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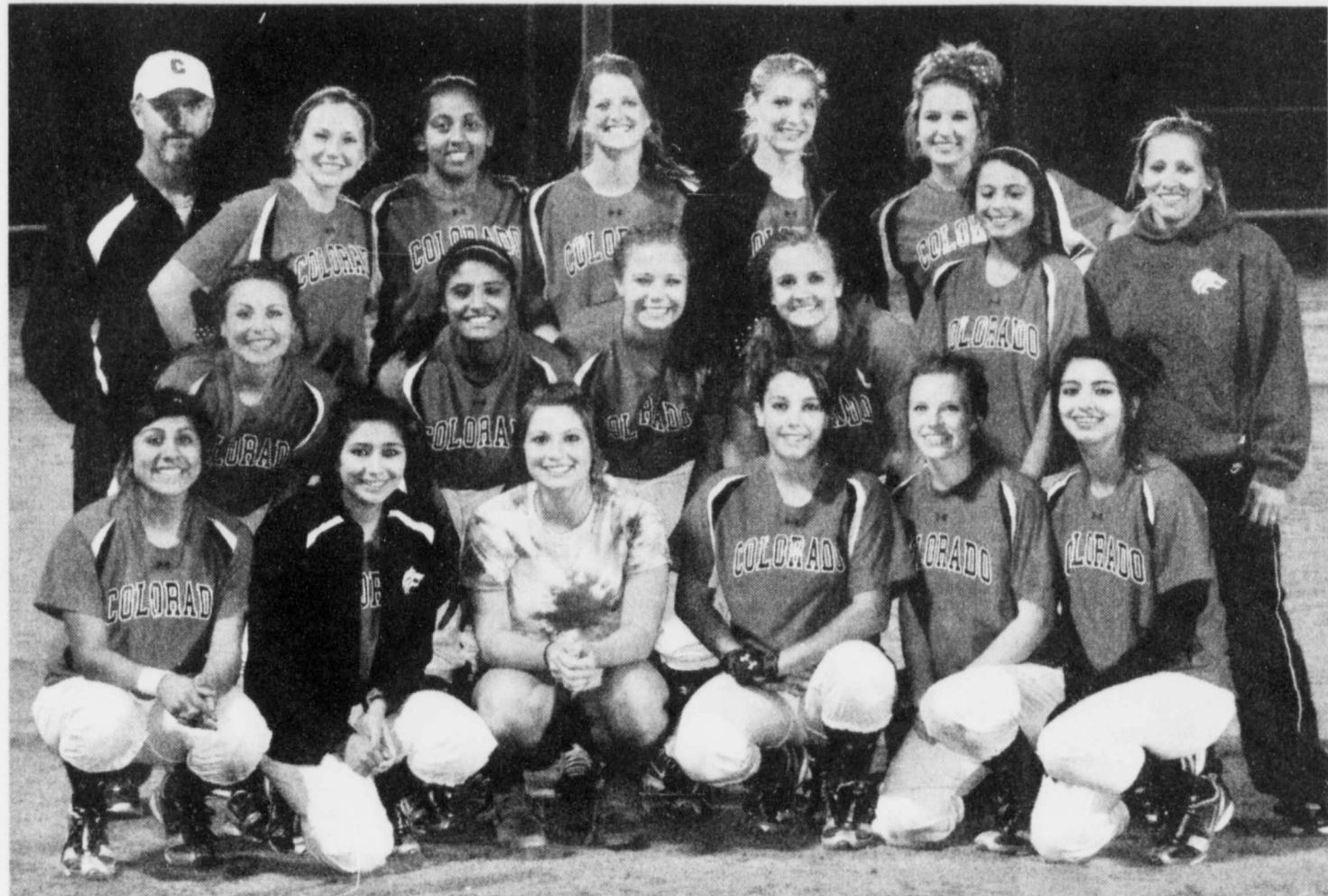
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Thursday, April 21, 2011

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BEAT COAHOMA TUESDAY, 9-5, SEE STORY PAGE 13



THE LADY WOLVES varsity softball team clinched a playoff spot, as well as the district championship, with a 15-0 win over Denver City Friday. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Coach Reggie Gardner, Jaci Wulfjen, Ava Macedo, Shyanna Baugh, Heather Merket, Huntlyr Messick, Coach Erin White; (middle row) Shylowe Honeycutt, Lexi Espinoza, Emily Hicks, Sydney Upshaw, Marissa Molina; (front row) Miranda Reyna, Olivia Ornelas, Dylan Billingsley, Amanda Arispe, Shelby Cogburn and Raegan Costabile.

Lady Wolves cinch district championship

The Lady Wolves are district champions! A 15-0 victory over Denver City last Friday at the Sports Complex clinched the district championship with 2 games remaining on their district schedule.

The Lady Wolves play Coahoma (there) Tuesday and end the season Friday in Post.

Play-offs begin the first week in May and the Lady Wolves have drawn a bye in the first round. They will probably play the runner-up in District 2 which might be Abernathy. That game should be played the first weekend in May.

Once again, senior hurler Emily Hicks had complete control of the game, giving up only 1 hit, striking out 7 with no walks, earning the shut out.

Hicks, Ava Macedo, Miranda Reyna, Jaci Wulfjen and Amanda Arispe all had 2 RBIs apiece while Reyna went 4 for 4 to lead the Lady Wolves offensively.

Reyna continues to be the leading hitter with a .582 season batting average. Arispe and Wulfjen lead their team defensively. Both boast a 97% fielding average.

Four Lady Wolves hold positions in the Top 5 of 2A Region 1 District 3 batting average leaders. Reyna and Wulfjen are joined on the list by Hicks and Alexia Espinoza. Taylor Glaze of Denver City is also on the Top 5 list.

Seniors on the team are Olivia Ornelas, Emily Hicks, Jaci Wulfjen, Amanda Arispe and Ava Macedo.

City approves budget over mayor's protest

The city council approved an ordinance to fix and adopt a budget for 2011-2012 Tuesday evening with one abstention by Mayor Carol Sue Dakan.

The new budget reflects a \$236,972 increase over the current year's \$3,008,310, which City Manager Pete Kampfer has based on projected water and sewer revenues for the coming year.

Dakan expressed concerns

over the increased budget in the event of shortfalls due to a falling economy and the impact of a continued lack of rainfall.

"I'm worried about the effect of lack of rain on the economy, the possible doubling of gas prices, the downturn of bond markets," she said, painting a dismal picture of Colorado City's future. "I see other cities delaying capital improvement."

The new budget set aside

\$226,000 in general fund capital improvements for 2011-2012, including a tub grinder that will increase the life of our landfill and much needed equipment for our street department along with \$50,000 for playground equipment at the park and \$25,000 for pool renovation. The last major improvements were 1990 for the playground and 1984 for the pool.

The majority of the capital im-

provements deal with short and long term water issues, with Utility Fund capital improvement requests of \$233,000.

"There are things a city has to do," Bob Brookshear said. "Things that have not been addressed or considered over the years. We've got to do something to bring our city into a financially stable condition. The problem is not long term thinking."

Dakan also advocated apply-

ing the proposed extra funds from the budget into retiring the city's \$8.5 million debt.

"I'm an impatient person," Dakan said. "I want it to go down more. I hate paying interest."

"We're operating on a philosophy to revitalize and make the city reasonable to reside in and bring in additional businesses," Kampfer said. "There's not enough margin or padding to re-

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Chamber to host forum

The Chamber of Commerce will host a question and answer political forum next Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

Candidates running for mayoral races in Colorado City and Loraine in the May 14 elections will be present, along with those running for three at large positions on the Loraine school board.

Two candidates running for District 2 city council position in Colorado City will also be part of the forum.

Each candidate will make a five minute platform presentation.

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Fire fighters coordinate to keep fire from spreading

A fire, which destroyed a home at the corner of 4th and Cedar April 16, is still under investigation.

Colorado City fire fighters had the blaze under control within an hour, but spent five hours at the site doing mop up and handling the little stuff, according to Tom Carlock, assistant fire chief.

Firefighters set up lines in the front door and pulled the gas and

electric leads.

"However, shortly after entering the house, we were pushed back out and the roof caved in," Carlock said.

"It was obvious we were not going to save the house, so our next concern was with the nearby structures," he said.

Firefighters were concerned about three nearby structures, as sparks from the original fire

managed to spread to the porch roof of one house and temporarily caught a nearby boat on fire.

"We seldom have to hook up two pumps, but we had to due to the close proximity of the houses, the high heat and the wind fueling the fires," Carlock said.

The fire department, assisted by Westbrook and several Lo-

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FIRE CHIEF RUFINO MARTINEZ directs efforts to keep flames from a house fire on 4th and Cedar from spreading to nearby homes last Saturday evening.

County takes first look at redistricting plans

Mitchell County met with representatives of Bickerstaff, Health, Delgado Acosta last week to review preliminary information on possible redistricting proposals for the county.

The 2010 census information will be used to shift district boundaries where necessary to maintain an equal population distribution within the county's

four precincts without minimizing minority voter influence.

While the county works to bring district population counts within the "10 percent rule", a method for limiting the amount of deviation from the ideal population count, several other factors must also be taken into consideration.

Beyond the "one person, one

vote" of population numbers, counties must consider voting age, race and ethnicity distribution.

"There are 164 different combinations," Sydney Falk, Jr., Bickerstaff's representative, told the commissioners. "The county has the burden of proof the proposed plan is neither on purpose (to discriminate) nor causes the

effect of discrimination. Plans must not dilute minority percentages in a precinct, while maintain no one race having a majority percentage."

Any plan the county creates must be pre-cleared by the Department of Justice.

The county must ensure there are no "retrogressions" inherent in the proposed redistrict-

ing plan, in which minorities are worse off in terms of voting power, while at the same time avoiding either fracturing or packing the voting power or concentration of minorities in one precinct.

Retrogressions - standard under new plan - are minority worse off in terms of voting power?"

See PLANS p. 16

Around Town

Happy birthday **Manuel Gonzales Jr.** (Apr. 25)... **Bethany Toombs** and **M'Leah Alexander** having fun at the rodeo... Happy birthday **Liz Cavitt** (Apr. 21)... Happy birthday **Kaci Griffith** (Apr. 24)... Good to see **Kerry Cain** back in town for a day.

Obituaries

Ronald Howell
Joan Watlington
William Conaway, Jr.
Petra Martinez
Vaughn Brown

Briefs

School Day
Students who attend Westbrook ISD will have school Friday, April 22nd, to make up for the bad weather day taken earlier this year.

Adams, Worrall Concert
The Heart of West Texas Museum will present Jay Boy Adams and Bill Worrall in concert at the Opera House on May 6.

Fish Fry
Colorado City's civic clubs will host a fish fry fundraiser and auction Apr. 30 at the Railroad Building beginning at 5 p.m. All proceeds go to the fire recovery unmet needs fund at City National Bank.

Political Forum
A political forum featuring mayoral and city council candidates will be held Thurs., Apr. 28 in the Civic Center. The public is invited to attend.

Easter Cantata
The First United Methodist Church will hold the annual Easter Cantata Sun., Apr. 24 at 10:50 a.m. This year's theme is *Our God Reigns: The Triumph and Glory of Easter*.

Thought of the Week

Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven.

Henry Ward Beecher

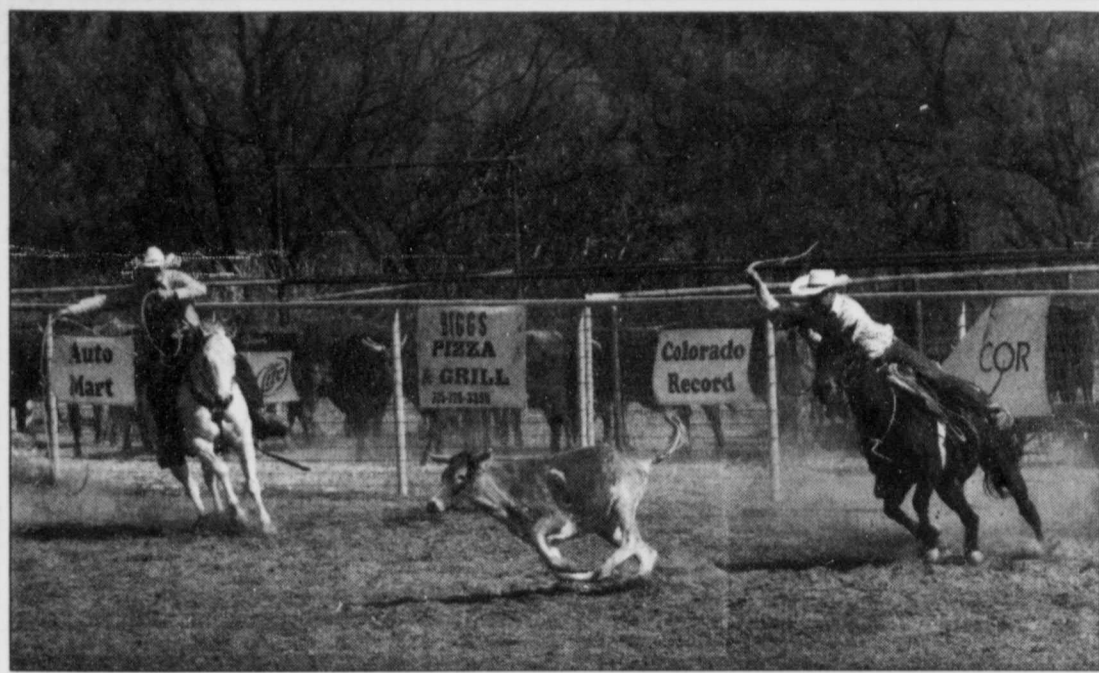
Lake Levels

(as of April 19, 2011)
Lake Colorado City...2056.18'
Full at 2070.3' Down 14.12'
Lake Champion...2045.26'
Full at 2083' Down 37.74'

Answerline

Q. What is the condition of Wolf Creek Golf Course?
A. The golf course is suffering drastically. The fairways are dry, but the greens will be in good shape soon. In order to have good fairways, rain is needed to supplement the watering.

