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Q. When does early voting start in the March 9th primary?
A. Early voting begins February 23 and runs through March 5 at the Mitchell County Courthouse lobby between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Briefly

Moms In Touch
Moms In Touch International—moms who meet one hour a week to pray for their kids and schools. Interdenominational. If you aren't praying for your child, who is? For more information, call or email Sandy Cartmill at 432-694-7591 or smcsandy@juno.com.

CMS Parents
Parents of Colorado Middle School students are invited to come and see the results of their child's TAKS benchmark tests in the Middle School library Monday, February 9 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Howl Night
Howl Night will be held Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per person. Contact Ann Bazaney at 728-3424 or go by the high school library.

Little League
There will be a Little League meeting Sunday, February 15 at 3 p.m. at the C.C. Thompson Room. Election of new board members and officers will be held. Anyone interested in helping with Teeball, Minor, Major or Junior league baseball please attend.

Mitchell Co. RTA Meeting
The Mitchell County Retired Teachers Association will have their regular monthly meeting February 10, 2004 at the Wallace Center. Lunch will be served at 11:45 and the meeting will start at 12:45. The program will be love songs with Martha Anderson.

St. James BBQ
St. James Baptist Church will be selling BBQ plates Saturday, February 7 beginning at 11 a.m.

Community Mission
The Community Mission is making a request to everyone donating to the mission. Please leave items to be donated only during hours that the mission is open. This will be a very great help. Mission hours are 9 a.m. til 12 noon, and 1 p.m. til 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you.

Hospital Auxiliary
2003 Hospital Auxiliary Cookbooks are now available. Only \$9.75, the books contain recipes from your favorite nurses and staff members as well as auxiliary members. See them at the Hospital Gift Shop now.

Deaths

Compton, Harris

Around Town

Happy 18th Anniversary **Gabriel & Sherri Gonzales** (Feb. 6)... Happy birthday **June McMillan** (Feb. 5)... Happy birthday **Rachel Santana** from the girls... Happy birthday **Alma Smith** (Feb. 8)... Happy birthday **Chris Bolin** (Feb. 9)... **Wanda Pietzsch** celebrates 10 years as deputy district clerk... Happy birthday **Jesse Barrera, Jr.** (Feb. 2)... **Tony Turner** almost gets caught... Ask **Ernie Wood** how to give a goat a bath...

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Possible city manager proposal called a 'major step backward'

The pieces may be slowly falling into place like an intricate puzzle.

The *Record* has reported in recent months that the ongoing actions of City Council members Faye Ross, Sammy Contreras and Bob McNeal are based on their personal agendas rather than what is best for the city and its residents.

Apparently, their most current actions are beginning to show that the interests they are concerned about are their own.

Sources close to two of the these council members told the *Record* on Tuesday, Feb. 3, they soon plan to place on the

City Council's agenda a proposal to make the city manager's job part-time at 20 hours a week and hire someone locally to fill the position.

When contacted by phone Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 3, Contreras said he did not know anything about the proposal.

Contreras said he and Mayor Bob Reily are scheduled to meet Thursday, Feb. 5, to discuss the council's agenda for the Tuesday, Feb. 10, meeting that starts at 6 p.m. at the C.C. Thompson Room.

Ross and McNeal did not return phone calls to the *Record* made to them early Tuesday evening.

Ted Willis, former interim city manager who resigned in December, said the city's relying on a part-time city manager is "a major step backward for the community, and it will fail."

Willis said the three council members "fail to recognize the importance of hiring a professional city manager."

He also said that if employing a part-time city manager was a proven case, "why don't 500 other cities in Texas do the same thing?"

Willis said the three are See PROPOSAL, page 2

Loraine election set; 88 cast early votes

Early voting in a local option election to legalize "the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only" in Loraine closed Tuesday, Feb. 3, with 88 votes cast.

Debby Carlock, early voting clerk, said the Saturday, Feb. 7, election will be held for all municipal precincts within Mitchell County Precinct 4 of the City of Loraine only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Loraine Senior Citizens Building.

Deputy County Clerk Margaret Barr said nine voters cast ballots Tuesday after five people voted Monday, Feb. 2.

The most votes cast in any

one day was 17 on Jan. 22. Voter Registrar Faye Lee said there are 469 registered voters in the City of Loraine.

Irene Graham will serve as election judge on election day, while Rose Mary Aguilar is the alternate election judge.

Connie Harshaw is the early voting ballot board judge. Wanza Graham and Charlene Walker are the election clerks.

The county is requiring the City of Loraine to reimburse the county for all of the expenses of holding the local option election.

The county will pay for the initial cost.

County OKs purchase of Loraine site

Mitchell County moved a step closer to hopefully bring more jobs to the area when Commissioners Court approved the purchase of Loraine Manor in Loraine.

Commissioners Ed Roach, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston approved paying \$30,000 for the building owned by Clark Moody.

Moody also owns Kristi Lee Manor in Colorado City.

The Loraine nursing home on Campbell Street once housed at least 39 residents. It closed in October 2000.

A part of the purchase was the county paying the City of Colorado City \$48 for a 25-foot by 125-foot strip of property located behind Kristi Lee Manor.

Moody will build storage facilities on the property. He See LORAIN, page 2



MITCHELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT approved purchasing the Loraine Manor building in Loraine for \$30,000 during its Monday, Feb. 2, meeting. The county bought the structure from Clark Moody. The county's Board of Economic Development is negotiating with several businesses to utilize the Loraine facility.

Cotton council selects Anderson as chairman

Woody Anderson of Colorado City was elected chairman of the National Cotton Council at the group's annual meeting in New Orleans this past weekend.

Anderson served as NCC's vice chairman during 2003 and succeeds Alabama ginner Robert W. "Bobby" Greene, who will serve as chairman of the NCC's executive committee this year.

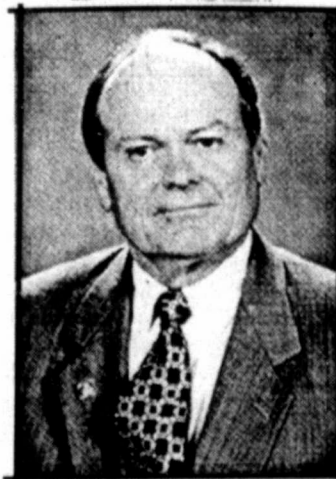
The council represents the U.S.

cotton industry.

Anderson is co-owner of Anderson Farms.

He serves as director of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers and the Producers Coop Gin; chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; an advisory committee chairman of the Texas Agriculture Policy Board; and he is a member of the Mitchell County

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Woody Anderson

CHS move to District 4-2A surprising to head coach

By Carl Graham

Every two years in early February, the state's University Interscholastic League goes through a restructuring process of classifications from six-man through Class 5A.

Monday, Feb. 2, the UIL announced the realignment for the next two years which sends the Colorado Wolves into District 4-2A with old rivals

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Stanton and Coahoma. Also joining District 4-2A are former District 8-2A schools Anson, Hawley, and Stamford.

The Wolves will not be complete strangers to Anson, Hawley, and Stamford since they have met the past two

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Health care facility's open house brings a promising future

The Mitchell County Hospital District's new health care facility at 997 West I-20 was officially christened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Saturday, Jan. 31.

Karen Holman, administrative secretary at the Mitchell County Hospital, said the Hospital Auxiliary registered 856 visitors, but she expects that more than 1,000 toured the 71,000 square-foot building.

Visitors also were treated to a variety of cookies. At least 5,000 were baked for the event.

The new facility currently houses the county Emergency Medical Services and Heart of West Texas Home Health Care.

When it officially opens, it will also house the new hospital and Family Medical Associates, or rural health clinic.

Hospital Administrator Linda

Mize recognized the individuals and groups who have played a role in the health care facility's construction from the planning stages to its present stage.

"This may be our only chance to thank the people who contributed in some way," Mize said. "Our wish is that all of you will come to enjoy this space, and that you will trust us to care for your health-care needs. It is a unique place."

During her brief talk before the hospital tours began, Mize told the large crowd "there is still a big job ahead of us" as far as moving into the facility and a final inspection that remains.

She also praised the hospital district's employees for their day-to-day efforts and "their standout job everyday of the

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INEZ HOWELL, SEATED, WHO WORKED almost 50 years for the Mitchell County Hospital District as an LVN, gets a close look at the Memorial Tree near the front entry of the new health care facility south of Interstate 20. Howell attended the Saturday, Jan. 31, open house with her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Joe Clark. There are 100 leaves on the Memorial Tree, recognizing individuals who have donated \$100 to \$1,000.

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OBITUARIES

Cora Lee Harris

1940-2004

Mrs. Cora Lee Harris, 63, of Colorado City died Wednesday, January 28, 2004 in a local care center. Graveside services were held Thursday, in the Westbrook Cemetery with Rev. Bob Manning officiating under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harris was born to Roy and Bessie Reynolds Hicks on December 30, 1940 in Star City, Arkansas. She married William "Dub" Harris on September 18, 1958 in Texarkana, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on December 4, 1987. She was a Baptist and a resident of Colorado City since 1975.

She is survived by two daughters, Pat and husband Kevin Parker of Colorado City and Sandy and husband Jeff Sparks of Stephenville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Cathy Williamson of Greenwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 29 years, William "Dub" Harris; and one great-grandson, Jayce Collins.

Lucy Edna Mohler DeLaney Compton

1910-2004

Lucy Edna Compton died in Beaverton, Oregon on January 21, 2004. She was the youngest daughter of James and Parilee Mohler and was born in Ballinger on October 1, 1910. The family moved to Colorado City where Lucy graduated from high school. She married Charles N. DeLaney and they had a son Charles and daughter Martha. Her husband preceded her in death in 1939.

Lucy studied bookkeeping at a local business college and used these skills to support and raise her children. She returned to Colorado City and married Richard Compton in 1968. They were active members in the Calvary Baptist Church. Dick died in 1975 and Lucy spent the remaining years in Odessa and Beaverton near her son and daughter.

A memorial service will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church on February 9 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Kaiser Hospice, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Portland, OR 97210 or Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City, Texas.

ANDERSON

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Soil and Water Conservation District.

Anderson has served in various NCC leadership positions, including vice chair of the Southwest Region for the American Cotton Producers from 1996-2002, and as chairman of the NCC's Crop Insurance Committee from 1995-2001.

A University of Texas at Austin graduate, Anderson is a charter board member of First National Bank in Colorado City and is a member of the Mitchell County Appraisal District Advisory Board.

He is a member and was lay leader at First United Methodist Church in Colorado City. Anderson and his wife, Susan, have a son and a daughter.

Other NCC officers elected for 2004 include:

Woods Eastland, a Greenwood, Miss., cooperative official, as vice chairman; and vice presidents G. Stephen Felker, a Monroe, Ga., textile manufacturer; Charles Owen,

a Pima, Ariz., ginners; and Gail Kring, a Lubbock crusher.

Fred Underwood, a Lubbock warehouseman, and Bobby Weil, a Montgomery, Ala., merchant, were re-elected NCC vice presidents, and Allen B. Helms Jr., a Clarkdale, Ariz., cotton producer, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Andy Jordan was elected as vice president, technical services.

Re-elected NCC staff officers were: Dr. Mark Lange, NCC president and chief executive officer; Dr. Gary Adams, vice president, economics and policy analysis.

Also, Craig Brown, vice president, producer affairs; Dr. Bill M. Norman, vice president, Ginners Services; and Fred Johnson, vice president, administration and program coordination, all of Memphis; and John Maguire, senior vice president, Washington operations; and Allen Terhaar, vice president, foreign operations.

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currently uses Loraine Manor as a storage facility.

The City Council voted Jan. 13 to sell the property to the county.

The city will also provide an easement and provide help with creating a road or fire lane around Kristi Lee Manor.

The Board of Economic Development and county will pay closing costs.

The county will use the Loraine site in negotiations to bring a business to the county that could generate up to 40 new jobs.

