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Briefly

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.

GT Nominations

Parent nominations for G.T. students for Colorado ISD will be accepted until February 22. Contact the counselor at your child's school for more information. The number to call at Kelley Elementary is 728-3471, at Hutchinson is 728-5215, at Colorado Middle School is 728-1046 and at the high school is 728-1066.

Attn. Working Women

Working Women in Colorado City will be honored at a tea Monday, March 1, 2004 at the C.C. Thompson Room from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All women are encouraged to come by for a little fun and refreshments after work.

Pancake Supper

The annual Pancake Supper at All Saints Episcopal Church will be held February 24 from 6-8 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday at 304 Locust. Tickets for adults are \$5 and \$3 for children under 12.

Texas Tumblers

The Texas Tumblers meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's every week. Ages 3-6, Coconuts, meet from 4-5 p.m.; ages 7 & up, Coconuts, meet from 5-6 p.m.; Bananas meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and ages 13 & up meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Girls Softball Signups

Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will have sign-ups on Thursday, February 26 and Tuesday, March 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Please bring birth certificate, social security number and the child signing up for a photo ID. Children ages 4 and up by January 1, 2004 are eligible to play.

Class of 1969

The class of 1969 is planning a class reunion for July 30-31. Please help us locate classmates and other interested persons. Call Glenda Graham Hemphill at 728-2892, DeLynn Grisham Hackfeld at 728-2958 or Woody Anderson at 728-8416. You may also go to www.classmates.com for more information.

Wolf Booster Club

The Wolf Booster Club will meet Thursday, February 19 at noon at Garcia's.

Deaths

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Around Town

Happy birthday **Barbara Rivera** (Feb. 19)... Happy birthday **Maegan Lopez** (Feb. 18)... Happy birthday **Anita Cantu** (Feb. 17)... Happy birthday **Sosia Sosa** (Feb. 18)... Ask **Ray Ellis** how much a tub of sour cream is worth... **Blaine Lemons** looking for some luggage on the side of the road... Congratulations **Sam Shrode, Logan Boyd and Kaleb Free!**

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Lake Colorado City.....2061.74'
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New hospital to get patients

Move begins after final OK

The Mitchell County Hospital District expects to start moving patients into the new health care facility Thursday, Feb. 19.

The hospital's administrative personnel and physical therapy and cardiac rehab division moved into the 71,000 square-foot facility at 997 West I-20 this past weekend Feb. 13-15.

Hospital Administrator Linda Mize said Texas Department of

Health inspector Mike Bailey gave the district clearance to make the full move after a thorough final inspection Thursday, Feb. 12.

Mize said the final inspection was "a little nip and tuck for a while. We had some trouble balancing some of the positive and negative air pressures, and one generator didn't do what it was supposed to do, but eventually did."

Mize said Bailey signed off on the hospital late Thursday afternoon, Feb. 12, and "we started moving in Friday morning (Feb. 13)" with the

help of numerous volunteers, including members of the Colorado City Fire Department.

Mize said the weekend move included relocating Mitchell County Hospital's administrative offices, central supply, medical records, admissions, "and physical therapy and cardiac rehab are seeing patients this morning (Monday, Feb. 16) in the new facility."

"All of the patient-related services will probably be closer to Thursday (Feb. 19) when we move them. We have surgeries booked in the old facility on

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Loraine council selects mayor; police chief quits

The City of Loraine has a new mayor, but the police chief's position is vacant in addition to a seat on the City Council.

Council members Jennifer Zuniga, Shirley Kendall, Kay Barnett and Durwood McAdams voted to appoint Catarino Martinez as mayor during a called meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, to fill the unexpired term of Bill Scarber who resigned.

Longtime Police Chief Edgar Haltom abruptly resigned prior

to his being removed from the post during the council's Thursday, Feb. 12, meeting.

The council voted to remove him as police chief.

City Attorney Jeanie Fuller said Haltom did not have the required certification to serve as police chief.

Haltom left the meeting and was later phoned at home, and Fuller told Haltom he had the certification to serve as a police officer for the city, and once he completed the required certifi-

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Candidate filing starts for May elections

With city and school elections scheduled for May 15 in Mitchell County, candidate filing is officially under way.

The cities of Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook, the Colorado Independent School District, and Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District have called elections.

The Westbrook and Loraine school districts will call their elections in the next 12 days in addition to the Mitchell County Hospital District.

The first day for candidate filing was Saturday, Feb. 14, but since it fell on a day cities and schools are closed, filing opened Monday, Feb. 16, and Tuesday, Feb. 17, based on the observance of Presidents Day on Feb. 16.

In Colorado City, Districts 3, 4, and 6 are up for election on the City Council.

Robert D. Brookshear was the first to file as a candidate for District 6 on Tuesday.

Faye Ross currently represents the district.

Verta Hardegree is the District 3 representative. Jason Castillo represents District 4.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. March 15 at City Hall.

Early voting in the city election will be held April 28 through May 11 at City Hall, while the May 15 election will be held at the Mitchell County

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Banquet to feature look at the past

Colorado City residents will get a glimpse of yesteryear in this West Texas community during the 95th annual Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Civic Center.

The banquet will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each, including a steak dinner and homemade desserts. Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

Sue Lowrance, the Chamber's executive vice president, said the 154-member group will recognize Young Citizen of the Year (18-39 years of age) and the Citizen of the Year (40 and older).

Pianist Patricia Gillespie will provide dinner music; Cecilia Scott is in charge of decorations; and Jim Baum will serve as master of ceremonies.

The banquet's theme is "From Then... Until Now..." and past presidents of the Chamber's board of directors will turn back the clock and

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ALTHOUGH THE GOLDEN ALGAE has apparently killed 3- to 4-inch shad and 3- to 6-inch channel catfish in the Morgan Creek and Cherry Creek areas of Lake Colorado City, bait fish continue to thrive in good numbers in shallow water.

Bait fish found dead; lake survey slated

The deadly golden algae has resurfaced in Lake Colorado City, but to what extent remains uncertain.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department inland fisheries personnel from San Angelo hope to get a better understanding of the recent bloom when they survey the lake Thursday, Feb. 19.

Tracy Ferguson, Lake Colorado City State Park superintendent, said they started receiving phone calls last week

about spotting dead fish.

Ferguson said, "We had a phone call Tuesday morning (Feb. 17) from someone who had seen quite a few small dead fish near the Boy Scout camp in the Morgan Creek area."

"We have been seeing foam on the lake four to five times a week for the past two months. We have been looking around the park shoreline, but we haven't seen any dead fish."

"We were optimistic that the algae wasn't going to bloom,

but it sounds like it has."

Bait fish such as shad have washed ashore on the north shoreline of Cherry Creek that empties into the lake between County Roads 248 and 252.

Shad, measuring 3 to 4 inches long, channel catfish 3 to 6 inches long, and sunfish 8 to 10 inches long were spotted along the north shoreline, in addition to live bait fish and catfish finding comfort in shallow water.

TPWD district supervisor

Brian Van Zee of San Angelo and technicians will tour the lake Thursday.

Van Zee said water samples collected Jan. 22 showed the golden algae as slightly to moderately toxic.

"Cell counts were 11,000 cells per milliliter," Van Zee said, "but other green algae were present in the water at that point and time."

The cell count in December

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Two CHS musicians in a class of their own

Colorado City is home for two of the state's premier high school musicians.

Colorado High School senior Evan Jones and junior Megan Drummond returned from the all-state band auditions in San Antonio with top rankings, but also placed Colorado City in a positive limelight.

Jones earned first chair honors in the tuba section in top small school all-state band (Classes 1, 2 and 3A) Saturday, Feb. 14.

He finished seventh chair in the top small school all-state band in 2003.

Drummond earned fourth



Drummond Jones
chair honors in the flute section in the top Class 5A band.

Last year she finished as first chair, but in the top small school band.

"Those finishes are ex-

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Kiwanis pancake supper set

The C-City Kiwanis Club annual pancake supper is set for Friday, February 20, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria at 312 E 12th St.

"I'd like to encourage everyone to come to our pancake supper," said Kiwanis Club President Bill Barlow.

The popular event features flapjacks with bacon, sausage, tea and milk.

Tickets are available at all three banks and from any club member. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 16 years old and under and may be purchased at the door.

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ELECTIONS

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Courthouse.

In the Colorado Independent School District trustee election, four places will be on the ballot, including two trustees who were appointed to office in 2003.

Trustee places up for election are 3, 7, 1 and 2.

Place 3 -- held by Larry Mason -- and Place 7 -- held by Sally Neff -- are three-year terms.

Cliff Shiller and Diana Rios were appointed to fill unexpired terms in Places 1 and 2, respectively.

Dobie Williams, CISD business manager and early voting clerk, said that since Shiller and Rios were appointed, they have to seek election to fill the final year of a three-year term.

The places they currently hold were not scheduled for election until 2005.

The filing deadline is Monday, March 15.

The deadline for write-in candidates is 5 p.m. March 22 at the CISD business office.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 28 and continues through May 11 in the business manager's office at 1132 Hickory Street.

Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. An additional early voting day is Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1132 Hickory St.

Mitchell County Hospital Administrative Secretary Karen Holman said the board of directors election will be held May 15, but it has not been ordered.

Places held by Bobbie Banks, Hollis Gainey and DeLynn Hackfeld will be on the ballot.

Candidate filling for the Loraine City Council started Feb. 17 and continues until 5 p.m. March 15.

Places held by Jennifer Zuniga, Kay Barnett and Durwood McAdams are up for election.

Early voting will run April 28 through May 11 at City Hall. The May 15 election will be held at the Loraine Senior Citizens building.

Debbie Finley, Loraine ISD business manager and early voting clerk, said trustees will call the election when they meet at 7 p.m. March 1.

Places held by incumbent Rose Mary Aguilar and Frank

Garcia are up for election. They are three-year terms.

Trustees Don Epperson and Frank Sanchez, who were appointed in 2003 to fill unexpired terms, will have to seek election to finish out the terms.

Epperson was appointed to complete two years remaining and Sanchez one year.

The Westbrook City Council was scheduled to meet Tuesday night, Feb. 17, to call the May election.

City Secretary Pansy Fernandez said positions scheduled on the May ballot are those of Mayor Ramiro Fuentes and council members Sue Hawley and Elida Fuentes.

Teresa Matlock, business manager and early voting clerk for the Westbrook ISD, said trustees will call the election when they meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19.

She said two at large places are up for election, including one held by trustee Tom Whiteside, and a second that was vacated by Andy Duke in 2003.

They are three-year terms.

The Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District's election is set for May 15, with five places scheduled to be on the ballot.

Filing started Tuesday and continues through March 15 at the district's office at 130 West 5th St.

Windi Fuller, the district's executive director, said early voting and the May 15 election will be held at the Mitchell County Courthouse.

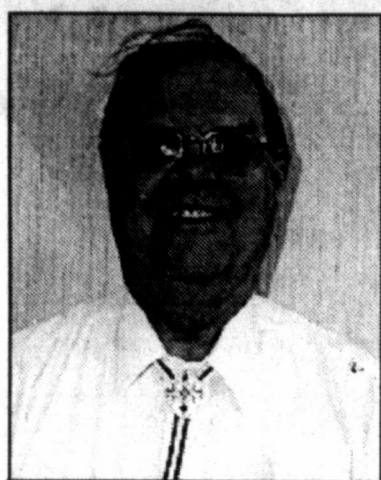
Fuller said all five directors' places are up for election since this is the first election since the district was created Feb. 2, 2002.

The current directors were elected on the ballot that created the water district.

Fuller said Precincts 2 and 4 and the at large position are automatic four-year terms, while Precincts 1 and 3 are two-year terms.

Fuller said the terms will be staggered.

Current directors are Bobby Lemons, at large; David Stubblefield, Precinct 1; Tommy Morris, Precinct 2; Melvin Dorn, Precinct 3; and Eugene Smith, Precinct 4.



Bob Brookshear

Brookshear first to file for council

Robert D. Brookshear has filed for election as the District 6 representative on the City Council.

Faye Ross currently represents the district.

Brookshear, a resident of Colorado City, filed Tuesday, Feb. 17, with City Secretary Elizabeth Turner.

Tuesday was the first day candidates could file for the City Council election. Filing continues through 5 p.m. March 15.

Districts 3 and 4 are also up for election May 15.

"I have considered running for City Council in the past few elections," Brookshear said. "I have discussed my thoughts with Faye in the past and we discussed them again over the weekend. She urged the best for the city and I believe she has worked toward that goal.

"However, I feel the time may be at hand for a change in direction. We are at a crossroads for our community. We are showing subtle signs of economic growth.

"We have a potential for attracting new small businesses. We are establishing a base for small industrial firms, which, over time will attract population, larger businesses and industry."

"I want to be a part of that growth," said Brookshear, who is currently chairman of the City Planning and Zoning Commission. "I want to help lay the ground work for the City of Colorado City to attract new business and industry."

Brookshear graduated from The University of North Texas with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting in 1964, and from The University of North Dakota with a master's degree in economics in 1972.

Brookshear and his wife, Marilyn, own Mitchell County Abstract Co. He is a retired U.S. Air Force captain, having served with the Strategic Air Command.

Early voting set in primaries; county precinct races head list

Early voting for the March 9 Democratic and Republican primaries starts Monday, Feb. 23, in the lobby of the Mitchell County Courthouse.

Debbi Carlock, early voting clerk, said early votes can be cast from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 23 through March 4, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 -- the last day to vote early.

The last day to receive applications for ballots by mail is Monday, March 1.

For more information, phone 728-3481.

Voting for the March 9 election will be held in each designated precinct polling place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct 1 -- Mitchell County Appraisal District building, 2112 Hickory St., Colorado City; Precinct 2 -- Westbrook Community building, 302 W. Thorne St.; Precinct 025 -- Oak Street Baptist Church, 805 Oak St., Colorado City.

Also, Precinct 3 -- Mitchell County Courthouse, 349 Oak St., Colorado City; Precinct 4 -- Loraine Senior Citizens building, 123 South Main St.; Precinct 046 -- Calvary Baptist Church, 1025 East 15th St., Colorado City.

The focus in the primary election will be on contested races in county commissioner Precincts 1 and 3.

In Precinct 1, there is a three-way race in the Democratic primary among Jimmy Ray "Jug" Rees, Larry Don Watlington and Brooks Wallis.

The Precinct 1 commissioner's job became available when incumbent Ed Roach said he plans to retire after his term expires at the close of 2004, giving him 20 years as a county commissioner.

Mickey Neff is the only Re-

publican seeking the Precinct 1 commissioner's position. He has no opposition in the primary.

The Precinct 3 commissioner's position has contested races in both primaries.

George Hardegree and Larry Johnson seek the Republican nomination, while incumbent commissioner Wendy Inman faces Harrell Crawford in the Democratic primary.