LOCAL NEWS



WORK AND PLAY -- Purvis Ranch team members make rounding up a calf seem like child's play during the Ranch Rodeo on April 16.

Ranch rodeo ropes good time

Spectators got a glimpse into the everyday life of the cowhand during the Ranch Rodeo last Saturday.

Fifteen teams competed in bronc riding, team penning, team doctoring, wild cow milking and team branding, showing off the hard-won skills that are

vital to any cowboy and ranch hand in West Texas.

Arena records were set during the wild cow milking as Haystack set a blistering 27.33 second time early on. Chico Ranch came back to beat the time with a new arena record at 26.06 seconds.

Taking first place at the rodeo with the most points from the combined events was the Finck Cattle Company with team members Ky Finck, Derek Finck, Tyler Rice and Rodey Wilson.

Chico Ranch came in second place with members Jed Middleton, Colby Schneemann, Tyler Rice and Rodey Wilson.

Third place was awarded to the Haystack Ranch and team members Rodey Wilson, Jed Middleton, Clint Singleton and Colby Schneemann.

TP Livestock came in fourth thanks to the efforts of team members Tyrell Paul, Trey Paul, Ky Finck and Chris Hubbard.

Rodey Wilson was named the Top Hand of the rodeo and Waylon Davis won the bronc riding event.

The winner of the children's calf scramble was Sterling Frederick of Abilene, who won a pair of Wood's boots.

Chris Green won a belt buckle as the winner of the mutton busting.

Laney Wallace, the 2011 Miss Snake Charmer, sang the national anthem.

Flag bearers for the grand parade were Taly Messick and Mason Maddox.

Rodeo judges were Scott Henley and Larry Nachlinger.

Participating teams were Finck Cattle Company, Ky Finck, team captain, Derek Finck, Ky Finck, Tyler Rice, Rodey Wilson; Chico Ranch, Colby Schneemann, team captain, Jed Middleton, Tyler Rice, Rodey Wilson; Haystack Ranch, Jed Middleton, team captain, Colby Schneemann, Clint Singleton, See **RODEO** p. 16

OBITUARIES

Ronald Gene Howell

1931-2011

ARLINGTON -- Ronald Gene Howell, 79, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in Arlington.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington. Interment was performed at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington.

Ronald was born on June 30, 1931 in Colorado City to Buford B. Howell and Minnie Alice Vest Howell. He worked as a research chemist for Johnson and Johnson. Ronald was a member of Fielder Road Baptist Church. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Ronald is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Ann; and brother, Jerry Howell.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Kever Howell; sons, Ronald Gene Howell Jr. and wife, Brenda and Brian Howell and wife, Heather; daughter, Alice Browder and husband, Jim; step-children, Marsha Wolfe and husband, Dr. Paul Wolfe and Lisa Harry and husband, Dr. David Harry; seven grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to: AWARE Foundation, P.O. Box 152091, Arlington, TX 76015-9993.



William is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann Conaway of Westbrook; sons, Jeffrey Conaway and wife, Angela of Katy and Gregory Conaway and wife Debbie of Katy; grandchildren, Taylor Conaway, Kolby Conaway, Zachary Conaway, Morgan Conaway, William Conaway, all of Katy; sister, Lavon Hancock of Midland; and brother, Travis Conaway and wife, Jo of Westbrook; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

William was preceded in death by his parents and infant son, William Harlan Conaway.

Pallbearers were Todd Smith, John Beckmeyer, Taylor Beckmeyer, Clay Garner, Phillip Hancock and Jay Browne. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Browne, Warren Zant, and Jerry Hancock.

Family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Westbrook Church of Christ, 109 North Main Street, Westbrook, TX 79565.

Petra Martinez

1944-2011

ABILENE -- Petra De Hoyos Martinez, 66, passed away Sunday, April 17, 2011, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. A prayer service was held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, directed by Abilene Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martinez was born December 24, 1944, in Yorktown, Texas to the late Baltazar and Rosa De Hoyos. She and Jesse Martinez Sr. were married in 1963.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Martinez Sr. of Colorado City; two sons, Jesse Martinez Jr. and wife, Barbara of Abilene and Raymond Martinez and wife, Audy of Colorado City; a daughter, Cynthia Salazar and husband, Fred of Abilene; a brother, Jesus De Hoyos and wife, Eva of San Antonio; three sisters, Beatrice Ramon of Corpus Christi, Guadalupe Orocco and husband, Leandro of Cuero and Cruz Orocco and husband, Roy of Austin; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martinez was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry Martinez and J. Raymundo Martinez and a sister, Isabel Mejia.

Online condolences and guest book may be signed at www.abilenefuneral.com.



Joan Mann Watlington

1927-2011

COLORADO CITY -- Mrs. Joan Mann Watlington, age 84, passed away Saturday night, April 16, 2011, in a local hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Kerry Cain and Royce Clay officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Watlington was born April 14, 1927, in Colorado City and had been a lifelong resident. She married Raymond Watlington on November 23, 1944 in Colorado City. She was a homemaker and a member of the 22nd & Austin Sts. Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Watlington of Colorado City; two sons, Charles Ray, and wife, Ethel Watlington, of Arlington and Larry Don, and wife, Carolyn Watlington, of Colorado City; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Charlsa Gregory.



William Conaway Jr.

1934-2011

WESTBROOK -- William Dalton Conaway Jr., 76, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at Westbrook Church of Christ in Westbrook, Denny Wilson officiated services.

William was born October 12, 1934, in Westbrook, to Dalton and Nellie Conaway. William grew up and attended school in Westbrook. William married Margaret Ann on December 26, 1971 at the Church of Christ in Colorado City. He worked as a farmer and rancher in the Mitchell County area most of his life and worked for over ten years as a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. William was a member of the Westbrook Church of Christ and he also was a volunteer fireman for the Westbrook Fire Department. He served as a member of the Westbrook ISD School Board and Mitchell County Tax Board and also served in the National Guard. He was also a member of Westbrook Lions Club.



J. Vaughn Brown

1924-2011

COLORADO CITY -- J. Vaughn Brown, 86, passed away, Sunday, April 17, 2011 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 20, at Kiker-Seale Chapel, with Rev. Jerry Moore officiating.

Vaughn was born November 19, 1924, in Scranton to Ernest and Maggie Mae Brown. Vaughn married Carroll Ann Derangton on November 11, 1949 in Portales, New Mexico. Vaughn was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He lived in the Colorado City area most of his life. He loved fishing, long walks, reading the Bible and spending time with family and friends. He worked for Rockwell Lumber for 26 years as an assistant manager.

Survivors include his wife, Carroll Ann Brown of Colorado City; daughters, Donna Love and husband Joe of Midland, and Karen Brown of Midland; brother, John Brown and wife Margaret of Colorado City; sisters, Ona Mae Harris and husband Jim of Colorado City and Dorris Turner of Fort Worth; grandchild, Christopher Love and step-grandchildren, Breanna Brown and Mike Kinnett.

Vaughn was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Brown; his parents; sisters, Ernestine Moore, Jerlene Felts; brothers, Glen Brown, Roy Lee Brown, and Bill Brown.

Pallbearers were Chad Ritchey, Paul Barr, Allen Ray Loving, T.C. Love, Alton Raschke, Ray Ritchey, and Gerry Ritchey.

Legends return for concert

The Heart of West Texas Museum will present a reprisal concert by legendary artists Jay Boy Adams and Bill Worrell at the Opera House on Friday, May 6.

Tickets for the steak dinner and concert are \$40 and can be purchased at the museum, 340 East 3rd, 728-2072.

"Seating is limited, so call early," Amie Wood, community development director said.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 at the Heritage House, followed by the concert at the Opera House.

Adams and Worrell, both CHS graduates, have distinguished themselves in the music

and art worlds, but still consider Colorado City "home."

Worrell creates classic contemporary interpretation of primitive Indian art and holds gallery showings in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. He developed his pictograph styled art after a

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LOCAL NEWS

WWII memorial visit brings tears

The World War II Memorial in Washington, DC honors the 16 million who served in uniform, of whom over 400,000 gave their lives.

For veterans David Stubblefield and Shannon Covington who flew to Washington last week as part of the Honor Flight, it was almost like a homecoming as they toured the monument with other veterans.

"It was the greatest thing that ever happened to this old goat," Shannon Covington said. A mil-

itary salute to the Navy and local firefighters in Washington with water cannons as the veterans cross the Potomac made a great impression on Covington.

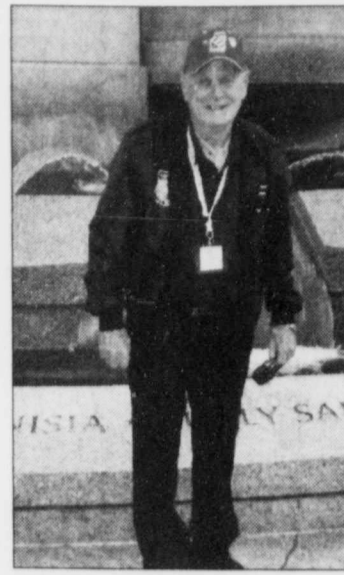
"It was a great trip," David Stubblefield said. "I was really impressed when we got to the memorial by the individual people who greeted us." Stubblefield, as did the other 200 veterans, received handshakes, commemorative coins, letters, and well wishes from Marines, ladies, children, sailors and other service men.

Known as the "war that changed the world," WWII was fought across six continents and on all the oceans.

Fifty million human beings lost their lives and hundreds of millions of others would be left wounded in mind and body.

The memorial, which intersects the reflecting pool that connects the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument, also honors the millions who supported the war on the home front.

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WWII VETERAN Shannon Covington stands in front of the names of North African towns where he was stationed during WWII.



CHS GRADUATES AND WWII veterans David Stubblefield and Roy Allen (from left) visit the WWII memorial in Washington DC.

Palace to show epic Easter movie

COLORADO CITY, TX - A free showing of the epic movie *The Ten Commandments* will take place the day before Easter in Colorado City. The movie will be shown at the 3M Palace Theater, on April 23rd (the day before Easter). Time of the showing is 1:15 p.m. The theater is located at 137 Walnut Street, in Colorado City.

Sponsor for the free movie is the Plainview Church of Christ of Colorado City. "This is our gift to our community," said Larry Fitzgerald, minister.

The Ten Commandments is an

American epic film that dramatized the story of Moses from the Bible. Released by Paramount Pictures in VistaVision, it was directed by Cecil B. DeMille and starred Charlton Heston in the lead role. Co-stars included Yul Brynner, Anne Baxter, Edward G. Robinson, Yvonne De Carlo, John Derek, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Vincent Price, and John Carradine.

This was the last film that DeMille directed. *The Ten Commandments* is a partial remake of DeMille's 1923 silent film. It has since been remade several times

for the big screen or television but most critics believe that this was the best theatrical version ever done. In 2008, *The Ten Commandments* made the American Film Institute's top ten American films of all time.

"This movie loses a lot by watching it on television" Fitzgerald said. "Besides the constant interruptions of commercials, the breath-taking visual appeal is lost on small screens. You just don't get that on television."

"Also," Fitzgerald added, "the television version is edited down to fit format and time restraints."

"The script writers had to make some assumptions to the biblical story," Fitzgerald said, "because the Bible doesn't always fill in such details. But each of the events is true to the story found in the book of Exodus. This is an opportunity for the whole family to see a well-made, entertaining, family-orientated movie."

The Ten Commandments is

a long movie (approximately 4 hours) with a break for intermission. Ticket admission to the theater is being provided by The Plainview Church. The theater will be selling refreshments. No proceeds will go to the church and no collections will be taken nor will any speeches be made.

For more information about the Plainview Church go to plainviewchurchtoday.com.

State plan shuffles districts

Mitchell County could lose a couple of neighbors in the district, but gain some new friends.

One redistricting plan proposal up for consideration in the Texas House of Representatives would move both Scurry and Coke Counties out of Drew Darby's District 72. The proposed plan would add four additional counties in an effort to equally balance voting population among Texas' 150 districts.