BOED member Woody Anderson told the council "I am not at liberty to tell you what the best prospect for use of the building is, frankly, because this is a competitive hunt."

"We have three potential uses of the building. On the low end, we're talking about five to seven jobs, and on the high end 35 to 40 jobs."

Anderson said the high-end prospect could benefit the city, county, hospital district and prison system.

He said J.V. Young, warden at the Wallace and Ware prison units, attended the meeting "because one potential use of the building would be affiliated with the prison system."

BOED Executive Director Windi Fuller said, "The next step is to locate a business" at the Loraine site.

"We have a couple of different prospects," she said. "It may take some time, but this is one of the things we felt like we had to do."

"We had to make that step forward and show the entity we are working with that we are serious about this and we want them to locate here."

MARKET REPORT

Colorado City Livestock Market Report
January 28, 2004

Receipts: 543 Hd.
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Commissioners approve policy on overpayments to county

The Mitchell County Commissioners Court approved a policy regarding overpayments to county offices and an interlocal agreement with the City of Loraine during its Monday, Feb. 2, meeting.

Commissioners Ed Roach, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston also approved bids on two different properties held in trust by three taxing entities in the county.

County Auditor Susan Buckalew told commissioners that overpayments involve all county offices.

She said some are occurring because individuals filing instruments with the county clerk's office believe there is a \$5 archive fee, but the county does not charge the fee.

Commissioners rejected the fee during a recent meeting.

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proving their inability to work cooperatively with anyone, unless they hand-pick the individual.

Willis said he resigned because the three council members were uncooperative and disruptive during his short stay.

"I think they have been exposed for what they are," he said. "They don't care about the city. They care about themselves."

He said the plan for a part-time city manager is occurring by design and not by accident.

"The city is allowing three or four people to tear it apart," he said.

The three council members also have been seen meeting in a Westbrook restaurant on more than one occasion, apparently mapping out actions they hope will give them the type of control they once had.

Overpayments also occur when fines are paid to the justice of the peace offices, and considerable paperwork is required to make a refund.

County Judge Ray Mayo said that "regardless of the amount of the overpayment we are obligated to send it back to the individuals."

The policy approved by commissioners Monday allows the county to keep any overpayment of \$5 or less.

"We will keep it and will not send back. We will put it into the general fund," he said. "Anything over \$5 we will write a check and send it back

to them, even if it's \$5.01, or \$6."

"In order to keep the money, we had to have a policy."

Commissioners also approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Loraine for provisions of sharing county and city equipment on an as-needed basis.

They also approved a \$525 bid from Stacie Goswick to purchase property at 270 Walnut St. that would allow her to expand her business.

They also accepted a \$100 bid from Andrew Jones for four lots in Loraine.

Chamber plans banquet

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 95th annual banquet Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Civic Center.

The banquet will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each. They are available at the Chamber office.

Sue Lowrance, the Chamber executive vice president, said the theme for the event will be "From Then ... Until Now ...

Lowrance said the 154-member Chamber will recognize two individuals, including a new category, and a business during the event.

The Chamber will honor the Young Citizen of the Year, 18 through 39 years of age; the Citizen of the Year, 40 and older; and will also recognize a business.

For more information, phone 728-3403.



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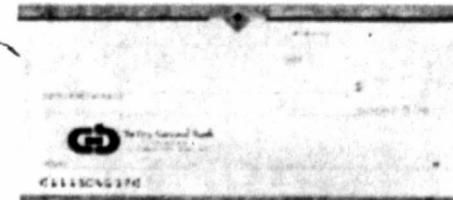
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THE OPEN HOUSE AT THE MITCHELL COUNTY Hospital District's new health care facility south of Interstate 20 was officially launched with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the hospital's front entrance. The district's board of directors took part in the ceremony along with members of the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

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year."

The health care center underwent an inspection Friday, Jan. 30, to ensure that it is complying with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"The inspection went pretty good," Mize said. "There are a few things we are going to have to change. A couple of instances on signage, and handrails in some of the restrooms we need to readjust."

A crucial inspection occurs the week of Feb. 9 when the Texas Department of Health returns for its 100 percent inspection.

The completion of the hospital's front parking lot and eight parking spaces for the handicapped were mandatory items to allow patients to be moved from the current location on Chestnut Street to the new hospital.

With the help of county precinct crews and Cooper Construction Co., those requirements appear to have been met.

If the TDH inspector gives his OK, the official move-in could begin by mid- to late February, and the outlook is promising from different standpoints.

While operating two facilities has placed a financial strain on the hospital district, Chief Financial Officer Shirley McMahan said it may take at least a year before seeing a change.

"From a financial stand-

point, it may not happen the first year, but we should see it in the second year, and at least a 10 percent increase in our patient revenue," McMahan said. "And then the utilities will be down to one building when we make the move."

"We are going to shut off everything possible, except for a little bit of electricity, at the old hospital."

McMahan said the hospital's critical access status has improved reimbursements from Medicare.

"We've gotten nearly a \$400 a day increase in our swing bed rate," she said, "and our lab and X-ray are seeing an increase."

"It's going to take awhile, but we should see a turn around."

She said Medicaid will be "reimbursing us \$31,000 this year," while "all we will have to send to Medicare is \$8,800, so we came out \$22,00 ahead."

The number of patients undergoing surgery each month at the current hospital has increased, and the new facility could provide another boost.

Dr. Dee Roach, the hospital's chief of staff said, "We are hopefully optimistic that the new facility is going to bring in great deal more patients and hopefully more revenue."

"Surgery is certainly one of

those areas we are looking forward to having an increase in volume.

"As it is now, our surgeries have virtually doubled from last year already. With the new facility, we certainly hope to be able to increase it even more than that."

Roach said the new health care center could help "encourage or entice other surgeons, particularly specialists, and sub-specialists who can come in and do some outpatient procedures that can increase our operative volumes."

Roach said surgeons and sub-specialists are "starging to come in and using our facility for outpatient surgeries which have certainly helped our revenue and volumes."

"Hopefully, even more to come with our new facility."

Roach said the hospital is averaging around 20 surgeries per month.

John Cooper of Cooper Construction, the facility's general contractor, said, "I really think it's going to increase the hospital's usage a lot."

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years in non-district play.

Former district foes Crane, Seagraves, and Forsan are headed in separate directions.

Crane moves into District 1-2A in far West Texas, with Forsan and Seagraves dropping into Class A.

Head football coach and athletic director Frank Johnson said he was a little surprised with the way the realignment went.

"I thought it was a little unexpected," Johnson said. "I really thought they would send us into a district with Slaton and Denver City who both dropped to 2A. It's always a guessing game, and I am not very good at guessing."

Johnson spent Monday trying to complete his non-district schedule.

"Though the dates have not been totally set, our non-district opponents have been," said Johnson. "The schedule will be a brutal one, but we did that for a reason."

"Having a tough schedule can only make you better for district play. We feel like we can compete well with any of them on the schedule."

The Wolves will open once again with Class 3A Fort Stockton with the game to be played in Midland. The date should be firmed up sometime this week.

Merkel is on the schedule for next season after being a sparring partner the past couple of years in pre-season scrimmages. That game is scheduled for Sept. 3.

Although Crane has moved

into a new district, the Wolves will once again face the Golden Cranes this season, but in non-district action. That game is set for Sept. 10.

San Angelo Grape Creek returns to the Wolves schedule after a two-year absence. They are penciled in on Sept. 17. The next week, Sept. 24, has been set as an open date.

The final non-district game will be another familiar opponent in the Monahans Lobos, a thorn in the side from the Wolves 3A days.

Pre-season scrimmages have been set with Class A Albany and 3A Clyde.

Johnson said he should have the district schedule completed this week. The Record will print the schedule when completed.

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POLICE REPORT

OFFENSES

- On Monday, January 26, 2004 at about 1:44 p.m. a 15 year-old male student at Colorado High School was arrested for Terroristic Threat. The juvenile was transferred into the custody of the Juvenile Officer. The case was referred to the County Attorney for consideration of prosecution. Arresting Officer: Torres
- On Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at about 5:20 p.m. Sylvia Melendez, 30 year-old female, 808 E. 20th reports Burglary of Habitation. Sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. a person entered her house and stole an X-box game. Estimated Loss: \$300.00. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Mitchell
- On Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at about 8:00 a.m. Colorado Middle School reports Criminal Mischief. The Life Skills Building, located in the 1200 block of Locust Street had its back door window and a skylight damaged sometime during the nighttime. Loss has not been estimated. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Thursday, January 29, 2004 at about 11:42 a.m. Officers were called to a residence in the 800 block of Locust for investigation of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. The victim, a 12 year-old female of Big Spring, Texas was located and subsequently returned to her mother's custody. A suspect has been identified. Additionally a 10 year-old male of Big Spring was located and arrested for Truancy and Resisting Arrest. Child Protective Services was notified. The male juvenile was transferred into the custody of the Juvenile Officer. Investigating Officers: Torres and Taylor
- On Friday, January 30, 2004 at about 11:30 a.m. a blue "Arctic Zone" lunch box was turned in as found property. The item was found at 12th and Austin Streets. Reporting Officer: Torres
- On Friday, January 30, 2004 at about 9:45 p.m. Robert Sparks, 27 year-old male, 1145 Elm Street reports Criminal Mischief. He heard loud noises at his front door and discovered that someone had broken out the bottom kick panel of his front door. Damage has not been estimated. Investigating Officer: Tom Taylor
- On Friday, January 30, 2004 at about 10:45 p.m., Mario Casares Jr., 22 year-old male, 545 E. 16th Street was arrested for making Alcohol Available to Minors. Officers were called to the residence reference minors drinking alcohol. Two minors, a male from Sweetwater and a female from Colorado City were cited and released for Minor Consuming Alcohol. Albert Martinez, 20 year-old male, 102 Poplar, Sweetwater was arrested for a warrant from Nueces County charging him Assault - Causing Bodily Injury. Casares and Martinez were transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Tom Taylor
- On Saturday, January 31, 2004 at about 9:00 a.m. Ann Bradbury, 69 year-old female, 812 Chestnut reports Theft. A decorative windmill was stolen from her front yard. The item was valued at \$395.00. The windmill was found discarded in a neighbor's yard about a block away. It was returned to the owner. Investigation is continuing as Criminal Mischief. Investigating Officer: Mitchell
- On Saturday, January 31, 2004 at about 3:21 p.m. Troy Randolph, 61 year-old male, 313 E. 36th Street was arrested for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon (Illegal Knife) at 22nd and Hickory Street. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell
- On Saturday, January 31, 2004 at about 3:40 p.m. Juan Arizmendi, 24 year-old male, 2330 N. Hwy 208 reports a dog bite. Arizmendi reports that he was walking in the 2300 block of Hickory and a black and white dog attacked him and bit him on his ankle. Arizmendi identified the residence where the dog came from and returned to. Resident reports that the dog is a stray. Investigation is continuing by ACO Bender. Reporting Officer: Tom Taylor
- On Sunday, February 1, 2004 at about 1:36 p.m. Jarrod Baker, 22 year-old male, 2001 Hillcrest was arrested at 17th and Hickory Streets for Driving While License Invalid. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell



HOCHHEIM PRAIRIE FARM MUTUAL Insurance Co. Branch 214 of Mitchell County donated \$600 each to the Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary and the Wallace Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Pauline Light, auxiliary president, and Shirley Scott, Wallace Center director, are presented checks by C.D. Downing, left, branch president, and Hulen Bagwell, branch vice president. Downing said each year Hochheim Prairie donates \$5 for each policyholder in a branch. He said Branch 214 has 271 policyholders.

Thank You...

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the people that participated in the Mitchell County Hospital District "Open House" last Saturday. For those that assisted in any way possible to just coming and admiring our new facility, we say thank you! We wish to especially thank the Ladies Auxiliary for putting our reception together in grand style. We are very proud of our new building and are eager to move in soon. Again....thank you to everyone!

Mitchell County Hospital District

Coahoma incident could intensify game

The vandalism of a Colorado Independent School District bus could add to the intensity of a District 3-2A basketball game Feb. 17 in Colorado City that is expected to decide the district championship.

