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TXU plant permit could be delayed

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Three Colorado City-area couples have filed paperwork in Austin with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality contesting TXU's plan to build the multi-million dollar power plant. In their letters, all three couples -- Wes D. and Rebecca Seibold, Mackie and Mandy Hursh and Rick and Patricia Perkin -- said they were wary of possible health and economic damages that could be caused by the plant.

TXU Corp. applied for an air

TCEQ receives three letters of opposition to TXU's proposal

quality permit in April after announcing plans to spend more than \$17 billion to build approximately 10 coal-fired power plants in Texas. The company had hoped to break ground on the Morgan Creek project next year.

With the three letters contesting the project, TCEQ officials will now conduct a public hearing on the issue before making a final decision on the application -- possible later this month or in

January. The date and site of the public hearing will be determined in the next few weeks, according to TCEQ officials in Austin.

TXU officials say the public hearing will likely delay the permitting process by approximately six months and could put off the start of construction for the foreseeable future.

"It likely will delay the process," said TXU spokesman Tom Kleckner, who was scheduled to

meet with TCEQ representatives on Wednesday. "We'll have to set up a preliminary hearing and work our way through that. It's likely to delay the permit."

According to the letters obtained through the Open Records Act, the three letters all cited health concerns as one of their main concerns.

"The reason I wrote that letter is I couldn't talk to them (TXU)," said Perkin. "No one talked to

me about anything. I didn't have anyone to talk to and I didn't have any recourse. That was the only place I could go to voice my concerns," he added.

In his letter to TCEQ dated Nov. 20, Perkin stated, "The health and welfare of our family is a grievous concern in that we and our two 3 year old children have varying degrees of respiratory problems."

"Our home's proximity to this

facility is a great concern for the future health of our family," he added.

The Perkin family resides approximately three miles northeast of the proposed facility.

"I'm not against the plant," he said. "I'm not anti-anything, but I am concerned about our health. On one hand, the plant will probably keep me in business, but at the same time it'll put me out of a place I've lived for 30 years."

Perkin said since he wrote the letter stating his concerns about

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KCCB to stage 'Ceremonial Bonfire' on Dec. 21

Keep Colorado City Beautiful is looking to dig deep into Native American history later this month in hopes of welcoming the sun back ... and to help make the community a bit cleaner.

KCCB leaders have announced they will be holding a Winter Solstice bonfire on Thursday, Dec. 21, east of town to celebrate the shortest day of the year. The event -- which will be fueled by wood from local demolition projects -- will be held at 6 p.m. at the south side intersection of Country Club Road and Interstate 20.

According to KCCB President Carol Sue Dakan, the ceremonial bonfire is a great way to pay tribute to Native American heritage and help the city. Native Americans annually celebrated the shortest day and longest night of

the year with large fires that were intended to entice the sun to return.

"This is the perfect time of the year to gather with our friends, family and community to share our gratitude and appreciation for our blessings and accomplishments of the past, (and) to let go of the bad habits and negative experiences, and to look ahead to a promising future," Dakan said.

Dakan said county residents would be able to participate in the bonfire. People interested in contributing a special log to the fire will be able to do so.

Individuals attending the Native American ceremony are urged to bring lawn chairs and blankets, and telescopes to view the night skies. Dakan also said residents could bring food, beverages and trash bags that can be used to clean up the area following the event.

Members of the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department will light and tend the fire.

For those who would like to enjoy the activity without having to bring food, organizers have said

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City grants rare water reprieve to water customer

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Saying it wasn't something the city wanted to make a habit of, the Colorado City Council pushed back its Scrooge mood and granted one local resident an early Christmas gift.

At the request of councilman

Robert McNeal, commissioners voted by a 5-2 margin to forgive half of a 67,000-gallon water bill issued to John Leo Kennedy II in July.

Noting the city was not in the bait of granting adjustments to water bills, McNeal urged coun-

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Library looking to turn fines into food for the holidays

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

If you have an overdue book at the Mitchell County Public Library there is something you should know. The library is in a forgiving spirit ... if you are in a giving mood.

Even if the book was due in, say ... 1953.

Library officials announced recently the library would forgive any late fees -- assuming the book is actually returned -- through Dec. 15 if patrons will bring back

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OPRY TUNED OUT?



Record Photo/Carl Graham

C-CITY OPRY PROMOTER Doyle "Shady" Mitchell plays the steel guitar during a recent event at the Loraine Fire Department. Mitchell said low attendance numbers and high costs could put an end to the Opry's attempts to bring in big-name stars such as Hank Thompson in the future.

