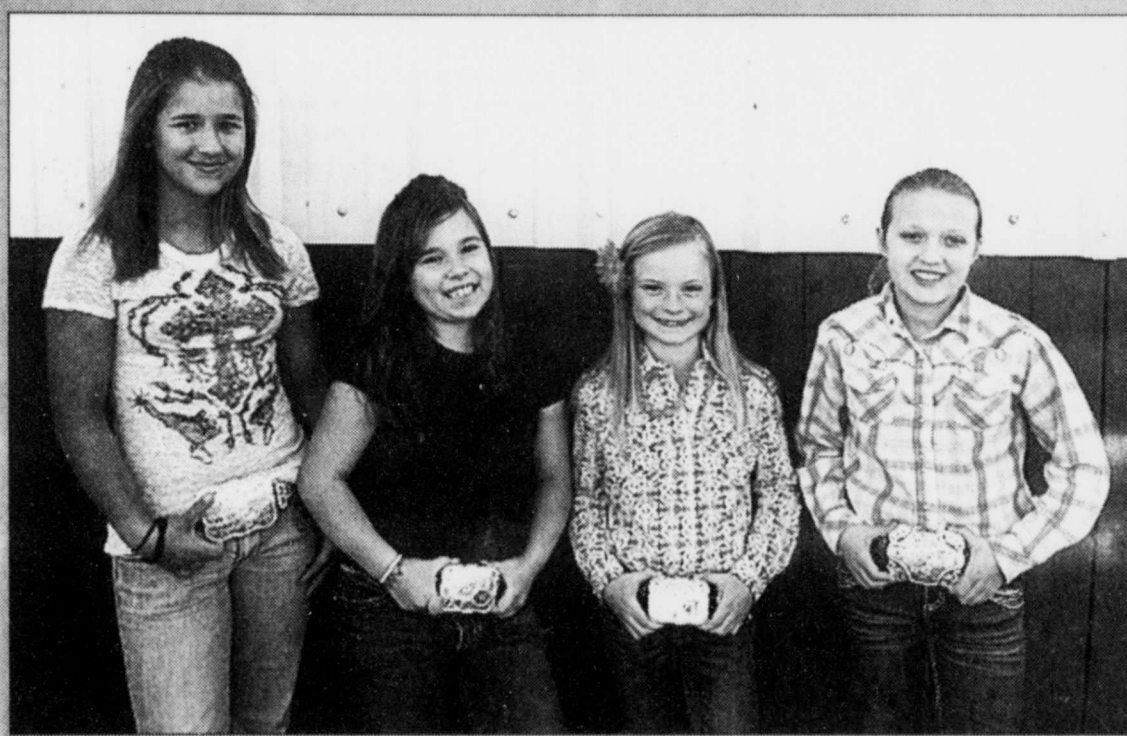
tennis champions playing in the tournament. The Colorado City girls' singles player Heather Barrera and mixed doubles Lance Johns and Joanna Parsons got to play against state champs and progressed well on the winners' side of the bracket.

Barrera fell short of a 3rd place medal coming in 4th place in a tie-breaker. In mixed doubles, Johns and Parsons earned a 3rd place

medal.

Other members of the tennis team participating in the tournament were boys' singles Blaze Alford and Sumo Martinez, and boys' doubles Joseph Polanco and Sebastian Turner.

Both the varsity and junior varsity tennis teams will travel to Rose Park in Abilene Friday to compete in a tournament hosted by Jim Ned.



THESE FOUR GIRLS, (l-r) Katie Rees, Mikaili Reyes, Tegan Dickson and Brae Boedeker, won belt buckles at the 2010 HCYHC year end award banquet. They excelled in barrels, poles, and goat tying. All four girls compete for Diamond Bit Farm, and their coach is Diedra Hale of Westbrook. Look for these girls in the 2011 rodeos. Photo courtesy of Diedra Hale.

Snyder to host youth basketball tournament April 1 and 2

The Snyder Shootout Youth Basketball Tournament will be held April 1-2 in Snyder.

The tournament is open to boys' and girls' teams in the 3rd through 11th grades. All games will be played in Snyder ISD gyms.

