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Briefs

9-16 Celebration

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Loraine will celebrate *dies y seis de septiembre* with good Mexican food and live music on Sept. 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome.

Scrub Sale

The Mitchell County Healthcare Volunteers will host a scrub sale Thurs., Sept. 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital east atrium. All proceeds from the sale benefit special projects of the MCHV.

Classmates Search

Leeann Moore is searching for all female graduates or class members of the Colorado High School Class of 1965. Please contact leeann_moore@hotmail.com if you are one of them or have a way for me to reach one or more of them. She needs the information quickly.

Rifle Meeting

There will be a 4-H Rifle Club meeting Fri., Sept. 15th at 5 p.m. Kids from 3rd through 12th grade interested in participating should attend this meeting at the extension office at the corner of Hickory and 2nd Streets with their parent or guardian.

Meeting Rescheduled

The 4-H archery meeting has been rescheduled for Sat., Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the extension office located at the corner of 2nd and Hickory Streets. Kids 3rd through 12th grades are eligible to participate. Cost is \$20 for the year. For more information, call 728-3111.

Obituaries

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Colorado City

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Snyder

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Colorado City

Marsha Moore
Abilene

Around Town

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Hill killed in I-20 wreck near Merkel

A young Colorado City woman was killed in a wreck on I-20 last Wednesday, August 30th. The three-vehicle accident occurred in Taylor County east of Merkel.

Kayley Deanne Hill, 24, was driving her 1996 Ford Thunderbird westbound on I-20 two miles east of Merkel at 9:35 a.m.

when she swerved to pass two vehicles stopped in the outside lane for a previous crash. Unfortunately, she struck the vehicles as she tried to pass to the left.

According to a preliminary report of the crash by DPS, Anita Ruth Harris, a 56-year-old from Waco driving a 2015 Nissan

Rogue, and Hank William Keller, a 51-year-old from Florida driving a 2016 Peterbilt truck, were stopped in the right lane because of a previous crash. The report says Hill didn't see that the cars were stopped ahead and struck the Nissan as she tried to pass to the left, then struck the

rear of the truck's trailer.

Hill was pronounced dead at the scene and her body was taken to Abilene Professional Services.

The crash is still under investigation.

Hill is the daughter of Bambi and Mike Redwine and Ken and Lucy Hill of Hillsboro.



Kayley Hill

Conaway visits Colorado City

U.S. Representative Mike Conaway, who represents the 29 counties in District 11 including Mitchell County, visited Colorado City on Friday. While here, he spoke to members of the Colorado City Lions Club and greeted many visitors who came to hear from the congressman.

Conaway said lawmakers in Washington, D.C., had a full plate in August, including appropriations bills, health care, the budget, etc. However, the biggest news coming out of Texas in August was Hurricane Harvey.

Congress has been working on disaster spending bills, according to Conaway. He went on to say there's a lot of work to do on the federal flood insurance programs, and he thinks it needs to be revamped.

"There are two things we can do for (hurricane victims) them," the congressman said. "Number one we can pray for them, and the second thing is to pray for them. Texans will take care of Texans."

Conaway said there's one thing congress must do: pass appropriations bills to fund the national budget. "Unfortunately, we've not done a very good job with that," he said.

Lion Shane Stevenson asked if the debt ceiling had been raised. Conaway affirmed that it was. He said raising the debt ceiling is like "letting the tail wag the dog." The west Texas congressman said he thinks spending is the real issue. He also said the GOP used the debt ceiling as le-

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FLYIN' ON FLO JO - Chayni Chamberlain won 1st place in a barrel racing competition in Glen Rose recently. This is a photo from the contest, as she and Flo Jo fly around a barrel. She also won the All-American at AT&T Stadium in February of 2016. Chamberlain is the 11-year-old granddaughter of Hobie Bolin and Jeanne Hudson. Photo courtesy of Callie Chamberlain.

Chamberlain wins barrel racing event

Chayni Chamberlain, the 11-year-old granddaughter of Hobie Bolin and Jeanne Hudson, took 1st place in the Open ID category of Destry's Free 4 All barrel racing competition in Glen Rose recently. The girl and her horse Dat Flowin Bunny, who is actually older than Chamberlain, grabbed the winning time of the competition at 14.888.

"Flo Jo" is what Chamberlain calls her 16-year-old gray gelding, and the pair are winning races with a simple strategy.

"I just wanted to trust my horse, give 150 percent and have fun," Chamberlain said in an interview with *Barrel Horse News*, following the race.

The magazine said Flo Jo coasted a little bit on their first run, losing time around the second barrel. It was Chamberlain's second run of the night that sealed the win for the little go-getter. The first-place finish earned her \$2,500 and a chance for something even more exciting.

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Local man survives over 400 bee stings

Last Wednesday, Joe Orona was shredding a property in Colorado City when he was attacked by bees. The 82-year-old Mitchell County man was transported to Mitchell County Hospital and then airlifted to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He sustained around 400 stings but is expected to make a full recovery.

According to his daughter Josie Ortegón, Orona was shredding a couple of lots at 545 W. 14th Street in Colorado City, the part of town referred to as "The Sands", near the Mitchell County Cemetery. Apparently, the tractor and shredder disturbed a hive of honey bees which are thought to be Africanized.

When a large group of bees began attacking Orona, he stopped the tractor and attempted to run from them. He said the force of the bees was too great and it knocked him to the ground. As he tried to shoo the insects away, they became more fierce.

Orona finally decided to just lay down on his stomach and let them have their way. He tried to call 9-1-1 but was unsure if he had gotten through to anyone. Fortunately, a cousin to the Oronas, Lucas Campos, was walking by and saw the incident. Campos tried to approach Orona to help him and was also attacked by the bees. He was able to get far enough away and call 9-1-1.

Orona said he remembers seeing the rescue team, consisting of EMS, fire department personnel, sheriff's deputies and police officers, arriving on scene and trying to get to him. The bees were keeping everyone at bay, until a fire truck arrived and a fire hose was used to spray away the bees so Orona could be rescued.

One of the paramedics responding to the scene was also



ONE OF HIS BEST NURSES - Joe Orona got plenty of attention from his nurses after sustaining over 400 bee stings last week. One of his favorites was his great-granddaughter Milania. Photo courtesy of Josie Ortegón.

attacked and had to be treated at the local hospital. Orona was taken to MCH, but the doctors decided to transfer him to a larger hospital due to his advanced age and large number of stings. Swelling and difficulty swallowing also prompted the transfer to Hendrick in Abilene.

Orona maintained consciousness throughout the ordeal and has also managed to breathe on his own the whole time. After rigorous testing of all his vital organs, including his kidneys, liver, pancreas and especially his heart, he was given a clean bill of health

and was released to go home a couple of days ago.

Doctors told the family it was a miracle that the great-grandfather survived. Though the incident happened about a week ago, Orona is still experiencing intermittent swelling around his eyes. He has an appointment to see an eye specialist this week.

Ortegón said her dad is in good spirits and is very thankful to everyone who came to his aid, especially the rescue team and the people who prayed for his healing.

"God answered our prayers," Ortegón said.

Annual MCHD health fair slated for Saturday, Sept. 9th

The Mitchell County Hospital District is getting ready to host its 7th annual Health Wellness and safety Fair. The event will take place on Saturday, September 9th from 7 to 11 a.m. in the hospital's east and west towers.

This year, there's a friendly competition going around the departments of the hospital dis-

trict. Each department is trying to out-do the other in terms of making their booths more fun, interesting and interactive for those visiting the fair. A cash prize will go to the winners of the competition.

As in year's past, there will be more than 30 vendors participating in the fair. Information on

various health-related products and services will be available, as will information on cardiac disease, cholesterol, hospice, home health, breast cancer and much more.

City National Bank and First Bank & Trust will have a hospitality booth with fruit, crackers, See FAIR, page 5

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LOCAL NEWS

Emergency classes offered

Between the spring wildfires in the Texas Panhandle, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and the aftermath, emergency preparedness is on the forefront of nearly everyone's minds. This September National Preparedness Month (NPM) will focus on planning, with an overarching theme "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You can."

Week one covered "Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends." When planning for yourself, it is important to have the following aspects in place: Make an Emergency Plan; Sign

up for alerts and warnings in your area; Learn your evacuation zone and have an evacuation plan; Check your insurance coverage and review the Document and Insure Property guide; and Plan financially for the possibility of disaster.

