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Colorado City, Loraine & Westbrook

County OKs abatement for wind farm

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record
The Mitchell County Commissioners Court made it official Monday morning; Mitchell County is home to two wind farm projects.
County commissioners unanimously approved creating a reinvestment zone near Loraine to comprise a tract of approximately 15,000 acres recently leased by Third Planet Windpower, LLC, to create a field

of 100 or more electrical generation wind towers. The commissioners also okayed a 10-year tax abatement deal similar to the one awarded to Airtricity recently to develop a 103-tower project in the northeast portion of the county.

Mitchell County Economic Development Board Director Sue Young said the move could be good for the county as it may create local job opportunities as well as feed the county's coffers with additional

tax monies.
"Third Planet could add to the employment potential and add to economic development in the area," said Young, who joined Leigh in appearing in front of the county commissioners.

The abatement deal agreed to by Third Planet and the county is a 10-year pact based on two 5-year periods in which the company will receive tax breaks. During
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Deadline approaching to schedule pick-up service for 'Spring Clean-up'

If you have limbs, old appliances or pieces others may consider "treasure," time is running out on your opportunity to give it to the Colorado City municipal landfill -- free of charge.

Residents who need help disposing of unwanted items via the Keep Colorado City Beautiful "Spring Clean-up" effort have until 5 p.m. on April 18 to

make arrangements with the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce. Following the deadline, residents will have to move unwanted items to the landfill with their own vehicles.

The KCCB annual Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 21. Teams of volunteers, along with city and county employees, will be on hand.
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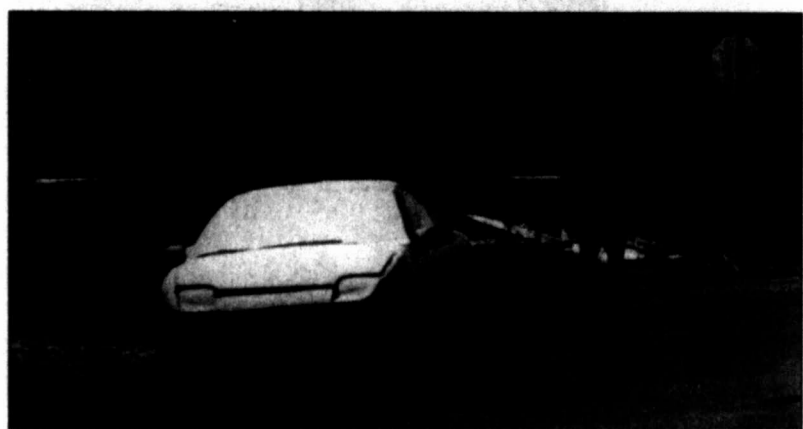


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SNOW BLANKETS A FIELD of bluebonnets on Saturday morning as an Easter cold front moved through West Texas. The snowfall is the latest to ever hit Mitchell County. To view this photo in color, visit our web site at www.coloradorecord.com

Spring takes a break

Rare April snowstorm blankets county with 1-3 inches



FROM 1 TO 3 INCHES of snow covered cars and yards in Mitchell County last weekend.

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record
Mitchell County residents lived through a bit of history this past weekend. Err, better make that shivered through it.

Temperatures dipped into the upper 20s and mid-30s on April 7 as a large low pressure system pushed its way across the southern U.S. and brought with it 1-3 inches of snow on Saturday. The snowfall marks the latest point in a year frozen precipitation has fallen in the county.

According to several residents, some portions of the county received less than an inch of snow, while others -- around Loraine -- collected more than 2 inches.

The weather didn't create much havoc, however. Troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety

and officers with the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office worked a handful of wrecks -- mostly around Loraine. Among the biggest was an accident on Interstate 20 near Loraine in which an 18-wheeler struck a pick-up truck. No major injuries were reported in any of the accidents.

A majority of the problems endured by West Texans happened elsewhere. On Saturday, one person was killed in an accident near Pecos when the vehicle she was driving collided with another. In San Angelo, 21 wrecks were attributed to the weather, including a 10-car pileup that prompted Texas Department of Transportation officials to close the Houston Harte Expressway for about three hours. Six people were hospitalized due to the accident.

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Colorado City among 150 Texas cities asking for another hearing of Texas RRC

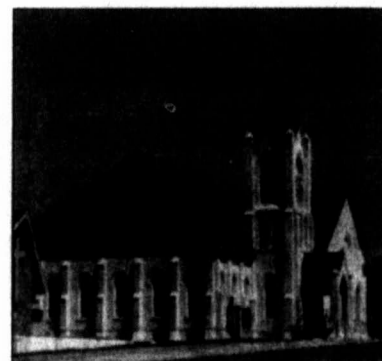
Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record
Colorado City is among a coalition of 150 North Texas cities served by Atmos Energy requesting that Railroad Commissioners reconsider their decision Thursday allowing Atmos Mid-Tex to increase residential gas rates by \$10.6 million.

The coalition announced that it will urge commissioners to affirm the Railroad Commission examiners' Feb. 2 finding that Atmos should reduce residents gas rate charges by \$23 million annually.

North Texas ratepayers are shocked that the commissioners reversed the judges' findings and now effectively penalize residential

ratepayers to reward a company's mismanagement," said Jay Doegye, chairman of the cities' coalition. "Our decision to push the issue is rooted in our conviction that this monopoly gas utility needs to be more accountable for its questionable accounting practices."

The rate case started in 2005
See ATMOS, Page 2



FUMC WILL CELEBRATE its 125th anniversary this weekend with a 3-day event.

FUMC to celebrate 125th anniversary this weekend

The First United Methodist Church of Colorado City will mark a milestone in its history this weekend when the congregation celebrated the church's 125th anniversary with a three-day gala beginning Friday evening.

The church was founded in 1882 by Presiding Elder Reverend J.T.L. Annis and Rev. R.F. Dunn. The

group initially constructed the 20-foot by 30-foot brick building known as Centenary Chapel in 1884. The building was recognized with a Texas Historical Marker in the 1960s.

Through the years, the church had grown immensely. The steeple and choir arch were added in 1900.
See FUMC, Page 2

Thompson steps down as CNB chairman

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record
After seven years serving as chairman of the board for The City National Bank, Emma Beth Thompson felt it was time for someone else to take charge. To do that, she knew a change would have to be made.

So the longtime Colorado City resident announced she would not serve another term as chairman

of the board, but will continue to serve as an active board member -- clearing the way for CNB President Royce Clay to be elected to the position.



Royce Clay

"She's done so much for us," said Clay, who was named chairman on Feb. 21. "She's such an amazing woman."

Replacing Thompson wasn't something the CNB board of directors had in mind when she announced her decision. The group was prepared to elect her chairman again, Clay said.

"She's still very capable and still very involved," said Clay, noting Thompson had served as chairman since 2000. "She just said it was time for someone else to serve as chairman."

Thompson has served on the bank's board since 1975.

Council halts hotel/motel tax allocations

The Colorado City Council announced Tuesday evening it would not be allocating 2007 hotel/motel tax funds to local entities until receipts from last year's projects were provided to the city.

<p>Around Town</p> <p>Happy 21st birthday Lori Denise Davila (Apr. 12)... Happy belated birthday Olga Martinez... Jared Johnson building a snowman... Happy birthday Justin Goebel (Apr. 17)...</p> <p>Answerline</p> <p>Q. Has a new president been named at Western Texas College? A. No, school officials will name a new president in about two weeks.</p>	<p>Obituaries</p> <p>SEE OBITs ON PAGE 2</p> <p>Sam Huffman, Colorado City James Morris, Colorado City Deborah Shaw, Marble Falls</p>	<p>Garage Sale</p> <p>The youth of First Baptist Church will have a garage sale Sat., Apr. 21 at the church gym beginning at 8 a.m. All proceeds will benefit FBC's youth.</p> <p>CIA Fundraiser</p> <p>The Confirmation Classes of St. Ann's and St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be selling dinner plates Sun., Apr. 15 beginning</p>	<p>Briefs</p> <p>at 11 a.m. The menu will consist of chile Colorado or chicken and rice, beans, rice, tortillas, salad, tea and dessert. Cost will be \$6 for adult plates and \$4 for child's plates. Call-in orders are welcome, 242-1619 or 728-3962. Free delivery available. All proceeds will benefit Christmas In Action.</p> <p>Band Booster Meeting</p> <p>There will be a CHS Band</p>	<p>Boosters meeting Tues., Apr. 17th at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall.</p> <p>Massive Garage Sale</p> <p>The youth of Calvary Baptist Church will have a garage sale at the church, 1025 E. 15th on Sat., Apr. 14 beginning at 8 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the youth.</p>	<p>Thought of the Week</p> <p><i>Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.</i></p> <p>Mark Twain</p> <p>Lake Levels</p> <p>(as of March 20, 2007)</p> <p>Lake Colorado City...2064.54' Full at 2070.3' Down 5.76' Lake Champion...2040.53' Full at 2083' Down 42.47'</p>
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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Deborah Leigh Shaw 1961-2007

MARBLE FALLS -- Deborah Leigh Shaw died Apr. 5, 2007, after a year-long battle with leukemia. Funeral services were held Mon., Apr. 9, at the Marble Falls Church of Christ. Interment followed at Lakeland Hills.

Debbie was born Oct. 18, 1961, in Colorado City, where she grew up and graduated high school. She also began her teaching career in Colorado City. She married Jon Shaw on March 9, 1985 and had two children, Madison and Corbin. The family moved in Marble Falls in 2003. Debbie was a school counselor at Spicewood Elementary. She loved her profession, and had earned degrees in education from both Angelo State University and Abilene Christian University. She attended the Lake Country Church of Christ and previously attended and taught Sunday School at the Marble Falls Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband and two children; her parents, Wayne and Sandy Nowell; her sister, Terri Jo Smith; brother, Tim Nowell and his wife Staci, all of Marble Falls; Jon's parents, Curtis and Elsie Shaw; his grandparents, L.C. and Clyda Mize; Jon's sister, Lana Culpepper and her husband, Bob, all of Colorado City; Jon's brother, Todd Shaw and his wife Paige of Snyder; and eight nieces and nephews.