The entry fee is \$150.00 per team. Each team will play at least three games or more. The tournament will follow UIL rules and have 16 minute halves with a running clock. The clock will stop for free throws and timeouts.

Medals will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place in each bracket. All surrounding cities are encouraged to attend. Please contact Cory Lusk 940-224-7799 or txnmhoops@yahoo.com.

CHS boys compete in Clyde Relays

The Colorado City boys' track teams competed in the Clyde Golden Shoe Relays last week.

Tracy Russell won a gold medal in the 100m run with a time of 10.98, and Nathan Jackson took 3rd place in the race with a time of 11.34.

Mark Henderson finished 2nd in the 400m run in 55.4 seconds, and the 4x400 relay team placed 3rd finishing their relay in 3:37.

Tyler Lorenz placed 3rd in the high jump event, jumping 39 feet, and Michael Hernandez placed 3rd in the high jump, with a jump of 5'8".

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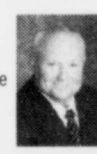
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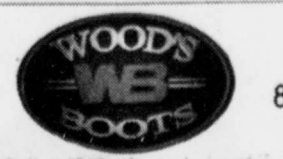
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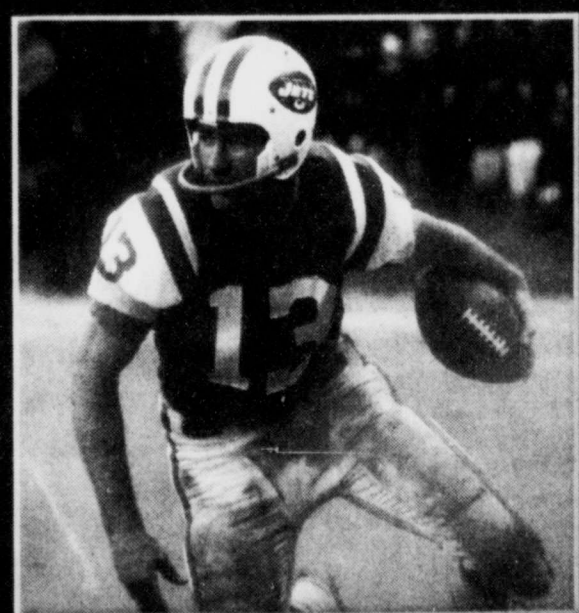
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**Chip Northcutt
& family**

Please keep us
in your prayers.

Card of Thanks

We'll make this short because if we listed everyone who has helped us as well as the other families that lost their homes, the Record would have to add a section like "Letters to Santa" at Christmastime. Thank everyone for your prayers and support. The generosity of Mitchell Co. and the surrounding communities is overwhelming. Thank you again.

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mitchell County will have numerous items to sell at the Loraine Fire Department's Annual Auction. The auction is to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the Loraine Co-op Gin yard, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. A list of items to be auctioned is available at the County Auditor's Office. Janna Ratliff
Mitchell County Auditor

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney decides to not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of thirty days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: DELIA CONSTANCIO, DEFENDANT,
GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, the 25th day of April, 2011, before the Honorable 32nd Judicial District court of Mitchell County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Colorado City, Texas. Said Petitioner's Petition was filed in said Court by Michael Hall, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 119 E. 3rd Street, Sweetwater, TX 79556, on the 18th day of August, 2010, in this case numbered 15,791 on the docket of said court, and styled:
RICKY GRISSAM, Plaintiff, v. DELIA CONSTANCIO, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: petition claiming negligence against Defendant and seeking economic and bodily injury damages sustained by Plaintiff as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Original Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Colorado City, Texas, this 9th day of March, 2011

Sharon Hammond, District Clerk
Room 302, Mitchell Co. Courthouse
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Energren Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Middle Clearfork formation, North Westbrook Unit, Well Number(s) 3102W, and 7110W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 2 - 6 miles North of Westbrook, in the in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2800 to 3500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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The applicant proposes to amend the existing permit to dispose of fluid into the Clearfork formation, North Westbrook Unit, Well Number(s) 6901W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 5 miles North of Westbrook, in the in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

The purpose of the amendment is to increase the existing injection interval.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3300 to 5050 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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On March 6, a subject in the 2300 block of N. Hwy. 208 reported that someone had removed trash from their dumpster and placed several bags of leaves in it. The case is under investigation.