If the plan is approved by the

Texas House, Scurry County will join District 71, represented by Republican Susan King of Abilene. Coke County would be added to District 60, under Republican Jim Keffer of Eastland.

"The recently released 2010 census numbers show that my district needs to gain nearly 28,000 people to reach an optimum population of 167,000 residents, the number that all House districts will need to encompass if they are to meet the equal

representation requirements set forth by the Texas Constitution," Darby said.

The county shuffling in House Plan 113 would bring Darby's district up to 160,000.

"Of all the legislative districts in West Central Texas, House District 72 requires the largest population growth," Darby said. "It was no surprise to see House District 72 double in the number of counties it includes. However, See STATE p. 16

There are 2 new Texas laws to help victims of sexual assault:

- 1 You can get a sexual assault exam without involving the police.
- 2 You can break your rental lease if the assault occurred there.

For more information please visit:

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Community reaches out through fundraiser

In a show of community spirit, Mitchell County residents are pulling together to host a fire recovery fish fry and fundraiser at the Railhead Building on Saturday, April 30.

"Students and staff from Loraine, Westbrook and Colorado ISD are decorating the walls of the Railhead Building with posters honoring our first responders," Margo Connell said.

Sponsored jointly by local civic clubs, the fundraiser is designed to assist families recovering from

the devastation of February's wildfire, and at the same time demonstrate the heartfelt appreciation from the community for the efforts of those who worked to save lives and property.

The dinner begins at 5 p.m. and includes fish (or brisket), potato salad, French fries, hush-puppies, red beans, coleslaw, dessert and tea. Tickets can be purchased from any Lions, Kiwanis, or Rotary club member or from Western Bank in Loraine, City

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Adventures in eating out



Years ago my wife Susan and I collaborated on a column about what makes a good restaurant. We covered atmosphere, cleanliness, service, food and drink, silverware, tablecloths, glassware, china and seating arrangements. We also talked about the proper way to clear a table.

Susan is a fabulous, creative cook. We dine every night. We've been able to eat in some of the finest restaurants in the country and beyond. We usually don't frequent franchise places, choosing instead to go to a local café or restaurant to soak up the atmosphere and flavor. This year, speaking appearances have taken us from one end of the state to the other. We've had some interesting and fun dining experiences.

At one barbeque place in central Texas, we got food from the grill, walked in the door and along the counter to pick up some vegetables, slaw and potato salad. We were happily looking over the merchandise when the girl at the cash register rushed up and told us we were on the wrong side of the counter and should be on the opposite side. Yes, ma'am. We complied. Some barbeque places have more rules than others.

In another restaurant, we noticed the table where we sat had the number 26 on it in several places. We finished eating and were waiting for the bill. When it was apparent that it wasn't going to come, we asked a person cleaning up if she could get our waitress to bring a bill. She said, "We don't give bills. Just go to the cashier and ask for the bill for table 26. We did and sure enough, there was our bill in the stack with several others. I sometimes get the impression eating in local places that the waitstaff never thinks that the people they're serving might be from out of town.

Still another experience happened on our way home from the coast. We had a delicious lunch and again, no bill. We asked about that and were told to "just tell the lady at the cash register what you had."

Late one afternoon we were shopping and asked the owner of the store where would be a good place to get some seafood. He enthusiastically named a restaurant. His wife, a most accommodating woman, said reservations were required and if we wanted her to call and make them, she would. We said yes. We were told that famous people from all over the world had eaten there. It was legendary. We were filled with anticipation and looking forward to a good meal.

Well, I gotta tell ya. Some legendary places should be taken off the list. There was no menu, no wine and practically no service. Ninety percent of the food was fried. The waiter who finally showed up at our table and told us what was being served seemed impatient that we had questions like "Is the shrimp from the gulf?" He wasn't sure. When I asked him what the specialty of the place was, he said, "A lot of people order drum." I ordered it broiled and it came pan-fried. Susan ordered fried shrimp that came with French fries. They were cold. We drove 40 miles for that experience. Next time we'll consider a franchise meal. Please excuse the whine.

Letter to the Editor:

Just thought I would make a comment to those that live out at the lake and are still using lake water to water their grass. I have leased a house on the lake for the last four years and thoroughly enjoy our weekends and holidays at the lake.

I am just devastated to still see people watering their grass from what little water is left in the lake. If we do not get any rain soon, there will not be many people coming to enjoy boating, swimming or jet skiing this year, which also means a lot less revenue coming in to C.C. this summer.

There is water rationing all around the state, which means a lot of people will not have that lush, green yard this year. But, to those of you who still are sucking the lake dry, I hope you enjoy sitting on your green lawn, looking at the mud hole in front of you.

Donna Bates

Letter to the Editor:

Please don't mess with Texas, the state I love. I can find a trash bag, can't you too? When the wind blows, everything wraps around my beautiful roses. Thanks.

Wilma Gonzales

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter to publicly convey my appreciation and admiration of Mrs. Amie Wood. For those unaware of who this is, she is the amazing curator/director of our local museum here in Colorado City, the Heart of West Texas Museum. She has traveled all over the world, is very learned and more importantly, is a West Texas local who has decided to hang her hat and raise her family here in Mitchell County.

As a 27-year resident of Mitchell County, I visited our local museum when I was younger and I admit I had initially lumped it into the category of "boring museums."

Over the past few years, I have been honored with many visitors that have

made Colorado City and my house part of their journey. I am always trying to find new things that will amuse, entertain and inform them about the area. One day, I happened to be talking to a friend that suggested a short tour through our local museum, and I thought to myself, "Ugh no, not another boring museum!"

I decided to give it a chance and prepared myself to be bored. Ha! During our tour, quite to my surprise, I found myself waiting impatiently for the next exhibit to be explained. The very same exhibits I had seen before and been bored with.

Mrs. Wood has a way of telling the story behind each exhibit that makes it relate to you personally. For instance, did you know that evidence of the bison that roamed our area many years ago was recently found here in town? In town, under the Austin Street bridge by the creek, just up the road from the places I used to play as a child!

And were you aware that our local Spade Ranch has ties to the inventor of barbed wire? Or have you heard the story and seen the memorabilia of "80 John" Wallace? Sure many things in town have "Lone Wolf" in their title, but do you know why? Do you know the story behind Chief Lone Wolf or what in the world he has to do with our county?

But my favorite exhibit has to do with the Seven Wells south of town. You will just have to ask Amie to tell you the history behind that one, reading about it just isn't the same.

I, like most of you, have been to countless museums in many different places. While they all have something intriguing, never have I been so enthralled with a museum as I am with ours now. Perhaps because it is ours. Perhaps because I'm older and more appreciative of my area's history. However, I truly believe that I would not have enjoyed my tour or learned as much, if not for Mrs. Wood making it come alive in such vivid detail. She's made our county's history real

to me by loving it herself.

I strongly urge you to make an appointment to visit our local museum. Let Amie weave the story of our area's history for you, let her help bring it alive so that you can remember again, or hear it for the first time. If you are a visitor reading this, please come see what Mitchell County is all about!

Ava Ramirez

Letter to the Editor:

Wednesday, April 13, we spent the day in your community, as during the afternoon I was fortunate to be able to host a book signing in your library. Not only is your community lovely, you are most fortunate in having a library which encourages, not only book signings for would be famous authors, but also for children and people of all interests and capabilities.

We were most fortunate in meeting and getting a community tour of historic spots by Roland Graham, a virtual walking encyclopedia who is so knowledgeable about the town and county's history. He is a true blessing to the community.

We hope to return again in the not too distant future to visit the town as well as research about one of the county's more famous individuals, Richard C. Ware.

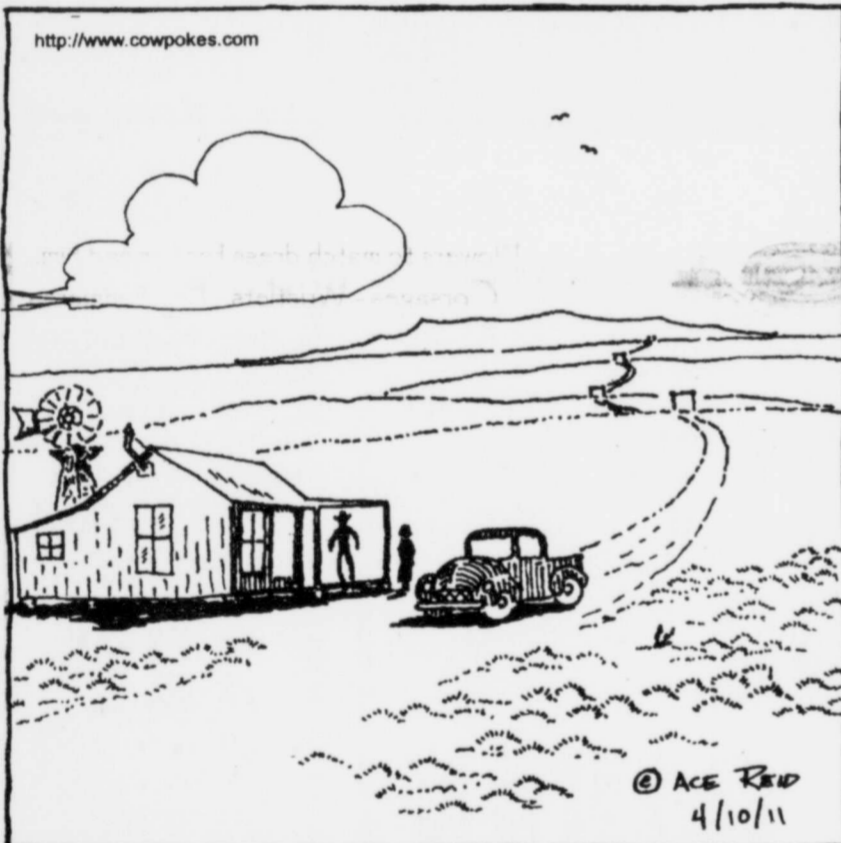
Sincerely,
Chuck Parsons
Luling, Texas

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POLICE REPORT

On April 3rd, a subject in the 100 block of Central stated that a person known to them took their cell phone charger and left with it. The case is under investigation.

On April 3rd, a 32-year-old female was arrested for violation of a protective order. When an officer arrived on scene in the 1300 block of Cypress, he observed a subject known to have a protective order for this address. She was placed into custody and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On April 5th, a 58-year-old female was arrested in the 500 block of 7th Street for an outstanding warrant for theft by check. An officer observed a subject known to have outstanding warrants. The officer initiated a traffic stop and placed the subject under arrest. She was transported to the MCSO.

On April 5th, an 18-year-old male was arrested in the 700 block of 7th Street for Class A assault. An officer was dispatched to an altercation on 7th Street. On arrival, the 18-year-old subject was found to have struck another subject. He was placed into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On April 5th, a 26-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of 2nd Street for outstanding warrants. In response to a call from a local business, officers found the subject to have warrants from two counties. He was placed into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On April 6th, a 27-year-old male was arrested in the 1100 block of Hickory for driving without a valid driver's license. During a routine traffic stop, it was found that the driver had no driver's license and multiple convictions for the same. The subject was placed into

custody and transported to the MCSO. On April 7th, a subject in the 200 block of Manuel stated to officers that a subject known to them had struck them multiple times. The case is under investigation.

On April 7th, a subject in the 900 block of Rusk advised an officer of fraudulent charges made on their bank card. The bank was advised of compromised accounts. The case is closed.

On April 9th, a 30-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of Cypress for criminal mischief and disorderly conduct - language. A subject stated that a person known to them had thrown a beer and a rock at their vehicle and would not refrain from yelling obscenities. The offending subject was placed into custody and transported to the MCSO.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Caleb Wesley Walker to Coit W. Walker, Coit Wesley Walker aka, Min & Roy Deed.

Raymond Limones, Victoria Limones to Jennifer Zuniga Ttee, Western Bank Loraine, Modification DT.

Thomas Charles Cross, to Charles Ausley, Warranty Deed.

Travis Watkins, Donnie Watkins to Charles Ausley, Warranty Deed.

Charles J. Katz Jr. to Shark Oil & Gas Company L.C., Deed.

Stephen A. Katz to Sara Oil Company L.C., Deed.

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Thomas Dean Jameson, Tom Jameson aka to Rebecca Suzanne Smith Ttee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS), LRS Financial Network Inc., HNB Mortgage dba, Deed of Trust.

Chad Clifford Burkhardt to Wendell Parkey, Jessica Parkey, Warranty Deed.

Wendell Parkey, Jessica Parkey to City National Bank - Colo City, Royce D. Clay Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Alice Inez Stewart to Jason William Stewart, Warranty Deed.

Jason William Stewart to West Texas State Bank - Snyder, Darryl Calley Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Mitchell County, Patrick Toombs Sheriff, Mitchell County Indiv/Ttee, Lone Wolf Groundwater District, Colorado ISD, City of Colorado City, Sheriff's Deed.

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Skinny's LLC, Michael Oster Vice President to Danny Oliver Ttee, Wells Fargo Bank NA, Deed of Trust.

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JX2 LLC, Joe Swan Member, Joel Swan Member to Mitchell Harris Ttee, AgTexas FLCA, Deed of Trust.