James Morris 1933-2007

COLORADO CITY -- Mr. James Morris, age 73, of Colorado City, died Wed., Apr. 4, 2007, in a local hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kiker-Seale with Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Westbrook Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Morris was born Nov. 1, 1933, in Westbrook to Carl and Clara May Morris and had been a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. He married Thelma White on Jan. 3, 1966, in Colorado City. He was a retired employee of Colorado City having worked in the water department for more than 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Morris of Colorado City; three daughters, Peggy Harris of Roscoe, Patricia Morris of Big Spring and Pamela Campbell of Colorado City; a sister, Glenda Corbell of Colorado City; two brothers, Chester Morris of Clyde and Glynn Morris of Loraine; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Samuel Dell Huffman 1954-2007

COLORADO CITY -- Samuel Dell Huffman, 52, died Thurs., Apr. 5, 2007, at his home in Colorado City. Services were held Sat., Apr. 7 at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Sam was born Nov. 7, 1954, in Comanche, the son of Henry and Lois Huffman. He graduated from Comanche High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Tarleton State University. He was a lifelong educator, beginning his career as an industrial arts teacher in Freepport, Texas, and was currently a counselor for Colorado ISD. It was his second tenure as CISD counselor, having begun his counseling career at Colorado High School in 1987. He has also served as an assistant principal at Forestburg, Texas and Merkel, Texas; principal at Santa Anna ISD, counselor at Sweetwater High School; and industrial arts teacher at Snyder High School. He left Snyder in 1998. He also worked for Dow Chemical in Freepport, and Dowell Corp. in Colorado City.

Sam was avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing as well as gardening. When not engaged in his job as counselor, he was either talking about, reminiscing over, showing pictures of, or planning a fishing trip. He was equally adept at salt water or freshwater fishing. He spent most weekends with his wife of 29 years, Cindy, fishing in "The Two of Us" bass tournaments and most of his summers at his Port O'Connor, Texas retreat. He was a member of the Colorado City Bass Club.

Sam was a Christian and a member of 22nd & Austin Church of Christ in Colorado City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lois Huffman of Comanche.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy; two sisters, Sallie Huffman of Carrollton; and Sue and husband, Norman Crowson of Richardson.

City considers adding \$5 late fee to delinquent water bills

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Being late with your water bill could cost you where it hurts most -- the pocketbook -- if the Colorado City Council has its way.

Members of the council voted unanimously Tuesday night, April 10, to authorize city attorney Lois Rockefeller to include a provision in a revised city ordinance allowing city officials to tack on a \$5 late fee to customers' bills if they are not paid within 10 days of their due date.

"This will help prevent delinquencies from occurring if the people know they will get charged more if their bills become delinquent," said city manager Paul Catoe.

The move would bring the city in line with other utility providers such as Atmos, TXU and Reliant. Those companies all charge late fees on past due accounts.

According to Catoe, the late fees would also help the city make up for approximately a \$10,000 a year shortfall in revenue created by

about \$25,792 in uncollected debt from people who leave without finalizing their accounts.

At its last meeting the council helped soften the blow to the city by increasing the reconnection fees for delinquent accounts from \$30 to \$50.

Currently, all city water bills are due on the 10th day of the month. Under the proposed addition, a \$5 late fee would go into effect on any bills paid after the 20th of the month.

The new ordinance will be discussed at the April 24 council meeting.



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

MORE THAN 100 residents of Mitchell County packed into the 3M Palace Theater last week to catch a sneak peak of the cinema. The theater will be showing two free shows this weekend. On Friday evening, at 8 p.m., "The Pursuit of Happiness" will be shown. On Saturday, "Open Season" will show at 5 p.m. and "The Pursuit of Happiness" will air again at 7:30 p.m.

FUMC

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and the stained glass windows were installed in 1916.

A series of upgrades over the past 10 decades have kept the building modern. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1969. The stained glass windows on the northside were re-inforced after a 1974 hail storm damaged them. The Youth Basement and church parlor was refurbished in the 1980s. In 2004, St. Luke's United Methodist Church joined the FUMC congregation and, in 2005, jointly raised the funds to purchase the new parsonage located on 21st Street.

Like the church buildings, which

are now valued at \$1.2 million, the FUMC membership has grown through the years. Currently sporting 443 members, the church began with just 11 members in 1882 after Rev. Annis and Rev. Dunn had received permission from the 1881 Annual Conference leaders to create the church in the Abilene District.

In 1924, the church membership had grown to 489, and climbed to around 800 in the late 1940s.

For more information on this weekend's activities see pages 6 and 7 of today's edition of the Colorado City Record

KCCB

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players, will be scouting the community picking up limbs, large appliances and other items in an effort to improve the appearance of the city.

KCCB President Bob Reily said persons who need assistance in moving items to the landfill should contact the chamber at 728-3403 to schedule a pick-up time.

Reily said those who are transporting limbs can take them to the corner of east Highway 80 and Country Club Road -- the site of the old drive-in theater. Old appliances are to be taken to the back lot of Fred Lentz Machinery, at 1709 West Point Avenue. Items other than limbs and appliances should be taken to the landfill prior to the landfill closing at 1 p.m.

Persons interested in volunteer-

ing for the project should go to the First Baptist Church parking lot at 8 a.m. on April 21.

"We do need workers," Reily said. "We will have coffee and doughnuts beginning at 8 a.m. for the volunteers, and serve lunch when we finish at noon," Reily said.

The volunteers' lunch will be served at All Saints Episcopal Church.

ATMOS

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when 90 North Texas cities began an inquiry into the rates charged by Atmos Mid-Tex after the company filed two surcharge requests in less than two years. Upon investigation, the cities uncovered questionable expensing and operating practices, including two years when there was no invoice data for expenses they sought to pass on to consumers. Atmos responded to the investigation by filing a case to raise customers' rates.

On Feb. 2, Railroad Commission judges concurred with the cities, issuing a 186-page decision for Atmos to lower rates by \$23 million and to provide a \$2.5 million refund of improper surcharges. The judges ruled that "the inclusion of such exorbitant expenses (limousine rides, first-class airfare, lavish meals, executives gifts, entertainment, expensive furniture and \$75,000 worth of artwork) seriously undermined the credibility of

the filing itself and of the (Atmos witnesses)."

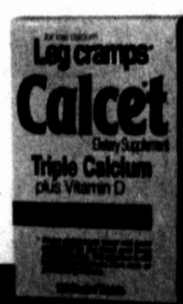
The commissioners' March 29 decision to overturn its judges' decision on rates adds an estimated 70 cents a month to the average residential customer's gas bill and is particularly troubling because the commission approved a \$5.9 million rate cut to industrial customers at the same time.

Doegey noted that this would be the second straight Railroad Commission reduction granted to industrial customers and the second Atmos case in which the RRC would significantly increase the financial burden on residential customers.

The commissioners' March 29 decision also places them at odds with the Business and Commerce committee of the Texas Senate, which two weeks ago unanimously approved a bill to repeal surcharges allowed under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program.

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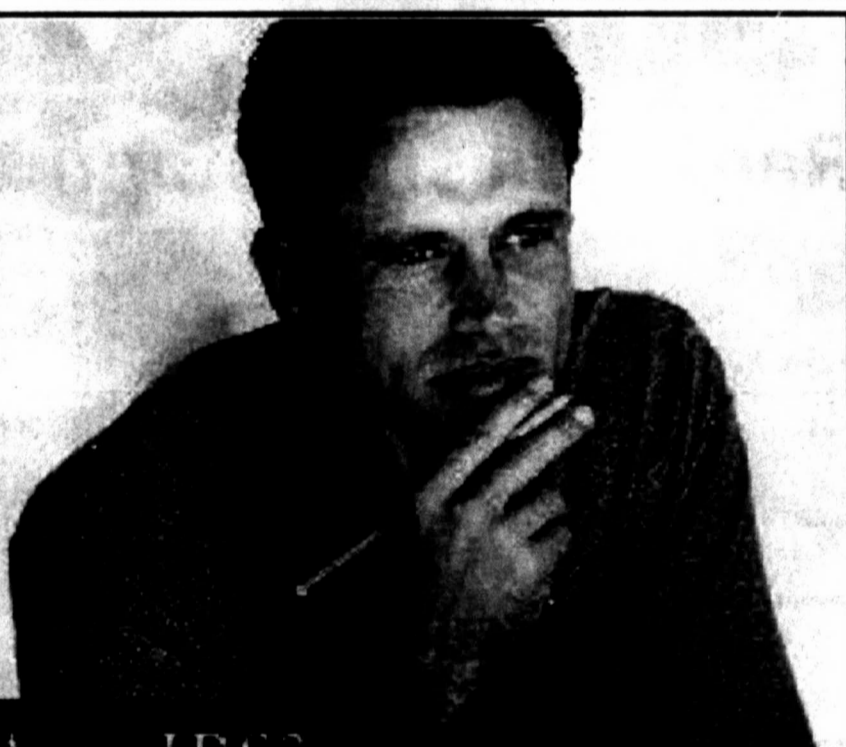


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LOCAL NEWS



Record Photo/Lennie Boyd

THE WRECKED FRONT of the 2007 Chevy Trailblazer driven by Casey Tyrone Baxter is shown shortly after the accident that claimed three lives near Colorado City on April 10.