CISD Superintendent Jim White and other administrators are working to make sure the rivalry and any intense battles remain on the basketball court in The Pit.

The Colorado High School Wolves defeated Coahoma's Bulldogs 73-72 on a last-second field goal in double overtime Friday, Jan. 30, in Coahoma, giving CHS a 5-0 record in district play.

While a heated battle was taking place on the court, the CISD bus used to transport the

players to Coahoma was vandalized during the game.

In addition, clothing and other personal items CHS players left in the bus were damaged.

"It was kind of a disgusting incident," White said. "But, that's one of those things that could happen to anybody, and it's the type of thing that gives an entire school and entire town a bad name."

"When in reality, it was just a small group of people responsible for it. I think it was a rivalry carried too far."

White said Coahoma school officials have caught those involved in the vandalism and disciplined them.

"Coahoma was good enough to lend us a clean bus

to drive home in that night," he said. "They did some good things. They took it upon themselves to do it. We didn't have to ask, and I appreciated that from them."

White said he expects the good relationship the two school districts have shared in the past to continue.

"We have to do our part to convey to our kids, and hopefully to our fans, that we are not to carry on anyway different than in a positive way to support our kids just because of this incident," White said. "It's been dealt with, it's been handled. I am satisfied with it. I hate that it happened ... nobody hates it more than the Coahoma administration."

With the upcoming game in

two weeks, White said that "we are going to visit with our students. They know what we expect out of them, and I think they will respond positively."

"I think it will make the game a little more intense. There is nothing better than a hard fought, intense district basketball game, but it needs to end on a good note."

"What we hope is that our students and our fans will react positively, maybe more intensely, but in a positive way for, and in support of our team."

White said that if any CHS students would vandalize the Coahoma bus, "and we caught them, we would deal with them very harshly, I can promise you that."

Sports complex to greet baseball season

The Colorado High School girls softball team will officially open the new Mitchell County Sports Complex in three weeks.

Windi Fuller, executive director of the county's Board of Economic Development, said the CHS Wolves baseball team will hold a scrimmage at the complex Feb. 20, while the girls team has a Feb. 23 game scheduled.

Little League is expected to start in late April, in addition to the city softball association.

Fuller said Browne Bros. of Colorado City built bleachers and other seating for the complex, and the company is moving them to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse south of I-20 where they will be painted by offenders.

Fuller said Browne Bros. constructed eight sets of bleachers -- two for each field -

- eight sets of benches for the dugouts, and four scorers' tables.

The bleachers are constructed of steel.

Fuller said concrete work is under way on the bleacher pads while county Precinct 2 crews continue to work on the parking lot.

"If the parking lot is not finished, there will be at least a base where vehicles can be parked," Fuller said. "They should have the parking lot finished by the first softball game."

"In March, we should get the grass for the soccer field delivered and then installed. The field will be sodded and other areas sprigged."

Fuller said that "as soon as we get the grass down the soccer will be ready to be used, at least by mid-April. You need to give the grass like six weeks to adjust."

"Everyth... should be fin-

ished by mid-summer."

Fuller also said the girls softball association is planning two tournaments at the complex this spring.

"I think that in the next week or two our calendar will start filling up, which is going to be great," she said. "That is why we built this because we wanted to have tournaments out there."

"Not only will they be an entertainment factor for the people who live here, but we would be able to draw people in from out of the county."

Fuller said sports complex architect Kelly Cook continues to keep tabs on the project, while other communities are watching its progress.

"It's pretty exciting," she said. "The City of Midland has said we want our backstop to look like theirs (Mitchell County). Because the complex is highly visual from the interstate, people are seeing it and

going back to their towns."

"I get phone calls like from someone in Canyon and ask me about how we did something. I had phone calls from all over the area asking about how we did it."

Fuller said she has helped other cities, like Snyder, in how to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant.

"They called me after we got our grant and said if Colorado City can do it, surely we can, too. So tell me how you did it. I am happy to share the information."

"They are asking about certain elements of the project. They are taking notice and say we want that in our park, too. It's a good compliment not only for us, but also for our architect who put a lot of thought into this project."

The sports complex is also a unique feature for the city the size of Colorado City and how

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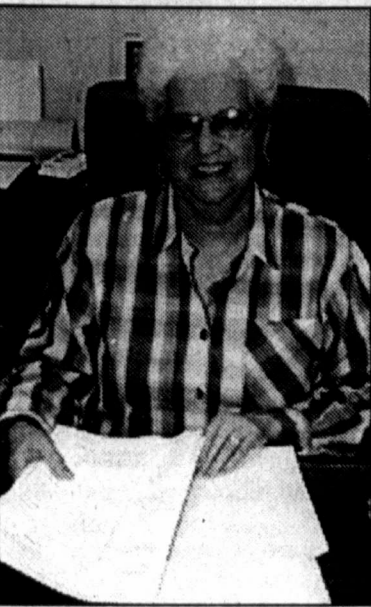
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Texas Midwest Council says... Projects inspire other communities



Sue Lowrance

Two major projects nearing completion have vaulted Mitchell County into the spotlight. The hospital district's new health care facility and the county's new sports complex -- both off I-20 -- are expected to be finished in February. Both are drawing considerable attention from passers-by, and from communities comprising the Texas Midwest Council. Sue Lowrance, executive vice president of the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, serves as the city's official

delegate on the 41-community council, outlined the progress of the hospital and sports complex during the council's Jan. 27 meeting in Abilene. After briefing the council on the two projects, "I heard someone say, well, if they can do that, why can't we do it, too. "This is one thing the council is about. They can look to us and see what was involved in getting the sports complex, or getting the hospital. "And that's going to give them an incentive to work together. We look at communities like Tye near Abilene where they have built this big, new community center."

Lowrance said Tye made use of grant money to help build the facility.

While community leaders are focusing their attention on different aspects of the Mitchell County projects, other visitors are also getting a chance to see them.

"Saturday afternoon, two of my friends and I, Emma Harper and Lanell Bearden from Snyder, were in a local clothing store," Lowrance said. "There were four ladies in there from Big Spring. They had come over here to shop."

Lowrance mentioned to the four about the hospital's open house, and they had noticed the crowded south parking lot as

they drove past the new hospital off I-20 to Colorado City.

"I think what is so neat is that the other communities around us, and the ones involved in Texas Midwest, are as proud of our facility as we are."

Lowrance said the regional council benefits the communities involved as delegates hear about successful community projects.

"When you get so many people together with different ideas, you can put several of them together, and then customize them to work for your own community," she said.

Lowrance said Texas Midwest operates on the premise of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Two indicted during January grand jury

Two Colorado City men were indicted during the January session of the Mitchell County Grand Jury.

Frank Arthur Hammans and Kirk Kelly Evans are both in custody in Mitchell County Jail.

Hammans was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a passenger under 15 years of age.

He was arrested Dec. 30. His bond is set at \$5,000.

Evans was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, a third degree felony, which was enhanced by a prior conviction to a second degree felony.

Evans, 41, was arrested by Colorado City Police Chief Patrick Taylor and Investigator Pete Torres on Jan. 8 after Evans' 1988 Chevrolet pickup truck struck a hurricane fence surrounding property owned by Lone Wolf Resources off Business Highway 20 West.

Taylor said Evans was traveling westbound when his vehicle veered to the left crashing into at least 20 feet of the fence.

Evans also was convicted of DWI in April 1996 in Parker County, and in July 1999 in Dallas County.

A Scurry County grand jury convicted Evans of DWI in February 2000.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said a parole violation warrant has been issued against Evans. The warrant allows no bond.

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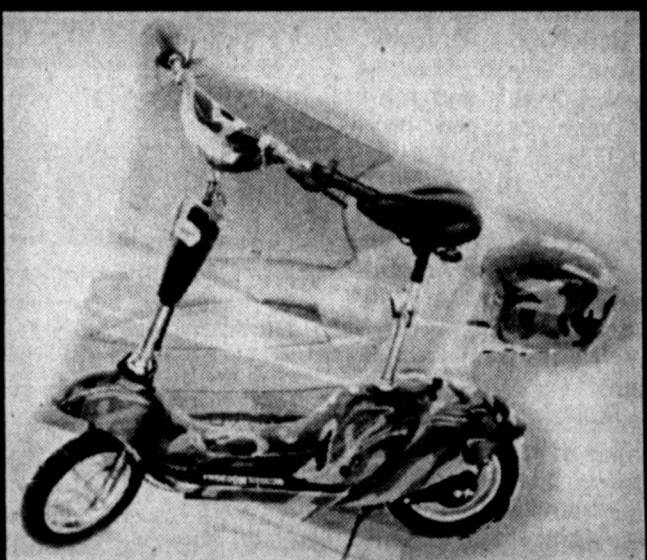
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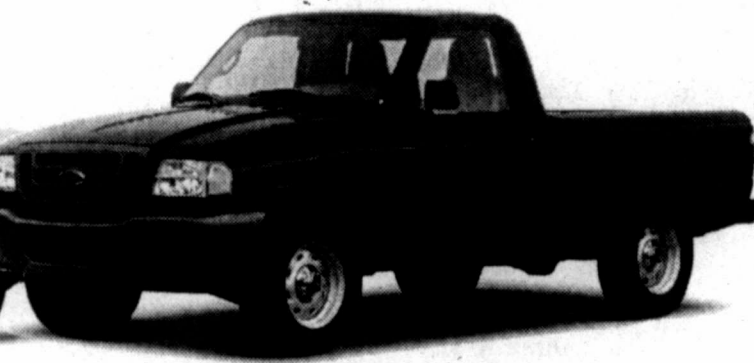
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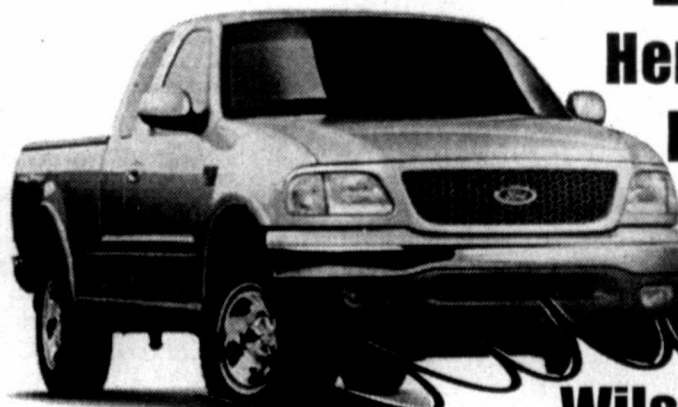
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor.

When at first the new hospital was in the "discussion stage", I had mixed feelings about it. This past year when I heard how the nurses and other staff members worked so hard on their own time to help raise money for furniture, etc, I saw the issue in a different light.

I spent a night recently in the hospital and I can't say enough about how these "angels of mercy" were so attentive and kind, both in the emergency room and later in a patient room.

I believe these young nurses and other staff members will believe they are in "hospital heaven" when they get to move to the new hospital and especially after I got a view of it last Saturday.

I wish that some of the nurses from the past could work just one day in this new facility, nurses such as Mary Jo Self, Friday Moore, Inez Howell, Neva Underwood, Dorothy Forbes "Rec" Webb, Marion Bassham, Mrs. Wallis and others that have escaped my memory. This is said, not to discredit any of the current staff, but, only a nostalgic thought of those who have paved the way for the present ones. Past and present, they all indeed are "angels of mercy" and aren't we thankful we still have Joann!

On another nostalgic note, when I think of the ones mentioned above I see them in their white starched uniforms, white hats, white stockings and white shoes. All they needed was a halo!

Rose Ella Ball

To the citizens of Colorado City and to the editor:

After reading the editorial in the January 22 edition of the Colorado Record, I decided to voice my opinion on the city council controversy.

Mr. Editor, you have a right to your own opinion and I respect that. You also have a right and duty to print the news, good and bad, and I appreciate that, but I am not sure what good is coming forth by your printing issues of the past.