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First Bank & Trust Company, Tim White Exec VP to Joel Swan, Joe D. Swan, Release of Lien.

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Stacy Fontes Ind Administratrix, Eula D. Hantsche Estate to Stacy L. Fontes, Warranty Deed.

Bettye Wilkes Alexander Indiv & Ttee, Betty Wilkes Alexander Trust to Energen Resources Corp, Oil & Gas Lease.

Cody W. Hughes, Amy Jo Hughes to Lone Star FLCA - Sweetwater, Corr Agreement.

Donnie Wilson to Raygan D. Andrews, Gift Deed.

Albert DeLoera, Terry Allison, Claudia Allison to First National Acceptance Company, Transfer of Li.

City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay to Grady Morris Sloan, Marilyn Joyce Sloan, Release of Lien.

MARRIAGES

Philip Anthony Doty to Joni Michelle Bivins, 4-11-11.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Christopher Ritchey, 4-12-11, Driving While Intoxicated.

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Angie Marianne Craft, 4-12-11, Driving While Lic Invalid w/Prev Conviction.

ARRESTS

Damacio Rodriguez, 60, CCPD, Asslt Causes Bodily Inj, 4-11-11.

Jennifer Facio, 22, MCSO, Poss CS PGI 1>=400, 4-12-11.

Mark Anthony Trujillo, 21, THP, MTR Ector Co., 4-12-11.

Robert Cortez, 23, MCSO, Poss CS PGI >400g, 4-12-11.

John Berry Jackson Jr., 37, CCPD, Violate Prot Order, 4-13-11.

Betty Ann Clark, 43, MCSO, MTR final, 4-13-11.

Johnny Farley, 48, CCPD, Denton Co. Wrt MTR, 4-14-11.

Jacob Rizo, 17, CCPD, Sexual Assault of Child, 4-14-11.

Guadalupe Rodriguez, 45, THP, MTR - Fisher Co., IBCx3 - Scurry Co., 4-15-11.

Susan Hernandez, 48, CCPD, PI, 4-15-11.

Florencio Burciago-Guerra, 25, CCPD, Evade Arrest/DT w/Veh, 4-17-11.



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LOCAL NEWS



WINNERS OF THE grand prizes at Gas 'n' Grub's 30th anniversary celebration Saturday were Cody Tolle, who won an 18.5" Sanyo flatscreen TV and Kay Shields, winner of a Weber gas barbecue grill. Not pictured was David Myers who won a \$50 gas card.

Gas n Grub celebrates 30th

Owner David Stubblefield and employees celebrated Gas 'n' Grub's 30th anniversary by giving away lots of barbecue meals and lots of prizes on Saturday. Complimentary barbecue sandwiches were served to 1020 people during the celebration.

Cody Tolle won an 18.5" flatscreen Sanyo TV and Kay Shields was the winner of a Weber gas barbecue grill. David Myers won a \$50 gas card.

Mugs were given to Michelle

Salazar, Joe Lopez, Ashley Comstock, Phil Anderson, Javier Ventura, Rayline Brown, Leola Anderson, Ricky Salazar, Bella Herrera, Robie Free, Urbane Hernandez, Nancy Holguin, Minnie Gomez, Harry Dockrey, Same Herrera, Casey Boyd, Bal Preciado, Marie Jackson, Arlye Morton, Becky Rich, Levi Fouzht, Melanie Martin, Doug Chitsey, Robin Cooper, Johnathan Vanderpool, Jimmy Carter, Dalton Maddox, and Richard

Fuentes.

Winners of gift certificates were Debbie Rivera, Hank Millering, Steve Elder, Kiki Reeves, Innocente Delgado, Guy Vanderpool, Pat Hudgins, Leona Browne, Don Comstock, Rudy Castillo, Doug Rogers, Becky Ornelas, Lydia Sanchez, Monte Wike, Angel Preciado, Olga Perales, Gloria Davila, Anita Martinez, Ashley Wilkings, Barbara Johnson, Donnie Guelker, Teresa Castillo and Jaime Loya.

Christmas in Action needs you

Christmas in Action completed 34 emergency repair projects in 2010, ranging from cleaning back yards to plumbing an entire home.

The community service organization has been working to benefit homeowners for the past 19 years.

"Two years ago, the CIA Board of Directors discovered that many homeowners are faced with emergency repairs they cannot afford and the needs could not wait until April to be met," Jan Lemons, vice-president, said.

BUDGET

"The council following an evaluation review.

"The question is whether he is worth what he's being paid," Brookshear asked Dakan, who refused to answer.

"Our bank balance shows \$500,000 more than when he came," Hiser said. "If it costs the city \$8,000 more (the amount of a 5% increase) to make \$500,000 I'll make that decision every day."

The adopted budget will not raise property taxes. The tax rate will remain fixed at the current rate.

"This is a conservative projection," Kampfer told the council.

By utilizing a balanced budget, the city can make course corrections at mid-year and pull back on expenditures if revenues aren't as high as anticipated.

"Last year we went up 50% on sewer rates which will carry forward, enabling the city to project increases in revenues," Kampfer said.

"Water lines, sewer lines, leaking roofs and wheelchair accessibility are just a few of the pressing needs we see every month."

Because of the immediacy of the needs, the board decided to meet the smaller, emergency needs throughout the year instead of a one-day blitz.

"It's not the 'extreme home makeover', but we are able to touch more citizens in a variety of ways," Lemons said.

Projects completed by CIA volunteers and sponsors include hot water heater installation,

checking gas lines, laying gas, butane and sewer lines, filling butane tanks, installation of bathroom lavatory, and kitchen sink, repairing broken pipes, cleaning sewer lines, replacing windows, flooded flooring, front or back doors, and kitchen flooring; adding safety bars and wheelchair ramps; installation of dry wall, sheet rock and baseboards; whitening windows and doors; roof repair, electrical work, and painting.

Anyone interested in donating time or money, should contact Jan Lemons 728-3678 or 242-0075.

For homeowners in need of emergency repairs, please drop by the Chamber of Commerce 157 W. Second and fill out an application.

FORUM

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tion before answering questions submitted in writing.

No questions will be taken from the floor.

Candidates running for mayor in Colorado City are incumbent Carol Sue Dakan and challenger Bobbie Banks.

In Loraine, the mayoral candidates are incumbent Richard Alvarez and challenger Lydia Hale.

Both incumbent Sue Mason and challenger Bob McNeal are running for District 2 city council position in Colorado City.

School board candidates for Loraine ISD are Ron Gibson, Don Boyd, Frank Sanchez and Joe Gilbert Lujan.

Pet care, safety begins at home

As the weather warms, more people are spending time outdoors with their pets ... which has led several citizens to report dogs running at large after hours.

The Colorado City Police Department and Colorado City Animal Control Officer Donna Overton wants all dog owners to be advised that letting a dog run at large violates city ordinance -- no matter the time of day.

According to Chapter 2, Section 6 of the city code, "Every person who owns, keeps, or is in control of a dog shall restrain the dog at all times. No dog of fierce, dangerous, and/or vicious propensities shall be allowed upon any street, avenue, highway, alley, sidewalk, parkway, park or other public place in the City of Colorado City. The animal shall be confined within a building or a secured enclosure and not taken out of such building or secure enclosure unless such animal is securely muzzled and under the control of the owner or any other person by either leash, cord, chain or otherwise."

Overton said it is also very important all pets have current rabies vaccinations. Tags issued by a licensed veterinarian should always be accompanied by a certificate when rabies vaccinations are given.

Chapter 2 of the City Ordinances states, "If the dog or cat is four months old or older and not wearing a collar with valid rabies and license tags attached, the owner must present a certificate showing that the dog or cat has been vaccinated and licensed within the immediate preceding 12 calendar months."

It is also highly important for pets to be registered with city tags, to enable the animal control officer to return loose or lost animals to their owners instead of taking them to the Snyder

animal shelter.

City tags are \$10 or \$5 for renewal tags and \$8 for spayed or neutered animals and can be obtained through any dispatcher at the Colorado City Police Department.

Animal control is a service provided to the residents of Colorado City and is available to help residents with all kinds of animal problems. Anyone needing assistance from animal control should contact the Colorado City Police Department at 728-5294.

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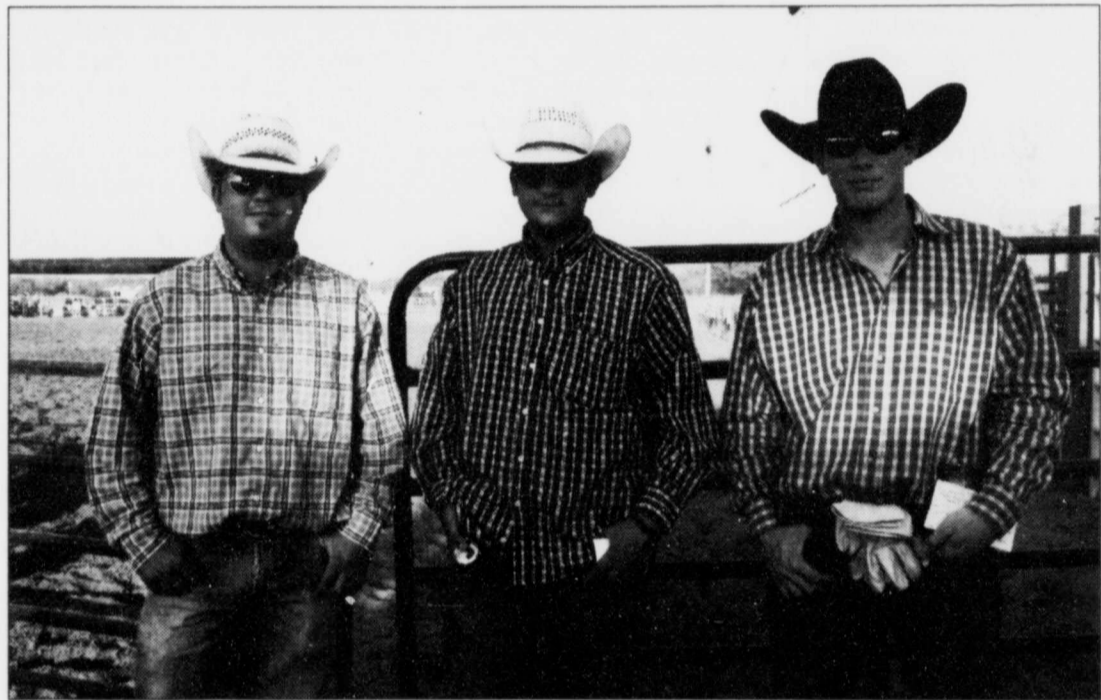
FIRST PLACE IN Ranch Rodeo in overall points went to the Finck Cattle Company with team members (from left) Rodey Wilson, Ky Finck, Derek Finch and Tyler Rice. Amanda Jo Ritchey presented the team with a cash prize and belt buckles.



TAKING SECOND PLACE in overall points at the Ranch Rodeo, held April 16 at the Mitchell County arena grounds were members of the Chico Ranch team (from left) Rodey Wilson, Jed Middleton, Colby Schneemann and Tyler Rice.



THIRD PLACE BUCKLES were awarded to the Haystack Ranch team (from left) Rodey Wilson, Jed Middleton, Colby Schneemann and (not pictured) Clint Singleton.



FOURTH PLACE BUCKLES were awarded to the TP Livestock team (from left) Tyrell Paul, Tray Paul, Ky Finck and Kris Hubbard (not pictured) at the Ranch Rodeo, April 16 at the Mitchell County arena grounds.



JOSE CARLOS (left) enjoys a grape during the Ranch Rodeo, while Sarah Stone (right) demonstrates riding side saddle during the mutton busting event.



IN HOT PURSUIT, members of the O'Brian Cattle Company, Jody O'Brian, Justin Smith, Tray Paul and Tyrell Paul show off their roping skills during the team doctoring event at the Ranch Rodeo.



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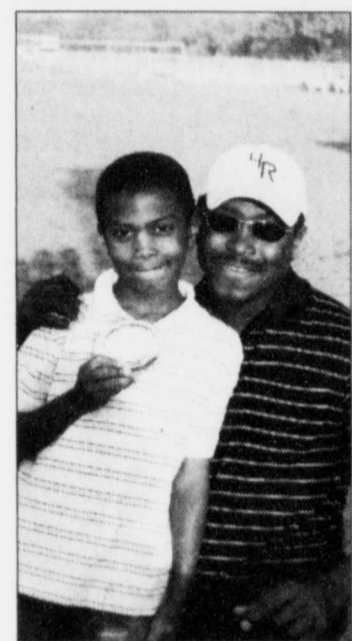
Ranch Rodeo



RIDE 'EM COWBOY – Wayland Davis (left) receives a belt buckle from Chamber of Commerce director Amanda Jo Ritchey. Davis won the Open Ranch bronc riding event, with a time of 73 seconds.



MAKE A HAND – Rodey Wilson (right) receives the Top Hand Award from Brodie Harris at the Ranch Rodeo last Saturday.