Man, two females die in head-on crash near Colorado City on April 10

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

A man, his daughter and mother-in-law died Tuesday morning in an early-morning accident outside of Colorado City at approximately 2:15 a.m. A fourth passenger in the vehicle was seriously injured and airlifted to Hendricks Medical Center.

According to DPS reports, an 18-wheeler traveling in the westbound lane on Interstate 20 crossed the median and collided

head-on with a 2007 Chevy Trailblazer being driven east by Casey Tyrone Baxter, 41 of Fort Worth, on the interstate near the east interchange and FM 1899 on April 10. Baxter, along with his 9-year-old daughter, Jaleigha Williams, and his mother-in-law, Sue Pratt Williams, 47, were killed. The passenger, Joanna Sue Williams, 28, was treated at the scene for major injuries and airlifted to Abilene, where she was listed in critical condition.

The driver of the 2006 Volvo tractor-trailer, Douglas Spencer Waters, and his passenger, Jorge Sanchez Rodriguez, were checked and released from Mitchell County Hospital.

The accident remains under investigation by Department of Public Safety troopers.

Trooper Ricky Molina worked the accident, as did members of the Mitchell County Sheriff's Department, Mitchell County EMS and Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department.

WIND

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the first period, Third Planet Windpower will operate under a 60 percent tax abatement policy. The final five years will be worked under a 40 percent abatement plan.

Third Planet Windpower's North Central Region Development Director Bud Leigh said he hoped the company would be able to break ground on its first wind farm later this year. Completion of the project is tentatively set for 2009 or 2010 - with the abatement beginning on

Jan. 1 following completion.

"We're hoping to get started in the latter part of the year," said Leigh.

The number of towers in the field will be dictated by the size of the turbines used in the projects, said Leigh. Should Third Planet use 3 megawatt towers, there would be approximately 100 towers placed on the lease. Smaller turbines would mean the company could place more towers in what they estimate to be a 300 megawatt project.

Junior league baseball sign-ups to be Thursday

The Texas Teen-Age Baseball League will be holding registration for its Junior League program Thursday, April 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room.

The registration fee is \$45 per player. Players should bring a copy of their birth certificate with them to registration.

STORM

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In Lubbock, residents witnessed two historic days. On Sunday, the National Weather Service indicated the high in Lubbock was 35 degrees, making it the coldest April 8th in the city's history. The previous record had been 36 set in 1942.

On Saturday, Lubbock residents endured the coldest day ever recorded in the city in April when the temperature reaching a daytime high of just 31 -- breaking the previous daytime high of 36 set on April 12, 1957.

City of Colorado City Public Hearing Notice on the City Budget For the 12 Month Period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008. The public hearing will be conducted on April 24, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Upon completion of the public hearing, the City Council shall consider an ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the City Hall at 180 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The general public is invited to attend and to ask questions or make comments regarding the budget for FY 2007-2008.

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance should contact the City Secretary at the City Hall to arrange for special assistance at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting. The City Secretary may be contacted by calling 325-728-3464.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City of Colorado City

County hangs up on patrons cell phone usage in library

Mitchell County Library officials, with the support of the library board and the Mitchell County Commissioners Court, announced cellular phones could no longer be used in the facility. The new rule is one of five new guidelines being implemented at the library over the next two weeks.

"It's a problem we've been having," said Librarian Becky Dennison. "People are using the phones and, sometimes, I can hear them when I'm back in my office. It's also a problem when they ring and disturb other library users."

The ban on cell phones went into effect immediately. Library officials posted a sign on the entrance to the building notifying users all cell phones had to be turned off before entering.

Dennison also said food, drinks and smoking is also prohibited in

the library and foyer area. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are allowed in the Hesperian Room for approved meetings.

Library officials also announced they had received a donation of a television/video cassette recorder/DVD player for library patron usage. The equipment is intended to be used for educational reading programs for children. Individuals wishing to reserve the equipment must do so at least 10 days in advance and are responsible for the care, maintenance and upkeep of the unit.

The library also announced its fines/fee rates were increasing, effective April 23. The fine for overdue books will be going up from 5 cents per business day to 10 cents per business day. Fines on videos and DVD materials will be \$1 per business day.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH The Hills of Oakland

I used to think Oakland, California was the place where you got off an airplane and high-tailed it to San Francisco as fast as you could. But my thoughts of Oakland have changed since my son BZ and his family moved there from San Francisco.



BZ, Margaret, Max and Aiden moved into an area with tall redwood trees and giant cedar trees with wide, graceful branches. It absolutely looks like a national park. His house, like so many others in his neighborhood, is nestled into a hillside. It has four stories and a dumb-waiter, which BZ fully expects four-year old Max to put 18-month old Aiden into and give him a ride. Huge picture windows give a great view of the scenery and tall gabled ceilings with large wooden beams create a spacious living room.

When our son BZ picked me up at the Oakland airport the other night, he was anxious to show me his new place. My wife was already there. She had been babysitting the two children while Margaret was away on a business trip. Although it was dark, I could tell he had moved into a nice part of town. We wound around hills and small roads and when we rounded a curve he said, "That's my house up there, the tall one with the interesting windows." The lights in the house were on and it did look inviting. And tall. In Texas, homes spread out horizontally. In California, where land is at a premium, vertical is the name of the game.

We unloaded the luggage and climbed the six flights of stairs to the living room area. Susan and Max were sitting on the couch, holding each other. They hardly said a word when we walked in. It seems there had been a 4.2 earthquake just about the time my plane landed. Susan said it felt like a truck had run into the house. She was visibly shaken, partly because Aiden was sleeping one floor below.

Northern California gets about 50 small earthquakes a day. This one was the biggest one since 1989 (7.1) when the Bay Bridge collapsed and hundreds of homes were damaged. There was no damage around BZ's house.

Since the '89 earthquake, building codes have required homes to have stronger foundations. BZ's house, built in '91, has a strong concrete foundation reaching 20 feet down to bedrock.

Oakland is half the size of San Francisco (400,000 population to San Francisco's 800,000) and in my way of thinking, has twice the beauty.

We had made arrangements to have lunch with Susan and Nathan Miron, a couple we met on a cruise. They live in the Napa area. Susan grew up in Oakland and knows the area well. After lunch she gave us a tour.

We went to Skyline Drive, where some of the Oakland Raiders live. Nice homes. She showed us where Henry J. Kaiser lived. His home had a special entrance for President Roosevelt when he visited. We saw the Ghirardelli mansion and downtown Oakland, which has a beautiful lake right in the middle of it. We went up and down hills, which most people think only exist in San Francisco.

I know for a fact that the Texas Rangers, when they play Oakland, insist on staying in San Francisco. They're missing a lot.

Passing on a few lessons I've learned

Life, it is said, is an never-ending learning experience. Every day you learn something new.

The funny thing is, some lessons you remember a lot better than others. Take for instance, do you remember the first time you experienced cold water in the shower. I can't remember how old I was, but I can guarantee I remember the lesson to this day. My mother probably still remembers the blood-curdling scream.

Anyway, now that I'm 18 with 23 years of experience, I have learned many lessons.

See if you can guess what the correct answers to the life lessons. Hopefully, you can learn from them, too.

1. The most painful ailment in life:

- a) hemorrhoids
- b) in-grown toenail
- c) children
- d) Sitting in paint thinner

2. The best response to a spouse's question:

- a) Anything you say, dear
- b) You're mother is wonderful ...
- c) This tastes good
- d) Who cut the cheese?

3. Even smarter responses to a spouse's question:

- a) You are much hotter than your sister
- b) I love going to your mom's house

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By TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



- c) Nah, you don't need to lose any weight.
- d) Yes dear, I'm lost.

4. Best thing to do when your car breaks down:

- a) Buy the parts and fix it yourself, knowing you can always sell the parts left over.
- b) Buy more parts and pay the mechanic to fix your mistakes
- c) Call your brother for help
- d) Buy beer and pay the mechanic

5. Best way to cure sore muscles:

- a) Claim to be crippled and have the wife serve you
- b) Limp around and hope for pity
- c) Use a cane and tell everyone you're recovering from a knee injury you suffered while scoring the winning TD in the Super Bowl.
- d) Grin and bear it whenever Ben-Gay is mentioned

6. Things dads should not show their kids how to do:

- a) How to fall off a skateboard
- b) How to fall off the porch while chasing a cat
- c) How to get heatstroke
- d) Wear g-strings

7. Ways to make She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad happy:

- a) Know your anniversaries as well as you know Payton Mannings' stats
- b) Like to walk around the mall forever
- c) Give up TV remote
- d) Go to work and send money in the mail

8. Places that do not qualify as romantic sites

- a) Football games
- b) rattlesnake round-up
- c) Hooters
- d) shark-catching contest

9. How to save money while dining out with a family:

- a) Order muktuk (whale skin)
- b) Order stinkheads (rotting fish heads and fins)
- c) Order Moose eye stew
- d) Order Rocky Mountain Oysters

10. Things that can make a guy fear for his life:

- a) Jumping into the frozen ocean
- b) The words, "We're having a baby"
- c) PMS
- d) Forgetting an anniversary/birthday

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I want to express my appreciation and offer a big thank you to a very nice lady who happens to be our Westbrook Postmaster. Mrs. Darlene Baird, with her family, hosted a delicious pile on supper on a Saturday evening at the school cafeteria.

The meal was well-attended and enjoyed by everyone. This was such a kind and thoughtful thing for her to do, and so much work.

This lady is not only a gracious hostess, but an excellent postmaster, a friend with a smile, a helper if you need her and a definite asset to the Westbrook community.