Several other incumbents filed for re-election, and they are unopposed in the March 9 primary.

Tom Rees Sr. is seeking re-election as Mitchell County attorney. He filed Dec. 16 for the Democratic primary.

Rees is seeking his first full term as county attorney. County commissioners appointed Rees to fill the unexpired term of Mark Piland, and he was elected to the position in November 2002.

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs and Tax Assessor-Collector Faye Lee have both filed for re-election in the Democratic primary.

Lee has served as tax assessor-collector for seven years. Toombs was first elected to office in November 1992.

Tommy Scott, who is the current constable for Precincts 2 and 3, filed his intent with County Judge Ray Mayo to seek the county sheriff's job

on the Independent ticket.

After the March 9 primary, Scott can start collecting the 97 signatures needed in order get him on the Nov. 2 general election ballot.

The 97 signatures represent 5 percent of the voters who cast ballots in the 2002 gubernatorial election.

The last day for independent candidates to file applications and petitions is May 13.

County GOP chair Jay McCollum and County Democratic chair Geory Martin also have filed for re-election in the primary.

Neither has opposition in the primary but will be on the ballot.

TxDOT project hearing slated

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing Thursday, Feb. 19, in Colorado City to discuss the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor.

The hearing will be held at TxDOT's Mitchell County Maintenance Section office, 2332 N. State Highway 208, in Colorado City. Registration begins 5:30 p.m. and the hearing at 6.

TxDOT has scheduled a public hearing in each of the state's counties.

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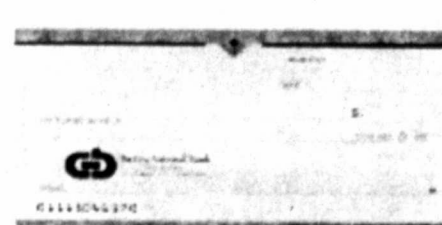
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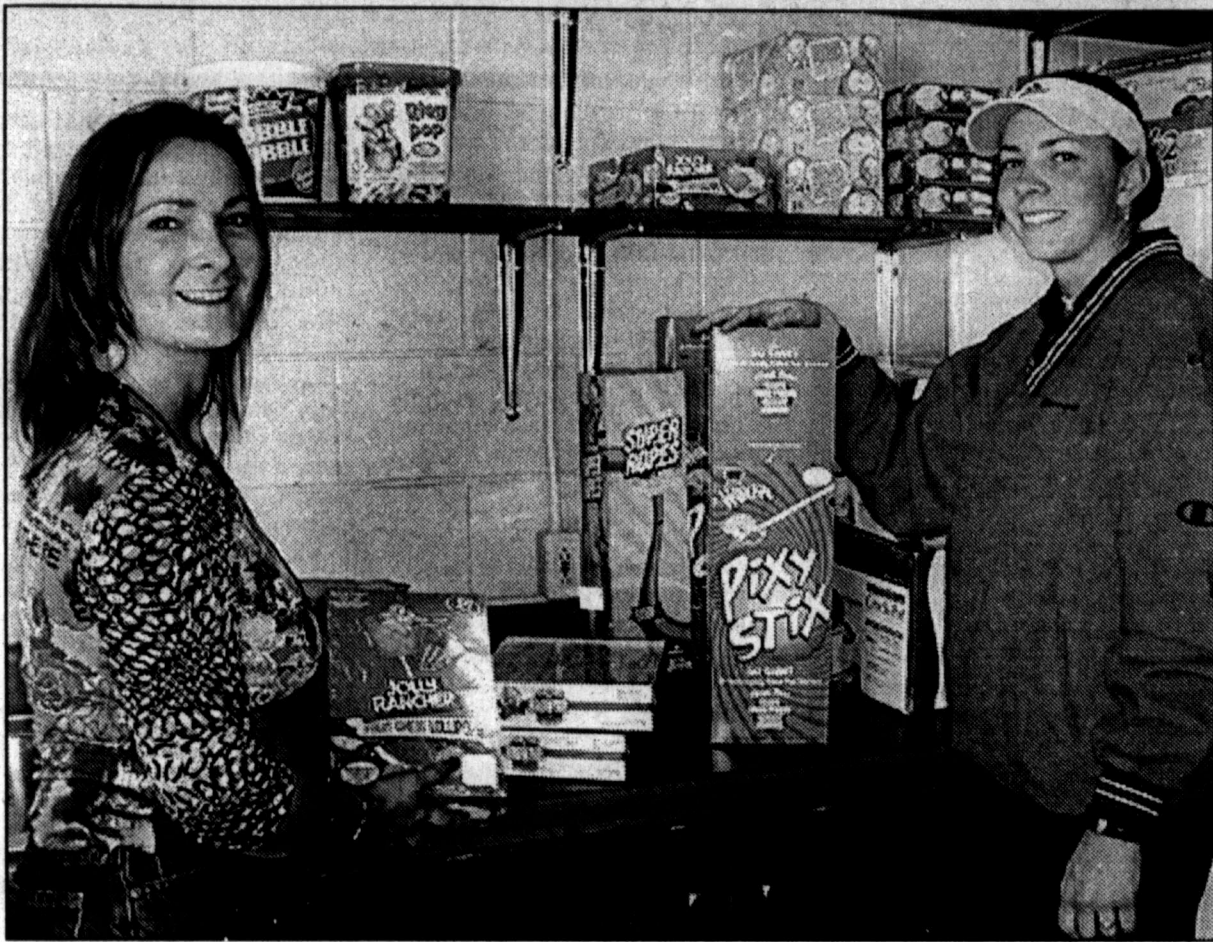
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THE MITCHELL COUNTY Sports Commission opens Monday when the School Lady team meets at 4:30 p.m. Softball for junior varsity boys begins at 5 p.m. Monday. Wolves meet at the complex at 5 p.m. Mar. Sweetwater concession Julie Bullard from sister preparing opening game Jeff Potter, director, pitcher's field on M which was has been getting the play, making and heights to the point

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THE MITCHELL County Sports Complex officially opens Monday, Feb. 23, when the Colorado High School Lady Wolves softball team meets Sweetwater at 4:30 p.m. at the girls softball field. The CHS junior varsity will initiate the boys baseball field at 5 p.m. Monday when the Wolves meet Sweetwater. The varsity's first game at the complex is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 9, also against Sweetwater. At top, concession stand operator Julie Bullard, left, gets help from sister Krissy Morris in preparing items for the opening games. At right, Jeff Potter, sports complex director, works on the pitcher's mound at the boys field on Monday, Feb. 23, which was a holiday. Potter has been instrumental in getting the fields ready for play, making sure distances and heights are accurate and to the point.



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ation he could be reinstated as police chief. Haltom chose to resign. The council has accepted his resignation. The police chief's position remains open. Martinez replaces Scarber, who resigned as mayor during the council's Feb. 12 meeting because of personal reasons. "I just don't feel like I am doing justice to the council," he said. Scarber served seven months of his two-year term. Martinez served as Loraine's mayor from 1985 until May 2003 when Scarber was elected. Martinez decided not to seek the mayoral position in 2003, but was later appointed to the council to fill the position left vacant by John Ladd who stepped down when he moved to Colorado City. Martinez also served as the city's mayor pro-tem. Martinez's appointment leaves his council position open. His replacement is expected to be selected when the council meets March 11. Council members said Loraine residents wanting to be

considered for appointment should give a written request to City Secretary Connie Harshaw at City Hall. Keith Lloyd, who attended the Feb. 12 and Feb. 17 council meetings, placed his name on the list to be considered to fill the vacant position. During the Feb. 12 meeting, Haltom requested that his matter be handled in public. Fuller told Haltom that the city received a letter from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement dated Jan. 3, 2004. Fuller said the letter stated that Haltom failed to complete 40-hour continuing education provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. She said the 40-hour management course is required every 24 months in order to serve as police chief. Haltom last attended the school was Oct. 6, 2000. "The council has no choice by law but to remove you as chief of police," Fuller said, unless Haltom could provide proof he had completed the 40 hours.

He had not taken the course, but completed an application to attend it. Haltom said no one had previously questioned his training. Fuller said Haltom also failed to comply with the 40-hour requirement in 2000, but he did take the necessary training. After he was reminded he had to complete the course to serve as police chief, Haltom crushed the application in his hands, and expressed his dissatisfaction over the decision to remove him as police chief. Fuller said that as of Aug. 31, 2003, according to the state, Haltom could not act as police chief because he had not taken the training. Haltom received a letter notifying him and a copy was mailed to the City of Loraine. Fuller said the council could have abolished the police chief position, and allowed the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office to answer calls in Loraine, but city code enforcement problems could have occurred. She said the county cannot enforce those regulations, or write citations.

County joins statewide battle opposing unfunded mandates

Mitchell County Commissioners Court approved a resolution during its Tuesday, Feb. 17, called meeting opposing unfunded state mandates. The state Legislature in past sessions have approved mandates not funded by the state, and counties are forced to pass the cost to residents in the form of extra fees or taxes. County Judge Ray Mayo said he and commissioners Ed Roach, Carl Guelker, Wendy Inman and Billy Preston support allowing voters to decide if unfunded mandates from the state to counties should be reined in to protect taxpayers from being saddled with higher property taxes. Mayo said county officials join county officials statewide in seeking a constitutional amendment that would limit state actions which mandate counties to spend additional funds, unless the state pays for its mandates.

The PAC was formed in 1997, with members selecting issues to focus on, including unfunded mandates. The subcommittee, decided to seek a referendum in both the Republican and Democratic parties' primary elections next spring. Bee County Tax Assessor Collector Andrea Gibbud proposed the referendum. Mayo said the referendum would give primary voters the opportunity to express their feelings on better protecting local taxpayers from state mandates through a proposed constitutional amendment. The referendum states: "For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases." The constitutional amendment will be presented to the

Legislature at its next session. Subcommittee members pointed out that legislative budget actions during stressful financial times often have a direct impact on counties and property taxpayers, even when legislators do not intend such a burden. During the recent 78th Legislature, Mayo said examples include cuts to health care, mental health and the Children's Health Insurance Program that have resulted in counties being forced to assume additional costs. He said unfunded or unfunded mandates from previous legislative sessions have included the 1985 Indigent Health Care Act and the 2001 law mandating indigent criminal defense services.

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Vergie Martin

1921-2004

Mrs. Vergie Martin, age 82, of Colorado City, died Friday in a San Angelo hospital. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Kay Reed officiating. Arrangements by Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin was born October 19, 1921 in Clarksville to Milt and Vida Stokes Shoffner. She married Bill Martin on Oct. 7, 1937 in Dunn. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 2000. She had been a resident of Colorado City since 1990. She was former custodial technician for Birdwell Oil Co. and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Buck and Nancy Martin of Somerville, AL; a son-in-law, Dale and wife, Leslie Geiger of Colorado City; grandchildren, Cyndi and Lucky Jones of Colorado City, Kevin and Melissa Geiger of Arizona; great-grandchildren, Tyrell Jones, Bryan Geiger and Joey Olguin; a brother and sister-in-law, Odis and Pauline Shoffner of Amarillo.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Patsy Geiger, a brother, Milton Shoffner, and two sisters, Lole Standefer and Irene Martin.

Domingo Arguijo

1942-2004

Mr. Domingo Arguijo, 61, of Colorado City, died Sunday afternoon at his residence. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Church with Revs. Felix Silva and Abel Cantu officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Arguijo was born April 18, 1942 in Floresville to Willie and Frances Cantu Arguijo and had lived in Colorado City since 1974. He married Janie Salazar on Aug. 28, 1970 in Colorado City. He is survived by his wife, Janie, of Colorado City; three sons, Ray Arguijo, Jesse Arguijo and Frankie Arguijo, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Irmalinda Gonzales and Rachel Arguijo, both of Colorado City; six brothers, Antonio Cruz, Willie, Jr., Julio and Juan Arguijo, all of Pleasanton and Louis Arguijo of Colorado City; two sisters, Dora Rivera of Austin and Frances Palacios of Pleasanton and 11 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Lupe Robles, Manuela Arguijo and Santos Arguijo.



Elizabeth Ann Bazany

1940-2004

Elizabeth Ann Bazany, born on January 29, 1940 in Washington, DC, passed away on February 8, 2004 at the age of 64, of cancer.

Mrs. Bazany was a loving wife, mother, friend and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Col. James L. Bazany, Ret. USA, in 1996.

She is survived by their five sons, Christopher Bazany, David Bazany, Steven and wife Katherine Bazany, James and wife Charlene Bazany, Michael and Ann Bazany; brother, Paul Michael Alamo and wife Doris of Lansdale, PA; sisters-in-law, Jimmie Alamo of San Antonio, Joyce Finnegan of Cincinnati, OH, Barbara and husband Jim L. Luezak of Eagle River, WI; brother-in-law, Lee Bazany and wife Fran of Wayzata, MN; 13 grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the rosary was held at 5 p.m. February 12, 2004 at Colonial Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was held February 13, 2004 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Selma, Texas. Burial followed at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, mass offerings may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Selma, TX. Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home.

Raymond Lanthus Brame

1920-2004

Raymond Lanthus Brame, long time Irving resident died in Dallas on February 6, 2004. Services were held Monday, February 9, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel, in Irving.

Mr. Brame was born April 10, 1920 in Loraine. He was an agent for National Life Insurance Company for 25 years and a member of Irving Masonic Lodge No. 1218, A.F. & A.M.

He is survived by his three children, Ray Brame and wife Olene of Whitney, Don Brame and wife Kristie of Irving and Dianne Hall and husband Eugene of Southlake; his brother, Elden Audrey Brame and wife Mary Ann of Dallas; eight grandchildren, Michael, Scott, Jay, Elizabeth, Brian, Andrew, Katharine, and Zachary and three great-grandsons, Christian, Jacob, and Casey.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Jean Brame, and by his brother, Loyd Brame of Loraine.

Altus Kelley

1926-2004

Altus Kelley, 77, of Big Spring, died on Monday, February 16, 2004, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2004 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Altus was born on September 9, 1926, in Fisher County, Texas. He married Joanne Stone on May 21, 1948 in Fort Worth and she preceded him in death on May 16, 1984. He then married Lola Margaret Kilman on June 22, 1985 in Big Spring.

Altus graduated from Hamlin High School in 1944. He served in the United States Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He worked for Texas Electric Service Company for 39 years, retiring as transmission line supervisor in August 1987.