Week two will cover "Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community" and will be held September 12. Week three deals with "Practice and Build Out Your Plans" and will take place September 19. Week four concludes with "Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger" on

September 26.

All classes will take place at noon at the Texas A&M AgLife Extension Service - Mitchell County office at 440 E. 2nd St. Bring your lunch and learn. If you have any questions or would like this past week's information, please contact Audra Graves, CEA-FCS, at 325-728-3111.

Annual Mitchell County Reunion planned

Anyone who currently or has ever lived in Mitchell County should mark their calendar for Saturday, September 30th. The Mitchell County Reunion is set to be held that day at the Colorado City Civic Center, and it's a great chance to reunite with old friends, meet some new ones and enjoy an entertaining lunch and presentation.

Registration, complete with coffee and other refreshments, will begin that morning at 10 a.m. and continue until noon. All those gathered will then enjoy a catered lunch together, and Helen May Ledgerwood will be the guest speaker.

Cost is \$10 per person. Anyone planning to attend should contact the Heart of West Texas Museum by Tuesday, September 26th by calling 325-728-8285.

Later that afternoon, there will be a reception honoring Leola Anderson, as one of her murals is being dedicated at the museum. The reception is sponsored by FirstBank & Trust and will be held at the museum, located at 340 E. 3rd Street, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Robby Garner Robinson 1939-2017

SNYDER - Mr. Robby Garner Robinson, 78, died Monday, September 4th, 2017 in Colorado City. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 6th at 2 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Dwayne Williams officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder. Services were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mr. Robinson was born May 2, 1939, in Snyder to Hugh and Clovis Garner Robinson. He married Patsy Stephens in 1997 in Mitchell County. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Stephens Robinson of Snyder; three daughters, Terri McDougal of Rockwall, Dody Banks and husband, Mike of Borger, and Lynn Courtney and husband, Randy of Ruidoso, NM; one stepson, David Newton and wife, Kendra of Graham; two sisters, Lajuana Robinson of Venneta, OK and Jean Taylor of Snyder; two brothers, Rex Robinson and Jim Robinson, both of Snyder; seven grandchildren, Kasey Bedlow and Neil McDougal of Rockwall, Matt Banks of Houston, Greg Banks of Booker, Brittney Courtney of Ruidoso, NM, Braden Courtney of Knoxville, Haiden Newton of Graham; seven great-grandchildren; three brothers-in-law, Alvie Stephens, Eddie Stephens, Douglas Stephens, all of Colorado City; and a sister-in-law, Bernidine Himes of Oklahoma.

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com.

Kayley D. Hill 1993-2017

COLORADO CITY -- Kayley D. Hill, 24, passed away unexpectedly in Merkel on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. She was born in Abilene on April 16, 1993, the daughter of Kenneth Hill and Bambi Lookabaugh.



Kayley was a graduate of Colorado High's class of 2011. When in school, she enjoyed playing softball, powerlifting, and playing a number of different instruments in the school band including the tuba, the trombone, and percussion instruments.

Kayley was a glowing spirit, full of life, love, and kindness for all. She was the type of girl that went with the flow and never let the little things get in the way of her happiness. Family was huge to Kayley, as she made sure to be there to help anytime she was asked. The joy of her life and her biggest drive to succeed in life was her daughter Molly. Kayley held many jobs throughout her young life but her favorite was her newest job as a 911 dispatcher for the City of Colorado City.

Kayley leaves behind her 3-year-old daughter, Molly Parham; her mother, Bambi Redwine and husband Mike of Colorado City; her father, Ken Hill and wife Lucy of Hillsboro; and four sisters, Ashley Cordes and husband Kelsey of Meade, Kansas, Brittany Hill of Colorado City, Ashley Redwine of Colorado City, and Jennifer Redwine of Colorado City. Also surviving are her nieces and nephews, Kayla, Kenna, Katie, Kolton, Gauge, Zen, Zephyr, Khloe, Kylie, Oakley, and Bobby.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 3rd at 3 pm at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with Dr. Jerry Shields from the First Baptist Church of Colorado City officiating. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions to St. Jude's Hospital. Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Maria "Chita" Montemayor 1952-2017

COLORADO CITY -- Maria DeJesus "Chita" Gonzalez Montemayor, 65, passed away peacefully at the Mitchell County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Colorado City with her loving family by her side on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. She was born on May 13, 1952 in Muzquiz Coah, Mexico to Manuel and Magdalena Gonzalez Montemayor.

Maria was a woman who enjoyed even the simplest things in life and who loved to be with family. She loved animals, especially cats and dogs and never wanted to see one that looked like it was hungry, which is why she would be seen feeding the neighborhood strays. She was the type of person who was meticulous about everything, who made sure everything was in perfect order, which was ideal for her job as a housekeeper and a home caregiver. In her spare time, she could be seen refinishing old furniture, or working on her plants in her garden.

Maria is survived by her fiancé, Angel Aguinaga; brothers, Manuel Gonzalez of Kerrville, Roberto and Antonio Gonzales of Colorado City; sisters, Velia Vasquez, Sylvia (Alvie Stephens) Sanford of Colorado City, and Yolanda Stafford and husband Omega of Buffalo, NY. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother and step-father and by her sisters, Magdalena Serna and Chonita Gonzales. A memorial service for Chita was held on Wednesday, September 6th at 11 am in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Father Michael Udegbuma officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Marsha Seale Moore 1949-2017

ABILENE -- Marsha Seale Moore, 68, passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.



Everyone who knew Marsha experienced the joy and vivacity she shared with the world. Her comedic timing was always impeccable, and she could always be counted on to liven up a party. Marsha loved passionately and well. Her children and grandchildren were of utmost importance to her, and she loved showering them (and everyone) in gushy, smooch hugs and kisses. As Cha-Cha (grandmother) to three grandsons, Marsha reveled in loving and playing with Eli, Ari, and Isaac.

Marsha was also a renowned cook, and her award-winning salsa is enjoyed in many circles throughout Abilene. She was an avid lover of movies and could always be counted on to know the best actors and directors. Catching Marsha dancing and singing wasn't unusual, and she loved singing with and to her grandsons. Marsha's love for performing and bringing light and life was shared with many, including the Colorado City Playhouse and with her theater students.

On June 1, 1949, the bundle of fun and light known as Marsha entered the world in Memphis, Texas. Born to Bill and Finnie Seale, Marsha grew up in Matador and graduated from Snyder High School. Following her high school graduation, Marsha attended Angelo State University in San Angelo and Sam Houston State in Huntsville, ultimately earning a degree in theatre and education. She then went on to share her love of theater and performing arts with students in Colorado City, Sweetwater, and Merkel. In addition to her love of theater, Marsha had a love of God, and enjoyed the fellowship of believers at Elm Valley Community Church and Belway Park Church in Abilene.

Marsha was preceded in death by her father, Bill Seale on May 15, 2005, and her mother, Finnie Seale on August 5, 2009.

Marsha will be missed by her son, Dylan Moore of Abilene; daughter, Amy Paquette and husband David of Buffalo Gap; brother, Kris Seale and wife Melinda of Abilene; three grandsons, Elias, Ari, and Isaac Paquette; two nieces, Amanda Farrow and husband Clayton, and Shannon Seale; one nephew, Drew Seale and wife Christina; and two great-nephews, Graham Farrow and Duke Seale.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 4, in The Hamil Family Funeral Home Chapel officiated by David McQueen. Memorials may be made to Gold Monarch Healing Center, 1753 Iberis Rd., Abilene, TX 79606; or All For One Missions International, P.O. Box 5024, Abilene, TX 79608.

Memories may be shared and condolences submitted online at: www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Texting and driving now illegal across state

Effective Sept. 1, texting while driving will be illegal across the state of Texas as the result of a new texting-while-driving ban passed during the 85th Texas Legislative Session. The law prohibits motorists from reading, writing or sending electronic messages while driving.

"One in five crashes in Texas is caused by distracted driving," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We are pleased the Texas Legislature recognizes the extreme danger caused by texting

and driving. The new law sends a very clear message to Texans to put down their phones and focus on the road. We are hopeful this new law will help save lives and reduce injuries."