Thank you, Darlene and God bless.
Your friend,
Kay Gregory

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Mitchell County and

surrounding areas for their contributions in the donating of the van for my son Joseph Diaz. Thanks to the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, West Central Texas Shared Services Arrangement, First United Methodist Church Seekers, First Presbyterian Church, Kelley Elementary School, Hutchinson Elementary School, Colorado Middle School, Colorado High School, Wallace Accelerated High School and the many anonymous donors in Colorado City and Sweetwater.

I do not have the words to tell you how much we appreciate this and how much he needed the van. To every man, woman, teenager and child, thank you so much. May God bless each and every one of you. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

To Mr. Mark Merrell and Mrs. Susanne Davis, a special thank you for making it all come together and going the extra mile getting the van ready for Joe. We

will never forget all of you. Thank you and God bless you all.

Terri Hulme & Ernest Diaz
Joseph "Jo Jo" Diaz
P.S. The wheelchair lift is wonderful!

Letter to the Editor:

Althea and I want to thank the good people of Colorado City for the memories we have of the area. Our stay of 3 years was too brief, but we deemed it necessary to move for health reasons. We say a special "thank you" to Bob and Marsha Lively of Railhead Realty who not only found a suitable buyer for our home quickly but also helped make our move itself less painful. The people of West Texas are the best in the world and we hope that neighbors at our new home will be as friendly as those we had on 17th St. We look forward to reading the news of Colorado City on line.

Sincerely,
Max and Althea Boling

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SCHOOL NEWS

Hutchinson names student of the week



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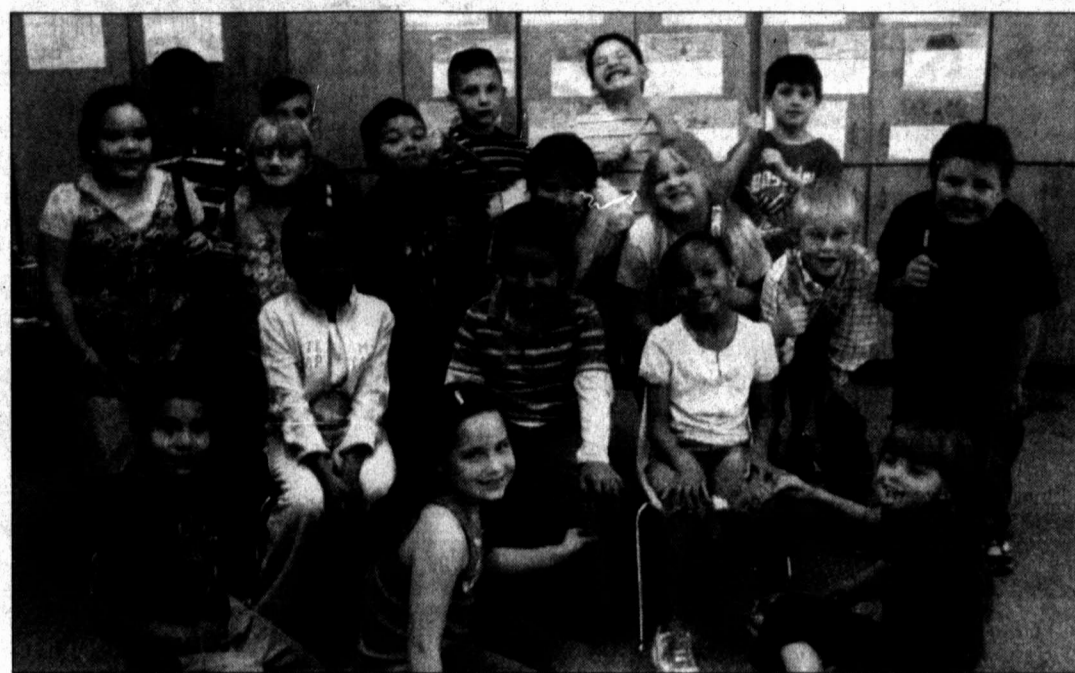
STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Dylan Meguire, Kascey Miller and Josh Sutton.

Students of the Week have been chosen at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Dylan Meguire, Kascey Miller and Josh Sutton.

Dylan, son of Jerri Lynn and Randall Follis and Jeremy Meguire, is a third grader in Mrs. Partin's class. He enjoys spending time with his two dogs, Rascal and Autumn. Math is his favorite subject. He says his favorite thing about his school is "when we go to lunch, because we get to visit."

Kascey, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lindsey's class, is the daughter of Cissy and Tommy Miller. She enjoys playing softball as a hobby, and math is his favorite subject. Lunch is also her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Josh, son of Shawn and Lisa Rees and Ray Sutton, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stone's class. He has a dog named Molly, and P.E. is his favorite subject. His favorite thing about Hutchinson is Texas Fest.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Wright's first grade class is beginning a measurement unit. They started the unit by measuring their friends and things in the classroom using paper clips, cubes and rulers. Students in the class are: Zachary Casares, Anthony Gutierrez, Avian Hernandez, Dylan Rasberry, Jacob McNeal, Chance Limones, Misty Zimmerlee, Tabitha Matlock, Chloe Castillo, Paxton McClintock, Chealsey Gee, Jordan Lopez, Moises Leanos, Tamren Pierce, Jalessa Williams, Clancy White, Damien Hernandez, and Taylor Epperson. Not pictured is Nicholas Macedo.

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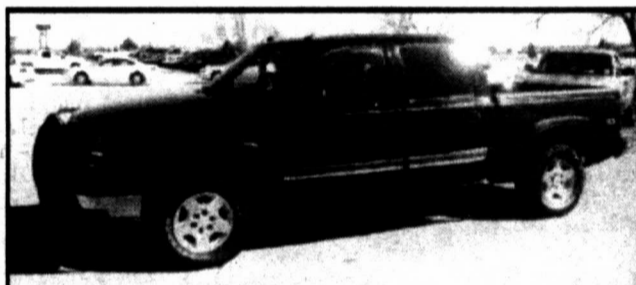
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Kelley Round-up scheduled for Apr. 26

If you have a Kindergarten age child for the school year 2007-08, please put this date on your calendar. Kelley Elementary will have its annual Kindergarten Round-Up Thursday, April 26th. It will be from 12:00a.m. until 6:00p.m. in the Kelley Elementary Cafeteria. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1st to qualify.

Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, shot records and **your child**.

It is very important for your child to participate in the Kindergarten Round-Up process. Your child will be involved and assessed with various kindergarten readiness activities. Please plan to spend about 25 minutes for the entire process. Each child will also receive a bag of kindergarten readiness goodies.

Kelley Elementary offers an exciting academic curriculum, as well as, developmental program. By the end of the kindergarten year the students are blending words and at a reading readiness level.

If there are any questions, or if you are unable to bring your child, please call 728-3471.

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SPORTS

Lady Wolves keep playoff dreams alive with clutch wins

Carl Graham

Colorado City Record

Having to play four games in four days due to a couple of rainouts the week before was rough on the Colorado High School Lady Wolves. It was even rougher on their opponents.

The bad news from the four-game stretch was a loss at the hands of old nemesis Coahoma.

Having to play in Coahoma is never

an easy experience – and it wasn't again. Hampered by questionable calls, the Lady Wolves suffered a tough loss to the Bulldogettes.

The Lady Wolves, who have never defeated Coahoma in softball, seemed well on their way to upsetting the former No. 1-ranked team in the state before several freakish calls turned things around.

After Coahoma had taken a 1-0 lead in

the bottom of the fourth inning, Colorado City tied the game at 1-1 in the top of the fifth when leadoff batter Jessica Castillo scored on a manufactured run.

Castillo had a good day at the plate, collecting three of the Lady Wolves' six total hits.

The Bulldogettes pushed across three runs to break the game open in the bottom of the sixth inning – thanks, in part, to three Lady Wolves errors and a few

questionable calls. On one play, a Coahoma batter line a ball down the third base line that appeared foul to the almost everyone except the umpire which ruled it a fair ball. Later, a Coahoma player was credited with an inside-the-park home run despite Colorado City making three errors on the play.

Starting Lady Wolves pitcher Kateshia Russell starred for the CHS squad. She struck out 10 batters while only giving up

four hits and walking one.

The following day the Lady Wolves traveled to Merkel to take on the Lady Badgers in a night game. The game was never in dispute as Colorado City claimed a 7-1 win.

The Lady Wolves scored a single run in the top of the first, and then added four more in the third. Merkel responded with

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Newby climbs to No. 2 in state

Carl Graham

Colorado City Record

Paige Newby is gradually getting back into form.

Newby tossed a first-place winning throw of 142-feet, 5-inches in the discus competition this past weekend at the Merkel Relays – and in the process moved into second place in the state rankings behind DeSoto's Skylar Whit.

Newby's throw was the best toss in the Big Country and Concho Valley this season.

"I am finally getting to work a little on getting my slide back down," said Newby. "I still have a way to go to get back into the 150's, but I still think I will."

Newby also placed third in the shot put, an event she probably will not concentrate much on once district competition is over.

Crystal Stewart finished sixth in the shot.