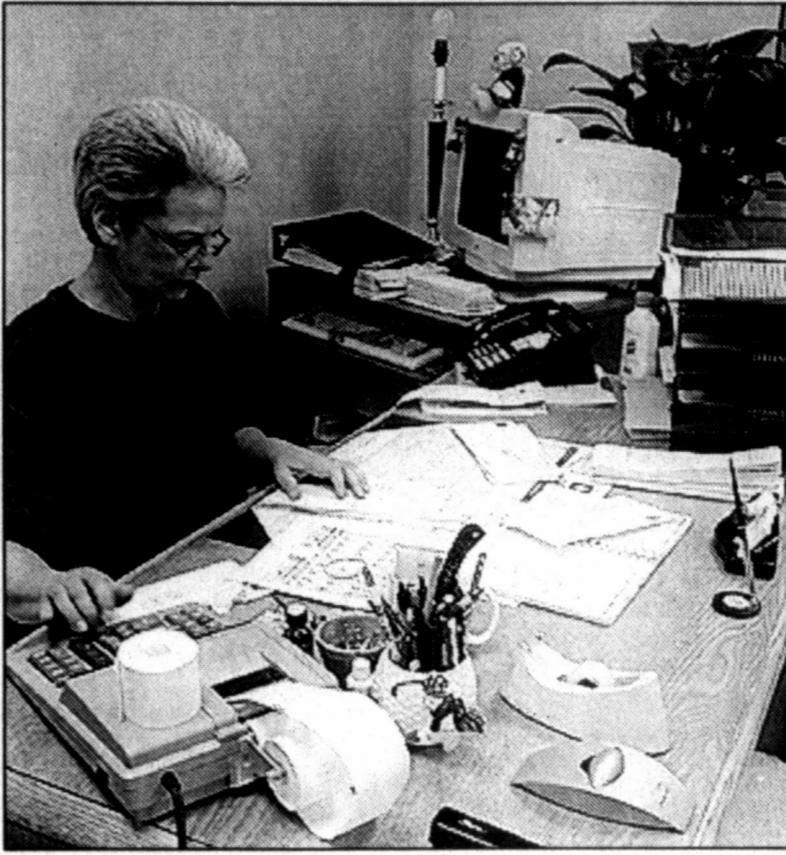
He was a member of First Baptist Church; a member of Ernie Boyd's Sunday School Class and served as an usher. Altus was a member of the Sweetwater Masonic Lodge #571, AF & AM, a member of Big Spring Commandery No. 31 Knights Templar and the Scottish Rite in Lubbock. He was also a member of the Shriner's Motor Brigade and drove the antique fire truck.

Survivors include his wife, Lola Kelley of Big Spring; one son, Altus "Bo" Kelley of Colorado City; one daughter, Charlotte May of Lufkin; four step-children, Ginny Cooke of Big Spring, Victor Kilman of Lubbock, Preston Kilman of Penn Valley, CA and Marshall Kilman of Big Spring; one sister, Filena Morgan of Big Spring; four grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Ansel Kelley on October 25, 2003; his parents; one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, 610 Texas Ave., Galveston, Texas 77550.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.



SANDRA SULLIVAN, human resources director at the Mitchell County Hospital, checks time cards in her office at the new health care facility south of Interstate 20.

HOSPITAL

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Wednesday. We have surgeries booked in the new facility on Friday.

"So, we're going to have to make it happen."

Mize said departments tied to patient care such as the pharmacy, radiology and lab will not move to the new hospital until patients are moved.

Mize said the moving in process will not end with relocating patients.

"It's just going to be a continuing thing," Mize said in her new office. "It's going to take us a while. What we're doing right now is setting up one emergency room in the new hospital and one operating room here."

"When we make the transition, we will have that backup. We will not be in a place where we couldn't take care of a patient if we needed to. We have a foot in both places right now."

CHS

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remely incredible," said CHS band director Jeremy Ross. "To know that in Evan's division, he is the best in the state."

"Megan is the fourth best in the state in her division in Class 5A. There are only three other flute players in 5A better than her. That's incredible."

"Next year I fully expect her to finish first chair because of her drive and persistence."

Ross said three of the five judges he talked to agreed that "Evan was hands and feet better than even the second chair player. He is in a class all his own."

"This community should be proud of these children and their accomplishments."

Ross said that in Class 5A, "there were more than 40,000 students statewide that auditioned."

"Only 2 percent of those students were selected as all-stars, and 1 percent finished in the top band. Megan is in the top 1 percent of over 40,000 musicians."

"She was selected at the beginning of the season to try her hand at a bigger classification. She has been very successful at that."

Ross said there are two performing groups for the small school band and Class 5A

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

The Family Medical Associates, or rural health clinic, on Chestnut Street and the Specialty Clinic on Walnut Street still have to make the transition.

The rural health clinic's move depends upon completion of a parking lot.

Mize also said one phone line is currently available to administrative offices until the phone system's installation is completed.

After waiting almost three years to move in, Mize said, "I love it. It is absolutely beautiful. It's comfortable and clean and it's wonderful."

"We couldn't wait to get up the next morning and get cracking to move. We are really pleased. I will be happy when everybody is over here and they can enjoy it, too."

He said the top 10 musicians in a division qualify for the top, or symphonic band, while the next 10 qualify for the concert band.

Competition continues for Jones and Drummond on Saturday, Feb. 21, when they will be among 40 band members entering solo and ensemble contests at Abilene High School.

Ross said members earning a Division 1 rating advance to state in late May.

The CHS band also has concert and sight-reading competition set for March 4 in Anson.

FISH

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was 7,000 cells per milliliter, which Van Zee said was "a long ways from this time last year."

"The water sample taken Jan. 16, 2003, showed almost 300,000 cells per milliliter. The lake has come a long ways from what it was last year."

"The count has come up a little, and I am getting a little concerned. We are getting closer and closer now hearing of fish dying on the upper end."

Van Zee said the recent cold spell "might have cause a bloom, but we haven't heard of any major blooms or big kills on the lake. I don't think this cold snap helped at all."

"It sounds like it may be the beginning of the algae again. It's hard to say until we get out on the lake."

"It could be a small, isolated bloom. We plan to make an inspection and take samples."

Van Zee said a bloom occurring this time of year also generates concern "since historically the last two years this has been the time we really lost a lot of fish."

"Actually, January was, but here we are into February. We're doing better than last year and two years ago, but things can change pretty quickly with that stuff."

Van Zee said the sighting of moving bait fish could indicate the toxicity may range from low to moderate levels.

"Fish will swim away to avoid it. If the water is more toxic further out into the lake, they may move to the shallow water to get away from it."

BANQUET

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look at the city's history.

Another feature will be Keith Hiser's visual presentation of Colorado City, and its residents, past and present.

Residents also will have the chance to turn back the pages of time by touring several scrapbooks that Chamber of Commerce managers compiled over the years.

Former Chamber clerk Ty Wood located the scrapbooks that start in 1953 and continue through the present.

Current Chamber secretary Carla Hammond has helped organize scrapbooks that are

available for 1953, 54, 55 and 56, into the 1960s, and to the present day.

The Chamber was organized in 1909.

"I think those attending can expect a few surprises," Lowrance said. "I hope they have as much fun as we've had putting this together."

"It's going to be a fun time. We want people to enjoy it. The presentation will have headlines and photos from the past."

Incoming and outgoing Chamber directors will also be recognized.

BUDGET

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same page to have an idea of what we need to be doing and what they would like for us to do."

Garcia said the planning session and budget workshop is way council members can voice their views on "how to improve the community and what areas need improvement."

"We could discuss an array of things like parks, streets and departments within the city."

Garcia said code enforcement is one area the city "needs to address to some extent ... how to clean up and make the town look better."

"There are some improvements in that area we can certainly look at. We're probably going to have to take a more active role in code enforce-

ment."

Garcia said code enforcement can occur through clean-ups, and with volunteer help.

"But I think the most difficult things are going to have to be done through code enforcement, and not necessarily tickets."

"I will be sending then letters and advising people of the problems that exist. We probably need to formulate a plan on how we need to approach that."

"I think that in every town if you are going to sell or want to promote your town a big key issue is having a clean town."

Garcia said that having a clean city makes it more presentable when "you bring people in to look at it. A good first impression goes a long way."

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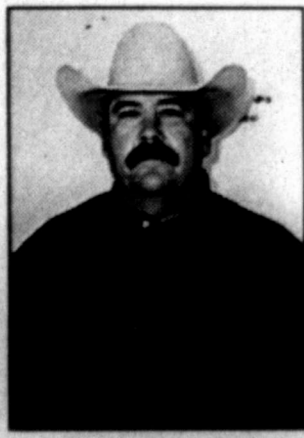
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local news

WALLACE CENTER NEWS

By Rose Ella Ball
I have had many requests to continue Wallace Senior News since I took a few months off. I will make an effort to resume, especially for our homebound friends and for those who have moved away and take the Colorado City Record.

I must say the center is still going strong and being enjoyed by many of us. It is such a wonderful place to enjoy a good meal and to have fellowship with one another. Also, we have really good programs before the meal. Most of the time the programs are by area musicians and occasional speakers on various subjects.

We would like to encourage everyone who has never been out here to give it a try. I can promise you that you will be

made welcome and put a smile on Shirley Scott's (our director) face. She loves people and to know her is to love her.

I never get tired of bragging on our meals. We have the best cooks in Mitchell County. Our head cook is Elsie Bendele and her helpers are Quita Elder and "Bal" Garcia. Quita makes the cobblers and rolls and they are the best in the state.

Elsie had knee replacement and was out four months but is now back on the job doing great. This did not stop our good meals because we had Gladys Hays, an experienced cook who filled her place.

There are so many things going on at the Wallace Center it will be impossible to catch up on all of the news. One of the annual highlights is the election of king and queen near the 14th of February by popular vote. It is very hard to pick them as there are so many deserving people. This year's king and queen was Wayne and Lenetta Dubose, a really nice and sweet couple. They were presented their crowns and gifts by some of Mrs. Johnson's gifted and talented students. They received a beautiful bouquet of flowers and true "goody baskets" from the Wallace Center.

There is usually always a good news-bad news with every story, so now comes the bad news. It is very necessary to have fundraisers to keep the center going. We just recently had a garage sale and I will mention it more in detail later. Shirley has plans for monthly fundraisers, and I will mention the first one as soon as it is finalized. (I can taste it already!)

We have lost several of our dear friends the last few months including John McGregor, Jean Morris, Imogene Webber and Bea Newsome. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor attended regularly although they had not lived in Colorado City too long. Imogene was a regular also until she got sick and had moved to be near her daughter. Jean had been a regular off and on for many years and Bea also had gotten sick and passed away in a Snyder nursing home. Though it may be late, we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of those mentioned.

Also, we have some very serious illnesses. Georgia Lankford had hip replacement and while recuperating in rehab, suffered a heart attack. We miss her so much as she has been a regular at the center for many years. She is recuperating at her daughter's home in Big Spring. Ruby Chambers had double knee replacement but is doing well now after several months of rehab. Lillian Dossey had sev-

eral weeks of radiation for cancer on her face. We are glad that she is able to be back with us. Also, Betty Robertson has been out with several complications, circulation and blood loss. She is able to attend now although she and Lillian are still weak. They are both glad to be out and about again.

Gwen Wistrand has had serious back surgery. I don't have new news about her condition but know she is recuperating at one of her daughters. I will report on her progress later. Gwen, we miss you both at the center and the Goldenaires.

My quotes for today are especially for my friend, Dale. He is young, but enjoys the antics of older people. "A sure sign you are getting old is when you find your glasses and can't remember why you needed them."

"By the time I learned enough to watch my step, I wasn't going anywhere."



THE COLORADO CITY AREA Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for Don's Frijoles and Barbeque on Friday, Feb. 13 to celebrate the recent opening of the new restaurant which is located at 1004 Hickory, in the old Free's Fashions building. Don Free owns the establishment and Peggy Obenhaus is manager. Shirley Hamilton does the cooking with John Tillis in charge of maintenance.

MARKET REPORT

Colorado City Livestock Market Report
February 11, 2004

Receipts: 1349 Hd.
Market active, demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers 600# and up \$2 to \$4 lower. Light calves 200# to 450# steady. Bred cows and pairs steady to \$25 higher. Packer cows and bulls \$2 to \$3 higher.

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300-400 \$109.00-\$129.00
400-500 \$98.00-\$113.00
500-600 \$88.00-\$96.50
600-750 \$75.00-\$85.50

HEIFERS
200-300 lbs. \$114.00-\$121.00
300-400 \$100.00-\$110.00
400-500 \$88.00-\$102.00
500-600 \$78.00-\$87.75
600-750 \$68.00-\$83.00

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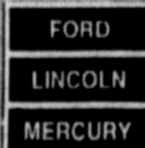
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forum

CHS students discover ways to sidestep heart disease

By Candis Moore

Heart disease touches every family in the United States.

How do you know whether you have the silent killer?

A trip to the cardiologist can answer this question by reading results of one of all of the following tests:

ECG (electrocardiogram), stress test, coronary angiogram, echocardiogram and blood test.

To determine the health of high school students, the Colorado High School FCCLA conducted a survey about heart disease.

The following were the results of the survey:

The females and males, at Colorado High School who took the survey were average weights.

The survey showed that average students ate out more than three times a week.

The exercise rate among the students was normal for high school age.

Only three students had diabetes. A small number of the students took a vitamin supplement.

Students were informed that heart disease affects an estimated 62 million Americans, more than any other disease, showing that about four out of five people who die of coronary disease are age 65 and older.