Last year, 109,658 traffic crashes in Texas involved distracted driving. Those crashes resulted in 455 deaths and 3,087 serious injuries.

While distracted drivers risk injuring or killing themselves and others, they also now face penalties under the new state-

wide law. A first offense is punishable by a fine up to \$99; any subsequent offense carries a fine up to \$200. Drivers should be aware that some cities have additional ordinances that are more restrictive. Exceptions to the new law include emergency communication or electronic messaging when the vehicle is stopped.

For those under 18 years of age, Texas law already bans all cell phone use while driving, including hands-free, except in the case of emergencies. Additionally,

drivers are currently banned from texting and using hand-held cellular devices while driving in school zones. School bus operators also are prohibited from using cell phones while driving if children are present.

To help educate the public on the new law, TxDOT will be posting information on portable roadside message signs as well as permanent signs along interstate and U.S. highways.



NEW LION — Maggie Bootman (right) is officially a new member of the Colorado City Lions Club. She was inducted into the club by President Janet McCollum on Friday.

WALLACE CENTER NEWS

On Thursday, August 31st, the Wallace Senior Center gave Cherie Dockrey a going away party. She has been the director of the center for the past four years and has done an outstanding job. The center has gone through many changes at her direction and she will truly be missed.

Thank you, Cherie for all you have done to make the Wallace Senior Center the success it has become!

Wallace Senior Center, 312 East 12th Street, is open three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as a meeting place for the senior citizens of Mitchell County. In addition to the meals the center has many activities designed to keep everyone entertained.

The center has a full library, exercise machines, card games, puzzles, bingo games the 1st and 3rd Thursdays after lunch. Also, Kindred At Home has a blood pressure clinic every Tuesday 11 am until noon.

The center opens at 9 am and closes at 2 pm. The exercise area is open from 4 – 6 pm Monday thru Friday. Meals are served at noon at a cost of \$6.00. The following will be served at the Young at Heart Café:

Wednesday Sept. 6th — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll and lemon

pudding

Thursday Sept. 7th — Chicken salad, green pea salad, pasta salad, bread or crackers and fruit salad

Tuesday Sept. 12th — Chicken tenders, French fries, cream gravy, herbed corn, lettuce/tomato salad, bread and peach cobbler

Wednesday Sept 13th — Meat

loaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll and pudding

Thursday Sept 14th — Steak fingers, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, bread and fruited cherry gelatin

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OIL & GAS NEWS

Production for June 2017 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) is 75,254,080 barrels of crude oil and 591,408,525 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received.

Production reported to the commission for June 2016, was: 72,856,376 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 81,526,874 barrels; and 604,263,761 mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 679,880,812 mcf.

Midland County ranked first in the top ten crude oil producing counties of the state, producing 7,066,711 barrels.

The commission reports that from July 2016 to June 2017, total Texas reported production was 995 million barrels of crude oil and 7.8 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary June 2017 crude oil production averaged 2,508,469 barrels daily, compared to the 2,428,546 barrels daily average of June 2016.

Texas preliminary June 2017 total gas production averaged 19,713,618 mcf a day, compared to the 20,142,125 mcf daily average of June 2016.

Texas production in June 2017 came from 181,062 oil wells and 91,357 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/production-data/texas-monthly-oil-gas-production/>.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Lonewolf Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 am at 131 West 5th Street, Colorado City Texas 79512. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: David Stubblefield, Bobby Lemons, Woody Anderson, George Walker and Jerold Epperson

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year	
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Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	Adopted		Proposed	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ 0.002404		/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		10.64		%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 55,076		\$ 53,702	
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0		\$ 0	
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 55,076		\$ 53,702	
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 12.44		\$ 13.42	
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$.98			
and percentage of increase (+/-)	7.88	%		

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Include the following statement if the water district proposes to adopt a combined tax rate that would authorize the qualified voters of the district to require a rollback election (the proposed tax rate exceeds the rollback tax rate).

The Lonewolf Groundwater Conservation District proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A book about the balloon lady

About 15 years ago I had a call from a woman who was writing an article for a major magazine about Mrs. Constance Wolf of Bluebell, Pennsylvania. In 1961, Mrs. Wolf set a number of world balloon records when she stayed aloft for some 40 hours on a flight that originated in Big Spring. She said her mission was to take the record of women's free balloon flight away from the Russians. I was news director of a radio station in Big Spring then and accompanied her ground crew on that adventure and reported on the progress of the flight to the nation.

What got people involved in following this 56-year-old grandmother was the fact that we in the ground crew never saw her balloon after it left Big Spring, even though we were reporting on sightings we picked up from airports, news media and law enforcement agencies in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma. We were watching the clock and late in the flight I reported, "if Mrs. Wolf is still in the air, she has broken the Russian record." The uncertainty of whether Mrs. Wolf was still up there became a major story and attracted listeners and readers across the USA. It was the biggest story I've ever covered. She landed safely in a field near Boley, Oklahoma and broke the Russian record by four hours. Mrs. Wolf and I corresponded by mail until her death.

A few weeks ago I received a call from that same woman who had contacted me years ago. She is Jeanne Marie Laskas, who has written books that appears on the New York Times bestseller list. She wrote the book CONCUSSION about football injuries, which was made into a major movie starring Will Smith. She has won numerous writing and journalism awards for her work that has appeared in Esquire, The New Yorker, the Smithsonian, GQ, the Washington Post Magazine and others. She heads up the writing program at the University of Pittsburgh. She is writing a book about Mrs. Wolf. She previously wrote a book titled THE BALLOON LADY AND OTHER PEOPLE I KNOW.

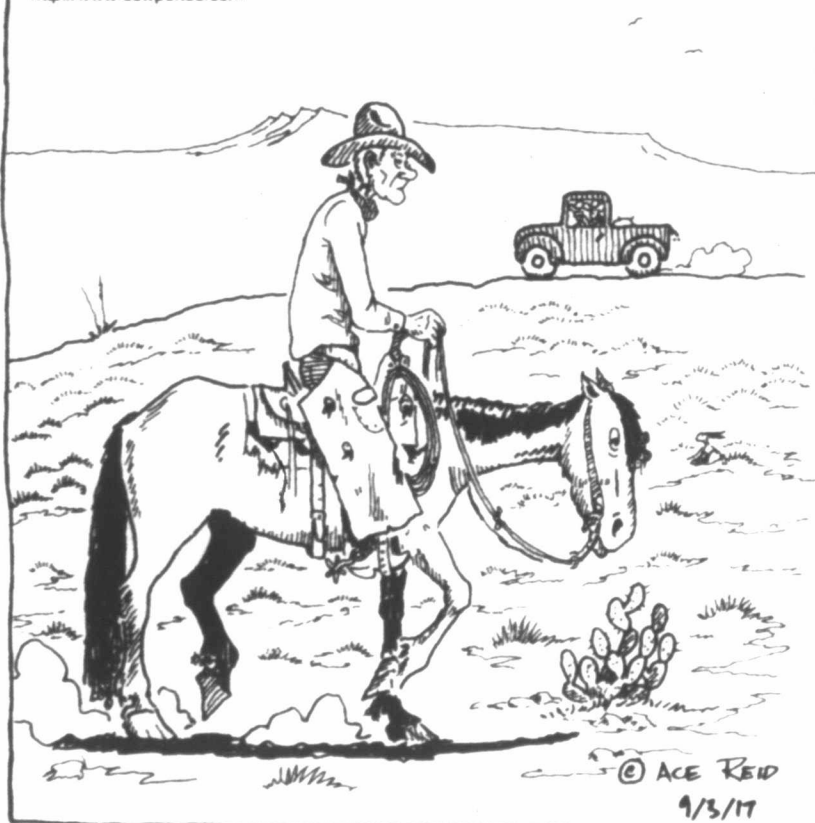
She sent two researchers down to interview me and to look at the material I have about Mrs. Wolf and her flight. One of them recorded my every word from hello to goodbye. Since the book will have an accompanying audio feature, the girl with the mic and recorder had me read some of the reports that I had sent to the station during the flight. They had me take them to the former Hamilton Flying Field, the place where the balloon launch occurred and to the site of the motel where Mrs. Wolf stayed.