Attendance woes, high costs could end big-name acts, C-City Opry

Carl Graham

Colorado City Record

The show will go on -- that is, at least for this week.

After a poor turnout for last Thursday night's Tony Booth concert, C-City Opry bandleader/organizer Doyle "Shady" Mitchell thought long and hard about cancelling this Thursday's show due to a lack of support and financial considerations.

After less than 100 people turned out to see Booth per-

form with Curtis Potter and West Texas legend Jody Nix had left the C-City Opry short of funds, Mitchell openly wondered if the show could go on in Colorado City.

Then, thankfully, he had a change of heart.

"It just wouldn't be fair to those wanting to see Justin Trevino to cancel so we decided to go on with it," said Mitchell. "Our show scheduled for Jan. 25 with The Platters has been cancelled, however, as there was a mix-up in the booking."

Mitchell said that The Platters' manager wanted all

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Record Photo/
Tommy Wells

MITCHELL COUNTY LIBRARIANS Geneva Jones (left) and Cheryl Johnson display food items that have been donated through the "Fines for Food" program.

Crosley to replace McLeod on Main Street Advisory Board

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

The Colorado City Main Street Advisory Board gained a new member Tuesday evening when members of the Colorado City Council approved the nomination of Brenda Crosley to the board.

Crosley will be replacing Clifford McLeod who resigned after being unable to attend several meetings this year.

Main Street Program Manager Cecilia Scott said she felt Crosley, a local teacher, would be a valuable asset to the MSAB with her work ethic and enthusiasm.

Around Town

Happy 40th birthday Danny Keeton (Dec. 13)... Happy birthday Debbie Mitchell (Dec. 15)... Happy belated birthday Lacy Raschke (Dec. 11)... Lana Perez starts a new club ...

Obituaries

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Pearlene King, Snyder Christine Framstead, Colorado City
P.D. Shurtliff, Aransas Pass
Mary Crawford, Corpus Christi
Elton Berkman, McMinnville, OR

Answerline

Q. Can I still get a flu shot?
A. Flu shots are available at Family Medical Associates for \$20 each. (Flu shots are covered by Medicare, if you qualify.) The best time to get your shot is between the hours of 8 to 9:30 a.m. and no appointment is necessary.

Briefs

Christmas Program
The Dorn Methodist Church will host their Dorn Country Christmas on Dec. 16th at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Service
All Saints Episcopal Church will have a reception at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve, just before services begin at 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Program
Primera Iglesia Bautista del Calvario,

1635 Walnut, will have a Christmas Program entitled *Jesus is Born* on Sun., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. There will also be a Christmas party following the program.

Kwanzaa Celebration
A Kwanzaa celebration will be held Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Housing Authority, 439 Oak St. Donations will be taken at the door. There will be a program and dinner. The public is invited to come and learn why Kwanzaa is celebrated.

Toy Drive Deadline
The deadline the donate toys and money to the Kiwanianes annual toy drive is Friday, December 15. Donate your new or gently used toys by depositing them in the boxes around town or by calling Jan Lemons at 728-3678.

Westbrook Early Release
Westbrook ISD will release students from school and buses will run at noon on Tues., Dec. 19. Please be sure to make arrangements for your children.

Thought of the Week

Fame is like a shaved pig with a greased tail. It is only after it has slipped through the hands of thousands, that some fellow, by mere chance, holds on to it.

-- Davy Crockett

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Pearlene King 1931-2006

Mrs. Pearlene King, age 75, of Snyder and formerly of Colorado City, died Fri., Dec. 8, 2006, in an Abilene hospital. Services were held Monday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Robert Chambers officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. King was born June 8, 1931, in Lamar, Colorado to Lemuel Lee and Orelia Bell Kuykendall Soles. She married Marvin Lewis King on Nov. 8, 1947 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2002. She was a Baptist and formerly worked in Wal-Mart in Snyder.

She is survived by four daughters, Kathy and husband, Donald Murdock of Snyder, Carolyn and husband, Butch Mantel of Brownwood, Mary Beth and husband, Beto Gonzalez of Colorado City and Diana and husband, Dean McGinnis of Carlsbad, NM; two sons, Ronnie Lewis King of Palestine and Marvin Roy King of Colorado City; three sisters, Irene Edwards of Colorado City, Lucille Guy of Bryan and Ruthie Little of Coosbay, OR; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Christine Framstead 1919-2006

Mrs. Christine Framstead, age 87, of Colorado City, died Thurs., Dec. 7, 2006, in a local hospital. Graveside services were held Monday in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Framstead was born Oct. 12, 1919, in Mitchell County to James T. and Mary E. Murphy Garrett. She married Raymond Eugene Framstead on July 20, 1947, in Englewood, CA. He preceded her in death on July 15, 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Gary and wife, Clarise Framstead of Wildomar, CA and two grandsons.