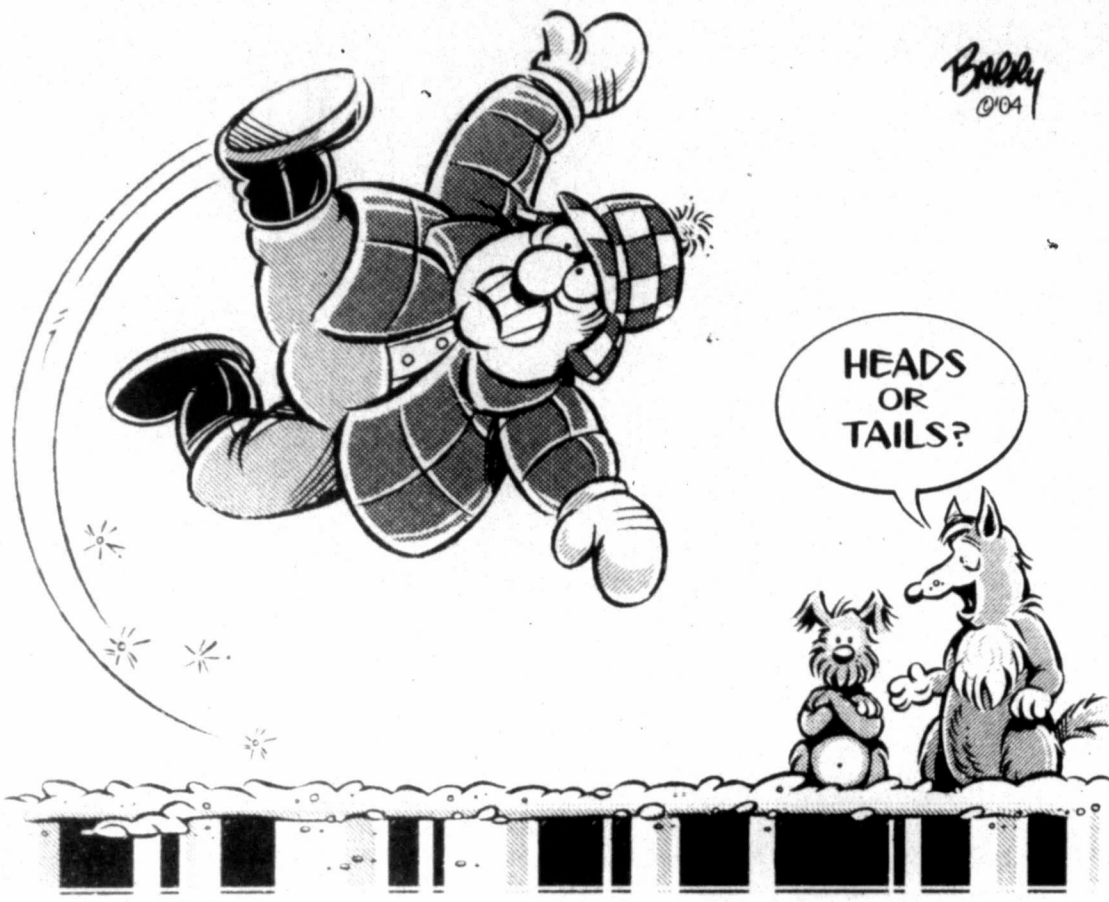
The American Heart Association also reports that Coronary Heart Disease is the number three cause of death for children under the age of 15.

By taking the following steps, a person can prevent or control the disease:

Regular check-ups, control blood pressure, regular cholesterol checks, don't smoke, take cholesterol lowering medication and exercise regularly, take one aspirin a day, maintain a healthy weight, managing stress and develop a heart healthy diet.

For more information, there are a variety of sources such as www.webmd.com and www.americanheart.org.

Candis Moore, CHS student and author of this article, will be participating in the Regional FCCLA contest in Weatherford on Friday. Having this article published is a part of the contest.



PUBLIC RECORDS

FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK

City of Loraine, Bill Scarbrazz TEE, Washington Mutual Finance LP, Deed of Trust.

Charles David Gibson to Enervest Energy Institutional Fund IX LP, Enervest Mgmt Partners LTD Gen. Ptr., Enervest Mgmt GP LC Gen. Ptr., Jean Scates Vice President-Land, Enervest Energy Institutional Fund IX-WI, Asgmt & Bill Sale.

Prestige Farms Inc., Clark Peterson Vice-Pres, to Buck Creek Ranch Partnership, Warranty Deed.

Buck Creek Ranch Partnership, Jerry Simmons Gen Partner to Todd E Huckabee TTEE, Crockett National Bank, Deed of Trust.

Buck Creek Ranch Partnership, Jerry Simmons Partner to Hortensine Family Investments LP, Raleigh Hortensine III TTEE, Warranty Deed.

Hortensine Family Investments LP, Raleigh Hortensine III TTEE to Todd E Huckabee TTEE, Crockett National Bank, Deed of Trust.

Trent Martin President, S.I. Martin Inc. to Darrell Carpenter, Brenda Carpenter, Stp of Interest.

Jason Earl Free, Elsa Free, Richard W Meyer TTEE, Mary Carolyn Black, Owen Federal Bank FSB to Marsha Monroe Sub TTEE, Terry Browder Succ Sub TTEE, Laura Browder Succ Sub TTEE, Removal & Appt of Substitution.

Marsha Monroe Sub TTEE, Owen Federal Bank FSB to Bank of New York TTEE, Metropolitan Financial Center, Sub Trustee Deed.

Mary M Speidel Affiant to Public, Affidavit as to Foreclose.

Debra Lynn Walker, Indiv & Executrix, Mary Jaqueta Jordan Estate to Noah Bill Pond, Pamela Pearce Pond, Lone Star Land Bank FLCA, Warranty Deed.

Noah Bill Pond, Pamela Pearce Pond to Glenn R Parr TTEE, Lone Star Land Bank FLCA, Deed of Trust.

Mildred Browne Indiv & Ind Executrix, LA Browne Estate to Dirk Dunn, Donnie Dunn, Release of Lien DT.

Dorothy Lee Oliver to Jeffrey Scott Oliver, Brenda Lee Oliver, Gift Deed.

Shirley Grimes Ind, Exec, GE Davenport Estate to Shawn D Davis,

Special W/D.

Janet Sue Bingham to Jon Martinez TEE, Washington Mutual Finance LP, Deed of Trust.

Compass Oil & Gas, LP, Compass Operating LLC, Cadell S. Liedtke, President, Bank United, FKA, Washington Mutual, FA, FKA to Robert D. Southerland, TTEE, Community National Bank, Danny R. Campbell, Ex Vice Pres., 4th Amendment Deed of Trust.

L.R. Hopkins to Donald Jayhue McVey, Warranty Deed.

Rebecca L. Gatlin to Joseph C. Benoit, Beth L. Benoit, Release of Lien DT.

Dorothy Warren to Joseph C. Benoit, Beth Benoit, Special W/D.

Gene Burkhardt, Credit Manager, Perryton Equity Exchange to Ernie Wood, Release.

Bryne Joe Stone, Amanda Stone to City National Bank of Colo. City, Royce D. Clay TTEE, Deed of Trust.

City National Bank of Colorado, City, TX, Dwayne Harris Vice-Pres. & Trust Officer, Dennis Cleveland Fowler Jr. Succ. Co-TTEE, Voncil Fowler Muse Family Trust, Joe Morrison CPA to Public, Declaration of Successor.

Richard L. Trantham, Debra K. Trantham to Julio Ramirez Jr., Delino Ramirez, Quitclaim Deed.

Billy Don Merriman to Richard L. Trantham, Debra K. Trantham, Warranty Deed.

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Virgil Jones Jr. to Richard L. Trantham, Debra K. Trantham, Release of Lien DT.

Jesus D. Martinez, Barbara Martinez to Wells Fargo Financial Texas Inc., Mark Davis TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Helen Ann Keppel Adm., Virginia Leary Estate to Enervest Energy Institutional Fund IXLP, Enervest Energy Institutional Fund IX WI, Jean Scates Vice Pres-Land, Enervest Mgmt Pts LTD Gen. Ptr., Enervest Mgmt GP LC Gen. Ptr., Asgmt & Bill Sale.

Lone Star Land Bank FLCA, Billy Hallman Vice President/Operations to Debra Ann Hines, Release of Lien DT.

Moriah Properties LTD, Moriah Resources Inc. Gen. Ptr., Dale A. Brown President to Dale A. Brown Individually, Cary D. Brown Individually, P/Asgmt. of Lease.

Raye A. McGregor Co-TTEE, Donald Pat McPhaul Co-TTEE, John W. & Raye A. McGregor Family Trust to Public, 2nd Addn. & Amendment.

John W. & Raye A. McGregor Family Trust, Raye A. McGregor TTEE to John W. & Raye A. McGregor Family Trust, Special W/D.

Regions Bank, Regions Mortgage dba, Kathy Boston Foreclosure Officer, Sharon Moore to Terry Browder Sub TTEE, Laura Browder Sub TTEE, Marsha Monroe Sub TTEE, Appoint Sub TTEE.

Lance Hall to Patricia Parker, Warranty Deed.

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COUNTY COURT ACTION

Janie Latrisha Hicks, Possession of Marijuana, February 11, 2004, plea of guilty, \$500 fine, \$211 court costs, 30 days suspended/6 months, \$40 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Jerry Gene Dearmond, DWI, February 11, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days suspended/18 months, \$40 per month probation fees, driver's license is suspended for 90 days, 80 hours community service, must attend DWI school.

Pennie Mechelle Headrick, DWI, February 11, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days suspended/18 months, \$40 per month probation fees, driver's license is suspended for 90 days, 80 hours community service, must attend DWI school.

Lewis Munoz, Assault/Family Violence, February 11, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$211 court costs, 90 days suspended/18 months, \$40 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Sweetwater's Frugal Book Writer

By Tumbleweed Smith



Bettye Martin McRae of Sweetwater has written seven books. BRONC IN THE PARLOR was her first one.

"That's about my daddy who pulled all kinds of shenanigans while training horses," says Bettye. "He used to bring horses into our house to show how gentle they were. That turned into a trilogy. COW IN THE KITCHEN is about Mama getting back at Daddy. She realized a lifetime dream when she was cast in the movie, Semi-Tough. BATH IN A NUMBER THREE WASHTUB is about my brother and me living on the farm six miles east of Sweetwater."

Bettye has lived on that place since 1991. "I try to live without much money like Mama and Daddy did. I lived for a year on less than \$300 a month just to see if I could do it. I didn't turn on my electric stove or anything. I cut my own wood for my wood-burning stove, which I cooked on during the winter. Then I cooked on the outside barbeque grill during the summer. I've got chickens and goats and deer. I eat a lot of venison. I bartered and traded everything I needed. And still I had time to go on trail rides with my mules and wagon."

Bettye has been an executive secretary and teacher, but found those jobs boring because they were within four walls. She likes outside work and has washed windows, done yard work and farmed. Although she has written since 1972, she got serious about writing in 1995.

"I ran away from the pioneer life when I was young. I wanted to be a runway model and wanted to see the world. I was a John Robert Powers model at the Apparel Mart in Dallas, married a military man and saw the world."

She was a displaced housewife living in Garland when she decided to move back to the home place.

"There were things happening in the big city that I didn't like, so I packed up and left. My daughter is living with me now. She's working on her Ph.D."

Bettye does her own book printing and binding. Her latest book, WELLNESS WALK YE IN IT, is an ebook, which can be read on computers. It's about her recovery from an illness.

"They wanted to put me in a wheelchair in 1974 and I didn't have time for that. I had a housefull of kids to raise. I began journaling, writing about how I felt after eating certain things. I started seeing a pattern and discovered that if I ate certain things I got sick. Now I'm 70 years old and have no aches and pains. At 41, they told me it was just my age that was making me feel bad. I thought something was wrong with that. Writing cured me."

Her other books are TEXAS TAWLK, about phrases and witticisms she grew up with, the first version of WELLNESS WALK YE IN IT, then THE LADDER OF SUCCESS IS STRUNG WITH BARBED WIRE, containing some of her newspaper columns. Cartoonist Ace Reid illustrated her first four books. She's now working on a book about mules. She uses mules to plow.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

Last Saturday, Jan. 31, my daughters Roberta Grau and Dana Bear and I were in Colorado City to attend an event many folks thought would never happen, but it did.

Thanks to the "never say die" attitude of the people of Mitchell County, both past and present, a beautiful, well-planned, furnished and staffed hospital stands as a tribute to all!

I look forward to seeing it in its final completion.

Best wishes to each of you,
Marian Craddock
Lubbock

Letter to the Editor,

I have read with interest the conflict we have had in our city council the past few months. It seems to be an on-going battle, with the citizens of the city coming out losers. I believe we see a good case for "term limits." Of course that is not a law, but we can limit the term of any official at the ballot box.

Term limits are not reasonable for all officials. Some of our leaders in government re-

quire a lot of training and experience. I am speaking of our sheriff, the judges, the justice of the peace, the tax assessor and offices that are the leaders of the position.

Our city council, the hospital board and the school board all employ professional people to advise and guide them in what needs to be done. If we used our term limit privilege at the ballot box, then we might see the old buddy system and the cliques a thing of the past. I believe our city would profit with new blood in some of these positions.

Sam R. Crenshaw

Letter to the Editor,

There is an old saying, "Right is still right if no one does it, and wrong is still wrong if everyone does it." The City of Loraine had a liquor election last Saturday, and the vote to allow one store to sell the stuff was 429 for, and 40 against. The 322 citizens who did not vote either way still cast their vote for allowing one store to sell beer and wine.

Just because the neighboring cities of Sweetwater and Colorado City let it in was no ex-

cuse for Loraine to follow their lead. I counted four churches listed in the phone book in Loraine, and just as the fine church people in Sweetwater and Colorado City went to sleep at election time, so did the Christians in Loraine. Shame on all of us.
Sam R. Crenshaw

Letter to the Editor,

Monday afternoon, February 16, around 4:50 p.m. I was involved in a collision on N. Hwy. 208. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with helping to get me from the scene of the accident back to our home again around 7 p.m.

The lady that was there almost as soon as it happened to see if I was conscious and coherent. She called 911 on her cell phone, then notified my wife Robin about what had happened. Thank you.

The Sheriff's department and the Highway Patrol were quickly on the scene to coordinate procedures and gather information. Traffic was backing up like Dallas at rush hour. Thank you.

The paramedics and the volunteer fire department arrived quickly and the paramedics were very professional and caring in getting me out of the vehicle with the aid of the jaws of life. Even though lying on my back strapped to a board with an IV in my arm looking up at the lights in the EMS unit wasn't a lot of fun. Thank you.

The nurses, technicians and aides were all very supportive, caring and professional. Thank you.

A special thanks to Dr. Scott and his needle work and to Cindy who kept him supplied with all that nylon fishing line and kept the wounds clean while Dr. Scott sewed. But Dr. Scott what was all that knit one purl two - oh darn - I dropped a stitch about? For friends at the scene and at the hospital offering their support, thank you.