I didn't know it at the time, but Mrs. Wolf was extremely prominent in Philadelphia society. She and her husband, an attorney who was a general in the armed services, had lavish parties on their estate. Occasionally they would require guests to arrive in their airplanes. Mrs. Wolf's balloon was used in the movie AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS. Among other honors, she was the first woman to fly a balloon over the Alps. The researchers said I was the only person they had interviewed who actually knew Mrs. Wolf. They brought with them copies of letters I had written to the woman balloonist over the years. I still have some of her letters to me.

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"What doth hinder me...?"

Beyond excuses

By Monte Wike

Sometimes God's commands are mysterious, sometimes clear, sometimes incomplete, waiting for the next installment, but always thrilling and wonderful when completed and we see things as He does.

Take, for instance His instructions to Phillip: "Go stand by the highway." He understood the words but not the motive. But he did not argue or try to out-guess God. He just went and stood by the highway. Most people of that time walked from one place to another.

Occasionally there might be a donkey or even a camel caravan. But the appearance of a horse and chariot were rare indeed.

The next set of instructions were simply to "go join yourself to that chariot." So, here he is in the barren area south of Jerusalem in the heat of the day jogging along to catch up to a fancy chariot. There he saw some very unique things. A black man, obviously very wealthy, and obviously a eunuch, was holding and reading a scroll, all very rare.

As he jogged along, he asked if the

man understood what he was reading.

The man answered he needed someone to teach him, and invited Phillip into the chariot. The scroll was from the writings of Isaiah and Phillip used that as an introduction to witness about Jesus. The man became a believer as they drove along. When they came to an oasis, the new convert asked, "What doth hinder me from being baptized?" Phillip assured him that the only qualification was to believe in Jesus as Savior. Then they both went down into the water and Phillip baptized his new convert. Then he was caught up by the Spirit and did not have to walk back home.

But the eunuch's question is intriguing because he had been used to rejection and having to make excuses or assert his authority. As you know, a eunuch is a castrated male, probably from babyhood or early childhood, especially altered to fit the role of male but not man, in a Queen's household. He naturally felt he might not be worthy of baptism because of his sexual condition. He may have thought since he was rich or a politician or of an Afri-

can race that these might be stumbling blocks.

What hinders us from our best, from fulfilling all that God has planned for us? What excuses do we make (or imagine) to limit ourselves below our best potential? What changes when we become a Christian? What barriers are broken, limitations erased? There is a personal answer for each of us, and they usually start with doubting God, or what I like to call the "motorboat song": "b-b-b-but God..."

Does God know what He is doing when he tells us part of a task? Of course. When he is ready He will reveal the rest. Does God know what He is doing when the schedule of a passenger and preacher meet? Does He know what He is doing when we read the Word and still need enlightenment?

Then why do we doubt, argue, or feel that we are unworthy? God knows our abilities as well as our limitations. He knows whom to call for which task. He has plenty of others that He could tag, then why us? What stands in our way? What hinders us?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Aristotle et.al. were very thoughtful Greeks. In the western world their thought went underground with the explosion of very seductive religious belief. It was taboo for nearly two thousand years.

Then Bacon, Copernicus, Newton, Galileo et.al. became unruly with the scientific method of discovery. The struggle between religious belief and scientific observation goes on in society as well as in the minds of "educated" people. This

struggle does not exist in minds which ignore "Bibles" or which ignore science. In future letters I intend to make the case for both.

Agnostic anyone?

Troy Powell

POLICE REPORT

On August 26th at 11:50 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of West 2nd Street regarding officer assistance during security detail. An officer responded and secured a male subject for creating a public disturbance during an event. The man was taken into custody and transported to Mitchell County Jail and booked for Public Intoxication.

On August 28th at 9:40 a.m., an officer was dispatched in the lobby of the police department in reference to an assault that had previously occurred. Information was gathered and a report was

later completed.

On August 28th at 2:35 p.m., an officer was dispatched in reference to a violation of a Criminal Trespass Warning. Subject was located on the property and later resisted to being placed under arrest. The subject was transported to Mitchell County Jail and booked on the charges of Criminal Trespass and Resisting Arrest.

On August 30th at 10:29 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 2100 block of Locust Street regarding a theft. During investigation, the officer was advised of a mobile home that was taken off prop-

erty in the 500 block of Terrell Street and its location was unknown. The mobile home was last seen around 5:30 p.m. Personal items were still inside the mobile home. The owner was unable to provide specific information. An informational report was generated due to lack of details on the missing items and the investigation is ongoing.

On September 1st at 3:08 p.m., an officer was dispatched in reference to a welfare concern. The officer exhausted all means to locate subject, but was unsuccessful. A "Be On Look Out" and report were later completed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7
Sept. 9
Sept. 12
Sept. 15
Sept. 16
Sept. 19
Sept. 26
Sept. 30
Oct. 6, 7

Scrub Sale
Health, Safety & Wellness Fair
Emergency Preparedness Class
Lorraine Exes Golf Tournament
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Mitchell County Reunion
Boer Goat Cookoff

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ing. The cash payout of the competition totaled nearly \$80,000, with an additional \$50,000 in prizes, which included a 2017 Fiat Spider Turbo convertible. So, there she was, after the competition, standing in line with adults of all ages waiting for her turn to take a chance at winning a car.

"I was really excited about getting to pick a key, but I didn't know how I was going to get to drive the car since I'm only 11. I've won a lot of things, but a chance to win a car was super cool," Chamberlain told the

magazine. Chamberlain's mom Callie grew up in Colorado City and competed in barrel racing too. She said she was picturing her daughter practicing driving out in the pasture in that little sports car. Callie said the guys who put on the competition keep raising the bar every year.

"That was good stuff," Callie said of the contest and its outcome. Chayni didn't win the convertible, but there's plenty of time in her future for driving. For now, she'll be concentrating on more preparation for competitions.

Flo Jo and Chamberlain have qualified for the Junior National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and the semifinals for RFD-TV's The American Rodeo. Chamberlain has been described by RFD-TV as an "up and coming super star."

"My mom ran barrels, and my NeNe and my dad rope," Chamberlain told *Barrel Horse News*. "I've just always been around and loved horses. Sometimes my parents think I may be part horse."

The pre-teen girl said treats are Flo Jo's favorite thing and his best characteristic is his honesty.



RELIEF HEADED SOUTH – Teresa Beckmeyer and a group of local citizens worked with Higginbotham's Ace Hardware store to get donations to be sent to help the hurricane relief efforts along the coast. As of 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Mitchell County citizens had donated \$11,000 and the store ordered the supplies which were being taken to Simonton near the Gulf Coast. Photo courtesy of Beckmeyer.

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and drinks. The booth will prove especially good for those who have fasted the night and early morning due to lab tests.

Lab personnel will provide a variety of free health screenings, including basic metabolic panel and lipid panel. Those wanting to participate in the free screenings must fast, meaning no food

or drink after midnight. Morning medicines may be taken with a small drink of water.

Flu vaccines will be available at the fair as well. So, come in and get protected for the approaching flu season.

The MCHD 7th Annual Health Fair is free to the public, and there will be lots of draw-

ings for door prizes and cool free stuff to pick up along the way. It's a great way to learn more about healthy living, talk to a health specialist, or take advantage of the many free health screenings.

For more information contact Carla Sauer at (325) 728-3431 ext. 7104.

CONAWAY

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verage against President Obama, but now Republicans across the board use it as leverage.

The House passed a version of a "repeal and replace" healthcare law, but it hasn't passed the senate. Conaway said Mitch McConnell had one more chance to get that done. He also said the media blames the GOP as a whole for not being able to find a replacement for Obamacare, but the party doesn't have voting cards. Individuals do. He would like to see people stop blaming the group and put pressure on the individuals who are doing the voting.

Tax reform was also a topic of discussion for the lawmaker. He said the current tax scheme is far

too complex and burdensome to see the compliance that is necessary to attract new businesses to America. Conaway said it's amazing that the economy grows at all, as regulations are stifling.

"We just have to do it," Conaway said of tackling the tax reform issue.

Approximately \$1 trillion dollars of tax money is spent on healthcare, Conaway said, making it too hard for American corporations to complete. The representative has been working with Weighs and Means, the White House and Senate Finance Committee to find a sensible solution to tax reform.