From information that has just come to light, Mr. Willis has done the same thing in another town which, in my opinion, places a "stain" on his reputation. However, regardless of "who is to blame", the damage is done. We need to "bury the bad", learn from our mistakes, and move on with unity to make Colorado City a better place to live.

These are our council people and let's support them and quit dragging up the past.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

Sincerely,
Dolores Wood

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ted Willis resigned as the interim city manager of Abernathy because of the disruption to city business created when the 71-year-old fire chief and the 69-year-old EMS director and city councilman engaged in a bloody fistfight in public. Willis refused to be a referee.

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it can benefit the city and county.

"When you have other communities, even larger than us, who are calling us, saying how did you do that, not only is it a great compliment to our community, but definitely a great asset," Fuller said.

"Other communities our size, and even those with populations of 10,000 or 15,000, don't have a complex like this. So this is pretty exciting for us."

Fuller started the planning phase for the complex in 1999, while the actual construction started in June 2002.

The property was donated by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Earis Lee Dunn, Big Spring to Linda Fowler McDonald, Big Spring, 1-21-04.

ARRESTS
Alice Pineda Franco, 44, MCSO, TBC (Travis Co.), 1-28-04.

Charles J. Martinez, 26, MCSO, prob. violation x3, Quad Co. NM, 1-28-04.

Kerry Aitchison, 46, MCSO, poss. or transport certain chemicals w/intent to make cont. substance, 1-30-04.

Jarrod Baker, 22, THP, DWLI, 1-30-04.

Mario Casares Jr., 22, CCPD, making alcohol available to minor, 1-30-04.

Albert E. Martinez, 20, CCPD, mtr-Nueces Co., 1-30-04.

Troy Bruce Randolph, 61, CCPD, UCW, 1-31-04.

Tommy Lynn Green, 46, MCSO, PI, 2-1-04.

Shevawn Rutledge, 31, MCSO, PI, 2-1-04.

Shelia Kirk, 33, MCSO, DWI, 2-1-04.

Jarrod Cole Baker, 22, CCPD, DWLI, 2-1-04.

Ramon Morales, 22, THP, warrant, speeding, no DL, 2-1-04.

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Jason Don Adams, 1-26-2004, driving while lic. suspended.

Jose Carlos Dominguez, 1-27-2004, fail to identify giving false.

Carlos Aguirre Dominguez, 1-27-2004, driving while intoxicated 2nd.

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drug testing like a certain percentage of students every month," he said. "Whoever tested positive, will automatically be thrown in with the random testing in a mandatory fashion every time for the next six months."

White said the random drug tests will be unannounced.

"I would think that would be a deterrent," he said. "I hope

it's sending out a word to the students, and I hope it's a word that is well received."

White said random drug testing will start at Colorado Middle School in February.

"I think there are a lot of people who are glad that we are doing it," White said of the drug testing. "We hear a lot of positive comments, even from the kids."

Road plan set for hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation has scheduled a public hearing Feb. 19 in Colorado City to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.

The hearing will be held at TxDOT's Mitchell County Maintenance Section office, 2332 N. State Highway, in Colorado City.

Registration begins 5:30 p.m. and the hearing at 6 p.m.

TxDOT has scheduled a public hearing in each county in the state.

Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, said the hearing will give residents a chance to submit comments on potential routes that could be included in the 50-year plan.

Kilgore said the Trans-Texas Corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer; keep hazardous material out of populated areas; and improve air quality.

"Construction will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds and other innovative financing tolls," Kilgore said. "Likely starting points for this corridor will be high-population areas of the state."

"Eventual features of the corridor could include separate lanes for cars and trucks, separate passenger, commuter and freight rail lines, as well as a dedicated utility zone that includes water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics and telecommunications."

The Hollywood Big Shots

By Tumbleweed Smith

When my sons were growing up, our dining room table was the favorite hang-out place for a group of young teen-age boys who played a game called Dungeons and Dragons. Their names were Charlie, Zane, Jantz and my son BZ. They all graduated from Big Spring High School in 1986. They were very serious about the game and it influenced them to read J.R.R. Tolkien and similar authors.

At college, BZ majored in classical guitar and sound production, Zane graduated with an engineering degree, Charlie got involved with nuclear physics and Jantz studied music. They took summer vacations together, sometimes traveling as far away as Europe.

After graduation, they moved en masse to Seattle, spent a few years there, then migrated to San Jose, California, then to Pacifica, just outside San Francisco and finally into San Francisco itself.

By now their careers were taking shape. Charlie became a rocket scientist working for GE. Jantz and Zane got involved with computer animation for movies and electronic games and BZ opened a recording studio.

Zane wrote a novel in high school and later wrote a movie script. The four guys decided to make Zane's script into a movie. They all left their jobs in California and came home to Big Spring where they could get free food and lodging while they filmed their movie. Charlie was behind the camera, Zane directed and Jantz and BZ did the music and sound.

The enthusiasm of the young film makers was appreciated by the movie community in Dallas. A couple of actors and a special effects man with good credentials donated their time to the project. A cast of characters was assembled and locations were chosen. My grandson, Jackson, called the film-makers the Hollywood Big Shots.

The movie was shot on 16 millimeter film, then transferred to computer for editing and mixing. It took a few months to finish it, then it stayed on a shelf for a few years. Every once in a while, the guys would think about doing something with it, get it out and work on it some more. But mostly, they were involved with their jobs.

The movie is called HELL IS TEXAS and is now being sold in 7-11 stores on the east coast. The distributor plans to bring it west.

This is an amazing bunch of guys. A few years ago, Charlie decided to hitch-hike around the world. He took off a couple of years to do it. Once Zane decided to take a year off to study some new computer programs.

Now that their careers are established, they're getting married. Zane married Ronda, who was in the movie and they have twin daughters. BZ married Margaret and they have my wonderful grandson, Max. Charlie just got engaged and Jantz just works all the time and is not married.

I was out in San Francisco over the holidays and BZ, Charlie, Zane and I went to see the latest Lord of the Rings movie. It was like being back in our dining room watching the guys play Dungeons and Dragons.

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COOKS CORNER

With the new year, many people start thinking of eating right, losing weight and improving their overall health. This week we have included some low-carb recipes for those who are watching their carbohydrate intake.

SMOTHERED CHICKEN BREAST

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
2 skinless chicken breasts, split
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 large slices of your favorite cheese*
1 tablespoon white vinegar
Coarsely ground black pepper to taste
Parsley sprigs

In a deep skillet combine the olive oil and butter and set over medium heat. When the skillet is hot, add the chicken breast halves and cook for 8 to 10 minutes per side depending on thickness of

chicken breasts. Put the cooked chicken breasts on a platter and keep warm. Raise skillet heat to medium-high. Add the garlic and vinegar to the oil in the skillet and stir for 20 seconds, scraping up any brown bits; then simmer for 1 minute.

Return heat to medium and return the chicken breasts to the skillet. Cook 1 minute on each side. Top chicken breasts with one slice of cheese each. Cover and remove from heat. Slice the chicken breasts crosswise (against the grain) into thin pieces or serve whole. Covers with sauce from skillet and season with pepper. Serve garnished with parsley sprigs.

TRADITIONAL SUGAR COOKIES

1 1/4 cups almond flour
1 cup Splenda®

1 egg
1/2 tsp butter flavored extract
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 cup butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix almond flour with Splenda, sifting until well mixed. In a separate bowl, lightly beat egg and then mix well with extracts and softened butter. Add to dry ingredients and mix really well. Form dough into 24 small balls and space evenly on two ungreased cookie sheets (most cookie sheets will hold 12 cookies - 4 rows of three - very evenly.) Press moderately to flatten to a silver-dollar pancake size.

Bake for approximately 8 minutes at 350°. They will slide right off the cookie sheet. Cool 5 minutes before eating. These cookies are the best cookies I've had since low-carbing. None of my

non-LC friends can tell these are not "the real thing" and they go like wildfire at a party. Be careful, they're addictive! Makes 24 cookies. 2 carbs per cookie.

CHEESECAKE SQUARES

1 pkg. sugar-free Jello
1 cup boiling water
2 pkg. cream cheese, softened (8-oz. packages)

Combine Jello granules and boiling water in a bowl. Stir until dissolved. Add cream cheese and mix until of an even consistency. Pour into a baking pan and refrigerate until firm.

CREAMY BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER CASSEROLE

1 head cauliflower, cut into florets
1 bunch broccoli, cut into florets
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 can cream of mushroom soup

Steam broccoli and cauliflower over boiling water for ten minutes, or until just tender. Drain thoroughly, if required, and place in a baking dish. Combine mayonnaise, cheese and soup and spoon over vegetables. Bake uncovered at 350 F for 45 minutes or until nicely browned on top.

BROCCOLI & BACON SALAD

2 cups broccoli florets
8 slices bacon
1 cup sweet white onion, sliced
2 T. butter
2/3 cup olive oil
3 T. vinegar

Cook broccoli in medium pot of boiling salted water until crisp-tender, about 4 minutes. Drain well. Cook bacon in heavy large skillet over medium heat until brown and crisp.

Transfer bacon to paper towels and drain. Crumble bacon. In a clean frying pan, saute the onions in butter until soft. Whisk oil and vinegar in medium bowl to blend. Mix in onion. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Combine broccoli, bacon and onion in large bowl. Toss with enough dressing to coat.

BIRTHS

Jason and Rachel Stewart of Roscoe would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Laney Brooke Stewart. Laney was born on Monday, January 26 at 12:18 p.m. at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater weighing 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed by brother, Tracer and sister, Jaci.

Paternal grandparents are Jay and Judy Suggs of Roscoe and Frankie and Julie Stewart of San Antonio. Maternal grandparents are Vollie and Bambi Shipp of Dermott and Bill and Linda Stevens of Bandera.



Gary Hale and Jennifer Petty

Hale, Petty announce wedding, planned Feb. 27

Jennifer Louise Petty and Gary Allen Hale II of Snyder, are planning to be married at 6 p.m. February 27, 2004 at the Willow Park Inn in Snyder.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mary and Alan Smith of Colorado City and Jim and Melissa Petty of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Edward Nalepka and the late Josephine Nalepka of San Angelo and Roy Petty of Westbrook and Margie Myers of Big Spring. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Aiello of Monterey, California.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School and a 2003 graduate of Midland College nursing program and is currently employed at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater.

The groom-elect is the son of Gary and Delaine Hale of Colorado City. He is the grandson of Doug and Lorna Lusk of Midland and Cecil and Joyce Hale of Colorado City.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School. He received his EMT Intermediate certification in 2001 from Western Texas College in Snyder and in 2002 graduated from Texas State Technical College fire academy in Abilene. He is currently employed at the Scurry County Sheriff's Office in Snyder.

After a cruise to the Western Caribbean, the couple plans to reside in Snyder.

Gateway Family Services reports record high in 2003

Gateway Family Services, Inc. reported serving a record number of family violence and sexual assault victims in 2003. This is the second straight year record numbers of victims have sought help through Gateway. Gateway Family Services is a non-profit family violence shelter and sexual assault crisis center headquartered in Snyder with an outreach and advocacy office in Sweetwater. The agency serves a five-county area consisting of Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent counties.

Gateway served 691 victims of family violence and sexual assault in 2003. This is a 15% increase over the 602 victims served in 2002 and a 42% increase over the 487 victims served in 2001. These agency statistics represent a total of residential and non-residential victims served. Gateway assisted victims from all five of the counties listed above as well as victims from other parts of Texas.

"Both, 2002 and 2003 have been very busy, eventful years for Gateway. In 2002, we served 602 clients making it the first year we served over 600 clients," said Lyndia Allen, executive director. "The fall months of 2002 also broke 18-year records for the number of residential shelter nights provided. October 2002 was the first time in the shelter's then 18-year history that we provided over 300 shelter nights in a single month. In October we had 305 residential nights, November 317 nights and then in December we went over 400 for the first and only

time to date with 437 shelter nights provided. In July and August 2003, we provided 200 and 219 shelter nights respectively for the first time during the summer months. Historically, June, July and August have been slow months for the shelter, but not in 2003," stated Allen.