Mostly I want to thank the Lord for being with and watching over everyone involved throughout that whole ordeal.
Bobby Richardson

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- On Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at about 9:00 p.m. Child Neglect was reported at a residence in the 1100 block of Cedar Street. Officer Allen checked the residence and children. No further action was required.
- On Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at about 11:10 a.m. Margaret Sellers, CHS teacher reports Theft. Her purse was stolen from her classroom. The purse was later found secured in the ceiling of a restroom. Cash was stolen from the purse. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Friday, February 13, 2004 at about 1:40 p.m. Phillip Martinez, 23 year-old male, 1535 Watson Street was arrested at that location for a warrant from Sterling County charging him with Open Alcohol Container In Vehicle. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Pat Taylor
- On Friday, February 13, 2004 at about 10:02 p.m. Marvin King, 48 year-old male, 121 Houston Street was arrested at that location for a warrant charging him with Parole Violation. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Tom Taylor
- On Saturday, February 14, 2004 at about 10:45 a.m. Kelli Bradbury, 43 year-old female, 1837 Vine Street reports Burglary of Habitation. The burglary occurred on Friday, February 13, 2004 between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A Sanyo VCR/DVD combination was stolen. The article is valued at about \$150.00. A point of entry was not determined. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Mitchell
- On Saturday, February 14, 2004 at about 2:00 p.m. Nolan Cornutt, 18 year-old male, 1425 Dallas Street reports Burglary of Vehicle. Sometime during the nighttime a person entered his 2000 Chevrolet pickup that was parked in the garage and stole 4 speakers and about 20 music CDs. Estimated Loss: \$1,300.00. Investigating Officer: Mitchell
- On Sunday, February 15, 2004 at about 1:30 p.m. Donna Edmundson, 21 year-old female, 836 Locust Street reports Criminal Mischief. Sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. both driver side tires were cut on her red Pontiac 4-door. Estimated Loss: \$300.00. A suspect was named and the investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Mitchell
- On Sunday, February 15, 2004 at about 6:10 p.m. Jaryd Whisenhunt, 3939 Tanglewood, Odessa, Texas was arrested at Fuller Foods for Disorderly Conduct following a report of a disturbance in the store. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez
- On Monday, February 16, 2004 at about 1:44 a.m. a black sport utility ran into a parked and unattended white Buick parked in the front yard of 1238 Pine Street. The sport utility left the scene without contacting the owner or leaving identification. Investigation is continuing for Failure to Comply With Duties Striking Unattended Vehicle. Investigating Officer: Dill

Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary met Tuesday to plan future sales of their cookbooks which contain recipes from favorite doctors and nurses as well as auxiliary members. Books will be available at the Railroad March 6 and 7. Books are also available at the hospital gift shop, The Golden Comb, Wendy's Whimsies and Chamber of Commerce.

Two new members, Helen Stubblefield and Winnie Roach were welcomed into the organization. President Pauline Light told those present that extra shifts would be needed for working at the new hospital to help direct patients and visitors to the new locations as well as working in the gift shop.

Special thanks were expressed for the \$600 check received from Hochheim Prairie Insurance Company and for the cookies used at Mitchell County Hospital open house baked by 4-H members and Family and Consumer Sciences students. Hospital Administrator Linda Mize expressed appreciation for assistance with the Open House January 31.

Schedule for work at the Railroad Trade Days was circulated.

Club members are to be contacted when the move to the new hospital premises is scheduled. Drink and snack machines have been delivered and will be located in the surgical waiting room, cafeteria and doctors clinic area of the hospital.

The annual awards banquet will be in April. Committee members, Ernestine O'Dell, Lovess Curlee and Gloria Erwin will present officer nominees for 2004-05 at the March meeting which will be held Thursday, March 11.

Members present were President Light, Stubblefield, Roach, Curlee, O'Dell, Jan Millering, Angie Harris, Juanita Stigen, Lillie Funderburg, Virginia Dearen, Betty Bagwell, Shirley Delaney, Mary Ellis, Peggy Shoemaker, Bonnie Farrar and Sybil Walding.



LENETTA AND WAYNE DUBOSE were crowned the Valentine's Day king and queen at the Wallace Center on Thursday, Feb. 12. Lenetta is a native of Peacock and Wayne is a native of Aspermont. They will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary in May. Wayne is a World War II veteran. He was stationed in Phoenix, Ariz., when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941. He retired from the Air Force in 1965 with the rank of major.

B&PW Club hosting tea for all local working women

A tea to be held Monday, March 1, at the C.C. Thompson Room from 5-6:30 p.m. honoring working women in Colorado City was announced to Colorado City Business and Professional Women by Membership Chair Bobbie Banks at their February meeting.

All working women are invited to take a casual break after work that day to meet other working women for fun and refreshment. Committee members Juanita Stigen and Lovess Curlee have worked with Banks to plan the event. Ava Ramirez, motivator and

instructor for Curves, as well as a registered massage therapist and part-time EMT for Mitchell County Ambulance Service, stressed the need for members to exercise and eat properly in order to feel their best. Personal Development Committee Chair Donna Barlow, Shirley Scott and Pauline Light were hostesses for the meeting.

It was announced that after all bills were paid, the group made \$843 at the Mitchell County Stock Show. Working the concession stand there is a major fund-raiser for the club. Members were asked to contribute to the scrapbook for

outgoing Region Director Sandra Elliott by next meeting date March 16. The meeting will be held a week later due to March 9 being election day.

Permian Central BPW will sponsor a Time Management Seminar February 28 in Midland. Registration forms are available. Spring conference will be held March 20.

Guests present were Betty Costabile and Becky Banks. Members attending were President Christine Cooley, Banks, Barlow, Curlee, Scott, Stigen, Shirley Delaney, Virginia Dearen, Mildred Free, Sue Womack and Nancy Crow.

Businesses can seek grant funds to train workers, upgrade skills

Mitchell County businesses have until Wednesday, March 31, to apply for funds to help train new workers and upgrade skills of current employees.

Grant funds are issued quarterly through the Workforce Investment Fund, which was

created by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board in Abilene.

Mitchell County is among 19 counties in the West Central Texas region where the funding is available.

Nafey Smith, community relations coordinator, said the WIF was created in 2003 to provide funds for customized training, upgrading skills of current employees, developing new training programs, creating new high-skill or high-wage jobs, or retraining employees for new or emerging occupations.

Fanner's Design Group in Ira is the latest recipient of grant funds.

Smith said the grant will award a maximum of \$21,035 in partnership with Western Texas College in Snyder for the training of six to eight employees.

Fran Fanner, owner of the design group, said, "Added skills to Farmers Design Group Ltd. will enhance our ability to make components in our facility that would otherwise be produced out of our region.

"This will enable us to be more competitive in the market place and provide new opportunities."

Primary applicants for grant funding through the WIF in-

clude small and medium-size businesses, chambers of commerce, economic development entities, or labor organizations.

Smith said grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded quarterly through a competitive application process.

When applying for funds, Smith said companies are urged to say how the funds will benefit and assist their businesses.

Smith said businesses and entities forming a partnership or consortium will receive preferential treatment.

Smith said receiving as many requests as possible also helps the workforce board to obtain additional funds.

"We want the program to grow," she said. "We have the discretion of using the money how we want. No one can tell us how we can use this."

Funding criteria and applications are available at the West Central Texas Workforce Center's Web site: www.workforcesystem.org/business.htm.

Smith said they prefer receiving applications electronically to reduce the amount of paperwork.

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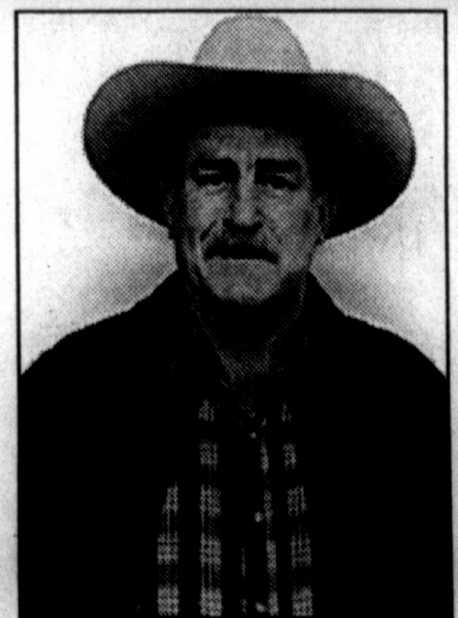
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Mason, Muñoz united in marriage

Wedding vows were exchanged by Jamie Mason and Jeremiah Muñoz, both of Coleman, on December 20, 2003 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City. Bro. Monte Kreis officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Sue Mason of Colorado City. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Oleta Davis and Pete Mason of Holliday and the late Martha Mason of Wichita Falls.

Parents of the groom are Jesse and Anita Muñoz of Colorado City. His grandparents are Santiago and Rafaela Martínez of Colorado City and Aurora Muñoz of Loraine, and the late J.M. Muñoz of Loraine.

The church was decorated with red and gold Christmas decorations and poinsettias. Pew markers were accented with gold ribbon.

Musical selections were provided by Mary Margaret Cox, organist, and Megan Merrell soloist, who sang "I Can Only Imagine".

Escorted to the altar and presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless scalloped gown with chiffon overlay, with chiffon twist in the back. Her cathedral length, blusher veil was attached to a crystal tiara. She also wore long white gloves. Her jewelry included matching pearl and diamond necklace and earrings and a ring, presents from the groom. She carried a nosegay bouquet of white and red roses,

and tied with white ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor was Kendra Anderson of Colorado City, who wore a two-piece red, strapless dress with black plaid bodice. She carried a nosegay bouquet of Black Magic roses tied with black ribbon.

Bridesmaids were Ashlee Mason of Holliday, Jennifer Muñoz of Abilene, Misty Shaw of Tuscola, Brandie Allgood of Holliday and Kelley Ihler of Bryson. Their dresses and bouquets were identical to that of the maid of honor. Each bridal attendant wore jewelry which was a present from the bride.

Abby Newcomb of Amarillo and Brittany Muñoz of Colorado City were flower girls. They were attired in dresses which featured white satin bodices, red satin shirts, with white chiffon overlays adorned with red roses, accented with red bow around the waist.

J.R. Erwin of Lubbock, ring-bearer, wore a black tuxedo with white tie.

Best man was John Erwin of Lubbock. Groomsmen included Anthony Muñoz of Colorado City, Jaime Muñoz of Loraine, Gus Flores of Del Rio, Jeremy Smith of Coleman and Ryan Mason of Colorado City. Each male attendant was attired in a black tuxedo with black tie.

Scripture readers were Kaci Griffith, Bettina Bridgford and Macy Gibson.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a dinner and dance were held from 7 to 12 at the Sweetwater Annex.

Following a honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, NV, the couple now makes their home in Coleman. The bride, a graduate of Angelo State University, is currently the fifth grade reading teacher at Coleman Elementary School. The groom, also a graduate of An-

gelo State University is a coach and history teacher at Coleman Junior High School.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the parents of the groom, was held Dec. 19 at Bama's House. Decorations were in a Christmas theme.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Muñoz

COOK'S CORNER

We have had a request for the recipe for Cheddar's Spinach Dip, which we found on copycat-recipes.com. While there, we found a couple more recipes that sound very good also.

Cheddar's Santa Fe Spinach Dip

- 1 medium onion chopped (small)
- 2 cans spinach (drained)
- 1 small can plum tomatoes chopped (small)
- 1 (4 oz.) can green chiles chopped and drained
- 1(8 oz.) cream cheese (room temp)
- 1 C. half/half
- 10 oz grated Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Saute onion in skillet over medium until softened. Add tomatoes and chilies and then cook 2 minutes.

Transfer to large bowl and stir in spinach, cheese, cream cheese, half and half and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into shallow baking dish bake in 400° oven until dip is bubbly and top is light brown, about 35 minutes. Top with a spoon of sour cream and serve with tortilla chips.

Olive Garden Cookie Dough Cheesecake

- 2 Tbsp. Margarine
- 2 1/2 cups Chocolate cookie crumbs
- 2 lbs. Cream cheese - softened
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp. All-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 cup Sour cream
- 1 lb. Refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
- 2 oz. Chocolate chips

TOPPINGS
1 pt. Heavy whipping cream - whipped
Chocolate chips
Chopped walnuts
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
CRUST-Generously grease the bottom and sides of a 10" spring form pan. Combine the margarine with the chocolate cookie crumbs. Press onto the bottom and sides of the pan.
FILLING-Using an electric mixer on high speed, combine cream cheese, sugar, eggs and flour and mix until smooth. Add vanilla and

sour cream and mix just until blended. Pour 1/2 of the batter into prepared crust. Cut cookie dough into golf ball sized chunks and drop into batter. Sprinkle in chocolate chips. Pour over remaining batter. Bake for 60 minutes. Turn off the oven and open the door to the broil position. Allow cake to remain in the oven 30 more minutes. Refrigerate until ready to serve. To serve, remove the sides of the pan and top with fresh whipped cream. Sprinkle with additional chocolate chips and chopped walnuts.

Chili's Chicken Enchilada Soup

- 1/2 cup Vegetable oil
 - 1/4 cup Chicken base
 - 3 cups diced yellow Onions
 - 2 tsp. ground Cumin
 - 2 tsp. Chili Powder
 - 2 tsp. granulated Garlic
 - 1/2 tsp. Cayenne pepper
 - 2 cups Masa Harina
 - 4 qt. Water (divided)
 - 2 cups crushed Tomatoes
 - 1/2 lb. processed American cheese, cut in small cubes
 - 3 lb. cooked, cubed chicken
- In large pot, place oil, chicken base, onion and spices. Saute until onions are soft and clear, about 5 minutes. In another container, combine Masa Harina with 1 quart water. Stir until all lumps dissolve. Add to sauteed onions and bring to boil. Once mixture starts to bubble, continue cooking 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly. This will eliminate any raw taste from Masa Harina. Add remaining 3 quarts water to pot. Add tomatoes; let mixture return to boil stirring occasionally. Add cheese to soup. Cook stirring occasionally, until cheese melts. Add chicken; heat through. Makes 1 1/2 gallons or 16-20 servings. This recipe may be halved.

Sending cards encouraged

Former Colorado City school teacher Lea Swope will celebrate her 100th birthday Feb. 27.


Swope, who now resides in the Merrill Garden retirement center in north Austin, taught sixth-grade English for at least 10 years in Colorado City.

In January, the Record reported that one of her students, Bob Motley, was encouraging other former students to par-

ticipate in sending Swope 100 birthday cards to commemorate her 100th birthday.

Unfortunately, Swope's health is beginning to fail and Motley would like to urge everyone planning to send a card to do so as soon as possible.

Cards can be sent to Miss Lea Swope, 8005 Cornerwood Dr., Apt. 109A, Austin, Texas 78717-4918.



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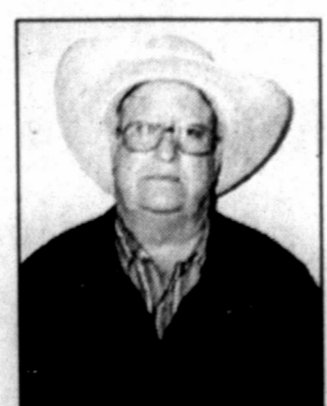
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PFD (PERSONAL FAMILY DEVELOPMENT) students work on a blanket made by their class to teach the Kelly students their letters and how to tie. Pictured Felicia Forbes, Macy Hopper, Jay Dee Shultz, Austyn Franco, and Jeffrey Rodriguez.

CHS students help Kelley kids make blanket, learn alphabet

Colorado High School students in Mrs. Merrell's Personal Family Development (PFD) class are partnering with Kelley Elementary students to earn community service hours for their part in the Today's Individuals and Groups Helping Tomorrow (TIGHT) program. TIGHT is sponsored by K-12 Community Partnerships, Texas Center for Service Learning, Region XIV. Stu-

dents earn hours in active participation through service learning projects. As part of their service, they made a blanket that will teach children to tie and learn their alphabets.