Several Lions asked questions

about Medicare and the rising costs of prescription medication. Conaway said more regulations rarely work, and he would like to see more competition which would help drive prices down.

After being asked by guest Woody Anderson, Conaway told Lions how Hurricane Harvey is and will continue to affect cotton. The congressman said many farmers were touting a record crop and the hurricane has ruined most of that.

The House Agriculture Committee is working to revamp the Farm Bill. Conaway said Hurricane Harvey will show how much the Farm Bill is needed. He said the payments farmers receive won't make them near whole.

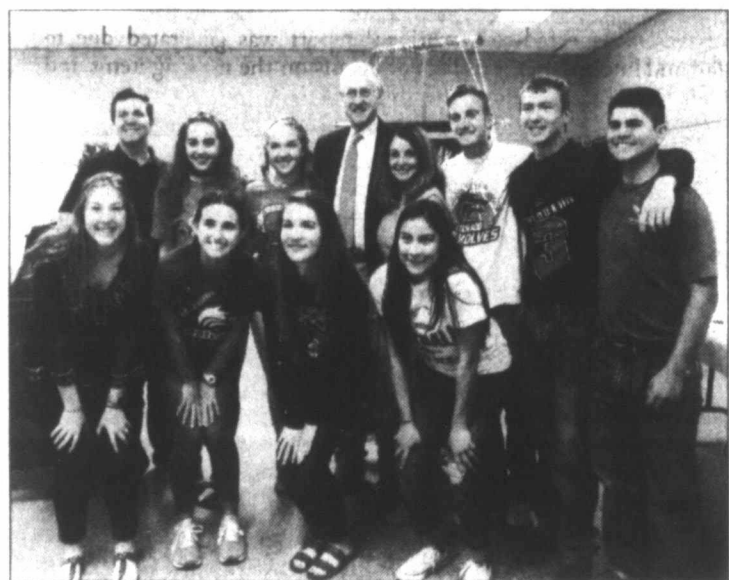
CHS Principal Mark Merrell brought a group of students to hear and meet Conaway. One of the students asked if congress has a plan to deal with the North Korea threat. Conaway said President Trump had wanted to cut missile defense spending, but congress said no. He also said there are good people in our military working as hard as possible to prepare for all possibilities.

"Look, Kim Jong Un wants to stay alive, and if he bombs us or our allies, we will kill him," Conaway said.

Rep. Conaway ended the meeting with words familiar to those who have heard him speak before. He told those attending that only moral people can self-govern, and America's morals are looser than ever.

He used the examples of 57 million babies killed through abortion, terrible language that's more acceptable and the rising number of break-ups of families as evidence of the slipping morals of this country.

He asked those in the audience to consider that God can't bless immorality and challenged everyone to live by a moral code. In the end, he asked, "What are you willing to put on the line?"



VISITING WITH A CONGRESSMAN – A group of students from Colorado High School attended the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club last Friday. They got a chance to meet and ask questions of U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway. Pictured are: (back row, l-r) Adam Clifton, Clancy White, Jady Griffith, Mike Conaway, Suzanne Conaway, Calvin Spencer, Reid Harris, Jacob Muñoz; (front row) Harlee Haag, Sara Roach, Alyssa High, Alexa Garza.

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SCHOOL NEWS



HOMECOMING KING CANDIDATES – Homecoming king candidates have been named at Westbrook. They are: (l-r) Alejandro Chavez, Cristobal Chavez, Damian Lara, Cutter Williams and Noah King. Homecoming for the Wildcats will be on Friday, September 8th, against Sands. Photo courtesy of Kaci Rainbolt.



HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES – (l-r) Madison Brewster, Cami Miller, Cheyenne Reyes, Kierra Witte, and Taylor Parsons are Westbrook Homecoming Queen candidates. The winner will be announced on Friday, September 8th during halftime of the homecoming game against Sands. Photo courtesy of Kaci Rainbolt.

SCHOOL MENUS

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – sausage kolache, yogurt, cereal, toast, fruit, milk and juice
Tuesday – cheese omelet, cereal, toast, fruit, milk and juice
Wednesday – waffle, sausage, cereal, toast, fruit, milk and juice
Thursday – breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fruit, milk and juice
Friday – French toast, sausage, cereal, toast, fruit, milk and juice

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, pulled pork sliders, cole slaw, green beans, chilled pineapple, milk
Tuesday – ham and cheese sandwich, Frito pie, charro beans, salsa, veggie cup, apple delight, milk
Wednesday – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, salad, Tuscan vegetables, roll, pears, milk

Thursday – ham and cheese sandwich, cheeseburger, oven fries, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk
Friday – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, grapes, cookie, milk
Colorado ISD Breakfast Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – pancakes, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Tuesday – sunrise sandwich or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk

real, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Wednesday – french toast, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Thursday – breakfast bread, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Friday – breakfast burrito, hash browns or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Colorado ISD

Head Start/Pre-K Lunch Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberries and bananas, milk
Tuesday – spaghetti bowl, bread stick, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, milk
Wednesday – boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, milk
Thursday – chicken quesadilla, refried beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, sliced peaches, milk
Friday – popcorn chicken, roll, broccoli, oven fries, sliced pears, milk

fruit cup, pudding, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Wednesday – breaded chicken chef salad***, or boneless chicken wings, multi grain chips, celery sticks, carrot sticks, strawberries/bananas, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Thursday – tacos or chicken quesadilla***, Spanish rice, mexicali corn, refried beans, salsa, sliced peaches, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
Friday – popcorn chicken***, hot roll*** or sloppy joe, broccoli bites, oven fries, fresh fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk
***CHS only

Colorado ISD Elementary/Middle School Lunch Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – steak fingers, gravy or breaded pork chop***, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberries and bananas, choice of milk
Tuesday – spaghetti bowl, breadstick or french bread pizza***, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, pudding, choice of milk
Wednesday – boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrot sticks or chef salad w/ ham***, orange smiles, brownie cookie, choice of milk
Thursday – Mexican taco plate*** or chicken quesadilla, mexicali corn, refried beans, salsa, lettuce tomato garnish, choice of milk
Friday – popcorn chicken***, roll or sloppy joe sandwich, broccoli bites, fries, fresh fruit, choice of milk
***served only to grades 5th-8th

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – oatmeal, toast, sausage, cereal, fresh fruit, juice milk
Tuesday – pig in a blanket, cereal, toast, fresh fruit, juice and milk
Wednesday – pancakes with syrup, bacon, cereal, toast, fresh fruit, juice and milk
Thursday – breakfast burrito with hot sauce, cereal, toast, fresh fruit, juice and milk
Friday – breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fresh fruit, juice and milk

Colorado ISD High School/Wallace Lunch Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – Steak fingers*** or breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot coins, hot roll, orange smiles, brownie, chilled fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday – spicy chicken sandwich or french bread pizza***, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend vegetables,

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu
Sept. 11 – Sept. 15
Monday – beef goulash, peas, side salad, hot roll, salad bar, sheet cake, milk
Tuesday – homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, sweet carrots, side salad, hot roll, salad bar, banana pudding, milk
Wednesday – cheese enchiladas with red sauce, refried beans, Spanish rice, side salad, salad bar, cherry cobbler, milk
Thursday – BBQ pulled pork sandwich, spicy french fries, corn on the cob, side salad, salad bar, mandarin oranges, milk
Friday – cheese or pepperoni pizza, corn, side salad, salad bar, lime sherbet, milk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Mitchell County, Texas

The Commissioners Court of Mitchell County cordially invites the Public to attend a public hearing on the topic of designating an area as a reinvestment zone, and whether such designation would contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or would attract major investment in the zone that would be a benefit to the property to be included in the zone and would contribute to the economic development of the County. At the hearing, interested persons are entitled to speak and present evidence for or against the designation. This public hearing will be held in the following locations and times:

September 18, 2017
9:00 a.m. Commissioners Courtroom
Mitchell County Courthouse
349 Oak St.
Colorado City, Texas 79512

The areas being considered are as follows:

- Sections: 18, 19, 29, 30, and 32 of Block 24 T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas, which fall in part or whole into Mitchell County, Texas
- Sections: 41, 43, 44, 53, 54, 55, 56, 66, 67 of Block 24 T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas, which fall in part or whole into Mitchell County, Texas
- Sections: 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72 of Block 25 T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas.
- Sections: 31 and 42 Block 24 T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas, which fall in part or whole into Mitchell County, Texas
- Sections: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43 in Block 25 T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas
- Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 in Block 26 T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas
- Sections: 28, 29, and 30 of Block Y T & P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas
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HOLDING THE LINE – Westbrooks Kamrun Martinez (24) carries the ball while Caleb Matos (3), Jaiden Lopez (10), Cutter Williams (4) and Cris Chavez (21) hold off Aspermont. The Wildcats beat the Hornet 32-21. Photo courtesy of Kaci Rainbolt.