Others placing for the Lady Wolves were Kandace Johnson, who finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.79

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Wolves down Coahoma, suffer 2 losses

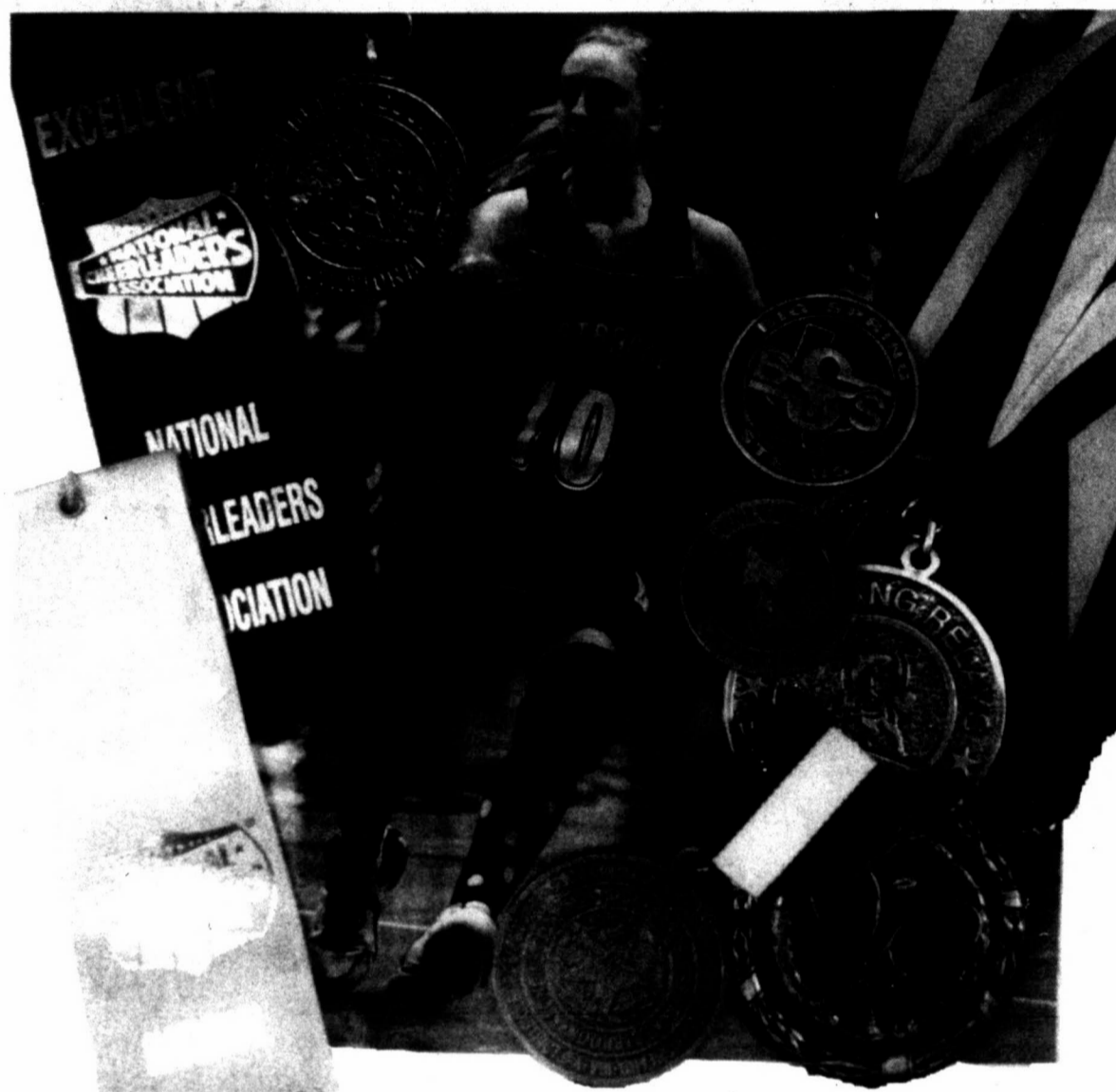
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Beating Coahoma on its own territory is difficult at best, but the Colorado Wolves knocked the Bulldogs out of a tie for first place in the District 5-2A race last Tuesday by claiming a 3-1 victory.

The Wolves opened the game by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning when lead-off hitter Manuel Garza singled. After Clint White had drawn a walk and Garza had been picked off, short-stop Orlando Moreno slammed a single to drive that enabled White to race home. Freshman Jacob

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Finding HER Dance

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Keesha Krapf can smile while she stretches prior to taking to the track this week at the Class A Area Track and Field Championships in Roby. She is living the dream that shouldn't have been.

The 17-year-old daughter of Joe and Virginia Krapf, knows deep in her heart this life wasn't supposed to be hers. She wasn't supposed to be spending hours every week running in her sweats, or working on the perfect form for a 400-meter sprint around a track.

A trained dancer who once performed with a Russian ballet group

A trained ballet dancer, Keesha Krapf is looking to add name to Westbrook athletic history

while a youngster growing up in Odessa, her days were supposed to be filled with music, tutus and the arts. Prior to entering the seventh grade, she had performed in front of hundreds of fans in shows in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and in places ranging from New

Mexico to California.

It was a tune that was fine with her parents.

"We didn't plan this for her," said Virginia Krapf, who moved her family to Lake Colorado City in 2002. "We planned for her to See **DANCER**, Page 11

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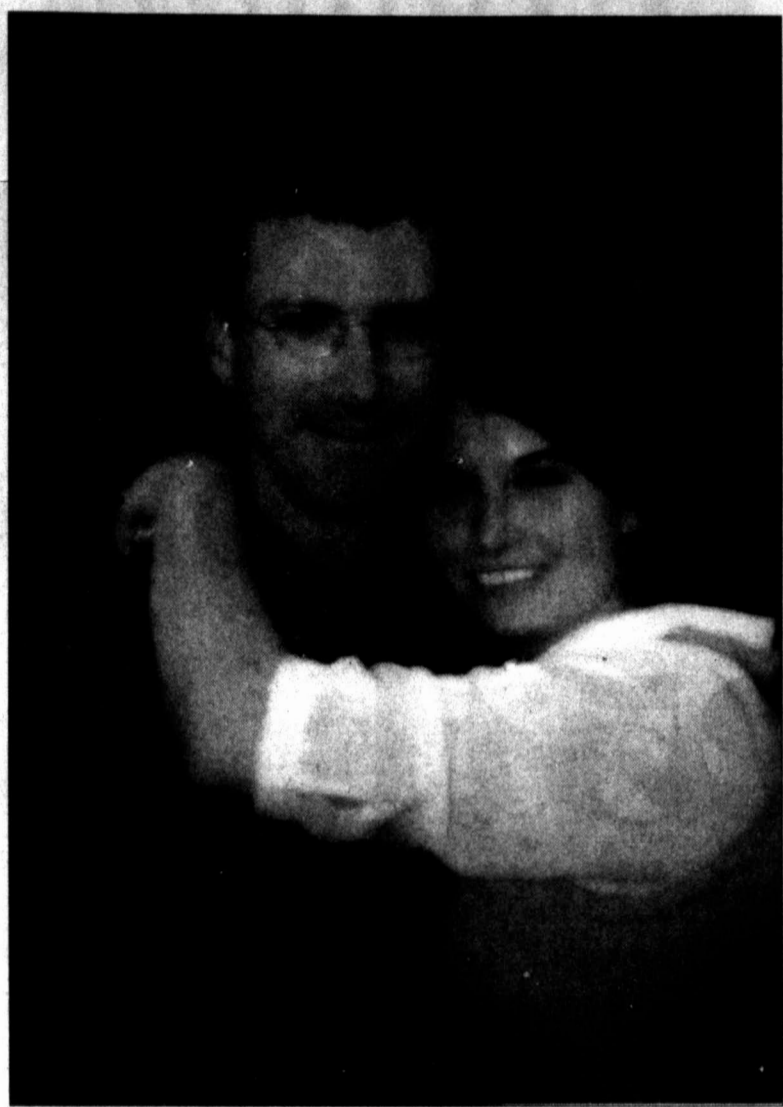
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SOCIETY NEWS



Brad Dockrey and Donna Sue Fite

Engagement announced

Don and Ann Fite of Big Spring wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Sue Fite to Charles Brad Dockrey. The groom's parents are Bruce and Marsha Dockrey of Colorado City. The couple plans to marry April 28 at 6 p.m. at College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Fundraiser to benefit Christmas in Action

St. Ann's and St. Joseph's Confirmation Classes will host their fifth annual Christmas In Action fundraiser on Sun., Apr. 15 at St. Ann's Hall, 2005 Walnut.

Students will be selling dinner plates for donations of \$6 for adults and \$4 per child's plate. The menu will consist of Chile Colorado prepared by Mr. Felix

Franco, Sr. or chicken with rice, beans, rice, tortillas, salad, tea and dessert.

Meals will be served beginning at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be free delivery and call-ins are welcome. All proceeds will benefit Christmas In Action.

To place an order, call 242-1619 or 728-3962.

Trail ride for Rehab set on Renderbrook-Spade

The Spring 2007 Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled April 21-22 for the Renderbrook Spade Ranch near Colorado City.

Registration will begin after 5 p.m., April 20 and continues April 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride chairmen are Kelly Gill, Glenn Lawrence and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on April 21 and a shorter ride on the morning of April 22. Three meals will be served. Weekend activities will include an auction of numerous items and a Sunday morning worship service.

Spade Ranches is made up of 5 divisions sprinkled throughout West Texas. Renderbrook Spade sits south of Colorado City.

Renderbrook Spade is the original ranch headquarters. Isaac Ellwood from DeKalb, Illinois, purchased the 160,000 acres of land in 1889. He soon began running cattle he bought from a man named J.F. "Spade" Evans. The spade-shaped brand they carried inspired the name of Ellwood's new ranch.

Ellwood had developed and marketed a certain type of barbed-wire. His ingenuity led to the founding of Spade Ranches and established an innovative mindset that's been passed on for

generations. Spade Ranches was one of the first cattle producers to employ rotational grazing, control brush, reseed pastures and crossbreed its cattle. In the 1970s the ranch imported the Simmental breed, utilized artificial inseminations and embryo transfers and developed a rotational breeding program that now uses composite bulls.

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' fees will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Tim and Joyce Piland Custom Saddles, Thomas Hicks Construction, Nelson Farm & Ranch, Kelly Gill, Allied Staffing and Morris Concrete, L.P. funding provides additional underwriting.