MUTTON BUSTING WINNER – Chris Green, pictured with dad, Chris Green, won a belt buckle for having the longest ride on a woolly sheep during the Ranch Rodeo's mutton busting event last Saturday.



CALF SCRAMBLE WINNER Sterling Frederick of Abilene won a pair of Wood's boots for being the first to snatch the ribbon off a speedy calf.



TEXAS HOLD 'EM -- Haystack Ranch cowboys Jed Middleton, Colby Schneemann, Clint Singleton and Rodey Wilson prove milking a wild cow is a matter of knowing when to hold 'em.

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SOCIETY

Children's art show brings out the best young artists

The West Texas Art Guild is proud to announce the results of the 2011 Children's Art Show.

Best of Show: Jaci Smith
Age Division 3-5: Braylee Stone, 1st; Josephine Helm, 2nd; Evelyn Helm, 3rd; Ansen Hiser, honorable mention

Age Division 6-8: Katherine Helm, 1st; Brooklee Stone, 2nd; Morgan Martinez, 3rd; Tori Smith, Isabel Helm and Josiah Silva, honorable mention

Age Division 9-11: Clancy White, 1st; Lexi Haag, 2nd; Tay-

lor Steckert, 3rd; Jadyn Griffith and Anessa Hulme, honorable mention

Age Division 12-14: Oliver Sosa, 1st; Erica David, 2nd; Clara Morris, Monica Hart, Maachen McVey, 3rd; Brandy Clark, Cloe Garrett, Zachery Potter, Anna Rodriquez, Andrew Burrola, Selena Ybarra and Dillon Gainey, honorable mention

Age Division 15-18: Whitney Ortiz, 1st; Marisela Hernandez and Yaritza Roman, 2nd; Nathandle Williams and Emma Coon-

rod, 3rd; Kirstie Taylor and J.C. Johnson, honorable mention

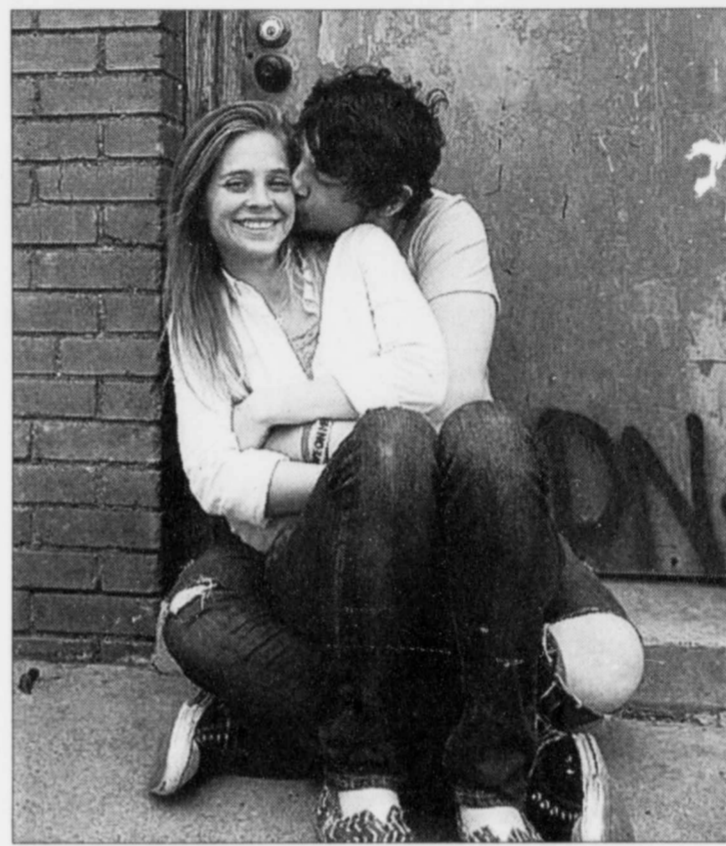
Other children displaying their works of art were: Kash Wood, Skylar Juarez, Aslin Alvarez, Carrie Chaney, Krysa Boyce, Tommy James, Darian Espinoza, Hazel Gonzalez, Bianca Palmer, Chloe Chappell, Magaly Valenzuela, Aaron Free, Link Andrews, Jake Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Samara Miller, Tye Erwin, Kim Clark, Caitlyn Salazar, Hunter Gonzales, Romie Gonzales, Jeremiah Williams, Elizabeth Wilburn, David Sanchez, Michelle Vining, Joshua Salazar, Albert Campos, Casey Hammond, Josh Rees and Juan Reyes.

Others also displaying art are: Brandon Gonzales, Jeffrey Delapaz, Justin Leach, Vanessa Lemus, Donndrick Jones, Patrick Tillis, Jeremiah Salazar, Selena Barnett, Brandon Molina, Zack Fallin, Alex Trujillo, Bethany Sosa, Zackary Potter, Ashley Gonzales, Jessica David, Nina Calhoun, Tyler Wood, Trinnon Jackson, Veronica Lopez, Robert Adkins, Cody Tolle, Adrienne Gonzales, Cason Smith, Jadrian Dominguez, Chris Martinez, Eddie Clark, Jacqueline Mendoza, Don Herrera, Jessica Nichols, Draven Valverde, Brandon McFall, Jacob Ludwig, Omar Perez, Allison Burrola, Adolpho Martinez, Wesley Jordan, Gladis Ventura, Adrian Ausbie, A.J. Coronado and Ricky Roman.

The 106 art entries are on display in the Mitchell County Public Library and will remain there through the month of April. The public is encouraged to visit the library and view the wonderfully colorful show created by the young artists in Mitchell County.



ENTRIES IN THE Children's Art Show, enjoyed here by Nikki Chaney, are on display in the Mitchell County Public Library through the month of April. Photo courtesy of Linda Mathis.



Tamara Lelek and Kaleb Willey



BEST OF SHOW winner Jaci Smith is show here with her painting. Her artwork can be seen at the library throughout the month of April. Photo courtesy of Linda Mathis.

Engagement announced State Park to host bagpipe group

Tim and Barbie Lelek of Colorado City are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tamara to Kaleb Willey, son of Cecil and Kyla Willey of Big Spring. They will begin this new chapter in their lives on June 18th, 2011.

They are both 2009 graduates. Tamara from Colorado City and Kaleb from Forsan. They are both attending Arlington Baptist College in Arlington.

Tamara is pursuing a degree in Biblical Counseling and works at Metroplex Counseling while Kaleb is working toward a degree in Music or Youth Ministry and works at Pawl's Pets. They are both very active in their church where they help minister to the youth.

They plan to honeymoon in Seattle, Washington. They will make their home in Grand Prairie.

Employees of Lake Colorado City State Park will bring some interesting entertainment to Mitchell County in May.

On Saturday, May 7 two bagpipe groups will come to the state park to perform under the group pavilion. From 2 to 3 p.m., the Abilene Pipers and Thorn and Thistle from Midland will entertain those present with their musical talent.

Cost is \$2 per adult and admission is free for children 12 and under.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and experience the musical talents of these groups.

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This event is held in conjunction with the Senior Citizen Center's May Day fundraiser.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hotel, motel monies distributed by city

Networking will be the operative word for distribution of the city's hotel/motel tax funds.

The city council made slight changes to the way the funds are distributed in order to maximize efficiency in marketing and advertising strategies.

"The emphasis is getting people together that we can collaborate with," Pete Kampfer said.

Collaboration means using matching funds as groups and organizations work with the Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism in Colorado City.

"It multiplies the tax dollar for the community," Kampfer said. "All the figures are up and we're going forward planning the use of our tax dollars better."

Approximately, \$52,750 in hotel/motel tax dollars will be disbursed to the following groups:

Boer Goat Cook off -- \$1,000

with an additional \$1,000 for working through the Chamber

CC Riders -- \$2,000 with an additional \$2,000 for working through the Chamber

Chamber of Commerce -- \$15,000

Chamber manager salary -- \$15,000

Heart of West Texas Museum -- \$2,000

Mitchell County Reunion -- \$500

Main Street -- \$15,000

Mitchell County 4-H -- \$500, with an additional \$500 for working through the Chamber

Mitchell County Foundation -- \$250

Opera House -- \$1,500



THIS 8-POUND, 25-inch yellow catfish was caught at Lake Champion by Martha Santana on April 10th. Photo courtesy of Juan Santana.

Livestock Association to elect officers

If you've been interested in getting involved with the livestock show, here's your chance.

The Mitchell County Junior Livestock Show Association will hold its annual election of officer during a meeting Tuesday, April 26 at the C.C. Thompson Room.

Association president Brodie Harris mentioned that major changes in the stock show will be discussed during the meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Meeting time is 7 p.m.

Classifieds work!
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Bullying

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

A culture of silence often surrounds bullying. If you suspect your child is a victim of bullying, you should intervene immediately. After talking with your child, talk to the school staff. There are several techniques staff can implement to help the situation:

1. Intervention even if they're not sure it's bullying by observing children's actions, words and body language.
2. School staff can stand between or near the victim and the bully, separating them if necessary.
3. Teachers must respond firmly but appropriately.
4. Get help if needed.
5. Do not respond aggressively.
6. Avoid lecturing the bully in front of his or her peers.
7. Don't impose immediate consequences.
8. Don't ask children to "work things out" themselves.
9. Give praise and show appreciation to helpful bystanders.
10. Stick around the area until you are sure the behavior has stopped.

This message brought to you by

Mitchell County Child Welfare Board

PUBLIC HEARING HOUSING STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING MAY 19, 2011; 6:00 P.M. COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER 157 W. 2ND STREET, COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The Housing Standards Commission for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on May 19, 2011. At such hearing the City Commission shall consider the necessity of requiring repair/demolition of the following substandard structures:

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| 1. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Timothy Wyatt Beights
820 Locust (shed only)
All Lt 9 N/2 Lt 8, Blk 91, OT |
| 2. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Donal Bell
833 Austin
Lt 2 JW Watson Subdivision of Lot 2 Blk 105 OT |
| 3. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Asencion Bonilla
2045 Fig
Lts 5&6, Blk 15 La Union |
| 4. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Mrs. Oscar Campbell
2006 Hidalgo
La Union City; Blk 13, Lots 1-3 |
| 5. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Lucas Campos Estate
545 14 th Street
OT City; Blk 173, Lot 4 |
| 6. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Mary Lou Cantu
1746 Plum
Lts 1-4; Blk 1; La Union |
| 7. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Unknown Owner (church)
Principial and Mulberry
AH No. 1 City; Blk 1 Lot 12 |
| 8. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Bayview Loan Servicing LLC
928 Waco (Andrea Garden Apts.)
Section 40, Block 26 T&P |
| 9. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Mt Olive Baptist Church
400 Principial
AH No 1 City; Blk 2 Lot 1-2 |
| 10. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Franciso Molina
720 Hidalgo
La Union; Blk 14, Lots 1-3 W/2 |
| 11. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Mrs. T. M. Molina
814 Hidalgo (shed only)
La Union City Blk 15, Lot 12 |
| 12. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Jovita Ortiz
1737 Mulberry
Lts 3-4 Blk 4 La Union |
| 13. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Gregoria Rivera
1941 Plum (shed only)
Lts 5-6, Blk 9 La Union |
| 14. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Kimberly Dawn Roquemore
1105 Cherry
Lot 4, Blk 129, Brown Ext of OT |
| 15. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Linda Beth Wallace
933 Hickory
Lots 2&3, Ashby Sub. Lot 2 N16'E140' Lot 4 Blk 99,
Brown Ext of OT |
| 16. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Valentin Quintana
2134 Chestnut
HC No. 2 City; Blk 13; Lot 15 |
| 17. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Edwin Lee William Estate
419 E 9 th
83' off E/part of Lt 3, Blk 99, OT |
| 18. | Remains of Residence
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Legal Description | Winson Smith
247 Sherman
DSM City; Blk 20, E 150 Lot 2 |
| 19. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Craig Helm
1144 Westpoint
DSM City; Blk 3 E/2 Lots 9-12 |
| 20. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Nicolasa Barber
424 E 13 th
OT City; Blk 165, W/2 Lots 4-6 |
| 21. | Remains of Residence
Location
Legal Description | Roy Judson, Jr.
205 E 5 th
All Lot 12; N/2 Lot 11; Blk 16, OT |

PLEASE NOTE:

Unless other persons having legal interest in the structure or property on which the structure is located make their identity, mailing address, and interest known to the City Code Enforcement Office at or before the Public Hearing, then such persons shall not receive notice of the Commission's order concerning the structure, if any, and furthermore, shall waive any right to any additional time to comply with my Commission order in the event an owner fails to comply.

Interested parties are encourage to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion. The recommendation of the Housing Standards Commission will then be placed on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Property Owners have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary
City of Colorado City

SCHOOL NEWS

WCTSSA will destroy school special education records May 1

The West Central Texas Shared Service Arrangement (SSA) is giving notice to the public that Special Education records of students with disabilities, who graduated or were dismissed from Special Education in the year 2003 will be destroyed as of May 1, 2010. This notice includes the records of students with disabilities who attended the following school districts: Blackwell CISD, Colorado ISD, Hermleigh ISD, Highland ISD, Ira ISD, Loraine ISD, Roscoe ISD, Sweetwater ISD and Westbrook ISD.