On March 6, a subject entered a local business in the 400 block of Hickory and took an item without paying. The subject was observed on video by an officer. The case is under investigation.

On March 7, during an investigation into a custody issue, an officer detected the smell of illegal drugs in a vehicle. Upon the search of the vehicle, the officer found a baggie of marijuana. A 27-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On March 8, a 25-year-old female was arrested in the 200 block of Manuel for outstanding warrants in Nolan County. She was transported to the MCSO.

On March 8, a 23-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of 10th Street. During a traffic stop, the subject was found to be driving with an invalid license. The subject was transported to the MCSO.

On March 9, an 18-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of Waco. An officer observed the subject and was known by the officer not to have a driver's license. A traffic stop was initiated by the officer. The subject was transported to the MCSO.

On March 9, a 20-year-old male was arrested in the 1000 block of Oak for Mitchell County warrants and evading arrest. A subject was identified by an officer as having warrants for his arrest. The subject ran and tried to evade the officers. He was caught, placed in custody and transported to the MCSO.

On March 9, a 19-year-old male was arrested in the 1000 block of Oak for disorderly conduct-language, evading arrest and resisting transport. During the apprehension of another subject, the 19-year-old male became verbally abusive to officers.

The subject then tried to flee on foot. He was caught, placed into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On March 10, a vehicle was reported missing in the 600 block of 3rd Street. It was not in its rightful place when an employee went to pick it up. Vehicle was located.

On March 10, a 56-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of 3rd Street for outstanding warrants. He was transported to the MCSO.

On March 10, a 54-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of Pine for outstanding warrants. He was transported to the MCSO.

On March 10, a person entering their garage in the 1400 block of Waco noticed that someone had attempted to enter the garage illegally. The case is under investigation.

On March 11, a subject in the 800 block of 10th Street reported being pushed during a verbal argument by someone known to them. The case is under investigation.

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By Aimee Jackson

Loraine Correspondent

The Loraine ISD Library is hosting a book fair March 23rd-25th from 12:30-4:00 pm. Everyone is invited and there will be books, computer games, posters, and learning toys available for purchase.

The book fair is raises money for our school library and enables the librarian to purchase more books for our students. This is a great way for parents and grandparents to purchase gifts while

supporting a local cause.

The fair will close with a large family event planned for March 26th from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Come on out and have a great time shopping!

On Monday, March the 21st, the students from One Act Play in Loraine will be hosting a Mexican pile up dinner in the school cafeteria. Please call the school to purchase advance tickets for your meal or ask any of the One Act Play actors or crew members.

March night skies are excellent for stargazing

March is a good month to catch some great sky watching opportunities.

Sky watchers with binoculars or a small telescope can view the tiny asteroid Juno in the southern portion of the constellation Leo.

A few nights later, enjoy the vista of planets Mercury and Jupiter in the evening twilight. The planets will be less than two degrees apart on March 15.

Visible in the west after evening twilight from March 21-April 4, observers can view the faint glow of interplanetary particles known as the zodiacal light.

March 22 will be the best time in the Northern Hemisphere to view Mercury during 2011.

Neptune can be spotted alongside Venus during morn-

ing twilight on March 27 in the east. Sky watchers will need binoculars or a telescope to search for the tiny planet a half degree above and to the right of Venus.

Planet trackers can find Mercury the last two weeks of March close to Jupiter in evening twilight.

Venus will be a brilliant morning star low in the southeast all month, but Mars is too close to the sun to be observed.

Jupiter will be low in the western sky in early evening and vanishes behind the sun towards the end of the month.

Saturn makes an early evening appearance and is visible in Virgo, complete with its rings in full view. Saturn's rings have been on edge for the last two years, diminishing some of the planet's limelight.