Pablo Martinez 1922-2006

Mr. Pablo Martinez, Sr., age 84, of Colorado City, died Tues., Dec. 5, 2006, at his residence. Funeral mass was held Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father George Varakukala officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Martinez was born June 30, 1922, in Charlotte to Julian and Carlota Martinez. He had been a resident of Colorado City for the past 48 years. He married Dominga Dillard on Sept. 21, 1941, in Jordanton. He was a retired maintenance man for Colorado Independent School District and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dominga Martinez of Colorado City; five daughters, Carolyn Bailey of Midland, Julie Jonas, Betty Casares, Sandra Vanderslice and Susie Henderson, all of Colorado City; four sons, Jesse Martinez, Raymond Martinez, John Martinez, all of Colorado City and Pablo Martinez, Jr. of Ballinger; 30 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ricardo Martinez and a grandson, John Martinez.

P.D. Shurtleff 1923-2006

Phynus Dinzil "P.D." Shurtleff, age 83, died Dec. 6, 2006. He was born in Colorado City, on Oct. 25, 1923 to John Oscar and Laura Mae Shurtleff. P.D. served in the U.S. Navy and had been a resident of Ingleside since 1992. He was retired from Saco Machine Inc. of Oklahoma City, OK and was a member of North Bay Fellowship in Ingleside.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Pannie B. Shurtleff of Ingleside; three sons, Michael and wife Joyce Shurtleff of Del City, OK, Kenneth and wife Connie Shurtleff of Ft. Duchesne, Utah, and Richard Shurtleff of Ingleside; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Public visitation was held Friday, Dec. 8, 2006 at the Charlie Marshall Funeral Home in Aransas Pass. A memorial service was held on Fri., Dec. 8, 2006 at the North Bay Fellowship Church in Ingleside. There was a private family burial.

Mary Crawford 1918-2006

Mrs. Mary Crawford, age 88, of Corpus Christi, and formerly of Colorado City, died Sat., Dec. 9, 2006, in a Corpus Christi care center. Graveside services were held Tuesday in the Colorado City Cemetery, with Kerry Cain officiating. Kiker-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Crawford was born Feb. 18, 1918 in Shelbyville, TN, to Everett and Mabel Gregory Reavis. She married Trevor T. Crawford on Oct. 9, 1937, in Chickasha, OK. He preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1966. She taught school in Colorado City, Westbrook and Coahoma before receiving a Master's Degree in Library Science from North Texas University. She was the librarian at Howard College upon her retirement. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by a son, David Crawford of Corpus Christi; a daughter, Ann and husband, Larry Shofner of Pasadena; two brothers, Dick Reavis of Dumas and Newton Reavis of Wilmington, IL; grandchildren, Katherine Diane Crawford and Kelly Marie Crawford, both of Corpus Christi, Brian and wife, Karen Shofner of San Antonio and Sandra Williams of Clovis, NM; and great-granddaughter, Alix Williams of Clovis.

Dr. Elton Berkman 1918-2006

Dr. Elton Berkman, age 88, former longtime resident of Colorado City died Dec. 8, 2006, in Rock of Ages Nursing Home in McMinnville, OR.

Dr. Berkman and his wife, Virginia, were chiropractors in Colorado City for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia. Condolences may be sent to her in care of Rock of Ages Nursing Home, 13600 Southwest, McMinnville, OR 97128.



VOLUNTEERS WITH THE Kiwanian's annual toy drive for Mitchell County youngsters sort through the hundreds of toys donated by local residents on Monday, Dec. 11, as they prepare to deliver them to the Community Mission. The final day to donate new or "like new" toys to the drive is Dec. 15. Sorting the toys are Krystal Ramirez (left), Terry Ferguson (center) and Jan Lemons.

County OKs '07 holiday list

County employees can begin making holiday plans for next year thanks to the Mitchell County Commissioner's Court.

Commissioners, on Monday, unanimously approved 12 holidays for county employees during the 2007 calendar year at their meeting. Four of the days off are back-to-back - coming at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Among the list of official holidays are New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2007), Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), Feb. 19 (President's Day), April 6 (Good Friday), May 28 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day). Other days approved as holidays included Sept. 3 (Labor Day), Nov. 12 (Veteran's Day), Nov. 22-23 (Thanksgiving) and Dec. 24-25 (Christmas).