Cost for the trail ride is \$40 minimum per adult and \$15 minimum per child 12 years and younger. Pre-registration and a \$25 deposit are required. A negative Coggins test is also required.

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact Danny Isbell, Abilene, (325)793-3507 or Dee Lackey, San Angelo, (325)223-6300.

CCPD to hold forgery prevention workshop

To be held May 7th at Civic Center

The Colorado City Police Department will hold a forgery/fraud prevention meeting May 7, at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center. This meeting will cover some preventative measures to help eliminate forgeries that are occurring in Colorado City and Mitchell County.

Some of the topics that will be covered are:

- How to prevent forgery in your place of business

- Establishing a policy for taking checks

- Trouble signs to look for when taking checks

- Check point program discussion

- Questions and answers

There will be no charge for this meeting and all local business owners and/or managers are welcome to attend.

BIRTHS



Tom and Joni Dickard Haren are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Quinn Haren. He is welcomed by his aunt, Kendra Dickard.

He was born Feb. 14, 2007,

at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA at 7:03 p.m. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Hall and Sandy Dickard, of Colorado City.

Great-grandmothers are Mildred Lee of Loraine and Doris Dickard of Colorado City.

Paternal grandparents are Jan Bass of Belmont, Nevada and Pat and Betsy Haren of Valencia, California.

Great-grandparents are Jack and Elaine Morrison of Hawthorne, California.

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Thursday, Apr. 19 King Ranch Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Cornbread

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Dorothy is a proud mother to 9 children, 4 sons and 5 daughters. Her sons are: Pete and Sherry Harp of Derby, Kansas, Mike (deceased) & Jackie Harp of Hempstead, TX, Carl Clark of Colorado City, Chuck & Valerie Clark of Midland, TX. Her daughters are: Maye & David Ehret of Lubbock, TX, Anna & Steve Pharris of Bowie, TX, Lou & Jim Hearin of Colorado City, Jessica & Roger Crawford of Colorado City and Bonnie & Robert Williams of Colorado City.

Dorothy has 22 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way this year. She also has 2 great-great-grandchildren.

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We are all proud to call her our mother and wish her many more years of Happiness.

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Tuesday - Lying and Stealing Has to Stop!
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 April 13, 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday Night Youth Service
 April 14, 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday Morning Celebration Service
 April 15, 10:40 a.m.



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Congratulations to the Methodist Church in observance of their 125th Anniversary

First United Methodist Church: A Brief History

First United Methodist Church, Colorado City, has a rich and glorious heritage. In 1877, this Belle Plains Mission Field was served by Levi Collins. In the 1881 Annual Conference in Cleburne, Texas, the Abilene District was formed, which included Colorado City.

In April 1882, Presiding Elder Rev. J.T. L. Annis and Rev. R.F. Dunn organized FUMC with eleven members. The group set to work building the red brick building at the corner of 4th and Chestnut Streets. Completed in 1884, the 20 x 30 foot church, Centenary Chapel, was recognized with a Texas Historical marker in the 1960s. The building has had many additions which can be counted by the old rafters that have been left in the attic. The steeple and choir arch were added in 1900, and the stained glass windows were installed in 1916.

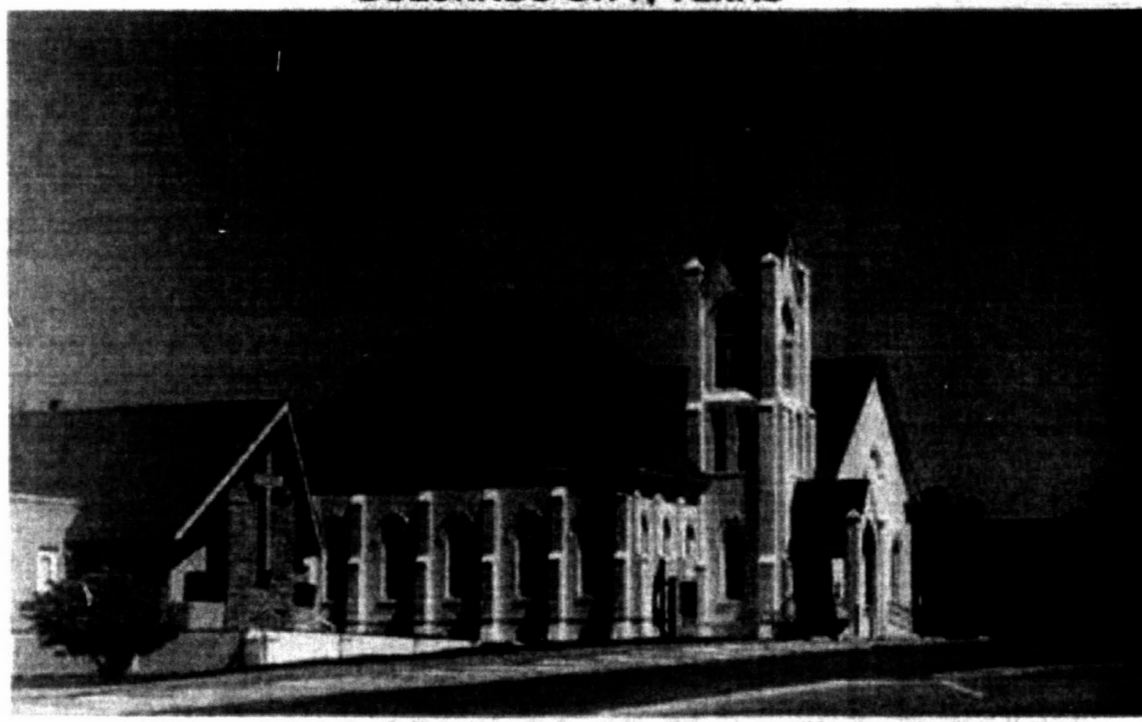
Church membership has varied greatly in our first 125 years. In 1924, church membership was 489. Church membership in 1932 was 624, but membership reached its peak in the late 1940s, at about 800. Our property value in 1958 was \$220,000.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration was held in the fall of 1957. The Educational Building built in 1949 was dedicated at the morning worship service led by Bishop William C. Martin.

The parsonage at the corner of 15th and Austin Streets was completed in November 1957. Torn down in 1962, the original parsonage, located next to the church, was replaced by the Memorial Chapel and office/classroom complex.

A series of upgrades has kept our complex modern. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1969, the north stained glass windows were reinforced after a 1974 hail storm destroyed them, the Youth Basement was completely remodeled in the 80s, as was the Parlor in 1982. St. Luke's United Methodist Church joined our congregation in 2004, and through joint sales of our parsonages, we purchased the new parsonage located on 21st Street in 2005. Remodeling of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen was completed in 2006.

Through storm, hail, flood, and even a little fire and vandalism, we now have building and property worth over \$1,200,000 and a membership of 443. First United Methodist Church has a great heritage and has been blessed with many faithful, generous and hard working members for more than 125 years.



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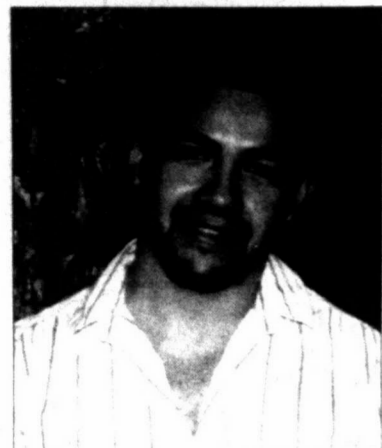
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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Macedo enters Texas Tech med school



Julian Macedo

Deciding which medical school to attend is not a choice many young students are fortunate enough to have to make. Julian Macedo, 2001 Colorado High School graduate, had to make this decision when he had invitations to continue his education at three Texas medical schools.

Macedo chose Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock. The academic scholarship which accompanied their offer helped Macedo make up his mind.

Macedo is the son of Adam and Minerva Macedo of Colorado City. He was one of 2000 applicants for the medical school's class of 2011, and one of only 140 students accepted. Macedo's classes will begin August 1.

As a high school student, Macedo developed an interest in medicine and helping others. In addition to working at Fuller Foods his senior year, Julian took an EMT class. He became certified as an EMT-Basic and worked part-time for Mitchell County EMS. He continued his endeavors and ob-

tained his Intermediate EMT certification before receiving his high school diploma.

After graduation, Macedo moved to Lubbock where he began his undergraduate education. He has continued to work full-time for Lubbock EMS while attending classes at Texas Tech.

Macedo received his Associate's degree in Paramedicine from South Plains College in Levelland in 2005. He graduated from Texas Tech University, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical System Management in 2005. In May, Macedo will graduate with another Bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry.

He holds an instructor certification in several areas including Paramedic, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and CPR Instruction. He also holds certifications in Advanced Pediatric Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support and Advanced Burn Life Support.

Macedo currently teaches a biology lab at Texas Tech. He is also a reserve paramedic instructor at South Plains College. He enjoys the outdoors, athletic endeavors and Dallas Cowboy football.

"I appreciate the support and encouragement my parents have given me. Also, I really want to thank the medical staff here," said Macedo. "They are pretty brave having signed their names next to mine during this whole application process. Mitchell County does not realize how lucky they are to have these guys working for them."

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Tuesday - breakfast bites, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday - yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, pears, milk.

Tuesday - beef and mac, glazed carrots, bread slice, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday - peanut butter and jelly sandwich, golden corn, applesauce, milk.

Friday - ham and cheese chunks, bread slice, pickle spears, chips, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - French toast sticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - pizza, carrots with ranch, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, broccoli with cheese, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - burrito with cheese, golden corn, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, cookies, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Breakfast Menu Apr. 16-20

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

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, waffle, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - taco salad, tasty rib basket, slice of pizza, French fries, carrot sticks with ranch, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic toast, golden corn, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - chef salad with bacon, burrito with cheese, frito pie, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, sugar cookie, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - waffles, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

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

Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - sausage and gravy, biscuits, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk.