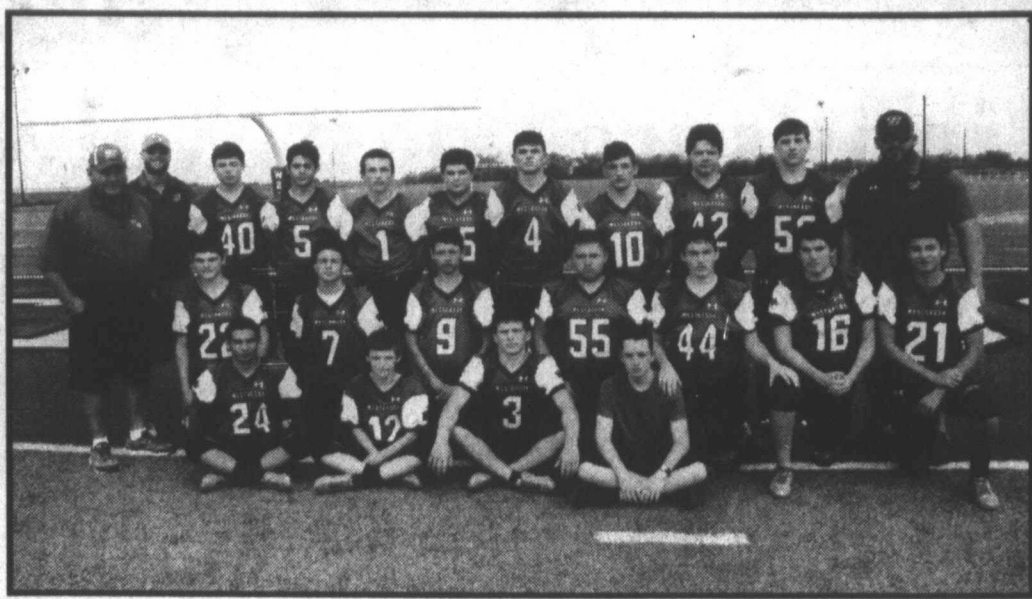


ON TO VICTORY – Caleb Matos (3) gets past an Aspermont defender and makes it to the end zone to add to the Wildcats' win over the Hornets last week. Westbrook came out on top in the contest 32-21. Photo courtesy of Kaci Rainbolt.

Lady Wolves in top ten

The Colorado City Lady Wolves were included on the Top 25 Texas Girls Coaches Association Volleyball Poll released on Tuesday, September 5th. Last week, the Lady Wolves were ranked #10 and Wall was ranked #7. After Wall's loss to Colorado City last week, they have slipped to #12.

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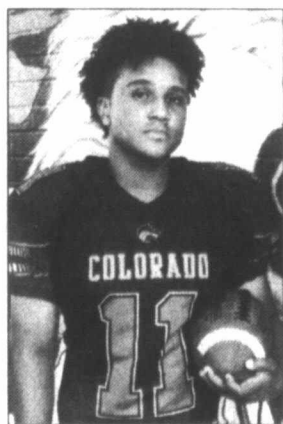
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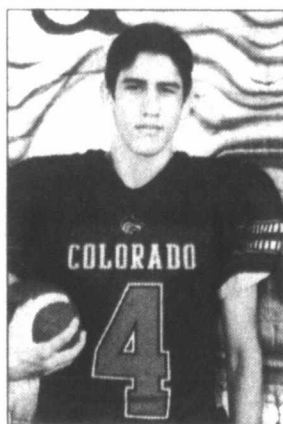
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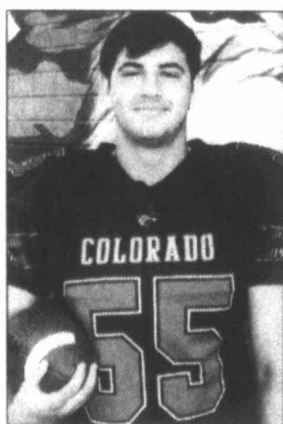
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Lions surge past Wolves, 28-0

Colorado High School head coach Dan Gainey knew going into Friday's season-opener that his retooled offense and defense would be facing a tough test in the third-ranked Albany Lions. He also expected his team to represent themselves well – even under pressure.

He was right on both counts.

One of the state's premier teams over the past decade, the Lions scored twice in the first 12 minutes of play and then saw their high-powered offense come to a near halt in a tough 28-0 victory over the Wolves in front of a large crowd at Wolf Stadium in Colorado City. Offensively, Albany managed just two touchdowns against the CHS defense.

Committing four turnovers, two interceptions and two fumbles to a good team like Albany always makes it very difficult to overcome.

The Wolves' defense, backed by a solid performance from Gabriel Salazar and Reid Harris, limited the Lions to just 49 of

fensive plays during the contest, and forced the Lions into a pair of turnovers.

The Lions managed to draw first blood in the non-district matchup of perennial playoff contenders. Albany's Dax Neece capped the team's first possession by hauling in a 12-yard touchdown strike from AGS quarterback Brian Hamilton at the 8:17 mark of the opening period.

Colorado City threatened to answer the Lions' early challenge on their ensuing possession. Unfortunately for the Wolves, the offense sputtered at a key time.

"I think we came out and played good in spurts," said C-City head coach Dan Gainey. "I thought we were going to answer them in the first quarter. We tried to respond but we misfired a little. I think we were our worst enemy most of the game, but overall the kids played hard against a really good football team."

Neece's reception was one of eight passes he would catch dur-

ing the game. Overall, he finished with 88 receiving yards.

Colorado City didn't help itself from there. Fighting to install a new offense on short notice, the Wolves fumbled away a possession at their own 4 late in the first quarter.

Gainey said he expected the team to struggle a bit offensively early on – especially since the players and coaches are still adapting to a new Permian-style offense.

"We're trying to get a new approach to the offense down right now," he said. "It is going to take some time, but we had some flashes from the offense."

On the first play after the fumble, Albany's Cutter Edgar boosted the Lions' lead to 14-0 by breaking off a 96-yard scoring run. Hamilton tacked on the ensuing extra-point try and gave the Lions a two-touchdown cushion with 1:28 left in the first.

The Lions' only points in the second quarter came on a 1-yard plunge by Edgar with 3:24 left in the second.

Edgar finished the game with a season-best 125 yards and two touchdowns.

The Wolf defense took control from there. Colorado City shut down the Lion offense over the final two quarters of play. Despite rolling up 361 total yards in the contest, the Lion offense was unable to score against the

C-City defense.

Albany's only points of the second half came early in the fourth when AHS defensive back Adam Faith intercepted a pass and returned it the distance for a score.

"We gave up a couple of big plays, but I'm not entirely disappointed with the way our team played," said Gainey. "They came out and played and held their own with a team that has played 30 games in the last two years. That (Albany) is a team that is going to win a lot more games this year."

Offensively, Colorado City proved it could move the ball against one of the state's top defensive units. The Wolves rolled up more than 160 total yards and collected 11 first downs.

Quarterback Markis Monroe paced the CHS offensive attack. He completed five of his 13 passing attempts for 59 yards. He also rushed for a team-leading 45 yards on 12 carries.

Bubba Williams and Eric Hernandez also turned in solid performance rushing the ball. Williams, in his first game since suffering a broken leg that ended his 2016 season early, rolled up 38 yards on nine attempts, including an 11-yard burst.

Hernandez rushed for 24 yards on three carries.

Colorado City will return to action on Friday when they travel to Crane for their next outing.



JUMPING A LION – Wolves quarterback Markis Monroe jumps over an Albany defender during Friday's game at Wolf Stadium. The Lions ended up beating the Wolves, 28-0.