TxDoT re-opens Highway 208 bridge to local traffic

It took a little longer than expected, but the Texas Department of Transportation finally gave residents south of Colorado City a reason to smile recently. The Champion Creek Bridge is open for business.

TxDOT officials opened the bridge to public use on Wednesday, Dec. 1, after more than eight months. Construction crews had been working on replacing the aging structure since April.

"We have taken traffic off the detour route," said TxDOT Area Engineer Roy M. Dill. "We have started allowing traffic on the bridge now."

County commissioners to replace two Sheriff's department vehicles

The Mitchell County Commissioner's Court on Monday morning approved a request from Sheriff Patrick Toombs to seek bids for the replacement of two law enforcement vehicles.

Commissioners voted unanimously to enable Toombs to begin advertising for bids to replace the department's two 2002 vehicles.

Dill said motorists utilizing the bridge should be aware that small delays could still be experienced at the bridge over the next few days as construction crews complete small details. Among the projects remaining that could force lane closures are the creation of a curb on each end of the bridge and the re-seeding process for vegetation. The bridge was originally scheduled to have been completed in October but ran over as a result of the heavy demand for concrete in the area for building projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CRICKET BALLROOM

Dec. 23	Zonido from Abilene, Christmas Eve
Dec. 30	Dusty Creek with Shady Mitchell
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31 New Company Band with local talent
Jan. 6	Los Herrantes De Zacatecas from Abilene

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LOCAL NEWS

Boyd and Butler net 'Fireman' accolades

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Every December, the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department hosts a banquet in order to present the "Fireman of the Year" award as well as to pass out checks to all the firemen for the fires they responded to over the past year.

This year the "Fireman of the Year" award was shared by two individuals -- Iris Boyd and Bryan Butler.

"Both of these firemen are well deserving of the award," said Loraine Fire Chief Donnie Phillips. "It was too difficult to name just one of them. In fact, we could have just as easily named each and every one of the members," Phillips said.

"I am very proud of them and what they have achieved this past year," he added.

Unlike previous years, instead of having a guest speaker Phillips invited local bandleader and fireman Doyle "Shady" Mitchell,



Iris Boyd



Bryan Butler

of our fire department, but a well known entertainer in "Shady" Mitchell," said Phillips. "We appreciate these guys giving up their time and service to provide the entertainment this year. It was just great."

A special award was given to the late Mary Rose Bowen, whose husband Charles is a member of the Loraine Fire Department.

"Mary Rose cooked breakfast for all those working our annual farm sale auction," said Phillips. "That has been a tradition for the past 14 years, and she is going to be missed tremendously. In her honor we want to present Charles with a token of our appreciation."

Charles Bowen said though his wife was no longer here, the tradition will continue.

"I told Donnie that my kids have offered to help me continue what she started many years ago," said Bowen. "It was just a labor of love for her. It was something she wanted to do," he said.



BETA EPSILON CHAPTER President Dana Partin (second from right) and secretary Sonja Hanks (left) sit with Samaritan House Manager Bob Kimmel and his granddaughter Tori Smith last week while donating children's books. The chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma annually donates book to the Samaritan House which can be used by youngsters while families are visiting Colorado City to see relatives incarcerated in the Wallace and Ware correctional facilities.

OPRY

of the money for the show up front -- something that was not in the original agreement.

Mitchell said he is working on getting a local talent show put together in the place of The Platters' show. Any money for advance tickets sold for the Platters show will be refunded, or music fans will be able to apply it any of the future shows.

Mitchell said that the tickets for the Trevino show would cost \$10 instead of the \$20 originally advertised.

"This is still part of the Christmas appreciation thing that we did for last week's show with Tony Booth," he said. "Only a few took advantage of it last Thursday so we hope some folks will come out for a great show with Justin."

Last Thursday, approximately 80 turning out for the Tony Booth show and it turned out to be a fantastic show, according to most of folks that went.

"The show turned out great," said Mitchell. "We were disappointed in the turnout we had, but the fans that did come out got quite a show for their money. At one time we had Booth, Curtis Potter, Jody Nix, and myself on the stage at one time. We even got a standing ovation."

"It was one of the best things I have seen," said longtime Colorado City resident Gwen Wistrand.

The future of the C-City Opry's music show is an uncertain one, according to Mitchell, who has resisted requests from other area communities to move the shows. A lack of local support has made booking acts tough -- especially on Mitchell who has had to pay performers out of his own pocket when door receipts have been low.