An adult student or parent who would like to claim his or her 2003 special education records prior to being destroyed must notify the WCTSSA office in writing by April 29, 2011.

Request for records of the year 2003 may be addressed to: Scarlett Whitteker, WCTSSA, 207 Musgrove, Sweetwater, TX 79556.

Please include the child's name, date of birth, your address and phone number. Additional information may be obtained by calling the SSA office at 325-235-8621.

After May 1, 2011 if the SSA has not been contacted by you, the 2003 records will be destroyed under their guidelines.



Colorado City DQ Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Lots of eggs, fun, treats and prizes for kids 10 & under.

Bring your basket and have a seat at DQ & watch the fun.

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STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Tori Smith, Sara Barrera and Anthony Gutierrez. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Students of the week named

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Tori Smith, Sara Barrera and Anthony Gutierrez.

Tori, daughter of Diane and Scott Calcote, is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Geiger's class. Art is her hobby, and science is her favorite thing at Hutchinson.

thing at Hutchinson is the AR trips.

Sara, a 4th grader in Mrs. Johns' class, is the daughter of Bruce Barrera and Ellena Franco. Her hobby is drawing, and reading is her favorite subject. P.E. is her favorite thing at Hutchinson.

Anthony, son of Elisha Gutierrez and Jessie Gutierrez, is a 5th grader in Mrs. Stone's class. He enjoys playing sports and playing at his grandma's house, and math is his favorite subject. He says reading is his favorite thing about his school.

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Apr. 25-29

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

Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday - cheese toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday - yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch Menu Apr. 25-29

Monday - grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday - shepherd's pie, cream peas, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk.

Wednesday - beanie weenies, golden corn, biscuit, banana, milk.

Thursday - tacos, tossed salad, refried beans, peaches, milk.

Friday - hamburger on a bun, French fries, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Apr. 25-29

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

Tuesday - cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

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

Friday - French toast, powdered sugar, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Apr. 25-29

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

Tuesday - chicken tetrazzini (Hutch), spaghetti with meat sauce (Kelley), golden corn, garlic toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - pot pie, mashed potatoes, hot roll, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - soft tacos, spicy pinto, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - wolf burger, fries, lettuce cup, apple crisp, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Apr. 25-29

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

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, egg & cheese taco, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

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

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Apr. 25-29

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

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

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

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Apr. 25-29

Monday - chili cheese dog, tots, baked beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - chicken tetrazzini, golden corn, garlic toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - pizzazz on a bun, potato casserole, black-eyed pea salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, refried beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - cheese pizza, fries, veggies, dip, peach cobbler, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Apr. 25-29

Monday - pancakes, syrup, cereal, juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage, biscuit, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday - breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

Thursday - breakfast burrito, cereal, juice, milk.

Friday - egg & cheese sandwich, cereal, juice, milk.

Monday - pancakes, syrup, cereal, juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage, biscuit, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday - breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

Thursday - breakfast burrito, cereal, juice, milk.

Friday - egg & cheese sandwich, cereal, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Apr. 25-29

Monday - pork chops, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cheese, biscuits, apple, milk.

Tuesday - loaded baked potato, salad, carrots, orange, brownie, chili, cheese, milk.

Wednesday - baked chicken, gravy, broccoli, cheese, carrots, cookie, jello, fruit, milk.

Thursday - hamburger, pickles, tater tots, salad, shape-ups, cake, milk.

Friday - pizza, diced peaches, broccoli florets, corn, cookie, milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Apr. 25-29

Monday - French toast, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - oatmeal, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - twin sausage & gravy, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Hot Pockets, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Apr. 25-29

Monday - tossed salad, pizza, seasoned corn, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday - stuffed baked potato, baby carrots, ranch, fresh fruit cups, Texas toast, milk.

Wednesday - oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, breadsticks, fancy gelatin, milk.

Thursday - nachos grande, lettuce, tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.

Friday - corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli, ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Thank you



The City Wide Spring Cleanup, through the partnership of KCCB and the City of Colorado City, was a great success!

KCCB would like to thank those who contributed to a great clean up effort. Especially, KCCB wants to thank the following:

- The Area Chamber of Commerce for receiving the phone call-ins, requesting resident pickups.
- KVMC and the Colorado City Record for informing and instructing the residents as to when and where the trucks and trailers would be to make pickups.
- The First Baptist Church for permitting us to use their parking lot once again.
- The First Methodist Church, who furnished facilities for the workers' noon meal.
- The City National Bank again furnished the food and drink for the noon meal.
- KCCB would also like to express our appreciation to the City of Colorado City, especially Connie Baker, Jeff Ellis and Pete Kampfer, who assumed an even larger role in our annual spring clean up.
- And, lastly, thank you to the citizens of Colorado City who cooperated beautifully in putting their "stuff" where it could be easily picked up.

KCCCB

Come join the fun at Covenant Ranch Fellowship

You're invited to a PLAYDAY at Covenant Ranch Fellowship Saturday, April 23 10 a.m. - til people quit coming! Everyone welcome - Everything is free! Just come join the fun!!!

Air Castles Horse Rides Balloons Popcorn, Snowcones, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Fun for the whole family!

Saturday, April 23 Beginning at 10 a.m.



COLORADO CITY RECORD photo of three of the students of the week, French and Anthony Gutierrez.

Students

The Colorado City chapter of the Community Foundation attended the 2011 conference, which took place in Fort Collins, April 14-15. Li Cooper and Alyssa Leverton advanced to compete in the California Open. The chapter also celebrated the three-day youth development event, the FCCLA Olympians, and the general session.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK photo of Tori Smith and Sara Barrera.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CHS honor roll released

Colorado High School has released their A and AB honor roll lists for the 5th six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

9th grade: Taylor Griffith.
10th grade: Alfredo Bueno, Randall Duncan.

11th grade: Bethany Blassingame, Tucker French, Marisela Hernandez, Jeffery Hickson and Miranda Reyna.

12th grade: Sarah Campos, Erin Graham, Kathrine Hickson, Nicholas Reyna and Jaci Wulfjen.

AB Honor Roll

9th grade: Sabrina Arispe, Tori Barrera, Allison Burrola, Claudia DeLoera, Maricela Espinoza, Robert Gonzales, Rene Hernandez, Courtney Huff, Ashlyn Kildow, Sarena Lujan, Haley Maxwell, Heather Merket, Michael Molina, Felix Muñoz, Mark Sanchez, Cason Smith, Cody Thomas, Cody Tolle and Draven Valverde.

10th grade: Christian Cantu, Shelby Cogburn, Kayla Flatley, Vanna George, Lexi Hopper, Lance Johns, Anna Lara, Whitney Ortiz, Brittany Owen, Esperanza Sanchez, Gustavo Silva, Katy Spencer and Ashlea Stone.

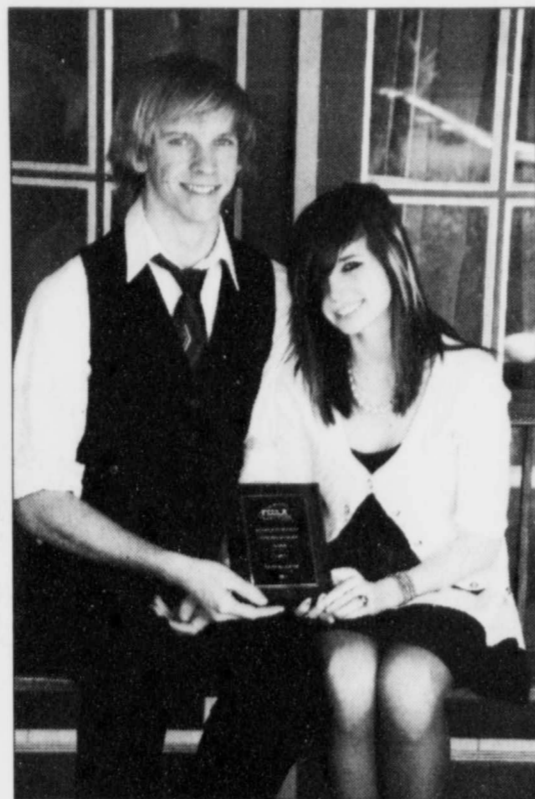
11th grade: Tabbatha Angelo, Heather Barrera, Shyana Baugh, Hardy Berber, Dylan Billingsley, Alyssa Bonner, Ashli Cooper, David Davila, Derek Gainey.

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12th grade: Blaze Alford, Sarah Beddingfield, Michelle Billingsley, Tony Castillo, Emma Coonrod, Alexander Coronado, Joseph Diaz, Thomas Emerson, Adrienne Gonzales, Michael Hernandez, Emily Hicks, Kayley Hill, Emma Leanos, Tori Lee, Laiza Lopez, Christina Lujan, Ava Macedo, Amanda Maddox, Christopher Madrid, Manuel Muñoz, Matthew Neff, Tyler Plagens and Yaritsa Roman Sanchez.



COLORADO HIGH'S FCCLA students traveled to Houston to compete in the state competition and three of them have qualified to compete nationally. Alyssa Leverton, (left photo), along with Tucker French and Ashli Cooper will travel to California in July for their shot at winning the national contest. Photos courtesy of Gretchen Maddox and Judy Merrell.

COOPER, FRENCH AND LEVERTON

Students advance to nationals

The Colorado High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the State FCCLA Conference, which was held in Houston, April 14-16. The team of Ashli Cooper and Tucker French and Alyssa Leverton, individually, will advance to compete at the National FCCLA Meeting in Anaheim, California on July 9-15th.

The chapter members attended the three-day conference. The youth developed theme, "Ignite the FCCLA Flame", was carried out through different pictures of Olympians and featured a series of specialized workshops and general sessions in which mem-

bers discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth.

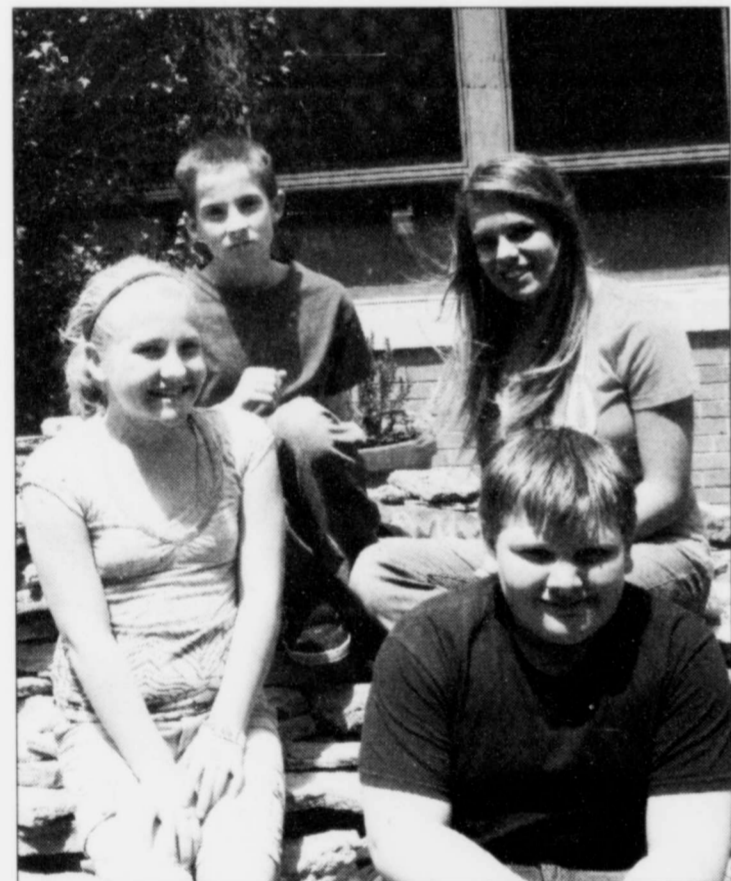
STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) are competitive events in which members participate at the regional meeting. These events allowed members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Colorado FCCLA had eight STAR event teams that competed at the state meeting. Four of those groups placed in the top six. Kalea Hubbard and Krystee Barnett placed 6th. Tabbatha Angelo placed 3rd.

"We were proud of all the

students that competed. They worked hard all year on their projects. Even though we had four teams that didn't place at the state meeting, they were winners in our eyes," said Judy Merrell, advisor. Ann Nobles is also a sponsor of FCCLA.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Student leaders of Texas FCCLA are ready to "Ignite the FCCLA Flame" and progress with programs related Architecture and Construction, Arts, A/V Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, and Human Services.



STUDENTS OF THE Month at Westbrook ISD are: (back) Peyton Lamb and Kenzey Morris; (front) Gabby Ousley and Garrett Brownfield. Photo courtesy of Eilene Martin.

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Please think back to what downtown looked like and all the vacant parking places. I don't know about you, but I am delighted to see all the parking spaces full on Saturday and weekday lunch hours.

Please remember what our cemetery looked like a few years ago.