On February 7, Kelley traveled to CHS to participate in a mini-workshop. Kelley students worked to re-enforce their knowledge of the alphabets. The blanket was a big hit with the students. Working with

the gingerbread dough proved to be as much fun as the snacks. They were treated to snacks of peanut butter jelly sandwiches and juice. They enjoyed cutting out the letter W (Wolves) to teach school spirit.

Students of the week selected

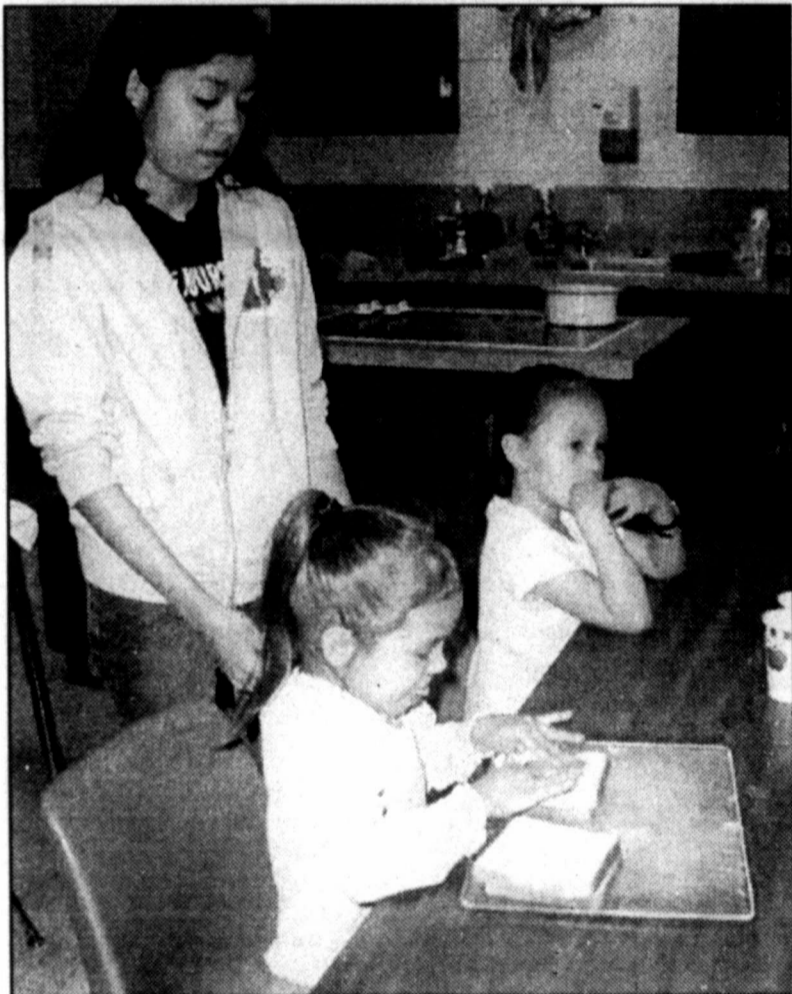
Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Simon Reyes, Frankie Gaona, and Erin Graham.

Simon is a third grader in Mrs. Toombs class. He is the son of Bobby and Mary Reyes. He enjoys playing basketball as a hobby and his favorite subject is math. Simon's favorite thing about Hutchinson is dyslexia.

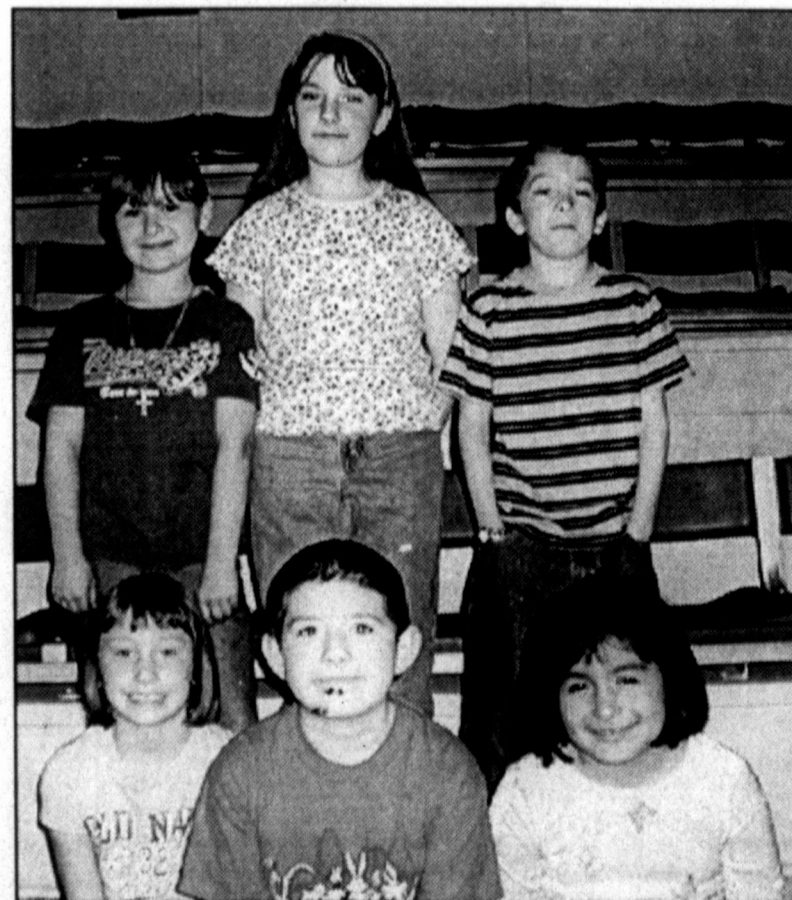
Frankie is a fourth grader in Mrs. Weaver's class. She is the daughter of Leslie and Gabriel Gaona. She enjoys playing with her puppy and reading is her favorite subject. Mrs. Weaver is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Erin is a fifth grader in Mrs. Upshaw's class. She is the daughter of Doug and Anita Graham. She enjoys reading and playing with her dog, Daisy. Social studies is her favorite subject and the teachers are her favorite things about Hutchinson.

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.



PFD (PERSONAL FAMILY DEVELOPMENT) students made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Kelly students cut out W's for the Wolves and had punch with their sandwiches. Pictured are Chelsea Martinez, Roxanne Hernandez, and Georgianna Rivera.



WESTBROOK STUDENTS 2nd through 5th grade raised money for St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital through Math-A-Thon. The students raised a total of \$690. The top six fund raisers were: (bottom row, l-r) Madison Rice, Timothy Threatt, Jasmine Alaniz; (top row) ReAnna Krapp, Tabitha Threatt, and Casey Bass.



NEW MEMBERS OF THE National Honor Society at Westbrook are: (l-r) Lauren Johnson, Allison Bray and Kourtney Bisnette. Not pictured Codi Waldrep. The new members which will serve next year will officially be inducted on May 11.

Four CHS students attend American Legion Boys State

During June 2003, four Colorado High School students attended the American Legion Boys State in Austin. The students attending were Evan Jones, Cole Arthur, Christopher Spear, and Patrick Spear. The students' tuition to attend was donated by the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club and citizens of Colorado City. The community does an outstanding job supporting the youth and future leaders.

The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objec-

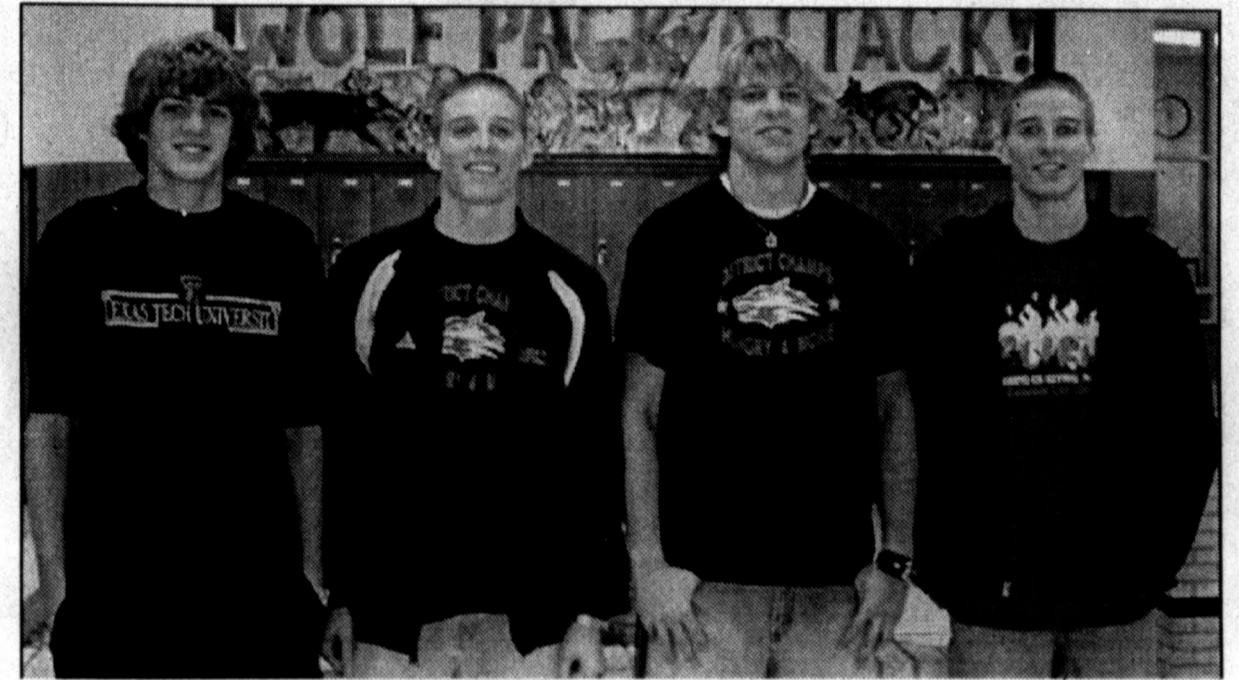
tives of American government. The juniors chosen from the high school spend a week in Austin practicing government on the local, state, and national level.

Boys State developed from two concepts. First we should offer youth a better perspective of the practical operation of government. Second, the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government.

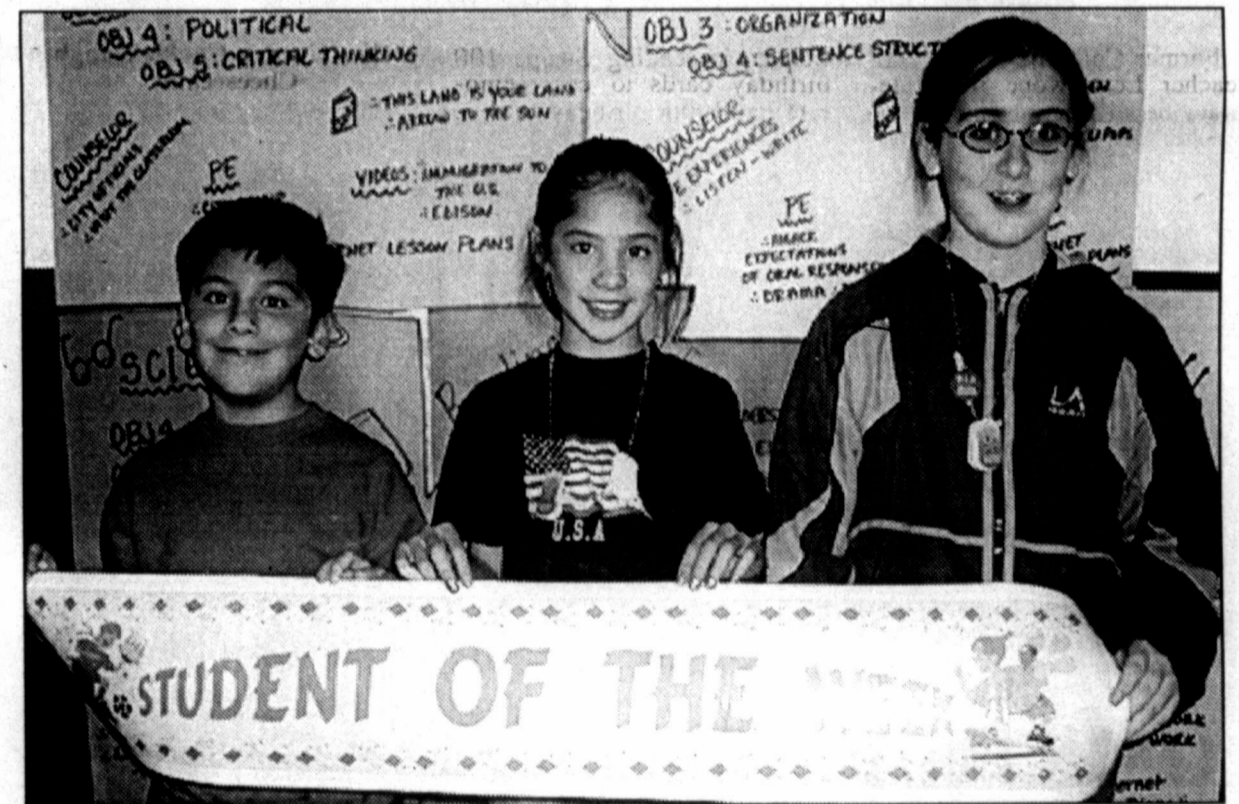
Boys State, therefore, is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citi-

zenship. It is a leadership action program in which qualified male high school juniors develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. It teaches the young citizens that government is just what they make it.

It is time to nominate delegates for the 2004 Boys State. The four young men who attended in 2003 will be part of the nominating and selecting process. The nominated students will then be interviewed by the American Legion representatives of Sweetwater. The final selections will be made after the interviews.



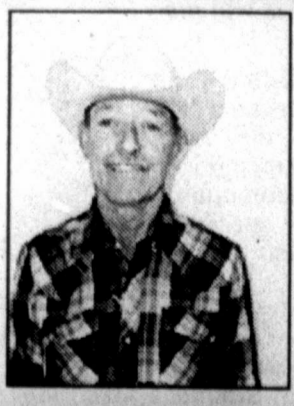
THESE CHS STUDENTS ATTENDED THE American Legion Boys State last summer to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. Those attending were (l-r) Evan Jones, Christopher Spear, Cole Arthur and Patrick Spear.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AT Hutchinson Elementary School are, left to right, Simon Reyes, third-grade; Frankie Gaona, fourth-grade; and Erin Graham, fifth-grade.

Old Cell Phones
The CHS Band Boosters are collecting old cell phones to help raise funds for the band's Florida trip. Phones can be dropped off at Lone Wolf Cellular or City National Bank.