Mitchell said he and his wife attended a couple of concerts last weekend with Potter and his wife. Each of the shows they went to

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We attended the Darrell McCall CD release party, and he even asked about coming here, but I told him for now it's up in the air as to whether we will continue to bring in known artists
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Doyle "Shady" Mitchell

were sold out with standing room only in venues that holds about 250 people.

In Colorado City, acts perform in the Colorado City Opry house. The facility seats about 150 -- a factor in ticket prices being higher than in other areas.

"I have had several folks call or e-mail us about bringing them here for a concert, but we have to be able to sell the tickets in order to continue having these shows,"

said Mitchell. "We attended the Darrell McCall CD release party, and he even asked about coming here, but I told him for now it's up in the air as to whether we will continue to bring in known artists."

"We will just have to wait and see," he added.

Mitchell said C-City Opry could opt for local-only talent in the future.

"We are thinking of going back to the local talent shows because

we do have a lot of talent," Mitchell said. "Folks told us when we began to do this that they would support them."

"We'll make a decision after the Justin Trevino show," he said.

Wistrand, for one, is hoping Mitchell continues to bring in talented acts -- not only for her benefit but for the entire community.

"This is good for our town. This is something wonderful that everyone should support."

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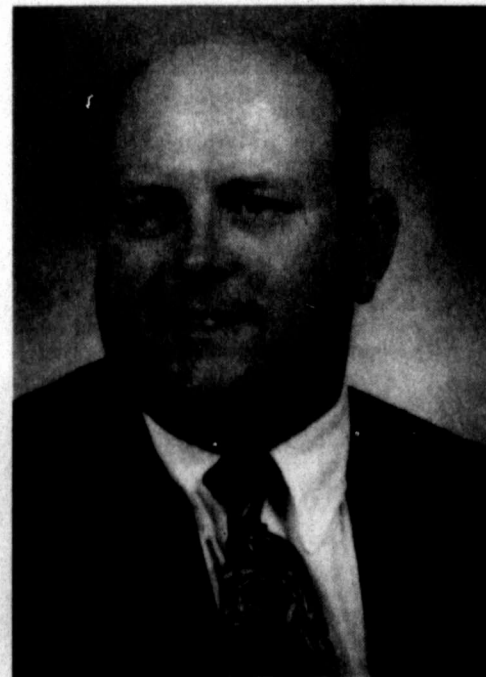
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

It's amazing what one person can do

JG Baker of Friona has a lot to show for his time on earth.

"I've always wanted to see what was around the next corner," he says. "By the time I was 17 I had been to 28 states riding freight trains."

He left home in 1931 when he was 16.

"There'd be sometimes as many as 300 bums on freight trains back then."

He learned an important lesson about getting on a moving train.

"Never try to catch a train you can't outrun."

He says during depression years nearly everybody was out of work.

"I've worked for as little as a nickel an hour and done a lot of it. Money was scarce. Fifty cents a day was a good wage for several years. First 14 months me and my wife were married we spent a total of 74 dollars for gas and oil and groceries. Now you spend that every other day."

He started a custom grain harvesting business that took him all over the western states. As a hobby he made furniture.

"Run them old combines all summer and come home in winter and work in my woodwork shop."

JG's workmanship is of a high quality. He makes church furniture and gives it away.

"I give it to churches that had some sort of disaster. I try to give away a set every year and I've done that several years. A set has a pulpit, communion table, two chairs, two lecterns and two flower stands."

He has made 1,250 clocks and given most of them away. He gave me one and it's in a prominent place in my office. His name is on every clock he makes. JG carves things. He made a pocketknife with two blades from one piece of wood. People ask him to make things, like a pool cue or oversize dominoes for a man with limited sight. He has made dozens of pet caskets. He made 175 meat blocks, 54 during one winter season. Mr. Baker has a store in downtown Friona filled with furniture he has made. His workshop is the size of a hangar. Of course he built it by himself. Mr. Baker plays the didgeridoo, raises geese, collects Indian baskets and has a large garden filled with rhubarb, asparagus, okra, tomatoes and peppers.

JG Baker is 90 years old. He has made some of the tools and equipment he uses. His daughter bought an old hotel and turned it into a residence. Mr. Baker helped with the renovation and made a lot of the furniture in it. When I asked him for an interview I told him I had about 30 minutes to spend with him. I left about three hours later. It was time well spent.