The shelter has four suites available for victims. According to shelter manager Lea Phillips, "There were times during the past 18 months that we utilized every regular bed, roll-away baby and youth bed we have. Some nights we had to put two or three families in each suite. Normally we like each family to have a suite to themselves for privacy, but that's not always possible."

"Providing shelter, food, clothing and transportation was a challenge during 2002 and early 2003 as we experienced funding cuts on both the state and federal levels," stated Allen. "The Victim's of Crime Act federal grant we receive has been cut 18% over the past two years and in 2002, our Texas Department of Human Services funding was cut 25% with less than 60 days notice." For the contract year beginning September 1, 2002, each TDHS contracted shelter was cut approximately the same amount of money due to the state budget cuts. For small shelters such as Gateway, the reduction was a 24% allocation cut while for larger shelters that receive more funding, the amount represented 2-5% cut.

"In the fall of 2002, the Texas Council on Family Violence formed a committee of shelter executive directors to work with the budget department of the TDHS Family Violence Program to devise a more equitable funding formula, one that does not penal-

ize small to medium size shelters disproportionately. Dee Wilson, former director of Gateway Family Services and current executive director of Noah Project in Abilene, served on the TCFB committee representing small to medium sized shelters. We appreciate her efforts on our behalf," said Allen.

"Unfortunately, since the incidents of family violence and sexual assault continues to escalate, even in our rural area, the need for our shelter and crisis services remains. Assistance from Gateway Family Services is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our crisis hotline number is 800-578-8054 or 325-573-1822. The Sweetwater office telephone number is 325-235-1552 and is answered 24 hours a day. All services offered by Gateway are free of charge and confidential," states Allen.

According to statewide statistics for 2002 compiled by the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV), there were 183,440 incidents of family violence reported, 117 women killed by their partner and over 18,000 adults and children receiving shelter. 74% of all Texans report that they themselves or a family member or friend have experienced family violence in their lives. The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) reports that more than 226,000 children and 104,000 adults are raped each year in Texas. Statewide statistics for 2003 will be compiled and released late this spring and can be found on the TCFV website, www.tcfv.org and the TAASA website, www.taasa.org. These websites also provide additional information regarding family violence or sexual assault issues.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Trans-Texas Corridor Mitchell County

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing in Colorado City on Thursday, February 19, 2004, to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor. The purpose is to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

The hearing will be held in TxDOT's Mitchell County Maintenance Section office at 2332 N. SH 208, Colorado City. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the hearing beginning at 6 p.m. The facility is handicapped accessible. For more information on the public hearing, contact Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, at 325/676-6806.

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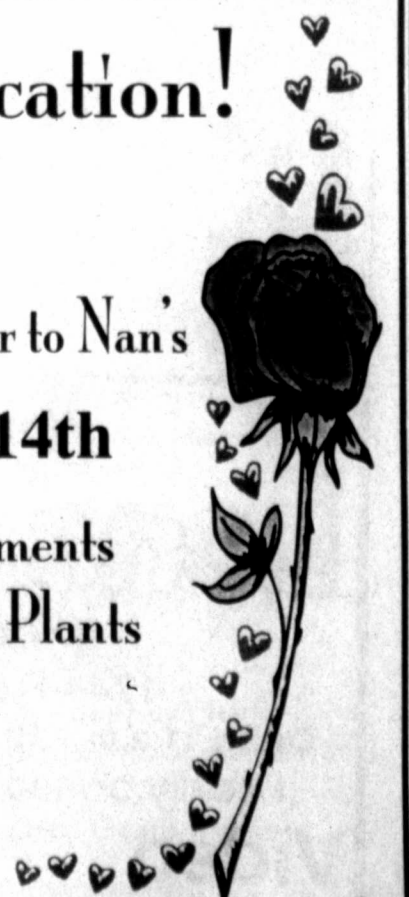
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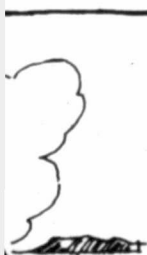
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HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL third-graders get a lesson on the Yellow Dyno safety rules from Jaime Rich, right, a structured educator for Gateway Family Services in Snyder. Rich and Tiffany Rule, structured education coordinator for Gateway, gave the child endangerment prevention program to third-graders, while Kelly Sheridan and Angie Alvarez from the Tri-County Child Advocacy Center in Sweetwater presented the We Help Ourselves (WHO) program to fourth- and fifth-graders. Left to right are Koe Alvarez, Destyne Gaona, Kristina Sundy, Micah Minkina, Bethany Toombs, Lexi Hopper and Christian Cantu.

Program explains abuse to students

Knowledge is Power is the No. 1 safety rule elementary school students are taught in the Yellow Dyno Child Endangerment Prevention Program.

But the phrase also applies to other school-age children, including high school students, when it comes to child abuse, bullying and violence.

Knowledge is Power is among nine key personal safety rules Colorado City elementary school students became acquainted with during programs given by Gateway Family Services in Snyder and the Tri-County Child Advocacy Center in Sweetwater.

Gateway also plans to give prevention programs at Colorado Middle School and Colo-

rado High School, but the message of speaking out against abuse and harassment applies to all ages.

"Gateway Family Services believes one of the keys to ending the cycle of violence is the education of our children who are the hope of the future," said Tiffany Rule, structured education coordinator for Gateway.

Rule and structured educator Jaime Rich presented programs for Gateway, while Angie Alvarez and Kelly Sheridan represented the Tri-County center.

Jincy - Ross, Hutchinson school counselor, helped coordinate the programs.

"By instilling certain fundamentals, our hope is to em-

power each child with the knowledge that they have a right to be safe and to recognize threatening situations," Rule said.

"It's important that students know they have a voice and that they can speak up, and say, No I don't want this to happen, and talk to somebody about it," Rule said. "It would be wonderful if child abuse would stop."

"We know abuse will not go away. We know that is not reality. It's important to let the kids know they have a voice and can speak up."

"That is why it's important to start teaching this in kindergarten. If they hear it year after year, they will eventually understand what we are trying to get across, and realize they can speak up and say something."

"I think people forget that we have rights. Our society has become numb to everything, like get over it, or don't worry about it. We all get that way."

Elementary school students are taught through music how to detect tricky people and avoid unsafe situations.

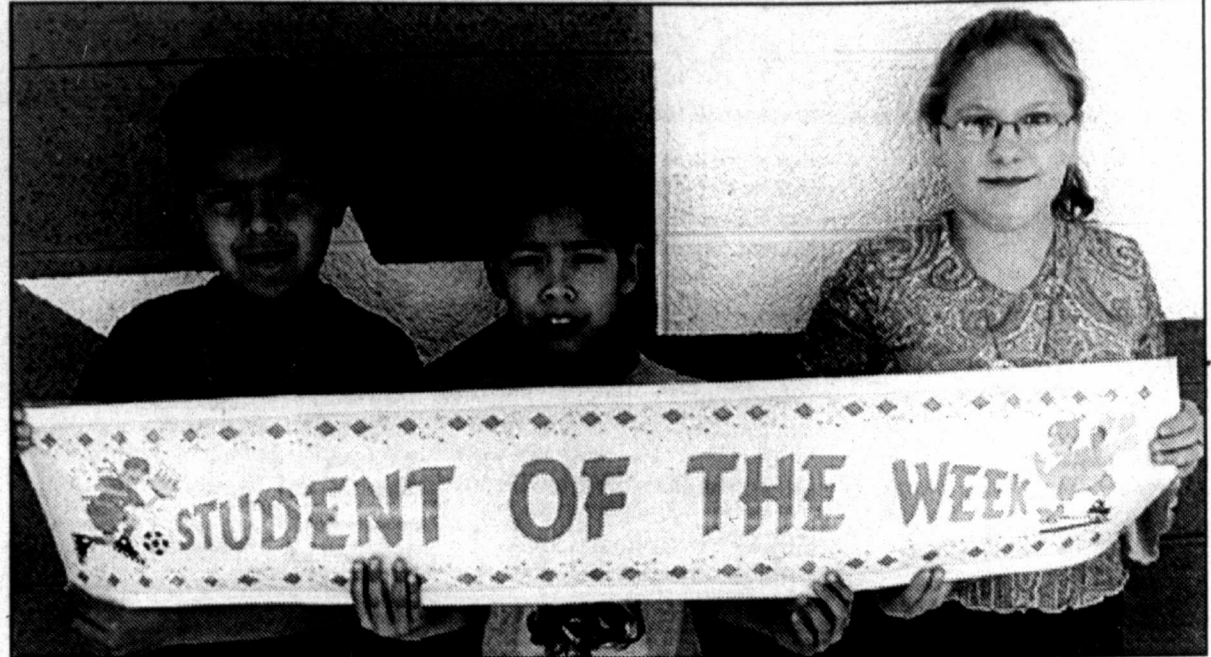
"We try to establish that kids have personal boundaries," Rule said, "and they need to speak up and tell about those boundaries."

Rule also emphasizes that middle school and high school students have the right to speak out against bullying, sexual harassment and violence of any kind, including dating violence and date or acquaintance rape.

Rule said high school students do not have to condone actions taken against them that are not acceptable.

"Child endangerment programs tell kids that they have a voice," she said, "and that is their greatest safety tool, and then talking to somebody about it."

"It is important for all ages to speak up. Kids need to learn at a young age they need to speak up."



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AT Hutchinson Elementary School are, left to right, Aaron Rivera, third-grade; Alex Gaona, fourth-grade; and Kayley Hill, fifth-grade.

Hutchinson students of week named

Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Aaron Rivera, Alex Gaona, and Kayley Hill.

Aaron is a third grader in Mrs. Jones' class. His parents are Joe and Yoly Rivera. His favorite hobby is riding his bicycle. His favorite subject is spelling and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is PE because he gets to do all kinds of sports.

Alex is a fourth grader in Mrs. Matlock's class. His parents are Vince and Melissa Gaona. His favorite hobby is playing baseball. His favorite subject is math and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is PE.

Kayley is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. Her parents are Bambi and Ken Hill. She has a pet dog named Riley. Her favorite subject is reading and her favorite thing

about Hutchinson is PE.

A student from each grade level is chosen weekly as the student of the week, and a picture is placed in the newspaper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teachers. The student receives a "dog tag" necklace imprinted with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.

Seminar slated for potential retirees

A pre-retirement seminar, designed for all employees in school or junior college districts who are planning to retire either this year, next year or within the following three years, is planned for Sat., Feb. 7 in Midland.

All school personnel in TRTA District IVIII, which includes Andrews, Big Spring, Mitchell County, Crane, Fort Stockton, Midland, Odessa, Pecos and other towns in West Texas are invited to attend.

The seminar will begin at 8:15 a.m. at Abell Junior High, 3201 Heritage Blvd., just off Loop 250, in Midland. It will conclude at 12:15 p.m.

Necessary information will be given during the seminar regarding pensions from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, possible Social Security benefits, IRAs, legal affairs and health care.

Attending the seminar will enable active school and college employees to start planning for the next phase of their lives with a sense of control and a higher expectation about the future.

To register for this event, contact Martha Kallus in Midland, 432-682-2846.

Local student receives degree from Tarleton

Tarleton State University and Tarleton-Central Texas recently released the names of students receiving degrees during winter commencement exercises held in December. Seventeen members of the fall 2003 graduating class at Tarleton were recognized as Departmental Outstanding Graduates. Those selected as Departmental Outstanding Graduates have been recommended by faculty and administrators from their major areas based on academic excellence and leadership qualities.

Among the graduates receiving degrees from Colorado City were Anjanette Morgan Anders, BS - Human Sciences.