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SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Kelley, Hutchinson and Middle School Breakfast Menu February 23-27

Monday - Dry cereal w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Cheese toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Breakfast on a stick, 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 23-27

Monday - Africa - Doro, Saluta, Pulses, Injera, N'Dizi No Kastad, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Grilled ham 'n' cheese, glazed carrots, toss salad, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Grilled cheese sandwiches or Steak fingers, potatoes w/gravy, golden corn, hot rolls, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Beef 'n' mac, green beans, Texas toast, pears, 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 23-27

Monday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake, 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 on a stick, 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 23-27

Monday - Taco salad, pizza, french fries, green beans, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Chef salad w/Chicken, green chili casserole, pinto beans, golden corn, applesauce, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Grilled cheese sandwich or chef salad w/ham, mac 'n' cheese, glazed carrots, sweetpeas, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Mexican bean salad, Breaded pork patty, potatoes w/gravy, toss salad, hot roll, pears, choice of milk.
Friday - Garden salad, Wolf burger, french fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu February 23-27

Monday - Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Tuesday - Sausage roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - Sopapillas, syrup, juice, milk.
Thursday - Pizza, fruit, milk.
Friday - Funnel cake, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu February 23-27

Monday - Steak fingers, corn on cob, salad, hot rolls w/butter, peaches, milk.
Tuesday - Corndog & mustard, french fries, pork 'n' beans, apple, cookies, milk.
Wednesday - Lasagna, green beans, salad, bread sticks, salad, milk.

Thursday - Grilled ham and cheese, corn, onion rings, ketchup, pickles, orange, milk.
Friday - Nachos w/jalapenos, tater tots, beans, ketchup, shape-up, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu February 23-27

Monday - Bacon, sausage, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Blueberry muffins, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu February 23-27

Monday - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.
Tuesday - Nachos with meat & cheese, beans, vegetable salad, cookies, cornbread, milk.
Wednesday - Tacos, salad fixing, fried okra, cobbler, milk.
Thursday - Hamburgers, french fries, vegetable fixings, cherry cups, milk.
Friday - Turkey & cheese deli sandwiches, french fries, vegetable fixings, pickle spears, cookies, milk.

History of Round Top sought

The 5th grade Gifted and Talented class of Hutchinson Elementary is seeking information about the Round Top Cafe and the house that used to be on 5th and Cedar. Fifth and Cedar is the new site for Hutchinson's Heritage Park. If you have any information, personal stories, or the answers to the questions below please call 728-5215 to set up an interview or mail information to Hutchinson Elementary, 440 Cedar St., Colorado City, c/o 5th grade GT-Round Top

Project Questions on the Round Top Cafe

- Was it a popular place to eat?
- How old is it? When did it open and close?
- Do you know anyone who worked there?
- Do you have any pictures of the Round Top (exterior or interior)?
- Do you have a favorite memory of the Round Top Cafe?

- Did you ever go there when it was Buckalew's Bar-B-Q?
- Poll Question: Did the top spin? Yes or No.

Questions about the old house on 5th and Cedar

- When was the house built?
- Did you know anyone who lived there?
- Was anything at 5th and Cedar before the house?
- Do you have any pictures of the house (exterior or interior)?

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CMS Dare to Care rally set

The Colorado Middle School's Dare to Care Rally is set for Thursday, March 18, and Kendra Anderson and Bob Ramage are among those to be honored.

CMS Principal Mark Merrell said a barbecue dinner will be served, starting at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$5 each. The Colorado City Kiwanis will prepare the meal.

Merrell said veterans and current military personnel are recognized during the rally, "and in the past we recognized individuals in our community who have been successful through volunteerism or academics."

At 6:15 p.m., Merrell said they will recognize Anderson, a two-time All-American basketball player at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

She also was selected the 2003 Texas NCAA Woman of the Year.

HSU has donated a purple road jersey Anderson used during her freshman year (1999-2000) when she was voted MVP of the American Southwest Conference tournament.

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Wolves defeat Forsan, Lady Wolves lose finale

The Colorado Runnin' Wolves defeated the Stanton Buffaloes 63-44 last Friday in Stanton to clinch the outright district 3-2A championship.

The Wolves, now 20-10 overall and 9-0 in district play, entered the district finale with arch rival Coahoma two games ahead of the Bulldogs who are 7-2.

Coahoma was upset by third-place Crane so regardless of the outcome Tuesday with Coahoma the Wolves are the district champions and will earn a bye in the bi-district round of the state playoffs. The Wolves will play in the area championship game on Feb. 27

at a site to be determined later. Coach Danny Keeton was proud of his Wolves who dominated Stanton all four quarters of the game.

"I am so proud of this team," said Keeton. "They have overcome a bunch of adversity this year and worked extremely hard to be district champions. I love this team. They have been so determined to win and be a good team this year. This team has given 100 percent at practice and in the games and they are such a pleasure to be around. They are great young men."

Senior forward Patrick Spear led the Wolves with 12 points

which included a couple of treys. Everyone in the lineup was able to get playing time and contribute in the scoring column. Jacobie Russell led in the rebounding department with 10 while also having 7 assists and 5 steals.

The JV Wolves kept rolling along undefeated in district play with a 63-47 win over Stanton, improving their season record to 22-1 and 9-0 in district play.

The Wolves will travel to Lubbock this Friday night to play state-ranked Nazareth at Lubbock Trinity High School in a warm-up game at 6 p.m.



DISTRICT 13-A RUNNER-UP Loraine Bulldogs made the playoffs for the first time in eight years. They are pictured (bottom row, l-r) Johnny Jimenez, Levi Hester, Ryan Lucas, and Marcus Williams; top row (l-r) Asst. coach Rick Lucas, Miguel Acevedo, Cameron Smith, Steven Wooddell, Michael Walker, Nathan Clements, Anthony Esquivel, D.J. Vanderpool, and Head Coach Victor Garcia.



COLORADO RUNNIN WOLVES 2003-04 BASKETBALL TEAM, top row (l-r) Asst. Coach Harold Sowa, Cole Ratliff, Evan Jones, Cole Arthur, Head coach Danny Keeton, Isaac Franco, Brik McGuffin, Patrick Spear and Asst. Coach Gary Summers; middle row (l-r) Kenneth Scott, Roland Rivera, Jacobie Russell, Han Ollison, and Chris Spear; seated, managers Jamie Bonner and Felicia Franco.

Wolves defeat Stanton to earn District 3-2A crown

The Colorado Wolves devoured the Forsan Buffaloes last Tuesday 46-34 in action played in Forsan.

The Wolves led by a single point at 14-13 at the end of the first quarter before increasing the lead to 27-20 at the half.

At the end of the third quarter the Wolves were up 40-

26, allowing everyone on the team ample playing time.

"This was a great opportunity for all of our kids to get some playing time," said coach Danny Keeton. "As I told the kids, there may come a time during the playoffs we will need to call on our bench. They have responded well for

us all season."

Reserve post Isaac Franco was high point man for the Wolves with 11 points in the well-balanced attack.

In the JV game the Wolves stayed undefeated in district play with a 65-43 win over the Forsan JV.

In earlier action the Lady Wolves played their last game of the season, losing to the Lady Buffs by a score of 45-38

to finish district play at 3-7. The Lady Wolves outscored Forsan in all but one quarter, that being the second quarter when the Lady Buffs put up 21 points while holding the Wolves to 4. That run sent the Lady Buffs into half-time with a 25-11 lead.

Senior Hannah Bassham closed out her last high school game with 18 points to lead the Lady Wolves.

The Lady Wolves also dropped the JV game by a score of 29-17.

Loraine earns playoff berth

It may have taken eight years to return to the basketball playoffs for the Loraine Bulldogs, but they are back!

After ending district play tied with Blackwell for second place with identical 7-3 marks, Loraine had to face the Hornets once again in a one-game playoff to decide who would represent the district as the runner-up.

The game was played at "The Pit" in Colorado City as a neutral site last Friday night.

Loraine got out of the blocks quick, jumping to a 16-2 run before the Hornets rallied with an 11-3 run to end the first quarter down only 19-11.

The Bulldogs increased the lead in the second quarter to

34-18 with an 18-7 run.

Blackwell returned after the half with a 16-8 run, cutting the Bulldog lead to 42-34 going into the final period.

Blackwell continued to hang tough in the last quarter, cutting the lead to four points at one time before Loraine rallied back to put the game away by the score of 52-41 on a 10-7 run.

Junior Anthony Esquivel led the Bulldogs with 17 points which included a trey. Senior point guard Ryan Lucas was right behind him with 16 points, 12 of which came on four first-half treys.

Sophomore Michael Walker just missed double figures with 8 points, 6 of which came from

treys. He was also the leading rebounder for Loraine.

"We got off to a great start," said coach Victor Garcia. "I don't know if that was good or bad because we sort of lose our focus sometime when we build up a good lead. They started to push us in the second half before we pulled away late in the game."

Coach Garcia feels good about reaching the playoffs.

"I feel like we are playing with a lot more confidence than we did early in the season," Garcia said. "The kids are feeling good about reaching the playoffs and would like to play a little longer."

Bulldogs tie for second place

The Loraine Bulldogs went into the final district game with cross-county rival Westbrook needing a win over the Wildcats coupled with a Trent win over Blackwell to enter the playoffs as the district runner-up with a record of 7-3.

Well, one out of two is not bad!

After suffering a first-round loss to the Wildcats in action played in Westbrook, Bulldog coach Victor Garcia knew they would have to have a super effort to get by the Wildcats.

"I knew going into the game we would have to play one of our best games," said Garcia. "It is always a battle when these two teams get together."

After the end of the first quarter the Bulldogs were up by a slim 14-12 lead. They pushed the lead to 31-21 at the half with a 17-9 run.

Both teams would score 15 points in the third quarter which allowed the Bulldogs to carry a 46-36 lead into the final quarter. Westbrook could only manage to cut the lead to 8 in the final quarter when they outscored Loraine 18-16.

Ryan Lucas led the Bulldogs with 35 points while sophomore forward Michael Walker canned 21.

Westbrook was led by Jared Matlock's 17 points with Trey Chavez and Cory Morton each putting in 12 points.

The Bulldogs, having managed one of their goals of defeating Westbrook, did not however get the other wish as Blackwell came from behind to defeat league-leading Trent by 2 points, sending Blackwell and Loraine into a one-game playoff to decide the runner-up spot.

"I was proud of the way the kids played," said Garcia. "Ryan (Lucas) had an outstanding game. He has been the glue that has held us together this season. He is our only senior starter and has been the leader of the team."

Loraine also won the girls contest, blasting the Lady Kats

72-59 in one of their best games in district play.

Loraine got off to a great start with a 21-10 first quarter run, stretching the lead to 38-25 at the half.

At the end of three quarters the Lady Bulldogs had increased the lead to 58-42, a 16-point lead.

The Lady Kats managed to outscore Loraine 17-14 in the final quarter, falling to Loraine 72-59.

Allison Bray led all scorers with a 39-point output. Sheena Fernandez added 12 points.

April Bailey scored 20 points for Loraine while Eliza Garcia pitched in with 17.

The Westbrook girls ended the season with a district mark of 4-6 with a 5-16 season mark under coach Cassie Short.

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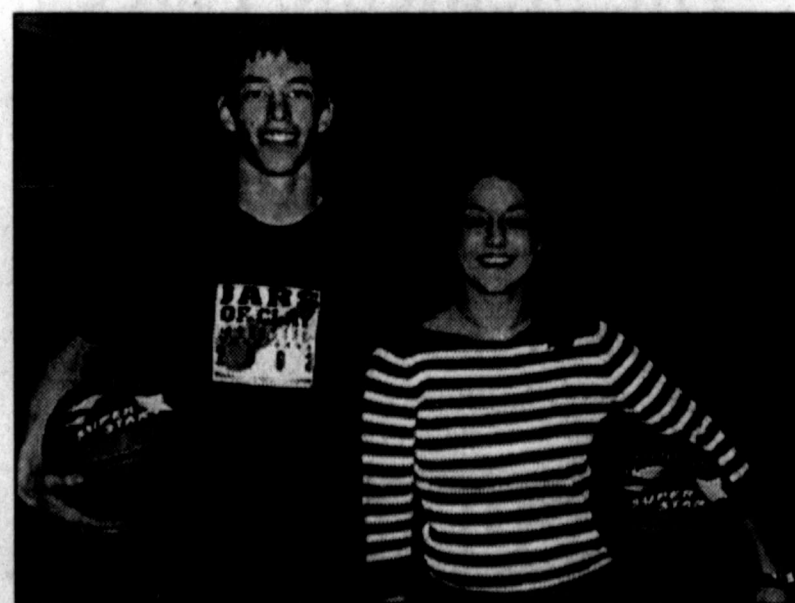
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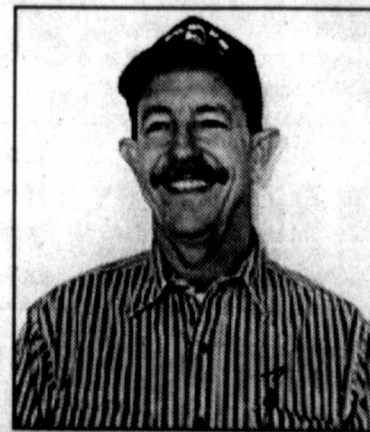
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Wolves claim district title; security tight during game

Oh, how sweet the smell of victory!
The Colorado Runnin' Wolves set a goal of going undefeated in district play before the season began.

Tuesday night at the "Pit", that goal was accomplished as the Wolves put away the Coahoma Bulldogs 59-48 to complete the district run at 10-0 and 21-10 on the season.

Playing in front of a packed house with tight security from law enforcement due to the Wolves bus vandalism at Coahoma, the Wolves hit on all cylinders throughout the game. Colorado City grabbed an early lead on archival Coahoma, taking a 14-11 lead after the end of the first quarter.

Both teams put up 14 points in the second quarter to send the Wolves into the lockers at half-time 28-25.

The Wolves pushed the lead to six points at the end of three quarters with an 11-8 run as the Bulldog's Kelby Kemper sat on the bench with four fouls.

A fourth quarter 20-15 run put the Bulldogs away as Wolves head coach Danny

Keeton was able to get prime playing time from his reserves.

"Our goal was set on going undefeated in district play," said Keeton. "It is hard to do with five road games, but these kids are a determined group. A lot of the reserves could be starting for a lot of other teams. They don't care who gets the credit as long as we win."

Kenneth Scott was high point with 15 points off the bench. He hit three first half treys in the clutch. Chris Spear also was in double figures with 10.

By virtue of winning the district title the Wolves draw a first round bye in the playoffs.

"We will probably play Reagan County in the area round," said Keeton. "We played them earlier and feel like we can match up well with them. I do want to thank all the fans for their support this year. They have been just terrific."