Dear Drayton: I'm ready, willing and begging to throw

Dear Drayton,

I'm writing this letter to you to tell you I was born to be a member of the Houston Astros baseball club ... and to offer my services to you for a few innings this year. Recently, I read that Andy Pettitte had decided to move to New York and that Roger Clemens was not decided if he will pitch this year. I also heard Russ Springer was moving on.

Their departures saddened me deeply. As a lifelong Astros fan, I was pained to know those guys may walk away from the best little baseball team south of Waco. Loyalty is a fleeting thing in these hard times, I guess.

As I said earlier, I would like you to consider me for one of the openings on the pitching staff. I promise you'll never hear me squawk about a lack of run support, being too sick to work, signing autographs or hear me cuss at the fans for calling me a bum. Not only that, I think I would be a great story for the team when it comes to public relations. You may not be aware of this, but my mother went into labor with me while attending an Astros game.

I promise to even forgive my mother - and end my 40-year disagreement with her -- for leaving the Astrodom that night to have me. I have always felt she should have hung around a while longer. It would have been great to see Jimmy Wynn pop one in the outfield just like my mom. But noooo! ... she had to leave and take me to some place called Pasadena. As you can see, I could have been an Astro. I could have been someone. Instead, my mother made me "the little old guy from Pasadena."

But it's okay. Counseling has done wonders for me. I'll probably be able to speak with my parental units at some

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



point in the future. My psychologist has assured me the evil thoughts will eventually go away if I continue to take my medication.

But enough about me, I have a proposal for you.

First, I really should let you know about baseball pedigree. I'm a right-handed pitcher whose just a shade past 40 - which is still pretty young now days, you know. Not counting the blisters I got yesterday from having to mow the grass, I have never had an injury problem.

Not only that, I'm extremely well-preserved. Due a clerical error 20 years ago (someone inadvertently forgot to put my name on the team's roster), I have been held out of play so there are not a lot of miles on the old arm. I have taken the time off to better myself, however. I have watched many games, put on some weight and even had my glasses made stronger so the ball looks bigger.

You are going to be so amazed at how thick they can make glasses today!

I also believe it would make good business sense for you to sign me because I would be willing to sign a lifetime contract - not a one-year deal like Andy - with the team. For \$16 million, you could have a much more versatile player.

For the same \$492,307.69 that Andy will make for each start, I can step on the mound for the Astros and give up home

runs, tweak my hamstring, spit on the ground or scratch my nether region.

Shoot, I'll do even more. Taking pen and paper to Andy's contract, I see where he will make \$18,233.61 for each out he gets in a game for the Yankees. I'll do it for \$15,000 per out. For that same amount, I will also guarantee you that between innings when I'm not pitching, I'll wrap myself in duct tape and roll over inch of Minute Maid Park to pick up the trash, sell peanuts and beer and clean all the urinals with my tongue (Think about how much money you'll save by not having to pay clean-up crews, peanut/beer vendors and cleaning products).

I must also tell you, I think I could do even more if you wish to give me \$100 million like Carlos Lee. For that amount, I would probably play left field, get really fat and shoot every bat on the team with steroids Oops, I forgot. I shouldn't mention steroids. I promise to apply a healthy dose of "cream" to everyone's bats.

The one thing I can promise you Mr. Drayton is I will always be a true dyed-in-the-orange Astros fan. I relish the thought of playing in the shadow of Bob Aspromonte, Rusty Staub, Enos Cabell, Joe Momberto and others. I would never be tempted to sign with another team.