It's easy for another person to step in and want to run things when others before them cleaned the stalls, have done the feeding and painted the barn. I think we need to give Carol Sue a chance to continue some of our long and short term projects and then see how things look, because to us, things definitely look better!

And please all of you who have helped, worked and encouraged the clean up and growth of Colorado City, you have our thanks and admiration.

I'm not saying Carol Sue did this alone, but those mornings on that mower, cleaning and weed eating vacant lots that the city and the owner cared so little about, planted a seed of energy and rejuvenation we haven't seen in Colorado City in years.

Sincerely,
Possum and Kim Mann

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Kim Mann, Colorado City, Texas.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHS One Act Play cast honored

Colorado High's One Act Play cast received several awards while performing competitively in zone, district and area contests. The play, *The Marriage of Bette & Boo*, will be performed for the public Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium.

After the performance in the district competition, the play was

chosen to advance to the zone contest. Sarah Beddingfield, Joanna Parsons and Trey Kimball were selected for the All-Star Cast. Jeffery Hickson received the Technical Award and Ashli Cooper and Tucker French received honorable mentions.

The play was also chosen to advance after the performance

at zone contest. After the zone competition, several awards were bestowed on cast members. Sarah Beddingfield and Trey Kimball were named to the All-Star Cast, and Tucker French received the Best Actor award. Jeffery Hickson received the Technical Award. Tabbatha Angelo and Jason Vidal received honorable

mentions.

Sarah Beddingfield was again named to the All-Star Cast after the performance at area contest. Those receiving honorable mention nods at area contest were Dylan Billingsley and Whitney Ortiz.

The public is encouraged to attend the public performance of the play on Thursday.

Honor roll listed at Hutchinson

Hutchinson Elementary has released the A and AB honor roll lists for the fifth six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

3rd grade: Ashlin Alvarez, Mariah Chavez, Akimas Claret, Christopher Cloutier, Emily Ducasse, Keandra Emerson, Aaliyah Espinoza, Harlee Haag, Lydia Hurlburt, Jalen Naylor, Alyson Oden, Savannah Shiller, Gabriel Shumway, Josiah Silva, Alexander Tenorio, Taylor Wood and Courtney Wooddell.

4th grade: Dillon Adkins, Omar Carrillo, Adam Clifton, Destyni Espinoza, Adon Flores, Nadia Gonzales, Jett Johnson, Seth Linam, Richard Muñoz, Brian Nava, Shelby Ortiz, Kristina Parker, Elizabeth Parras, Robert Quiroz, Marissa Reyna and Syrrah Tenorio.

5th grade: Ashlei Burrola, Muranda Garcia, Jady Griffith, Alexus Haag, Kaitlyn Kimball, McKinna Komppa, Tamen Pierce, Sara Roach, Preslie Smithie, Calvin Spencer, Bradon Upshaw and Clancy White.

AB Honor Roll

3rd grade: Khyla Bell, Ezekiel Beltran, Aurora Bonilla, Esmeralda Carlos, John Chaney, Alexis Eime, Harley Espinoza, Johnathan Gutierrez, Randy Haggerton, Michael Huff, Janci Johnson, Jourden Payne, Angelica Peña, Matt Rich, Braydon Roberson, Haydon Roberson, Roxana Roman, Antonio Rubio, Britney Ruth, Lauren Sims,

Victoria Smith, Shayden Tinkler, Nia Williams and Judson Wright.

4th grade: Karen Barrera, Sara Barrera, Kamryn Bell, Kasey Casares, Madison Diaz, Logan Fallin, Destiny Garza, Sargent Graham, Ivie Green, Reid Harris, Micah Hobson, Viviana Jaimas, Jordan Lawson, Markis

Monroe, Madison Morris, David Ornelas, Malishia Payne, Hadley Redwin, Akirah Rivera, Garren Smith, Ieisha Smith, Kimberly Ventura and Leonard Williams.

5th grade: Brandon Adkins, Miriam Hernandez, Chloe Castillo, Brayden Coronado, Cameron Davidson, Hope

Eime, Taylor Epperson, Alexa Garza, Erick Hernandez, Anessa Hulme, MaKenzie Juarez, Andrew Kelly, Moises Leanos, Nicole Martinez, Adrian Matos, Daniel Meguire, Alyssa Molina, Railee Moore, Kaci Phariss, Sierra Santana, Gavino Silva, Makaya Smith, Deanna Wooddell and Misty Zimmerlee.

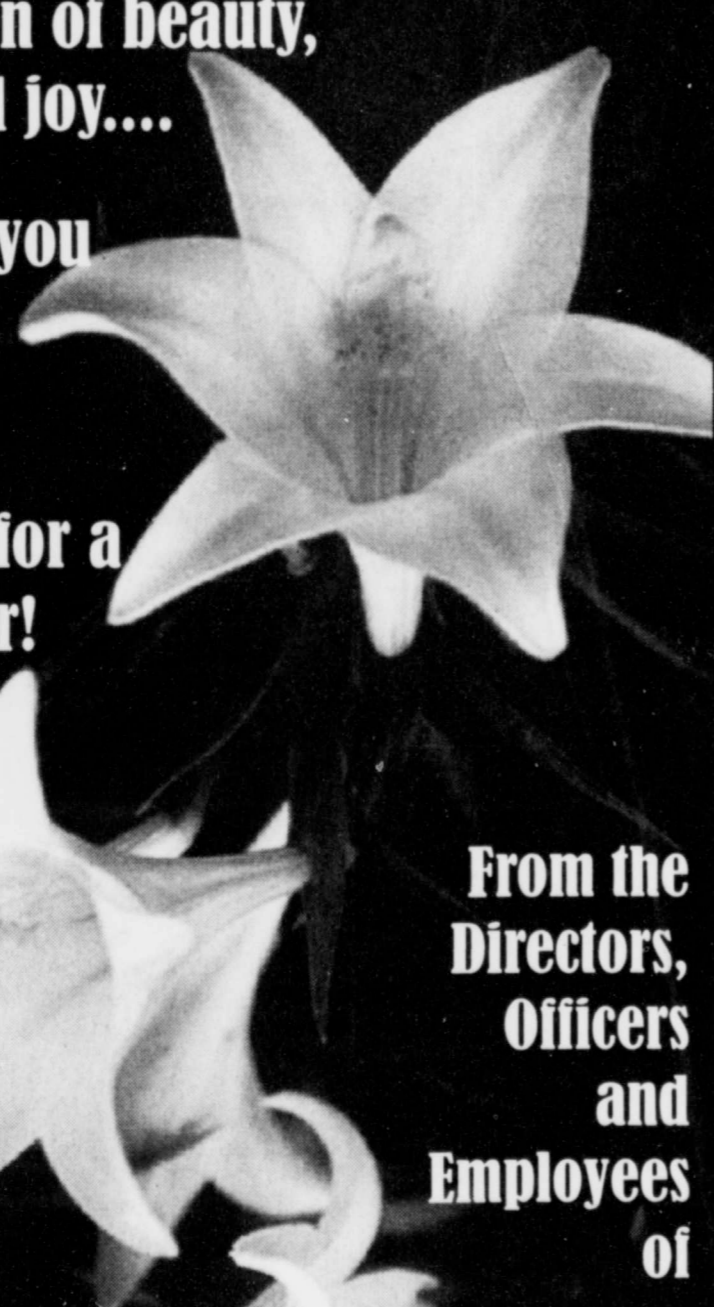


KELLEY HAS CLASS... "A is for alligator." Students in Ms. Lancaster's PreK class are enjoying their new alphabet rug as they complete their alphabet instruction this year. Students in the class include: Ismael A., Alex Beddingfield, Tenacia Brown, Jzen DeLaPaz, Rogelio Duenez, Kylee Galey, Ezik Hernandez, Emiliano Hernandez, Malea Martinez, Nicholas Molina, Lexi Moore, Bayley Nava, Morgan Rivera, Iva Rodriguez, Braelyn Sparks, Aiden Sullivan, Anaya Williams, and Jordan Wooddell. Photo courtesy of Kelli Lancaster.

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SPORTS

Lady Wolves sweep Coahoma

The Colorado City Lady Wolves kept their undefeated district record perfect Tuesday night with a 9-5 victory over arch-rival Coahoma.

It was a sweep of the Bulldogs this season, as the Lady Wolves won both district games for the first time in Colorado City's softball history.

It wasn't easy! Sophomore Shelby Cogburn blasted a 2-run homer in the top of the sixth inning that broke open a 5-5 tie, giving the Lady Wolves a lead they never relinquished.

At one point, Colorado City was down 5-4 in the sixth inning but battled back to score 5 runs in the last two innings.

The Lady Wolves scored 2

more runs in the top of the 7th inning when Ava Macedo tripled in Sydney Upshaw. Macedo would also score when Amanda Arispe ripped a single up the middle.

Again, senior hurler Emily Hicks, pitching with a fever and strep throat, had one of her gutsiest performances on the mound.

"Hats off to her," Coach Erin White said, following the game. "She got better as the game went on, and it shows how much she means to our team."

Hicks never gave up, battling the entire 7 innings against a good Coahoma team, but she was obviously struggling with health issues.

The Lady Wolves end district play Friday in Post.

Wolves qualify 14 for regional meet

The Wolf track regional qualifiers, both boys and girls, will travel to Texas Tech's Fuller Track facility Thursday for their last tune-up before the regional track meet.

Thursday's regional qualifiers meet will start at 4:30 p.m. and some of West Texas' and the Panhandle's best tracksters will compete.

The regional meet is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 2, 3 in Odessa.

Girls qualifying for regionals include: Micah Minkina, Michelle Billingsley, Lauran Meeks, Valeria Vera, Thea Guazo, Heather Barrera, Nece Braziel, Raegan Costabile and Emma Leanos.

Boys qualifying are: Jacob Rizo, Nathan Jackson, Mark Henderson, and Derek Gaincy in the mile relay. Also, Michael Hernandez qualified in the 800m run and the high jump.



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL varsity tennis player Heather Barrera qualified to compete in the regional tennis meet by placing 2nd in girls' singles. Photo courtesy of Mary Lou Costabile.

Barrera qualifies for regional tennis meet

Colorado High School varsity and junior varsity tennis teams participated in the district tennis meet in Denver City April 12th, 13th.

Heather Barrera qualified in the girls' singles for the Regional Meet in Odessa on April 20th and 21st.

In order to qualify, players must win first or second in the

winner's bracket. Barrera finished second.

"I'm very proud of Heather. She is dedicated to this sport," tennis coach Mary Lou Costabile said.

Blaze Alford finished 4th in boys' singles in the varsity division and Adolpho (Sumo) Martinez won 1st place in JV boys' singles.

Golf scrambles begin

The popular ABCD Thursday night golf scrambles are back at Wolf Creek Golf Course. The scrambles are scheduled to begin Thursday, April 22.

Tee times are set for 6 p.m. and you need to be signed up by 5:30

p.m. Call 728-5514 to enter. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members plus a cart fee.

Pray for rain! The course is very dry, and a good rain is needed to get some grass in the fairways.



WESTBROOK LADY 'CATS (l-r) Kenzie Morris and Chelsea Martinez did their part to secure Westbrook's victory over the Ira Lady Bulldogs on April 12. The teams faced off at Western Texas College in Snyder, and the Lady 'Cats claimed a 13-2 victory over Ira. Photo courtesy of Rita Richards.

Harkins goes to regionals

Emily Harkins, a senior at Westbrook ISD, will compete at the Region II track meet on May 2 & 3 at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University. Harkins placed third at the area 9A-10A track meet in the discus with a throw of 97-6.

Also competing at the area meet was sophomore Kenzey Morris. She placed 6th in the 100 Hurdles with a time of 17.4 and 6th in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 53.0. Both of these times are Morris' best for the season.

"I am extremely proud of both of these ladies and look forward to a successful track season next year," said Coach Terry Morris.

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Tony Turner & family
Robyn Hammond & family

The Lake Colorado City State Park would like to thank the following volunteers who helped during their recent "Volunteer Day".

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Middle Clearfork formation, North Westbrook Unit, Well Number(s) 712W, 714W, 1821W, and 1822W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 11 miles Northwest of Colorado City, in the in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2850 to 3500 feet.

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

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

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PLANS

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The goal is to avoid fragmenting voting power or concentration of minority in single precinct when dividing them would permit the group to elect their candidates in more than one precinct, according to Falk.

"It's not much of a problem here," he said.

After discussing and adoption of criteria for creating a redistricting plan, the county worked with Bickerstaff representatives to create a computer generated map.

Using the ArcGIS software, it took the county and Bickerstaff representatives around 20 min-

utes to draw up an illuminative plan for public comment that keeps the county within the 10% rule of thumb.

Proposed changes would move a precinct line north of town to square up the precincts, and shuffle six city blocks. The rural change would involve very few roads, but affect 80 individuals. The city change would affect 83 individuals.

The preliminary census data put the county at 15.88% overall deviation, but the new redistricting plan, if adopted and cleared, puts the count at a 2.7%

deviation total.

The next step in the process involves a public hearing.