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SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Kelley, Hutchinson and Middle School Breakfast Menu February 9-13

Monday - Dry cereal w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Breadsticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Breakfast taco, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Sausage w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Kelley and Hutchinson Lunch Menu February 9-13

Monday - Grilled cheese sandwich, sweet peas, tossed salad, peaches, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Beef stew, cornbread, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Turkey n gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll, corn, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Tacos, refried beans, lettuce cup, applesauce, choice of milk.
Friday - Wolf burger on a bun, french fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD High School Breakfast Menu February 9-13

Monday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancakes/syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled

fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Middle and High School Lunch Menu February 9-13

Monday - Taco salad, pizza, french fries, green beans, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Chef salad w/ham, grilled ham and cheese, sweet peas, tossed salad, peaches, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Chef salad w/chicken, nacho grande, refried beans, spanish rice, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Chef salad w/bacon, chili beans, corn bread muffins, chilled tomatoes, applesauce, choice of milk.

Friday - Garden salad, Wolf burger, french fries, lettuce cup, fruit cobbler, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu February 9-13

Monday - Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Tuesday - Pizza, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - Scrambled eggs, biscuit, hash browns, milk.
Thursday - Sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Friday - Donut, toast, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu February 9-13

Monday - Spaghetti w/meat, blackeyed peas, fried okra, breadsticks, pineapple chunks, milk.
Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, chef salad, baked potato, orange, crackers, butter, milk.
Wednesday - Tacos, cheese, beans, salad, dressing, salsa, rice krispy bar, milk.
Thursday - Veg. n beef soup, sandwich, celery sticks, pickle, crackers, Reeses cups, milk.
Friday - Pizza, corn, french fries, salad, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu February 9-13

Monday - Sausage, bacon, biscuits, milk.
Tuesday - Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Pancake pups, syrup, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - Sausage, bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu February 9-13

Monday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, brownies, milk.
Tuesday - Pizza, vegetable salad, pears, milk.
Wednesday - Green enchiladas, beans, salad, frozen peaches, carrots, milk.
Thursday - Hamburgers, french fries, vegetable salad, cake, milk.
Friday - Fish sticks, tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, carrots, brownies, milk.



THE FOUR COUNSELORS IN THE Colorado Independent School District were honored Tuesday, Feb. 3, as part of National School Counseling Week which focuses on the impact that counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plans for a career. School counselors are certified educators with a master's degree in guidance and counseling. Left to right are Jincy Ross, Hutchinson Elementary School; Kim Anderson, Colorado High School; Emily Strain, Colorado Middle School; and Jody Messick, Kelley Elementary. The sign behind them was designed by fourth-grade teachers Jennifer Stewart and Tia Matlock, and signed by Hutchinson students.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC CEMETERY ADDITION PARKS 2 and 3

The Rules and Regulations of Park 2 and Park 3 of the Colorado City Cemetery in the Perpetual Care Section will begin to be strictly enforced effective immediately. All unauthorized flowers, plants, stands, shrubs, statues, etc. that have been placed on a grave site except in the designated perimeter of the headstone, will need to be removed by Saturday, February 21st, 2004. Beginning February 23, 2004, if these items have not been removed, the City crew will remove them and place them in a designated area.

The Rules and Regulations of Park 2 and Park 3 of the Colorado City Cemetery may be viewed in their entirety at City Hall, 180 West 3rd Street. You may contact City Hall if you have any questions at 728-5331.

Rules and Regulations Colorado City Cemetery - Park Addition #04

By the authority of the Colorado City Council the following rules and regulations are required and are applied to Park Addition #04.

1. Use of a concrete vault or equivalent.
2. Absolutely no curbing, rock, metal, etc. or any kind of miscellaneous ground cover will be allowed.
3. There shall be no planting or placing of trees, shrubbery, flowers, plants, ornamental decorations, statues, etc. of any kind in or on any grave.
4. Donations of trees, plants or shrubs may be made to the City Cemetery, but will be planted in a designated area supervised by the City.
5. All headstone markers must be placed on a slab of concrete. The backside of the marker must be placed even with the curbing.
6. No kind of mausoleums etc. is allowed in any section of Park Addition 04.
7. There shall be only ONE marker to each gravesite exception unless it is a husband/wife marker.
8. No foot marker is allowed on any grave for any reason unless it is a military marker (veteran). This marker must be placed at the opposite end of the headstone and the foot marker must be the size or within the perimeters of the curbing. It cannot be any larger than the curbing.
9. The headstone markers are to be placed at the west end of the grave that are odd numbered rows and on the east side of the grave that are even numbered rows.
10. All markers cannot be any larger than three and half feet in width (unless it is covering a two person grave i.e. husband/wife, and that is subject to no wider than four and half feet.) and no high than three feet tall. This height includes the base and any extensions such as a cross, angel, etc.
11. Flowers may be placed on the grave but only in the space contained in the headstone or base.
12. Any company, funeral home, or person setting a headstone will have to notify the City before placement is made. If this is not done, the headstone will be reset at the owner's expense.

The Cemetery Management is hereby empowered to enforce all Rules and Regulations contained herein, and to exclude from the Cemetery any person violating same.

The Cemetery Management further reserves the right to adopt additional rules and regulations, or to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, or part thereof at any time with the approval of the City Council. Sufficient notice will be given by said Management of any rule change that would create expense or inconvenience to the lot owners.

Should any marker, headstone, or display become unsightly, dilapidated, or a safety hazard to visitors, the Cemetery Management shall have the right to immediately correct the condition, or to remove same, at the expense of the lot owner.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Ryan H. King has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, map reading, tactics, basic rifle

marksmanship, physical fitness, field training, and first aid. The recruit developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During AIT, the soldier received instruction to serve as an infantryman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar

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King is the son of Janice King of CR 252, Colorado City and Wayne King of Security Drive, Fond Du Lac, Wis.

He is a 2003 graduate of Colorado High School.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK in the Loraine Independent School District are, front row, Ryan Cedillo, left, second-grade; and Isaiah Garcia-Jennings, kindergarten; back row, left to right, Eliza Garcia, junior; Claudia Barrera, eighth-grade; and Rafael Acevedo, fifth-grade.



Samantha Guelker

Air Force Airman 1st Class Samantha N. Guelker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

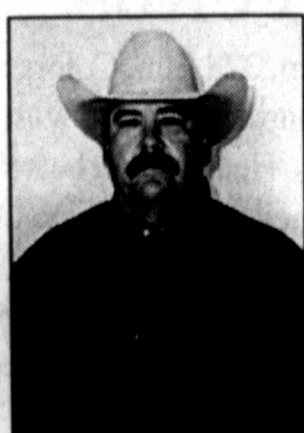
Guelker is the daughter of Tommy and Debby Guelker of Colorado City.

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Loraine Jr. High boys are district champions

The Loraine junior high boys basketball team ended their season Monday night with a 47-32 win over the Westbrook Wildcats, finishing the season at 14-2, and district play at 10-0.

The young Wildcats, though hanging tough, could not match up to the all eighth grade starters for Loraine.

Loraine opened the first quarter with an 18-8 lead before stretching it to 31-14 at the half.

Starting reserves in the second half, Loraine was outscored in the third quarter 14-8 which cut the Bulldog lead to 39-28 going into the final quarter. Loraine outscored Westbrook 8-4 in the final period to protect the lead and garner the win.

Joseph Epperson had a personal game high of 21 points to lead the Bulldogs. Derek Martinez just missed double figures with 9 points.

Tate Burleson led Westbrook with 18 points while teammate Michael Morton contributed 8.

In the girls game Loraine upset the Westbrook Lady Kats by a score of 44-41.

The Lady Kats, who went into the contest with a record of 10-4 on the season and 8-1 in district play, were never able to get untracked.

Loraine held a slight 7-6 lead after the end of the first quarter, building the lead to 18-14 at the half with an 11-8 run.

The Lady Bulldogs led 31-

23 at the end of three quarters before the Lady Kats made a surge with an 18-13 fourth quarter run that cut the lead to a single point at one time.

Claudia Barrera had 18 points to lead Loraine while Junell Ruth added 15. Felicia Gibson was also in double digits with 11 points.

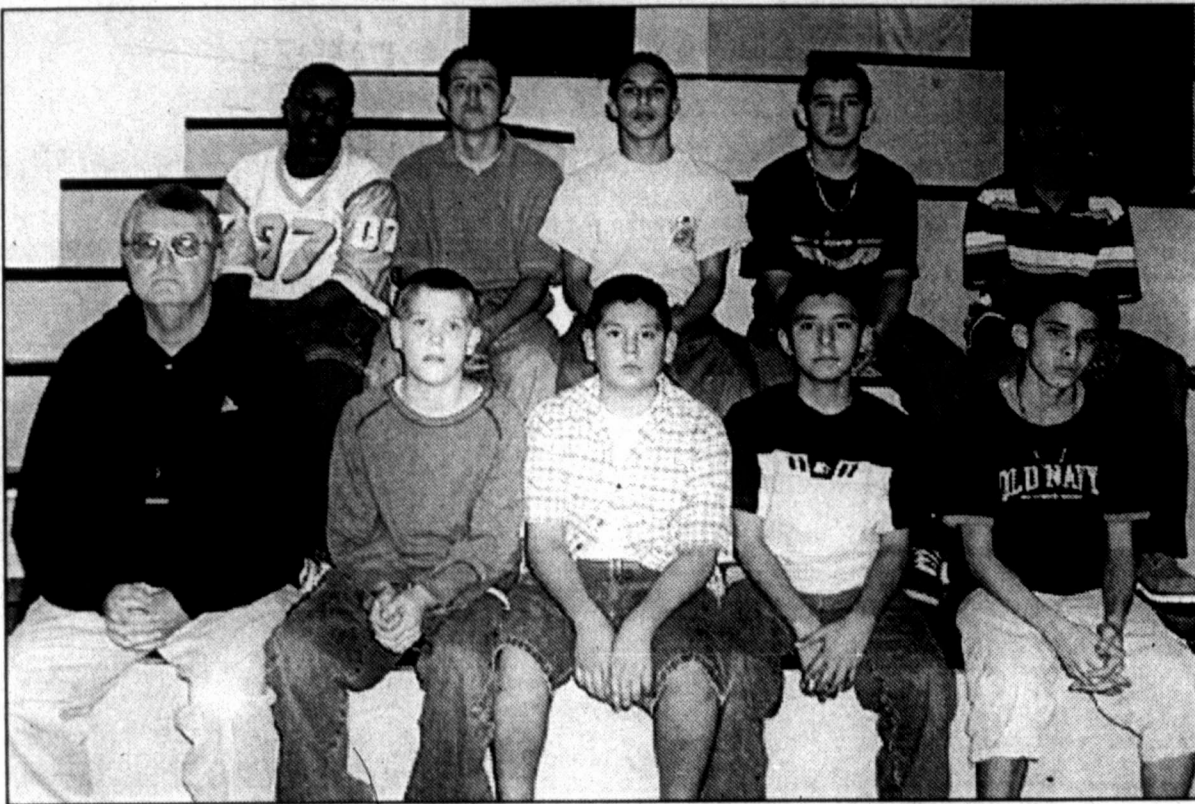
For Westbrook Linsey Chavez had 18 points with Monica Molina putting up 13.

The only two losses the Loraine boys encountered were in tournament play, losing to Blackwell in the Blackwell tournament, and again at the Highland tournament with a 44-42 loss in double overtime. The Bulldogs took second place at the tournament, defeating Ira in the first round before defeating Highland 44-17 in the second round to set up the championship game.

Loraine defeated Blackwell both times in regular district games.

In action played on January 26 at Trent the Bulldogs smashed the Trent Gorillas 41-14 with 10 players getting in the scoring column. Kenny Esquivel and Donta Smith both had 8 points to lead the team.

Members of the 2003-04 boys team were Joseph Epperson, Derek Martinez, Sean Vasquez, Seth Clements, Donta Smith, Jake Hester, Kenny Esquivel, Jacob Sanchez, Victor Garcia, David Huerta, Beau Preston, and Carlton Johnston.