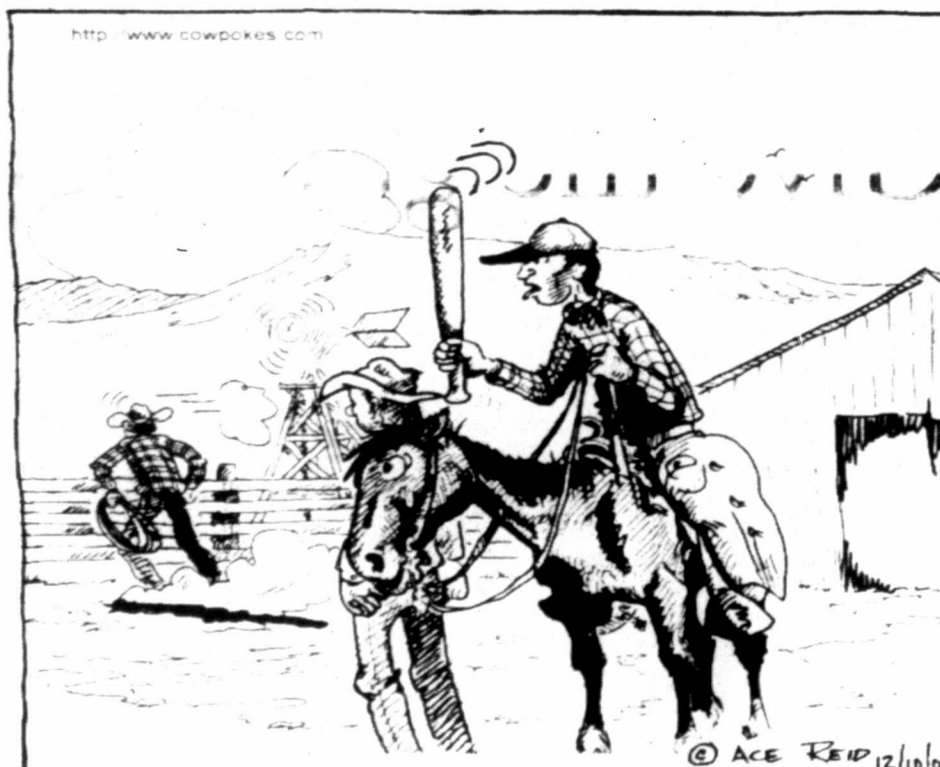
By the way, is it possible you could send my signing bonus later this week? Due to the clerical error in 1984, I have been unable to work and that little amount could help a lot during the holidays.

P.S. - I can't wait to show my mother how I have corrected her poor decisions of the past when I get your contract. I was born to be an Astro.

Sincerely yours,
Tommy "Boomer" Wells

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By Ace Reid



"The boss just told me he didn't like my hat. Then he took my rope away and handed me this baseball bat!"

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Richard G. Perkin to Georgiana Porter, Warranty Deed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I just wanted to say to all the Colorado City band students, "Well done." I went to the Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 10th. It was wonderful! We truly have some very talented kids and great band directors. Thanks again and merry Christmas.

Deborah Chaney

Letter to the Editor:

I just want to thank some of the nice people of Colorado City for supporting me and my ministry.

Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church, Pastor Paul Smith, Mr. David Stubblefield, Mr. Philip Anderson, Mr. Mark Tolle, all the ladies who work for Gas n Grub,

Mrs. Sue Lowrance and the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. T.C. Love and Mr. Jim Baum and last but not least me Bible study groups at Valley Fair Lodge, Kristi Lee Manor and the county jail.

Thank you Mitchell County, you're the best! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With love,
Chaplain Jimmy Huff

LOCAL NEWS

WATER

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city members to split the overage total – approximately the cost of 55,000 gallons of water – with Kennedy due to a possible leak in a city line that caused the excess water to pass through the customer's meter.

Kennedy complained to city officials in July when he received a water bill showing he had used 67,000 gallons of water – more than five times his normal monthly average of 12,000 gallons. He said city leaders told him he may have a leak in his commode even though he had reported a water leak on the city side of the his meter earlier.

In August, he received a bill for 43,000 gallons of usage. That rate fell to 6,000 the following month even though, he says, he made no repairs.

"He was told possibly he had a commode running," said McNeal in making the request. "I've worked on commodes since 1979 and I have never seen a flapper (toilet seal) that could cause 55,000 gallons of water run through."

McNeal said when he spoke with Colorado City City Manager Paul Catoe about the issue, he was informed that in rare instances the city has seen bills it cannot justify.

In all, the city has had 38 unexplained water usage incidents in the past year.

"We do have accounts that, from time-to-time, have high water usage totals that we can't explain," said Catoe. "What we do is anytime water goes through the meter, that is what we bill for. I understand Mr. Kennedy's situation, but with the information I have, we (city officials) couldn't justify an adjustment and that is why we're here."

Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum said the council, in general, stands behind its bills and rarely grants adjustments. The city meters have been tested and are more than 99 percent accurate.

Kennedy's case was a rare blip on the city's screen, however.

McNeal said city water department officials could have headed off the crisis if they had taken notice of the huge difference in the amount of water being used.

"What I would like to see is a meter reader with a conscious that when he sees someone using 67,000 gallons when the normal usage had been 12,000, he'll take the time to go and knock on that customer's door and say 'We might have a problem here,'" he said.

FINES

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to borrowed books and donate non-perishable canned food items that can be given to needy residents this holiday season. The library's "Food for Fines" drive runs through this Friday.

"In the past, we've had a 'Forgiveness Day' and we would always have a few people come in and return items," said MCPL Assistant Librarian Cheryl Johnson. "Then we saw this and thought we should give it a try. Hopefully, it works out well for everyone. People can have their fines erased and help out others."