The JV team ended their season with a district mark of 10-0 with only one defeat this season, defeating Coahoma 67-54.

Check next week's Record for the Wolves playoff bracket.

Wolves, Lady Wolves, gearing up for softball and baseball season



FRESHMAN JESSICA CASTILLO fields a routine ground ball during opening day softball practice Monday. Castillo is expected to be the starting shortstop for the Lady Wolves who open the season this Friday and Saturday in a tournament in Sweetwater.

The Lady Wolves softball team will also be young and untested though several of the girls on the team have played together for years on the Ladybugs youth league team. Though young, they have the potential to become a very good team as they mature and play together in high school.

Replacing Alison Lopez and Teri Pharris will not be an easy chore, but Kateshia Russell has lots of potential to be a great pitcher. Freshmen Paige Newby, Jessica Castillo, Brittany Hill, Michelle Arispe, and Russell should all be seeing considerable playing time this season on a team that features only one returning senior in Amanda Guerra who will hold down third base.

Others that will be in the mix with the newcomers will be sophomores Danielle and Krisha Arispe who both started last season as freshmen, junior transfer Whitney Merket, as well as juniors Theresa Molina and Ann Franco. Junior Jamie Bonner has started at first base the past two seasons and should be back holding down that position.

The Lady Wolves will be playing a round-robin with a guaranteed four games.

CMS 7th grade boys, 8th grade girls beat Forsan Buffaloes to end season

The Colorado Middle School (CMS) 7th grade boys basketball team closed out the season with a 39-35 win over Forsan last Monday.

The win gave CMS a season record of 7-8.

Coach Randall Petty was glad the team finished the season on a winning note.

"It was a hard fought game all the way to the end," said Petty. "The boys hustled and played well on both ends of the floor. It was a good feeling to

end the season with a victory."

In the CMS 7th grade girls games the "B" team lost 11-10 in a thriller while the "A" team lost by a score of 37-22.

Melina Rico was high point for the "B" team with 4 points while Diesha Smith had 8 points to led the "A" team.

Coach Mary Lou Costabile said the teams played well.

"The "B" team had a good game, losing in the last few seconds," said Costabile. "The "A" team also had a good

game. They were a great bunch of girls."

The combined "A" and "B" teams coached by Krissy Morris won their last game, defeating Forsan by the score of 41-23.

The girls got off to a big lead at 19-2 after the end of the first quarter, allowing a lot of the "B" team players to get playing time.

At the end of the half the locals were up 24-11, increasing the lead to 34-17 at the end of three quarters.

Latesha McDuffie led in scoring with 11 points while Georgianna Guerra added 9. Crystal Stewart added 8 to the total while "B" team players Alyssa Arredondo put in 5, and Valerie Martinez added 2.

"This has been a great year," said coach Morris. "It makes my job easy when the girls you coach give all they have every day. These young ladies will be highly successful in high school. I am proud to have coached them this season."

By Carl Graham

Though the Wolves basketball team is gearing up for what we hope will be a long playoff run, the Wolves baseball team, minus several members of the basketball team, have a baseball scrimmage scheduled for Friday if the field is ready for play at the new complex.

The baseball squad will have new leadership this season under head coach Rex Whitfield.

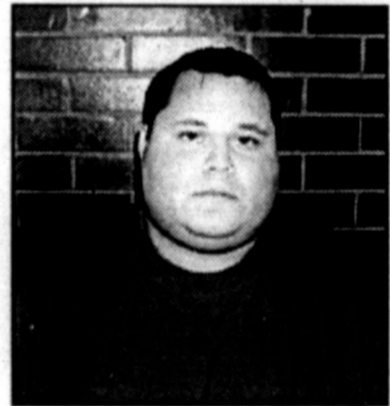
The squad lost a lot of good athletes to graduation such as David Salazar, Andrew Regalado, Jon Spear, Sonny Martinez, and Derek Garcia. Another starter from last season, Bryan Proctor, has transferred to Ira which will leave the Wolves rather thin in varsity experience.

Among those returning varsity players will be sophomores Kenneth Scott and Brik McGuffin as well as seniors Tyler Kelly, Cole Ratliff, and Jeremy Regalado as well as district MVP Fidel Silva who has been on the varsity for the past three years.

Other than Silva, the team will rely on an untested pitching staff of Henry Reyna,

Kenneth Scott, and Cole Ratliff. Reyna and Ratliff were on the JV last season while Scott did not get much work on the mound because of the pitching depth the team had this time last year.

Loraine graduate doing student teaching at CMS



J.G. Muñoz

J.G. Muñoz, a 1997 graduate of Loraine High School, is currently doing his student

teaching at CMS as a prerequisite for his graduation this May from Angelo State.

J.G. is the son of John and Cecilia Muñoz of Loraine, and is majoring in Spanish with a minor in Kinesiology.

Munoz is currently working with the coaching staffs from both CMS and high school.

He plans on being a Spanish teacher and getting into the coaching field.

He is the grandson of Aurora Muñoz and the late J.M. (Marcelina) Muñoz and Abundia and Emilio Lujan, of Loraine.

Loraine warms up with Roscoe

The District 13-A runner-up Loraine Bulldogs will play the Roscoe Plowboys in a warm-up game at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Roscoe gymnasium.

Roscoe was the District 7-A runner-up to Bronte.

Loraine will play the winner

of District 14-A which will either be #4 ranked Rising Star or Stephenville Huckabee who is ranked #14. Both teams ended the season tied for the district championship and must have a one-game playoff to determine the seeds.

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Lorraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
I had a chat with Veida Gage Friday. She is well and staying busy, often playing bridge. She and her daughter Kay had recently been to Albuquerque to visit her brother and family.

Helen and Lonnie Williams were in Coleman Sunday to visit Lonnie's relatives. Leroy and Billie Williams of Coleman and Grady and Louella Boyd of Brownwood.

We have condolences for Mrs. Mary Sims who passed away over the weekend. She was Mary McMullen's mother. She resided in a care facility at the time of her death in Colorado City.

Visiting with J.A., Yvonne and Mike Sadler last week was Bari Sadler from Corpus Christi.

Grady and Elnora Mitchell attended the birthday party for their grandson, Carson Grady Mitchell, who celebrated his first birthday. Carson's parents are Henry and Kellie Mitchell. Cake and ice cream was served and Carson enjoyed it very much.

Attending First Baptist Church Sunday were former Lorainians, Hubert and Nina Meadows of Abilene and Shep and Sally Compton of Bedford. While here they attended

the anniversary party for Donald and Doris Graham Sunday afternoon where a large crowd attended.

Pam Butler took Juanice Butler out to lunch Monday at a local eatery. Pam reports that Juanice is doing well. I know she enjoyed the lunch and the outing with Pam.

Wanza Graham had cataract surgery Monday morning. She is doing fairly well at this time. We are glad this is behind her.

Donald and Doris Graham were honored by a golden wedding anniversary party at the senior center in Loraine on Sunday. The event was well attended. We congratulate the couple and wish for them a happy future.

Installation of officers took place Sunday afternoon at Canaan Baptist Church in Loraine. Elected were Mac Griffin as president and treasurer of the building fund; vice president and director of music is Elizabeth Rose; president of choir and missions is Millie Rose; vice president of choir and mission service is Etta G. Williams; superintendent of church property is Ike Williams and Isiah Reddick; superintendent is E. Rose; Sally Norman, J. Reddick, and Bro. Q. Reddick are ushers; teacher of program committee is Eve-

lyn Jones and the church pastor is Rev. H.S. Reddick.

Following the business session, great gospel music took place which everyone enjoyed and food for everyone and then some. Millie reported it was a wonderful get-together and blessing.

Doris Henderson along with Pauline Smiley, Susan Farr and Penny Henderson were together in Midland Monday where Doris went for a pre-operation on her shoulder.

She will have surgery in Midland Memorial Hospital Monday, February 23. This outing was also to help Pauline

Smiley, Doris' mother, celebrate her 97th birthday.

Happy belated birthday Pauline and well-wishes being sent early to Doris.

Senior Center
Last Wednesday, seniors enjoyed listening to the music of Dorothy Norwood from Snyder, Charles Dunn of Colorado City, Warren and Marilyn Badger of Snyder, Tommy Wright from Colorado City and Durwood McAdams of Loraine.

Visiting the center last Monday

day was Richard and Volda Moorehead.

Valentine king and queen were crowned on Friday. They were J.A. and Yvonne Sadler.

Monday, the Aubrey Wilson Band from Snyder came over. We always enjoy listening to their music.

CEA Mary McMullen comes to the center on the 18th to give seniors a monthly nutritional report.

On Friday, the 20th, is green

enchilidas with games and visitations.

Just In Fun
A nosy woman, self-appointed supervisor of village morals, accused a workman of having reverted to drinking because "with her own eyes" had seen the man's wheelbarrow standing outside a restaurant and bar.

The workman made no defense, but that evening he placed his wheelbarrow outside her door and left it there all night and late the next morning.

Lorraine votes OK'd; county looking into moving offices

The Mitchell County Commissioners Court canvassed votes from the Loraine local option election and appointed a committee to study the relocation of county offices.

Commissioners Ed Roach, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston also approved two tax sale property bids during their Tuesday, Feb. 17, called meeting. Carl Guelker was absent.

Commissioners approved the 107 to 40 vote in Loraine's Feb. 7 election to legalize "the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only."

The election attracted 147, or 31.3 percent, of Loraine's 469 registered voters.

The vote canvass allows Loraine businessman Linton Ray Webb to apply for a state liquor license.

It will be at least 60 days before beer and wine will be sold in the City of Loraine.

Webb manages Maz's Place, a convenience store that opened Sept. 1, 2003.

With the Mitchell County Hospital District moving into its new health care facility south of Interstate 20, several county offices will be moved to new sites.

Inman volunteered to serve on a three-member committee to study the relocation process.

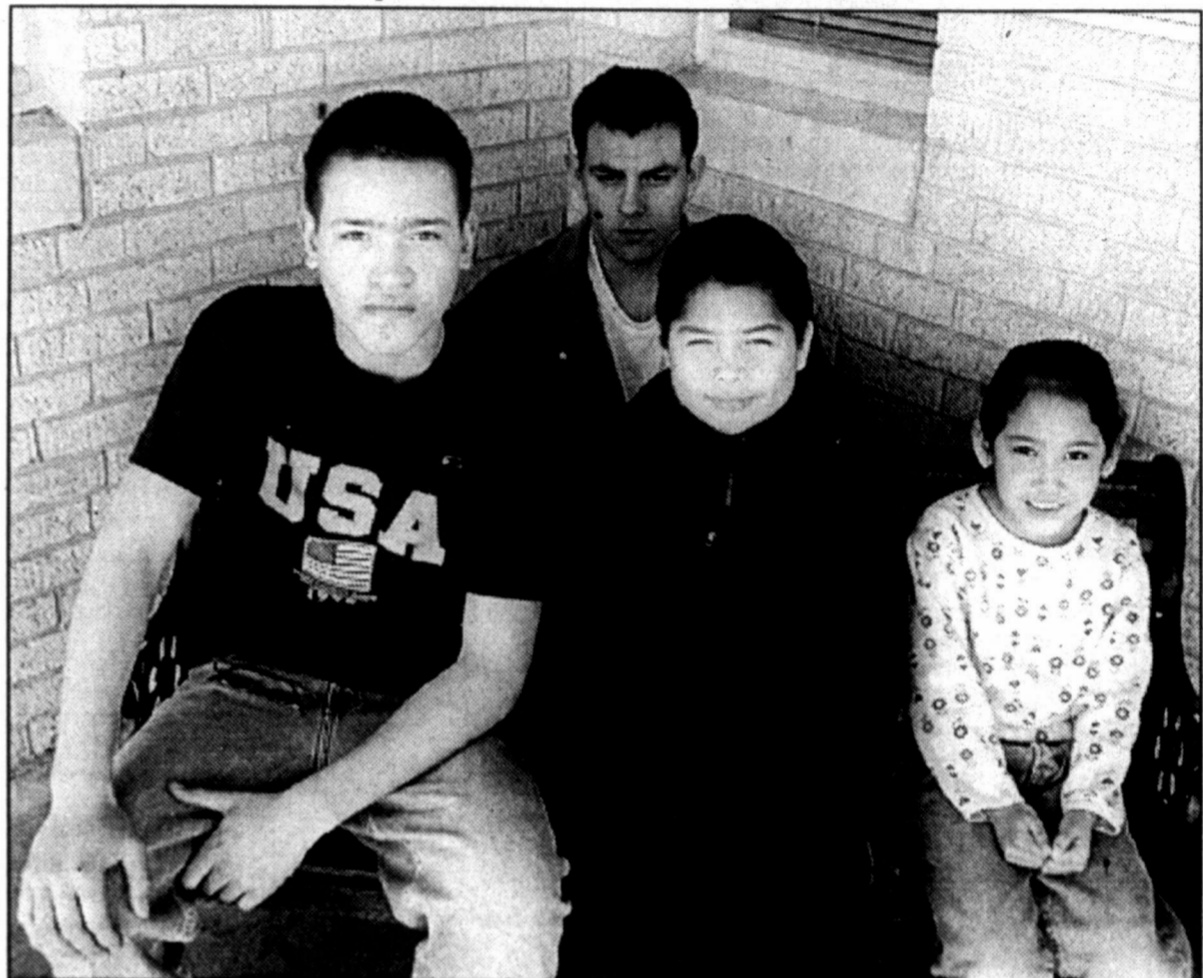
He will be joined by Windi Fuller, executive director of the county's Board of Economic Development, and a member of the Big Spring mental health-retardation center.

The hospital district deeded the specialty clinic on Walnut Street to the county, and provided a free 10-year lease on the Family Medical Association building on Chestnut Street in exchange for parking lot and other work at the health care facility.

The committee will study the size of the buildings and how much space a county office or agency may need.

The committee will make its recommendations to commissioners.

Also Tuesday, commissioners approved an \$850 bid by Starla Hatfeld for property on the city's west side held in trust by the county, and Tony Salazar's \$1,000 bid for property at the northeast corner of 6th and Elm streets held in trust by the Colorado City Independent School District.



LORAIN ISD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are front row (l-r) Joe Carillo, 9th grade; Adrian Talamantes, 5th grade and Crystal Olivarez, kindergarten; back row is Johnny Jimenez, 12th grade.



THE ELECTED COUPLE FOR VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN at the Loraine Senior Center were J.A. and Yvonne Sadler. They were crowned Friday, February 13. J.A. and Yvonne have been married for 57 years. J.A. is a former city manager for both Colorado City and Merkel. Yvonne is the former Yvonne Mickle. The Sadler's moved to Loraine in 1991 from Merkel. They are a great asset to the community and especially the Senior Center. At this time Yvonne works as the attendance clerk and cashier at the center.

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