Tuesday - green enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk.

Wednesday - teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

Thursday - taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk.

Friday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - bagel, juice, milk.

Thursday - cheese toast, bacon, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Apr. 16-20

Monday - chalupas, cheese, salsa,

salad, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday - pizza sticks, salad, dressing, carrots, orange, milk.

Wednesday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, breadsticks, apple, milk.

Thursday - sausage links, BBQ sauce, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, bread, peaches, milk.

Friday - hamburger, mustard, fries, ketchup, salad, shape-up, milk.



CLASS WINNER... The Chianina Crossbred Steer, shown by Tanner Cox, was named Champion Light Weight in the Chianina breed, at the 2007 Houston Livestock Show. Tanner is surrounded by Mitchell County 4-H friends and family. Six of the nine steers exhibited by Mitchell County 4-H members placed in the show and qualified for the prestigious Premium Steer Auction. Other 4-H members who qualified for the auction were: Nathan McCright, Kalyann Hardegree, Andrew Munoz, Morgan Maddox and Macali Maddox.

Tech students to present show on April 21

Texas Tech University post-graduate students will be presenting a presentation to Colorado City residents on April 21 in relation to possible improvements that could be made in the downtown area through the Main Street Program efforts.

The show will be held at 1 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room at The City National Bank on April 21.

All residents are invited to attend the presentation.

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Final Two Candidates Interview

The interviews are over and it is time for a decision. The last two candidates for the presidency position of Western Texas College have come to campus and met with faculty and staff, took a tour of the campus and had their interviews with the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Forgey received his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He also completed his Ed.D in Higher Education Administration from the University of Oklahoma, College of Education.

Dr. Stretcher received his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctor of Education at East Texas State University.

The WTC Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, April 9 at 7pm, and will possibly announce the final candidate.

Blood Drive a Success

The Gift of Life-Western Texas College gave 36 pints of blood during the blood drive held March 28 in the Student Center. Shown giving blood is J.R. Torrez, Director of Workforce Education. Many students, faculty and staff showed up to give the gift of life.

Dance Spawns Creative Clothing

Anything But Clothes Dance-Western Texas College Student Activities held an Anything but Clothes Dance on Tuesday night. This forced the student body to be very creative as what to wear. There was a contest for the most creative dress. Pictured above are Jermydrell Burton - 3rd place; Bruce Kennedy - 1st place; Kim Smith - 2nd place

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SPORTS

CMS thinclads claim district track crown

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Both the Colorado Middle School seventh and eighth grade girls' track teams came back with district track titles last Thursday, finishing just prior to the cold front coming in.

Leading the seventh grade Lady Wolves was Megan Bullard with fouled medals.

Others placing were:
Shot Put: Adriana Gomez, 2nd; D. Billingsly 3rd; Alexia Espinoza, 6th
Discus: Alyssa Bonner, 2nd; Gomez, 4th
High Jump: Megan Bullard, 1st
Long Jump: Tara Higgins, 1st; K. Molina, 4th
Triple Jump: Bullard, 3rd
Pole Vault: Miranda Reyna, 2nd
200-meter run: Casie Lemons, 2nd; Morrison, 4th
400-meter relay: C-City (Espinoza, Reyna, Higgins, Molina) 1st, 57.4
800-meter run: Bullard, 1st
100-meter hurdles: Morrison, 3rd
100-meter dash: Ashli Cooper, 5th
800-meter relay: C-City, 1st, (Molina, Reyna, Higgins, Cooper)
400-meter dash: Sydney Upshaw,

2nd; Frankie Gaona, 4th
300-meter hurdles: Bullard, 1st; Morrison, 5th
1600-meter relay: C-City, 1st, (Bullard, Upshaw, Higgins, Molina)
Placing for the 1st place 8th grade team was:
100-meter hurdles: Emma Leanos; Brooke Bruington, 4th
100-meter dash: Elizabeth Hickson, 4th; Courtney Sutton, 6th
800-meter relay: C-City, 2nd
400-meter dash: Valerie Vera, 3rd; Sara Campos, 4th
300-meter hurdles: Amanda Arispe, 3rd; Erin Graham, 4th
1600-meter run: Leanos, 2nd; Rebecca Perez, 5th
1600-meter relay: C-City, 1st
800-meter dash: Michelle Billingsley, 1st; Ashley Coronado, 2nd; Valerie Vera, 4th
Shot Put: Courtney Sutton, 1st; Ava Macedo, 2nd; Tiffany Martinez, 3rd
Discus Throw: Arispe, 1st; Perez, 3rd; Martinez, 5th
High Jump: Billingsly, 1st; Arispe, 2nd; Leanos, 3rd
Triple Jump: Bruington, 3rd; Graham, 6th
Pole Vault: Bruington, 1st
2400-meter run: Perez, 4th; Hickson, 6th
400-meter relay: C-City, 1st

RELAYS

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seconds, and the 400-meter relay team of Breanna Green, Kandace Johnson, Breshnae White and Stewart. The foursome finished fourth in the race.

Jana Guerra placed second in the pole vault with an effort of nine feet. Stewart was sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 66 seconds.

"We did not have many runners because of injuries or illnesses," said coach Anita Graham. "Hopefully, we will have everybody back and in good shape sometime this week."

Newby is not all alone when it comes to best marks in the Big Country and Concho Valley. Lacesha Johnson is second in West Texas in the triple jump with a leap of 36-4. She also has the sixth best

DANCER

continue dancing. We had paid all of her fees, bought her new shoes and outfits. We were ready to get back on the road."

That road, however, took a detour when Krapf enrolled at Westbrook Junior High School ... and discovered competitive athletics.

"When she came here, they started talking to her about playing sports at the school," said Krapf. "Growing up in Odessa, she hadn't really participated in anything, but when she got here, she saw it and fell in love. She came home one day and told us she wanted to play school sports."

Thinking her infatuation for athletics would fade, Joe and Virginia Krapf agreed to let her try. They put her dance shoes and outfits in the closet, figuring they would use them later.

"When she came to us and told us she wanted to play sports at the school, we told her we would put dance off for a year to see if that is what she really wanted," she said.

Five years later, they're still in the closet ... and the little dancer that could is prepared to become the first Westbrook High School female athlete to participate in an Area track meet since Keisha Thurman a few years ago.

"You can't imagine how excited we are for her," said her mother. "To come from where she was to being in the Area track meet is amazing. She has worked her buns off to get here. It doesn't matter if she wins or loses, she's just amazed us with her drive."

"She always credits Coach (Cassie) Petty with helping her, but she's extremely competitive. I think that is what has made her successful. She's tough and she just feels she will do whatever she sets her mind on."

The proof is in the results.

As a junior high student, she participated in basketball, track and tennis, as well as being a member of the WJHS cheerleading squad.

In her first year in high school, Krapf exploded onto the athletic scene. She finished fifth in the district standings in cross country, played on the WHS varsity basket-

LHS' Zach, Felicia Gibson reach Area

Zachary Gibson, a senior, placed second in the 300-meter hurdles, while sophomore Felicia Gibson qualified by placing second in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at District 9-A track meet in Bronte.

Zachary also competed in the 100-meter dash where he placed fifth.

leap in the long jump with a leap of 16-3 1/2 as well as having the ninth best time in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27:15.

The Lady Wolves' 800-meter relay team has the fourth best time in the West Texas area with a time of 1:51.2.

BASEBALL

Martinez lined a ball to left center moments later to drive in Moreno.

The Wolves added another run in the top of the fifth inning as three straight singles by White, Moreno and Espinoza loaded the bases. Edgar Ventura then was hit by a pitch to send in White.

Coahoma put up its only run in the bottom of the fifth, but Espinoza slammed the door shut with the bases loaded to squelch that rally.

Espinoza gave up six hits, four walks and struck out nine in his outing, receiving the win.

Big sticks for the Wolves were Garza, White, Moreno, Espinoza, and Martinez who each had two singles.

"It felt good to beat Coahoma at their own house," said coach Scot-

ty Bruington. "They have a very hard-hitting lineup, but Lance (Espinoza) did a good job of holding their bats down. We hit the ball extremely well."

On Wednesday, the Wolves suffered a 9-5 loss to Merkel.

The Wolves scored two runs in the top of the first, but Merkel came back with a three-run second to grab a 3-2 lead.

The Wolves tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the third.

Merkel scored a run in the bottom of the fourth and another in the bottom of the fifth to go ahead 5-3.

Colorado City cut the lead to 5-4 in the top of the sixth before Merkel scored four runs in the bottom half of the sixth to go up 9-4.

Simon Reyna absorbed the loss,

GIRLS

its only run in the bottom of the third.

The Lady Wolves put the game away with two more runs in the top of the sixth.

Players swinging hot bats for the Lady Wolves included Castillo, who had two singles, and Brittany Hill, who had two singles. Russell had a double and a three-run single, while Paige Newby and Michelle Arispe each had two singles. Lisa Salazar, Amber Campos, and Latesha McDuffie all recorded hits in the affair.

Russell recorded only three strikeouts while only allowing two walks en route to tossing a three-hitter. Merkel committed eight errors.

"This was a good win for us after losing to Coahoma," said coach Sara Davies. "We hit the ball as well as we have all season long."

On Thursday, the Lady Wolves dealt the Anson Lady Tigers a 12-0 loss in a game that was called at the end of five innings because of

the 10-run rule.

Russell, once again, turned in a brilliant game, striking out eight in the three innings she worked. Hill pitched the final two innings, getting two strikeouts while not giving up a hit.