PICTURED ARE THE JUNIOR HIGH district champions for the 2003-04 basketball season. The team completed the season at 10-0 in district and 14-2 on the season. Top row is (l-r) Donta Smith, Joseph Epperson, Derek Martinez, Kenny Esquivel and Sean Vasquez; bottom row (l-r) is Coach Rick Lucas, Seth Clements, Jacob Sanchez, David Huerta, and Victor Garcia. Not pictured are Jake Hester, Beau Preston and Carlton Johnston.

Beating Coahoma, Stanton...

Wolves undefeated in district

Last week was a great week for Colorado Wolves basketball team as they won games over Stanton and a barn-burner over Coahoma to move to 5-0 in district play, taking a one-game lead over second-place Coahoma at the halfway point of district 3-2A play.

On Tuesday the Wolves put away Stanton by a score of 62-47 in action played at the "Pit" before a good home crowd.

The Wolves jumped off to an early 23-9 first-quarter lead before Stanton started a comeback with an 18-12 second quarter surge to cut the lead to 35-27 at the half.

The Wolves came back with a strong 16-7 run in the third quarter to take a 51-34 lead into the final quarter.

Senior Patrick Spear had a great game, scoring 17 points in leading the Wolves.

Kenneth Scott and Isaac Franco contributed 10 points each coming off the bench.

Hitting treys were Evan Jones with one, Jacobie Russell with one, Hann Ollison with one, and Scott with one.

On Friday the team traveled to Coahoma with both teams entering the game at 4-0 in district play, each with the intentions of coming away with the undisputed lead in conference play.

The game turned out to be everything the fans were looking for.....plus some!

The Wolves have always had a rough time getting a win at Coahoma, one of the tougher places to play in the district.

Getting off to a slow start with the Wolves falling behind 23-14 at the end of the first quarter, was not what Wolf

head coach Danny Keeton wanted.

"Our game plan was to jump on them early and take the home crowd distractions out of the game," said coach Keeton. "Unfortunately, that didn't happen as we fell behind early."

The Wolves rallied back in the second quarter with a 20-10 run, allowing them to carry a slim 34-33 lead into the lockers at half-time.

Coahoma surged back ahead at 49-48 with a 16-14 third quarter run.

The game reached a high level of intensity in the final quarter with the lead changing hands several times as both teams tried to pull away from the other without any success.

Junior reserve post Isaac Franco sent the game into the first overtime with a basket in the paint as regulation time was running out, leaving the game tied up at 62-61.

Both teams were only able to put up four points each in the first overtime round, sending the game into a second overtime tied up at 66-66.

A technical foul call on coach Keeton late in the overtime period sent Coahoma to the line for two free-throw shots of which the Bulldogs were able to convert on only one. The Bulldogs, with a slim one point lead, then received the ball back due to the technical.

The Bulldogs, however, were not able to score a basket as the Wolves got the ball with eight seconds left on the clock.

After Jacobie Russell's attempted basket did not go in, senior Chris Spear grabbed the rebound, quickly putting up the winning basket as the clock

ticked off the final second, giving the Wolves a hard-earned 73-72 overtime win.

"It was a great win for us, one we really needed to win in order to stay in first place," said coach Keeton. "We overcame a lot of obstacles to get this win. Now the pressure is on them and sets up a huge rematch when they come here on February 17th."

Franco, in having a personal best game of the season, had 19 points as did Russell in leading the Wolves to victory. Chris Spear added 15 to the cause.

The win puts the Wolves at 16-10 on the season, and more importantly 5-0 in district play.

Lady Wolves drop to 2-5 with losses to Stanton, Coahoma

The Colorado Lady Wolves lost both of the games they played last week, losing to Stanton on Tuesday by the score of 41-33, and to Coahoma 61-48 last Friday.

The Lady Wolves played the Lady Buffs close in the first half with the game tied up at 6-6 after the first quarter of play before Stanton took a 19-15 half-time lead.

Stanton stretched their lead to 26-19 in the third quarter with a 7-4 run before closing out the game with a 15-14 final quarter run.

Whitney Merket led the Lady Wolves with 12 points while Chasity Jackson just missed double figures with 9. She had the only trey for the Lady Wolves.

The Lady Wolves had to go on the road last Friday to take on Coahoma, a team they defeated when they played them earlier in the season at the "Pit".

This time around was a different story as Coahoma opened the game with an 11-6 first quarter run, pushing the lead to 30-15 at the half.

The Lady Wolves closed the lead to 44-32 with a 17-14 third quarter run, but Coahoma closed out the final quarter with a 17-16 run to preserve the win.

Senior guard Amanda Guerra had a personal high game, scoring 21 points which included three treys. Lacy Combs and Lauren Anderson also hit treys.

The Lady Wolves, now 2-5 in district play, have games left with Seagraves, Crane, and Forsan.

Westbrook boys stay in title hunt with two huge wins

The Westbrook Wildcats kept playoff hopes alive with two huge wins last week, defeating Blackwell last Tuesday 68-58, and defeating Highland by the score of 66-45 in action played last Friday night at Highland.

Against Highland the Wildcats led 14-11 at the end of the first quarter, and 31-18 at the half. Blackwell cut the lead to 45-34 at the end of three quarters.

Jared Matlock led Westbrook with 20 points while Cory Morton added 18, and Trey

Chavez put in 17. Last Friday night the Wildcats kept pace with Loraine for second place with a 66-45 drubbing of Highland.

The Wildcats led 16-8 at the end of the first quarter before taking a 28-24 lead at the half.

Westbrook had a 20-8 and 22-9 second half quarters that propelled the Wildcats to the huge win.

Matlock was leading scorer with 28 points while Chavez added 22. Jordan Johnson was also in double figures with 10.



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Bulldogs stay in playoff hunt

The Loraine Bulldogs boys basketball team won both of their games last week to keep in pace with Westbrook for second place with a 5-2 record.

Last Tuesday the Bulldogs defeated Hermleigh 70-40 with Loraine dominating through the first three quarters with runs of 24-6, 17-7, and 12-9 before the Cardinals outscored Loraine 18-17 in the last period when Loraine emptied the bench.

Michael Walker led Loraine with 18 points while Ryan Lucas put in 15. Steven Wooddell had 15 points in reserve work.

Last Friday the Bulldogs got revenge over Blackwell for an earlier loss with a 45-26 blasting of the Hornets.

Loraine had runs of 12-4, 9-4, and 18-9 before Blackwell

finished the final quarter with a 9-6 run.

Lucas led Loraine with 13 points.

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The City of Colorado City will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9th, 2004 to receive requests for allocations of the **HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS.**

The hearing will be held at the C.C. Thompson Room, 228 Elm, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their request with a detailed explanation of expenditures. A second Public Hearing will be held April 13th, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Council will determine the various allocations. This hearing will also be held at the C.C. Thompson Room, 228 Elm, Colorado City, Texas. The submittal of an application does not guarantee approval. Applications should be submitted in advance, for review, to City Hall, 180 W. 3rd, Colorado City, Texas.

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CHS JV BOYS basketball team include, back row (l-r) Coach Gary Summers, Cody Avalos, Michael Luera, Timmy Atkins; front row (l-r) Caleb Free, Henry Reyna, Frankie Arguijo and Nolan Frizzell.

17-1 and 5-0 record...

JV boys basketball team show impressive record

The boy's JV basketball team has had a great season. The JV Wolves are 17-1 and 5-0 in district play. Their success can be attributed to their high pressure defense and the ability to push the ball up the court.

The Wolves played in two tournaments this year, and came away with two championship trophies. They beat Grape Creek JV 48-37 to win the Grape Creek Tournament. They also beat Crane's JV 63-30 in the championship game of the District 4-2A JV tournament. This is the 4th straight year that the JV Wolves have won the district tournament.

Cody Avalos and Michael

Luera have been the key ball handlers for the Wolves, pushing the ball up the court and setting up the offense.

The Wolves' main scoring threat has come from their three post players. Henry Reyna is leading all scorers with 13 points per game in district play. Also rotating in at the post position is Frankie Arguijo with 12 points per game and Caleb Free with 11 points per game.

To help with the scoring effort, the Wolves have averaged seven 3-pointers per game. Nolan Frizzell and Timmy Atkins lead the team in 3-pointers combining for an average of five per game.

Tech group brings b-ball and worship to C-City

Get ready Colorado City, the BURN CREW is coming to town this Saturday!

A group from Texas Tech know as BURN (Bring Us Revival Now) which will include former Wolf athletes Jon Spear and Kevin Wright will be in Colorado City this Saturday, February 7 at the "Pit" conducting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament with registration to begin at 8 a.m. with the tournament to begin at 10 a.m.

The entrance fee for the tournament will be one canned food item, and both junior and senior high boys and girls are welcome to enter.

Parents are encouraged to attend and watch their children play, and the entry form must be signed before the students will be able to participate.

Former Wolf athlete Jon Spear said though they anticipate having a lot of fun with the tournament, the main reason for their visit is to glorify the Lord.

"The main reason we are coming is to glorify the name of Jesus and spread His love throughout the community," said Spear. "After the end of the tournament we will have a time of worship which will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Colorado High School auditorium. During that time we will praise God through singing and prayer followed by a message about the grace and love of Jesus Christ. We want to encourage everyone that can to attend."

Spear said there will be free-throw and three point shooting contests with prizes to be awarded the winners.

A raffle drawing will be held after the worship service with a grand prize of an autographed basketball signed by the entire Texas Tech basketball team and Tech head coach Bobby Knight.

"Those that participate in the tournament will not be required to attend the worship service but are highly encouraged to attend and bring their parents," said Spear. "You do have to be present however to be entered in the raffle for the basketball. Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus in prayer and song."

CMS 8th grade girls A & B teams go up against Crane

The CMS 8th grade girls "A" basketball team defeated Crane 39-26 Monday night at Crane to move their record to 10-3 on the season.

The junior high Lady Wolves began the first quarter with a 12-4 run before Crane came back with an 8-4 run to cut the lead at half-time to 16-12.

The 8th graders outscored Crane 11-6, 12-8 in the final two periods to hold on to win.

Letesha McDuffie led the girls with 14 points with Georgiana Guerra right behind her with 13. Crystal Stewart was also in double figures with 10.

"Foul trouble caused us to slow our pace down which the girls were not used to," said coach Krissy Morris. "We had to completely change our attack in order to stay in the game."

The 8th grade "B" team

girls lost in double overtime to Crane by the score of 13-7.

Valorie Martinez had 3 points while Kayla Cash and Christa Valdivia each had 2 points each.

"We played hard but just ran out of gas at the end," said Morris. "I would like everyone to come out to show support for the girls in their game of the season next Monday. These girls are very talented."

The 7th grade "A" and "B" team girls lost by scores of 14-13 in the "B" game and 51-20 in the "A" game.

Courtney Vanderslice was high point in the "B" game while Breanna Green and Dishes Smith each had 5 points to lead the "A" team.

"All the girls worked hard and played their best," said their coach Mary Lou Costabile. "I am very proud of these girls."

CHS netters fall to S'water

The Colorado High tennis team traveled to Sweetwater last Thursday for a dual meet, losing 11-7 to the class 3-A school.

The boys did not fare as well as the girls with Tristan Hanks losing 3-6, 0-6 in singles, Daniel Parham losing 1-6, 0-6, and Logan Boyd losing 1-8.

The doubles team of Hanks-Parham lost by a score of 2-8.

In girls singles action Brittney Farquhar lost 4-8, Theresa Molina lost 3-8, Krystal Blankenship lost 3-6, and Frances Carlos lost 1-6.

In doubles play the team of Arrendondo-Reyes lost 6-8, the team of Kelly-Blankenship lost 1-8, and the team of Ramirez-Carlos lost by a score of 1-8.

The teams return to action on Feb. 6-7 for a tournament in San Angelo.

Loraine and Westbrook becoming part of District 7

When the 2004 football season begins in the fall Westbrook and Loraine will be a member of District 7 in the six-man UIL realignment.

The makeup of the district will now be Borden County, Ira, Loraine, Highland, Trent, and Westbrook with Borden County rejoining the district they played in for many years.