SOLID RUSHING PERFORMANCE – Bubba Williams turned in a solid performance rushing the ball in the Wolves' loss to Albany. In his first game since suffering a broken leg in 2016, Williams carried the ball nine times for 38 yards.

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Crane had a sub-par 2016 season going 3-8 (1-3 district) and are returning six offensive and five defensive starters this season.

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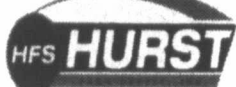
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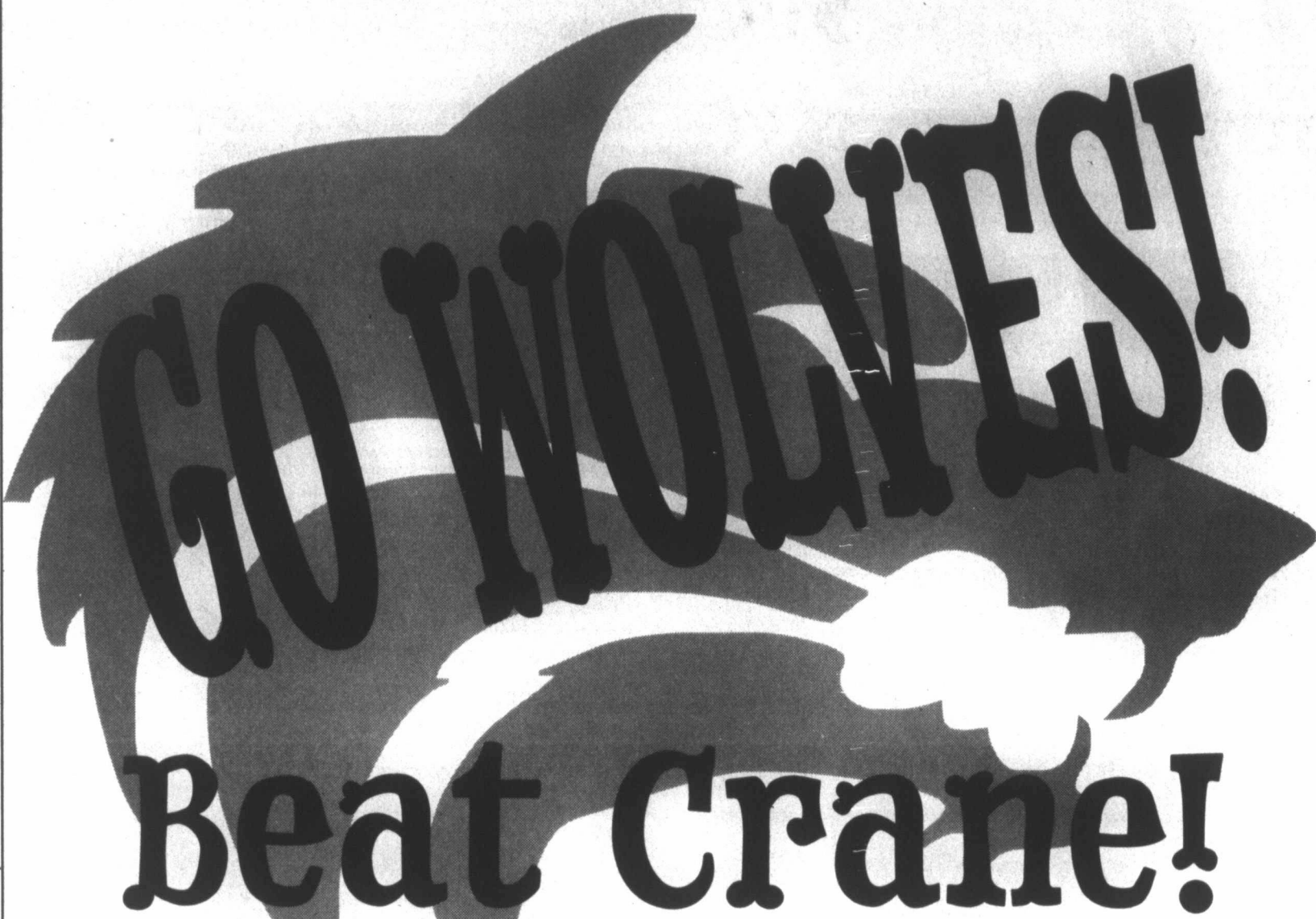
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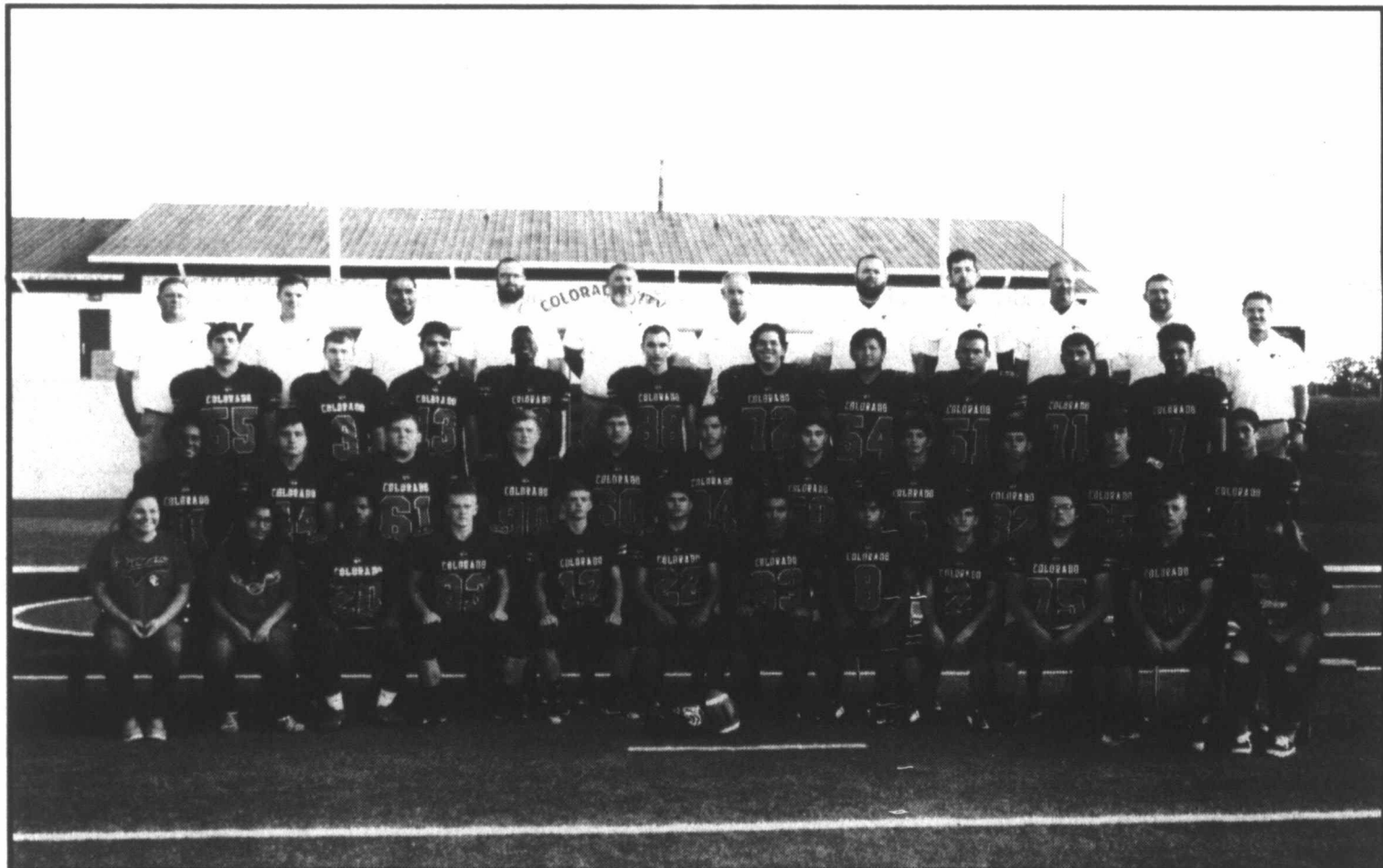
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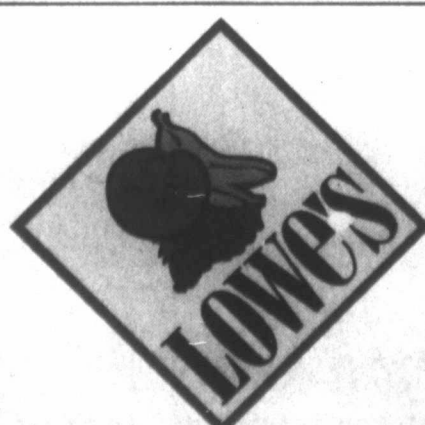
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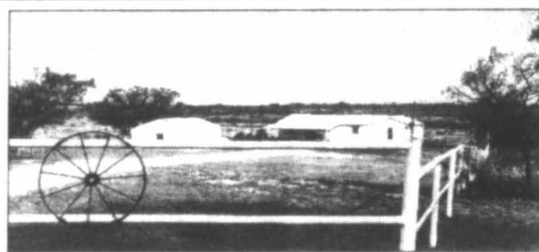
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SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS

Lady Wolves win over Wall in three quick sets

With the untimely deaths of several young members of the community recently, Coach Mitzi Bell said last week was an emotional one for the CHS volleyball teams. Regardless, they didn't let it show on the court.

On Saturday, the Colorado City Lady Wolves varsity volleyball team took on the #7 state-ranked Wall Lady Hawks and beat them in three quick sets, 25-14, 25-9 and 25-15. It was a big win for the #10 Lady Wolves.

"Having played and beaten both Post and Wall in tournament play, you always worry about being too confident, but we weren't," Coach Bell said. "We played them well and tough."

Taylor Epperson had the defensive plays down pat, as she had 13 kills, 4 blocks, and 3 digs. She also helped the Lady Wolves offensively with 3 aces. Her stellar performance garnered her a nomination for the Big Country Player of the Week by the *Abilene Reporter News*.

Clancy White also turned in an impressive defensive performance with 10 kills, 3 blocks and 3 digs. She also got 3 aces. Kaitlyn Kimball had 7 kills, 5 blocks, 3 digs, 1 ace and 1 assist in the match, and Jadyn Griffith had 1 ace and 15 digs. Sara Roach had 5 digs and 18 assists, and Kristina Parker got 1 kill and 5 blocks.

Deanna Wooddell had 6 digs in the match, Harlee Haag had 1

block and 1 dig, and Kaci Pharris got 1 kill, 2 blocks and 2 digs in the match. Alexa Garza had 11 assists and 1 dig, and Jalessa Williams had 2 blocks and 1 dig.

What does the future hold for the Lady Wolves?

"We're focusing on the things we can control, and that's the things on our side of the net. Our attitudes, our effort, our energy and our commutation, so long as we take care of those things we will be successful," Coach Bell said.

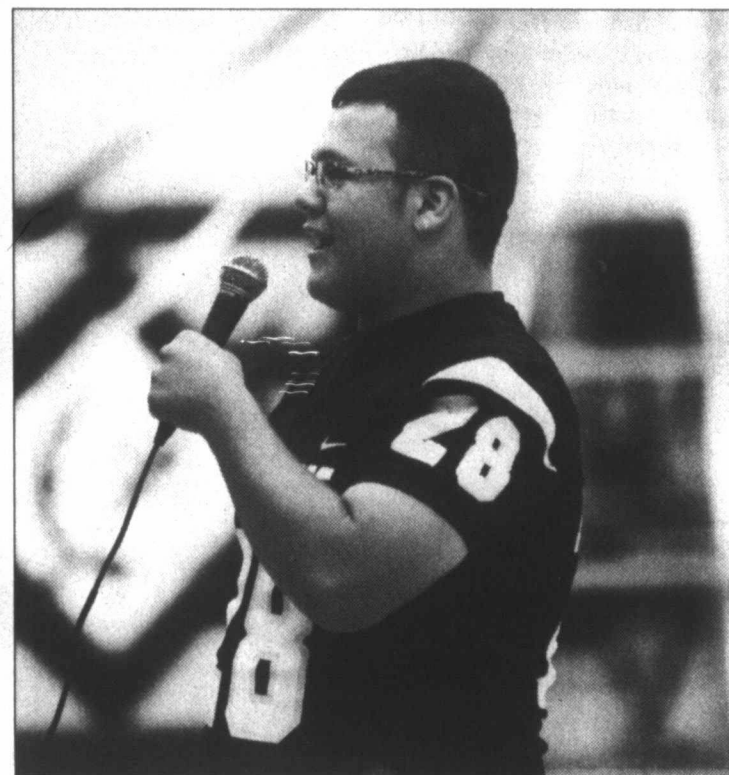
The girls were on the road Tuesday in Denver City. They will travel to Lamesa on Saturday to face the Lady Tors. Game time is 11 a.m.



READY FOR THE GAME! Loraine Cheerleaders (l-r) Chasity Diaz, Saeja Barlow, Samantha Stewart, and Alexis Lara led the Loraine Bulldogs out of the tunnel and on to victory of the season opener against Wellman Union. Alicia Reyes is not pictured. Photo courtesy of Jana Edmonds.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Students of the Week at Colorado Middle School are: (back row, l-r) Jason Blassingame, 4th grade; Lyla Ramon, 4th grade; Destiny Sosa, 8th grade; and Brett Blassingame, 8th grade. Photo courtesy of LeeAnn Roach.



FIRING UP THE CROWD – Gabriel Garcia fired up Bulldog fans during the pep rally last week, spurring Loraine to beat Wellman Union 50-14. Photo courtesy of Jana Edmonds.

CHS CHEERLEADERS

Members of the Colorado High Cheerleaders are: (l-r) Sera Stephens, Lexi Santana, Sabeida De Santiago, Sara Barreira, Sluefoot Ivy Green, Destiny Garza, Kaci Hudson, Nia Williams and Harlee Haag. The squad performed at Pigskin Preview impressing the crowd with their jumps and stunts.



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LOCAL NEWS



Karen Burt



Pam Walker

Burt, Walker art now on display at FirstBank & Trust

Each month, an artist from the West Texas Art Guild displays their artwork in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust where the public can come in to view and purchase the art. This month will be a little different, as two artists have come together to create one cooperative display.

Karen Burt and Pam Walker are the featured artists for September. Pieces by both artists make up the display in the lobby of the bank.

Burt started painting in the summer of 1973, and she's recently begun working with pastels. She said the new medium is something she is enjoying, as the techniques are new and challenging.

Walker said she started painting at the age of 15 and is self-taught. She learned many of her techniques from television artists, such as Charles Russell, Bob Ross and P. Salinas.

Both ladies work in the health-care industry. Burt works for Mitchell County Hospital District and Walker is a nurse at the Big Spring State Hospital. Both paint in their spare time, which is the perfect escape from their serious, important jobs.

Like many of the artists she admires, Walker favors landscape painting and she also creates a lot of floral pieces that lend well to her overall style. She paints mostly with acrylics, but she also dabbles in oils and has begun to get into photography.

Burt has had the opportunity to paint with renowned oil painting artists, Jo Adine Mayhugh of Muleshoe and Vivian Alson of South Dakota. Over the years, she has also been a part of the Canyon Lake Art Guild, as well as the West Texas Art Guild.

Always a creative crafter, Walker also crochets and makes Christmas ornaments. She's been teaching her grown daughters, Renee Wilson and Fallon Walker, some of her techniques as well.

Fallon is an artist in her own right, but she uses a little different medium than most. She has a graphic design degree from Angelo State University, and computer software is used to create her masterpieces.

Burt encourages anyone who is interested in learning to paint to try it. "You're never too young or too old," she said. "It's a great hobby!"



PINNING A NEW LION – Gordon Stevenson, new member of the Colorado City Lions Club, gets pinned by Past President Marianne Stevenson after being officially inducted into the club last week. Marianne also happens to be Gordon's sponsor and mom.

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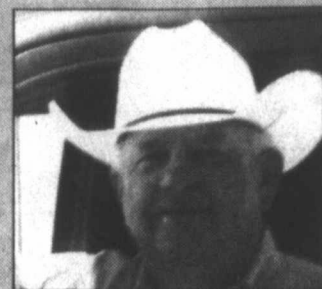
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