The commissioners also approved criteria for individuals submitting proposals for redistricting plans. Individuals can submit redistricting plans, but must include the whole county, not just an individual precinct. The plan needs to be submitted in writing and should be submitted before the public hearing to give the county time to review the plan. No plans may be submitted after the end of the public hearing.

FIRES

FROM PAGE 1

raine firefighters who showed up without being paged, managed to prevent little, if any damage to the surrounding structures.

"We're very sorry we were not able to save the house, but glad we could save the other structures with not much damage at all," he said.

Local fire fighters have been working non-stop to help with wildfires in surrounding counties. "We've been doing that for a week," Carlock said. The first call came from Snyder and both Colorado City and Loraine sent trucks and fire fighters.

The following day, Snyder called for further help at the same time Robert Lee called for assistance with the large wildcat fire that continues to burn around San Angelo, and at times closed both Hwy 208 and 277.

"We are always mindful that the three departments (West-

brook, Loraine and Colorado City) communicate to still have trucks, equipment and personnel to take care of any fires that come up in Mitchell County," Carlock said.

All three departments have sent trucks and personnel to combat wildfires, most putting in upward of 30 hours or more this past week.

One Westbrook truck with two fire fighters and one Colorado City firefighter spent 27 hours straight on the Robert Lee fire, sleeping in the truck, according to Carlock.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, significant wildfire activity continues in Texas with more than 935,000 acres burned. Although fire fighters have contained seven wildfires on Monday, four new ones broke out on Tuesday, April 19. As of press time, there were

20 active large fires in Texas.

More information on the state of wildfires in West Texas can be found at the following websites: activefiremaps.fs.fed.us and www.srh.noaa.gov/maf (and click on Summary of Wildfire Impacts Across West Texas at top of page).

VOTE

FROM PAGE 1

for the General Election shall be mailed to Donna Madrid, City Secretary of the City of Colorado City, P. O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. Applications must be received no later than close of business on May 6th, 2011.

Election information is available by contacting City Secretary Donna Madrid at 325-728-3464, Ext 24

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CONCERT

FROM PAGE 2

photographic expedition at the Seminole Canyon State Park

His seventeen-foot, three-inch monumental bronze entitled The Maker of Peace, owned by the State of Texas, overlooks the ancient Fate Bell rock shelter at Seminole Canyon State Historical Park between Langtry and Comstock, Texas, west of Del Rio.

Adams, a dyed-in-the-wool

Texan who began playing music in his early teens, has played Carnegie Hall and has opened for Joe Cocker, ZZ Top, Jackson Browne, Steven Stills and many others.

Adams' gift for storytelling in song and his mix of blues, country, rock and folk got its inception in Colorado City through his friendship with Dewitt Bender.

VISIT

FROM PAGE 3

front.

Wreaths of oak and wheat on each of the memorial's pillars symbolize America's industrial and agricultural strength. The names of all WWII service men from 56 U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia are engraved on the pillars.

The memorial includes 12 bas-relief sculptures at its entrance, recalling scenes of America at war.

Inscriptions at the base of the pavilion fountains mark key battles of the war and the 4,000 gold stars emblazoned on the memorial's Freedom Wall commemorate the 400,000 veterans who sacrificed their lives for freedom.

"It was the greatest thing that ever happened to this old goat," Shannon Covington said. A military salute by the Navy and local firefighters in Washington with water cannons as the veterans cross the Potomac made a great impression on Covington.

"It was a great trip," David Stubblefield said. "I was really impressed when we got to the memorial by the individual people who greeted us." Stubblefield, as did the other 200 veterans, received handshakes, commemorative coins, letters, and well wishes from Marines, ladies, children, sailors and other service men.

"It was one long day," Stubble-

field said. Twenty-four hours without sleep, while the veterans toured numerous places of interest including Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"It's the most impressive thing you've ever seen," Covington said.

"You could hear a pin drop while it was happening," Stubblefield said. "I wouldn't take for the trip. It's something I will remember for the rest of my short days here."

"Every day, thousands of World War II veterans die. If you are younger than 83 you were not in World War II. We're coming to the end of an era, for sure," Stubblefield said.

The Honor Flight was made possible through the joint efforts of Dr. Lanny Hall of Hardin Simmons University and Jeff Ballinger, an HSU graduate who wanted to bring the Honor Flight to Texas. Contributors pay for all expenses incurred on the trip.

Standing before the Texas pillar at the World War II memorial, Covington's guide pointed out the place where Covington's name, rank and plane will be engraved, commemorating his service during the war.

"It really puts a tear in your eyes," he said.

FISH

FROM PAGE 3

National Bank, First National Bank or the Big Spring Federal Employees Credit Union in Colorado City for a minimum donation of \$8. Those planning on attending the fish fry are encouraged to purchase their tickets ahead of time to give the clubs an approximate head count.

Dozens of items will be auctioned off beginning at 6:30 p.m., including a one day guided day hunt at Spade Ranch, a three-day weekend hunt in Mitchell County, event tickets at Palo Duro Canyon, book bundle by local author Sharon Gillenwater, desserts from Bama's, a mounted deer head from Seven Wells, a 400 lb heifer, a diamond ring, a \$100 worth of fun from Prime

Time gift card, oilfield tubing, and Montana silversmith statue. In addition to the auction, several individual raffles will be held, including one for a Nintendo Wii. The Wii is on display at the First National Bank this week and will be on display at all the local banks until the 30th. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the banks for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Anyone wishing to donate an item to the auction or raffle should contact Margo Connell at 728-3445.

All funds raised from the raffle tickets, auction item purchases and meal tickets will be deposited to the account setup at City National Bank for the unmet needs of the local fire victims

LORAINE NEWS

By Aimee Jackson Loraine Correspondent

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs scored 74 points at the District 11-12 Area track meet held April 12th in Trent. Danyelle Dillard won both shot and discus events, Alicia Hernandez was third in the discus, Catelyn Johnston won the pole vault event, was 4th in the 100m hurdles and 5th in the 400m relay and sixth in the 800m relay.

Also, Bre Williams was 5th in the 100m, running a season best of 12.47. She also anchored the 400m and 800m relay. Ariel Bailey and Ebony Clemon were also members on the relay teams.

Danyelle, Alicia and Catelyn will compete in the A-Region II meet at Abilene Christian University on May 2nd. Congratulations to our Loraine girls and good luck!

The last Loraine Booster Club Meeting will be held May 2, at 6 p.m. in the LISD Cafeteria.

This will be the last booster club meeting of the school year and we will determine whether or not to have a booster club next year. Please come out to the

meeting if you have any interest in participating.

The entire Loraine 6th grade class wished J.T. Cooper happy birthday last week. I hear he got birthday swats from everyone!!!

Zumba classes in Loraine are going strong! Becky Benivamondez encourages everyone to come out and join in the fun.

Classes are every Monday night at the Loraine High School Gym. If you have any questions just call Becky at the school.

The Hamburger supper and Bingo at the Loraine Senior Citizens' Center was a great success.

Everyone pulled together to make it a success. Western Bank donated the hamburger patties and lots of volunteers helped with bingo prizes and donations. Joe Sanchez and Mike DeLoera cooked all the hamburgers!

Thanks, everybody.

Visitors to the center last week included Carl Crawford from Midland. He came to lunch with his sister and brother-in-law Leora and Elbert Spann.

Charles Bowen's daughters,

Brenda and Barbara, came to town for a few days and had lunch with him on Friday.

Sheila, Jordan and Brooke Womack and Debby Mitchell furnished special music Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

Sheila played piano and Debby played guitar. They led the congregation in singing "Circuit-Riding Preacher". It was enjoyed by all!

Brother Kiefer Cauble had a wonderful Palm Sunday message. He reported how thankful the residents of Rotan were that their town was spared from the fire. They evacuated to Roby where they were cared for at the local churches.

Coach Jackson has grounded his dogs, Lily and Little Jack. They escaped this last week and got to meet the local dog catcher! Thankfully the catcher kept the dogs safe for us and returned them quickly.

We want to thank everyone in Loraine for helping find our dogs. I love living in a small town!

FROM PAGE 3

STATE

the unknown variable was the direction in which the district would expand."

Darby expected his own district to lean more south and east, instead of the north and west direction under Plan 113, according to Trent Thomas, chief of staff.

"It's like a Jenga puzzle," Thomas said. "You tilt one way and push another."

The plan works to combine two or more districts, trading off population amounts in order to equalize the districts.

The proposed realignment would combine Mitchell, Tom

Green, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Sterling and Glasscock Counties.

The plan was designed by Republican Burt Solomons, chairman of the House Redistricting Committee. One of several the House has viewed, it could possibly go to a vote on Tuesday.

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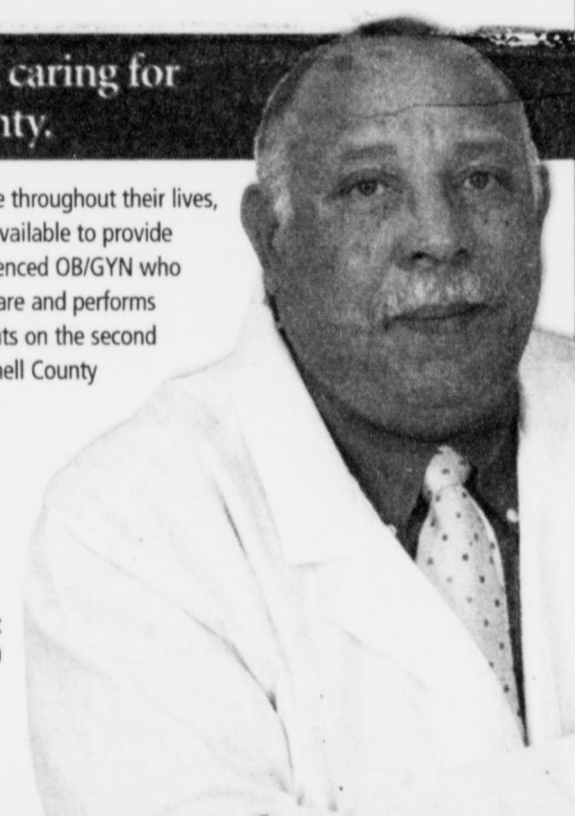
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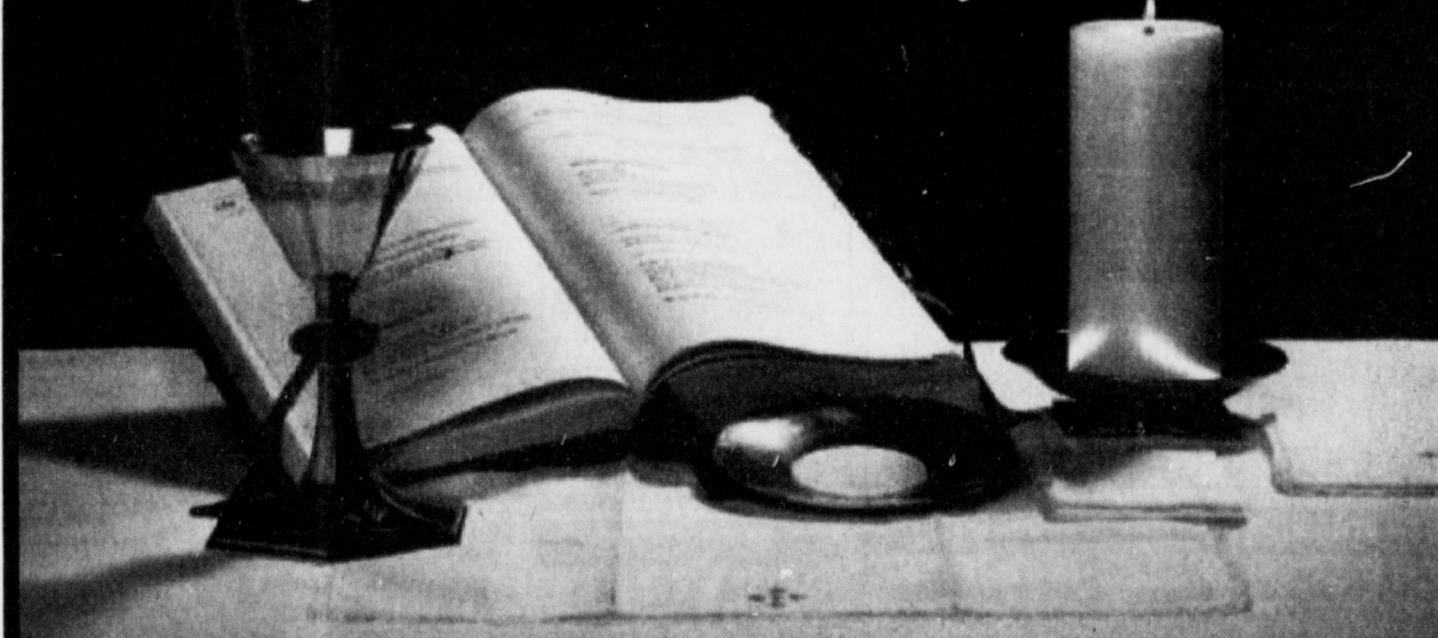
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