Hermleigh has opted to play 11-man football once again after playing six-man football for more than 30 years. The school has an enrollment of 50, far below the new cutoff of

99.9 to be forced to move up.

Loraine head football coach Victor Garcia said he sort of expected the change.

"Really all they did was replace Hermleigh with Borden County," said coach Garcia. "What really took me by surprise was putting us into a new eight-team basketball district. It will add Ira and Roby as well as keep Hermleigh competing in the district despite moving up to playing 11-man football. It will make our district even tougher to compete in."

Lady 'Cats beat Blackwell, lose one to Highland Hornets

The Westbrook Lady Wildcats split in their two outings last week, defeating Blackwell last Tuesday 56-44 while losing 70-40 to state-ranked Highland in action played last Friday at Highland.

Westbrook jumped off to an early 14-12 lead at the end of the first quarter before heading to the lockers at the half with a 30-22 lead.

The Lady Wildcats extended the lead to 42-30 at the end of the third quarter. Both teams scored 14 points in the final quarter.

Allison Bray scored 30 points to lead the Lady Wildcats while Sheena Fernandez added 16 in the win.

Last Friday the Lady Hornets of Highland were more than Westbrook could handle, however.

Highland quickly took a 21-12 first quarter lead before following that with a 22-12 second quarter run that sent them to the lockers at half with 43-24 lead. At the end of three quarters the Lady Hornets led 58-31.

Bray led the team with 12 points while Thurman had 10.

Jackalopes announce Mitchell County night

The Odessa Jackalopes are once again announcing the second Mitchell County Community Night scheduled for February 21.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. but everyone is encouraged to come early and enjoy an all-you-can-eat picnic at the Jack Shack. Picnics include game ticket plus cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, peanuts, cotton candy, popcorn, and soft drinks.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork, Clear Fork, Upper formation, Westbrook Southeast Unit Lease, Well Number 631W. The proposed injection well is located 11 miles West from Colorado City, in the Westbrook, Field in Mitchell County.

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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).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Colorado City is requesting sealed proposals for the establishment of a Depository Agreement for all Colorado City Municipal Funds. The period of agreement will be from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2006. Proposals should be clearly marked "DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT PROPOSAL" and must be received at City Hall, 180 W. 3rd, Colorado City, Texas 79512 no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 5th, 2004. Selection will be made at the City Council Meeting on March 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the C.C. Thompson Room, 228 Elm, Colorado City, Texas. The City of Colorado City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to select the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

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By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Nell Doyle, Beverly Collier from Westbrook and Hudson Collier from Wall attended the new hospital open house Saturday. They thought it was very spacious and handsome.

Doris Henderson, Iva Armstrong and Millie Rose also attended the open house at the new hospital and they thought it was awesome and beautiful.

Loraine Methodist Church enjoyed a nice attendance last Sunday and the musical special by Debbie Mitchell.

Everyone is invited to attend the First Baptist Church in Loraine February 8 to enjoy a special musical morning service by the Crystal River Ministries Group. This will be a blessing for all. Plan ahead for a 10:45 assembly.

Richard and Barbara Blair from Richland Hill visited with his mother Ruth Richburg Saturday and Sunday.

Jan Millering reports that her shingles discomfort and pain has lessened and she now feels better. She joined the Pink Ladies group and was at the new hospital Saturday. She thinks it's very beautiful.

Danny and Pam Butler have just returned from New Mexico to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Hughes and also to attend the funeral of Mr. Hughes' brother, Woodie Hughes on Tuesday. The Hughes family grew up in the Guadalupe Mountain area.

Pam also reported that her mother will have back surgery soon and she helped her get

things ready for that.

We send the family both condolences concerning Mr. Woodie Hughes and an early concern and well wishes for Pam's mother.

A good report on Jean Kidd Hale is that she has made some improvement and is off life support. She may be put in a private room on Monday.

My well-traveled sister-in-law Dottie Vaughn from Irving spent the weekend with me after attending an ex-POW mid-winter conference in Abilene. Fourteen chapters with several officers were represented.

Prior to that she had just returned from South Africa with two other Texans.

She reported that there was never a dull moment with some sad tales to tell. One day a lady on horseback got too close to a female elephant with a new calf. She fell from her horse and was trampled to death.

The next day a man was near death after bungee jumping from a bridge near Victoria Falls. On another occasion a big band of baboons jumped on their vehicle and caused a slight accident. There were other stories and a nice film of their tour which we watched and enjoyed. Later, I let her know I would soon be traveling to Roscoe, spelled with an E. She said "great, Roscoe sounds like it might be in Switzerland." I changed the subject and smiled.

Billie Hulme manager at this time for Taylor Witta Apartment Complex will soon be having surgery which will leave an opening for someone to work. Joan Merket, former

manager will take Billie's place.

At this time Loraine Housing Authority is in operations to buy the Taylor Witta Apartments through HUD's rural development. If the sale comes to fruition, Joan Long will manage the association.

Senior Center
Monday we enjoyed watching the Sweetwater line dancers. They were Neva Hall, Maudie Evans, Betty Letz, Della Lawlis, Sue Cervick, and Evelyn Dawson.

There was a good turn out for the birthday dinner of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Vida Mae McDaniel, Charles Dunn, Durwood McAdams, and Ina Vay McAdams extended some good lively music and singing.

Iva Armstrong and her visiting sister were here Wednesday to eat and socialize.

Friday, Mary McMullen senior report was a closer look at colon cancer and things to learn and do for prevention.

Recent memorials made during December and January were to honor Margaret Brame, Dual Blair, Roy Lee Beach, Junior Camp, Lela Bowlin, Elaine McMichael and Jean Morris.

New February calendars are at the front desk.

Seniors having birthdays in February are Beeman Dockrey, B.D. Mason, Arlene Claxton, Glenda Johnson, Cecil Hale, Don Bennett, Opal Pierce, Clifton Stevens, Jerry Woodell, Dolores Macias, Delbert Baker, Hazel Smart, Dorothy Lee, Dan Glenlee, Jessie Dorn, Lupe Ro-



FOUR-T CONSTRUCTION CO. of Christoval is currently working on the water treatment, above, and water storage lagoons at Loraine's new wastewater treatment plant north of I-20. Ricky Bailey, water superintendent and public works director, said the treatment lagoon measures 300 feet by 150 feet while the storage lagoon measures 500 feet by 300 feet. The lagoons cover 5 acres while the main operation will be located on 70 acres. Four-T submitted the low bid of \$437,587.98.

driquez, Vida Mae McDaniel, Mark Vaughn, Manela Sanchez, Elizabeth Rose, Irving Jorrett, Marion Rudee, Mildred Rose, Pauline Smiley, Melba Mikel, Blanche Bell, Evelyn Dawson, Mary Loyd, Paul Barron, Evelyn Tate, Shirley Rogers, Rue Reeves, Joan Parker, Dorothy King, Helen Bagwell, Pressley Powell, Margie Wilkes and Berthie Colson.

Just In Fun
Mrs. Brown was complaining to her doctor that his bill was unreasonably high. "Don't forget he reminded her that I made 11 visits to your home when your son had the measles." "And don't you forget," she countered, "that he infected the whole school."



RICKY BAILEY, WATER superintendent and public works director for the City of Loraine, inspects a five-span, 835-foot-long irrigation system that will use treated water from the nearby wastewater treatment plant to irrigate 50 acres of coastal bermuda when the plant becomes operational. The system will spray 700 gallons of water a minute.

Loraine ladies...

Bulldogs defeat Hermleigh, Blackwell

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs basketball team won both of their games last week to keep their district playoff hopes alive.

Last Tuesday the girls defeated Hermleigh by the score of 72-44 with four of five starters scoring in double figures.

The Lady Bulldogs were ahead 13-8 at the end of the first quarter, but used a 27-10 second quarter run to propel them to a 40-18 half-time lead.

At the end of three quarters the Lady Bulldogs extended their lead to 61-33.

Eliza Garcia had 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Others in double figures were Amanda Walker with 15, Eliza Martinez

with 14, and April Bailey with 14.

Last Friday the Lady Bulldogs defeated Blackwell, a team they lost to in the first round of district play, by the score of 57-50.

Loraine led 18-8 at the end of the first quarter, and 28-16 at the half. The lead was extended to 42-25 at the end of three quarters before Blackwell made a comeback attempt with a 25-15 final quarter run.

Bailey led the team with 17 points while Garcia added 15 and Walker 13.

The Lady Bulldogs are now 4-3 in district play with three games left to play.

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REECE ALBERT CONSTRUCTION of San Angelo is nearing completion on the third section on the north part of the Farm-to-Market Road 644 project north of Loraine. Roy Dill, area engineer at TxDOT's Big Spring office, said culverts are being constructed in the area while he expects the riding surface to be laid within two weeks. The project then moves to FM 644 south of I-20, involving 2 1/2 miles of road.

MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL SPECIALTY CLINIC CALENDAR

Mammography Available. Call 728-3431, ext. 237 441 Walnut MCCHD

Feb. 18th	DR. ROBERT HAYES, Orthopedic Surgeon , will be seeing patients at the Specialty Clinic at 9 a.m. Dr. Hayes specializes in joint replacement and sports injuries. Call MCH 728-3431, Ext. 220 for appointments.
Feb. 9th & 23rd	DR. LANOARD BAYOUTH, Cardiologist , will be seeing patients at the Specialty Clinic beginning at 1 p.m. Call 1-800-291-5455 for appointment.
Feb. 11th & 25th	DR. DONALD WHEAT, Podiatrist , will be seeing patients at the Specialty Clinic. Call (915) 676-3338 for appointment.
Feb. 13th & 20th	EUNICE MOON, MMFT, Licensed Professional Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist will be offering counseling services every other Friday. For appointments, call 915-672-8883.
Feb. 5th & 19th	DR. ERIK W. GUNDERSON, M.D., OB/GYN will be seeing patients at the Specialty Clinic every other Thursday morning. Call Dr. Gunderson's office in Sweetwater for an appointment - 235-1776. No referral needed (Local call for Mitchell County).
By Appt. Wednesday	Dr. Lufkin Moses, D.O., General Surgeon will be seeing patients at the hospital every Wednesday. Call Dr. Moses' clinic in Sweetwater for an appointment - 236-3800.
	NEW! YOGESHKUMAR (YOGI) T. PATEL, M.D. , Adult and Pediatric Gastroenterologist. Dr. Patel will be seeing patients at the Specialty Clinic. For appointments, call his office in Abilene (235) 795-2100.
Feb. 20th	NEW! Sandip V. Mathur, M.D. , Gastroenterologist. Dr. Mathur will be seeing his patients in the Specialty Clinic. For appointments, call his office in Abilene at (325) 692-3777.
By Appt. Tuesday	Dr. John Gregg, General and Vascular Surgeon . Seeing patients at the hospital by appointment. Call 235-3099 to make an appointment.

ALL SPECIALISTS MAY BE SEEN BY REFERRAL FROM:

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LORAIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data	10	Other	Total
Control	General	Funds	Governmental
Codes	Fund	Funds	Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 381,342	\$ 12,477	\$ 393,819
5800 State Program Revenues	1,035,082	82,675	1,117,757
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	157,743	157,743
5020 Total Revenues	1,416,424	252,895	1,669,319
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	721,230	153,055	874,285
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	2,352	-	2,352
0023 School Leadership	71,416	3,310	74,726
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	345	1,945	2,290
0033 Health Services	521	-	521
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	118,386	1,026	119,412
0035 Food Services	-	86,050	86,050
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	64,257	33	64,290
0041 General Administration	132,100	1,371	133,471
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	227,851	2,110	229,961
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	400	3,400	3,800
0053 Data Processing Services	31,811	992	32,803
0061 Community Services	696	-	696
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	2,380	-	2,380
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	29,913	-	29,913
6030 Total Expenditures	1,403,658	253,292	1,656,950
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	12,766	(397)	12,369
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	660,409	7,269	667,678
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 673,175	\$ 6,872	\$ 680,047

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