Workshop to help family farm endure

Many Texas landowners today struggle to hang on to the family farm or ranch. To help address this issue, the Texas Agricultural Land Trust, a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to help landowners protect, conserve and pass land down to future generations, is hosting two workshops featuring tax expert Steve Small.

"The combination of high land prices and burdensome estate taxes is making it difficult for families, even those who have done a significant amount of estate planning, to maintain ownership," Blair Fitzsimons, TALT Executive Director said. "As a result, Texas is losing productive agricultural land and wildlife habitat faster than any other state in the nation."

One of the tools available to landowners is a conservation easement, a voluntary agreement between the landowner and land trust that restricts all future non-agricultural development of the property. In return for placing this restriction on the property, the landowner receives significant income and estate tax benefits.

The four-hour "Saving Family Lands" seminars will be taught by Steve Small, cited by Forbes Magazine as "the nation's top authority on saving land and money with conservation easements." As an IRS attorney,

Mr. Small helped to write and implement the federal tax code sections governing conservation easements. Today, in his private practice, he advises landowners on protecting valued family lands, including preparing for the next generation of ownership.

Designed for landowners, CPAs, attorneys, and appraisers, the first seminar will be held in Houston on June 22nd at the Houstonian, 111 North Post Oak Lane, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. The second seminar will be held on June 23rd in Amarillo at the Amarillo Club, 600 S. Tyler Street, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$75/person, and \$100 for those seeking Continuing Legal Education credit.

The seminars are especially timely in the wake of tax incentives passed by Congress in 2010. These incentives, which expire at the end of 2011, enable greater utilization of the conservation easement tool by those who make their living from agriculture.

Space is limited. To register for the seminars, visit TALT's website, www.txaglandtrust.org, or call 210-826-0074.

Becky Benivamondez wants to invite everyone to the next Zumba class. It will be held at 5 pm at the Loraine school gym on Monday, March 21st.

Wear something comfortable and come have fun!

The Senior Center enjoyed a visit from Mr. James Vaughn of Hermleigh recently.

Charlene Hayes, Bobby Richardson and Charles Dunn played for us at the center last Friday. As always, it was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all.

Charlene Hayes provided special music at the Methodist

Church Sunday morning singing, "Without Him". She was accompanied by Debby Mitchell on piano.

It was enjoyed by all.

A covered dish meal was enjoyed by the Methodist Church after services Sunday. About 30 members and guests attended. Many who attended were also having birthdays in March, so it became a double celebration.

Grand Ol' Opry performer George Hamilton IV will be in concert at the Methodist Church Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm.

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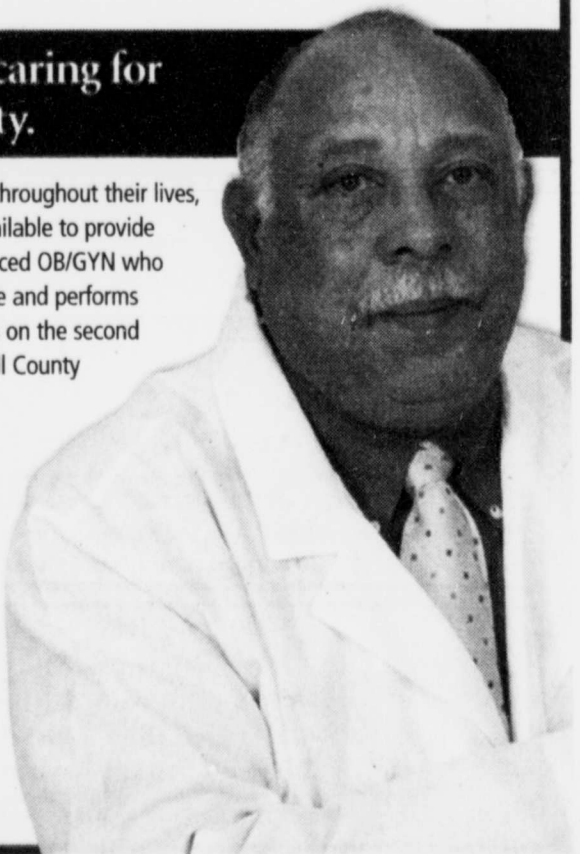
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