Lisa Salazar, Jessica Castillo and Paige Newby each collected a triple in the game.

On Friday, Colorado City dusted off Stamford.

The Lady Wolves put the Lady Bulldogs out of their misery early when they scored five runs in the bottom of the second followed by another 10 in the third.

Hill had a triple in the game, while Castillo had two singles and two runs batted in. Vanessa Pena and Michelle Arispe both went 3-for-3 in the contest. Latesha McDuffie had two hits and two RBIs.

giving up 10 hits. The Wolves committed two errors while Merkel committed five.

On Thursday, the Wolves played host to Anson and came away with an 18-5 loss.

That loss puts the Wolves in a critical part of the schedule, drop-

ping to 3-5 in district play with only four district contests left. Those games are with Haskell on April 14, Hawley on April 20, Stamford on April 24, before they will finish at home against Merkel on Friday, April 27.

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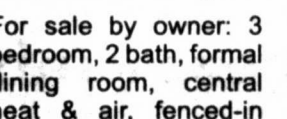
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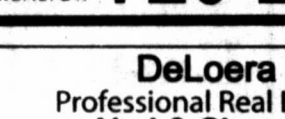
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LORAININE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Lorraine Correspondent

Greetings. We hope you had a blessed Easter and stayed warm. The little lady that told me "if it thunders in February, it will freeze in April" was right on the money. Snow on Easter seemed more like Christmas for a while.

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Royce Mahon and his daughter, Cindy, came to Loraine Friday. The former Lorainians wanted to view a grave marker for Margaret Mahon, wife and mother who passed away several months ago.

The Mahons visited the center to see old friends and neighbors and eat lunch. They also stayed over Sunday morning to visit the United Methodist Church on Easter. Cindy Mahon lives in the metroplex and Royce lives in Sherman.

Rev. Kiefer and Aubrey Nell Cauble had the pleasure of their children's company at church Sunday morning. Larry and Lois Ann Adams, along with their children, Brent and Nathan Colwell came for a visit.

The Colwells are from Hamlin.

Visiting with Stan and Mary McMichael Sunday morning at the Methodist church was their son, Michael.

Visiting First Baptist Church Sunday were Nathan, Tyler and Faith, along with parents Joe and Becky Piatt.

Becky played clarinet, Bro. Dale played guitar and Durwood McAdams played guitar and provided special music before the church service.

Danny Butler, Sherry Chaney and Jennifer Zuniga sang a special selection and Sherry Chaney accompanied them on piano. It was well received.

Rev. Kiefer Cauble delivered the message for Easter Holy Week last Tuesday. He also played the piano for the congregation.

Visiting the United Methodist Church Easter Sunday was Karen and Delbert Joiner's daughter, Toni.

Providing special music there prior to the morn-

ing message was Debbie Mitchell who sang *Love Never Fails*.

Gerrie Wooddell said their green beans didn't make it through the cold spell. I hope they can replant and be safe with it.

On Easter Sunday Dub, Jeff and Ronnie went out to Henry and Kellie Mitchell's house and had a nice dinner. Afterwards, all the men played music for quite a while and really enjoyed it.

I hear they are all good musicians.

Visiting and having lunch with Joan Long was Joe and Becky Piatt along with children, Nathan, Tyler and Faith; Whitney Merket from Snyder's Western Texas College; and Keaton Merket of Midland.

Judy Macha came to visit her mom, Elnora Mitchell Thursday. On Friday, Judy, Penny and Elnora went to Abilene, ate out and did some shopping. They had a very nice time together.

Judy returned home Saturday.

Bob and Wanza Graham had an Easter lunch Saturday with their daughter, Debby and Tom Carlock. Those attending were Cory Carlock, Mindy and friend Johnathon of Lubbock and Rayanne Carlock. They had a great time.

Sunday they attended church and went to Colorado City for a family get-together at the lake cabin of daughter, Glenda Hemphill and Mike.

Those present were Tom and Brenda Linam, Debby and Tom Carlock and family, Jill Hemphill and friend Mark of Abilene, Stephanie of Lubbock and their pastor, Mack of Abilene.

Lots of fun was had.

Joining Elnora Mitchell in church Easter Sunday was Herman and Penny Mitchell and Henry and

Kellie Mitchell and children, all of Loraine. After church, Elnora joined Henry and Kellie and family for a nice lunch. She enjoyed the food, fellowship and all the good music from the fellows.

Vanessa Smith and her family, Charles and Mary Lee McPeters and other family members had a nice Easter get together, fellowship, fun and good food.

Monday and Friday were visitation days and Friday was bingo.

Visitors at the Center were Chris Sewall, Royce Mahon of Sherman and Cindy Mahon of Dallas. Everyone was glad to see the former Lorainians.

Friday, April 13th, Tommy Wright sings. The menu will be pigs in a blanket, homemade chili, cheese, onions, pickles and fruit.

Monday, April 16th, the menu will be steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls and bread pudding. Aubrey Wilson and friends from Snyder will play.

Wednesday, April 18th, will be a bingo day. Lasagna, carrots, jello, garlic bread and pudding are one the menu.

Friday, April 20th, will be a day for visiting. Green enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, garlic bread and cake are on the menu.

Monday, April 23rd, the menu will consist of hamburgers on a bun, red beans, tomato, onions, pickles, lettuce and jello. Bingo will be played.

Wednesday, April 25th, the birthday dinner will be held. Debbie Mitchell will provide the entertainment.

Friday, April 27th, the McAdams will provide music and the menu will consist of salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, salad, rolls and applesauce.

Easter freeze - mixed bag of potential problems for wheat

By John R. Senter
Mitchell CEA-Ag

As the temps started to fall this past weekend, producers concerns over this year's wheat crop began to rise. By the time Sunday church services were over, the concerns had risen to a level nearing that of the potential yield of most of our wheat fields - high!

Let's think back to last fall as we planted something over 20,000 acres of wheat in the county. We were fortunate enough to get our wheat planted in a timely manner, through late August and September.

Then, we had a bit of a dry spell that set the crop back. Then, we began to receive some good rainfall in March, when we normally do not get that luxury. Then, we got warming temps and more rain to bring in April and as the wheat broke dormancy. The superb growing conditions caused this crop to advance as rapidly and most folks have had the pleasure to witness. All this good fortune brought on thoughts of combining wheat for grain and hopefully offsetting some of the record high seed prices of last year - due to drought conditions from Nebraska to Colorado to Oklahoma and the Red River Valley. All things seemed poised in the right direction for wheat producers to make a good yield and save some high quality seed to allow them to offset some expenses.

Now, enter the Easter Snow of 2007! During the last 72 hours, I have received a large number of questions surrounding the freeze damage to this crop. So, hopefully, this information will give you some idea of where this crop may be as

it now stands and, where it may be going. Notice - the may be part.

For the purpose of this discussion, it would seem best to separate our wheat into two categories that best fit the majority of the growth stage most of our crop was in at the time of the freeze - that being Boot Stage and Heading.

Boot Stage: This is the stage of growth when the heads are still enclosed in the sheath or flag leaf. Potential injury at this time may include the head being trapped in the boots so they cannot emerge normally. If this does occur, heads may not emerge; split out the side of the boots or emerge base first. Sometimes heads may emerge from the boot but remain yellow or even white instead of their usual green color.

When this occurs, the heads have been killed. Frequently, only the male parts (anthers) of the flow-

ers in the head are killed. Since wheat is self-pollinated, sterility may occur and result in poor kernel set and decreased yield potential. In the case of bearded wheat the awns may also show signs of freeze damage by showing a twisted appearance or whitish color.

Heading Stage: Freeze symptoms at this stage can include sterility, leaf desiccation or drying. Lesions on the lower stems may appear. The most telling symptom, however, is usually chlorosis or bleaching of the awns (beard) so that they appear white instead of the normal green color. Freeze injury to the awns will usually kill the male flower parts.

A light green or white "frost ring" may encircle the stem from one to two inches below the heads several days after the freeze.

This area of yellow chlorotic tissue marks the juncture of the stem

And flag leaf at the time the freeze occurred. The "frost ring" may be present on injured plants as well as those plants that show no other signs of damage. In this case, it appears that there is no

disruption of nutrient movement, however, as the heads begin to fill with grain and become heavier, there is the possibility the heads may break over at the frost ring. This is most likely to happen in the case of windy conditions.

In the case of wheat that was younger or grazed in the fall and the plants were in a stage where the head was still in the stem, well below the flag leaf, it is possible that with a heavy leaf canopy and wet, warm soil, the canopy acted as a blanket to hold the heat underneath the leaf canopy and offer some protection for the tender head. Keep in mind, it only takes two hours of 28 degree temperatures to cause damage. We were near this temperature for well over two hours and only time will tell if our "security blanket" was heavy enough.

This untimely freeze and the resulting damage will be a "hard nut to crack" and the final damage and loss estimates will be from four to ten days fully showing up. We must allow the weather to warm and give the crop a chance to resume growing before we can get a good idea of just where the final chips will fall.

It is critical to remember - if we have acres that did in fact escape the damage and are combined for seed - there is a rule of thumb we must remember. We cannot sacrifice the stand-by rule of 58 pounds per bushel test weight nor, the 85% germination! If seed from this year's crop is to be planted for the 2007-08 crop, it would be highly advisable to have a test weight and a cool germ test done on any seed you intend to plant in the fall of '07. Saving and planting damaged seed that has poor quality, low test weight and low germination will cause more problems than any of us want to deal with and only hurt you for next year's crop.

Keep your fingers crossed, give the crop a chance to come out of cold weather in four to seven days and then take a good hard look at where your crop is at. Decision time is not going to be easy so arm yourself with as much information as possible and feel free to call us if need be.

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