"I hate to say it's a win-win situation, but it really is," she added.

As part of the "Food for Fines" program, residents with overdue book fees can have \$1 in fines voided for each non-perishable food item they donate. Charges for lost or damaged books are not part of the program.

All food raised from the program will be donated to the Community Mission in Colorado City.

The "Food for Fines" idea is a spin-off of a program that has been used in Abilene for more than a decade, Johnson said. Library officials decided to try the approach after reading about Abilene's efforts to exchange food for library fines.

"We saw Abilene was doing this and thought it was a good idea," she said. "It gives people an opportunity to get their accounts at the library cleared while helping the community."

Librarian Geneva Jones said individuals wishing to take part in the program can bring commercially-packaged items that are undamaged and that have not exceeded their expiration date, to the service desk at the library during regular business hours. Damaged or previously-opened items, government commodities or home-canned products cannot be accepted.

The Mitchell County Public Library is open until 5:30 p.m. each night through Dec. 15.

BONFIRE

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CCVFD's Tex Blankenship will be on hand to grill hamburgers.

Additionally, Bakan said Native American drummers – and anyone else with a drum, rain stick, flute or rattle – are urged to attend the event.

Residents wishing to contribute to the bonfire can drop off armloads – or truckloads – of wood on Tuesday, Dec. 19, through

Thursday, Dec. 21 from 2 p.m. until dusk. KCCB volunteers will be on hand to help unload items. Chemically-treated wood, metal, plastic or garbage will not be accepted.

For more information about the "Community Ceremonial Bonfire" call (325) 728-3766, (325) 728-8624 or (325) 728-2553.

LETTERS

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he has had several discussions with TXU officials.

"I'm not against the plant, but I don't want to move," he said. "We've spent about 30 years of our lives trying to get where we are. I don't want a penny from them. In fact, I could probably live with the plant if it is clean and they didn't put the rail line so close to my home where it could affect my children."

The letter also said TXU's proposed rail line would also pose a threat to the Perkin family due to its nearness to their residence.

"TXU has surveyed for a railroad approximately 1,200 feet behind our home," the letter said. "This railroad will be carrying anthracite and lignite coal. The location of this railroad will place our home in a direct line of our prevailing south and southwest wind."

"This poses a constant health concern from near continuous hydrocarbon laden winds," he added.

It's a health thing for us," Perkin said. "Like everyone else, I love my children. They (TXU officials) aren't raising their kids under this thing, we are and I'll fight like a dog to protect my kids."

TXU officials have said the level of contaminants released into the air and ground will be much less than legally allowed by TCEQ. The company has also said it will employ the latest technology to reduce emissions to the lowest levels possible.

Perkin said TXU's claims the plant will be clean may well be true, but until it is proven, those claims are just empty promises.

"If you look at history, TCEQ is really good about granting permits but not so good about enforcing them. The plant will be just as clean as we make it."

The Hurshes, like the Perkin family, said they were concerned about the amount of contaminants in their letter, which was filed Nov. 17.

"I/we would be adversely affected by this plant and its air emissions in a way not common to the general public because the amount of mercury, Radon gas and hydrochloric acid among other things that we hear are going to be emitted in the air, including the ash and coal dust."

"We have two very young children," the letter continued. "We are worried about our horse business, but mainly our health."

Calls to the Hursh residence on County Road 107 regarding their concerns on the TXU proposed plant were not returned as of press time.

In the Seibold letter, Wes and

Rebecca Seibold said the plant would affect their lives and the existence of their vineyard.

"We live so close and north of the plant," said the letter filed on Nov. 15. We also own a vineyard business and a horseboarding business. Our main concern is the wine vineyard ... It would destroy our economy if contaminated."

"Wes also has bad allergies as well," it stated.

The Seibolds reside approximately two miles north of the proposed site on County Road 305.

Wes Seibold declined comment on the letter at this time.

In its attempt to build the plant, TXU has been negotiating with landowners around the facility to purchase property.

Earlier this year, more than 2,600 supporters of the TXU proposal signed petitions in favor of the plant being built at Morgan Creek.

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LOCAL NEWS

Wallace seniors busy with Christmas holiday projects

Wallace seniors have been busy with holiday preparations, regular fund-raisers and receiving generous donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals. Santa Project is a program for people who receive meals through home delivery. Drivers have been taking wish lists from meal recipients, and small gifts from their lists will be delivered. Also, seniors who are able to attend meals at the center each week are adopting friends who cannot attend, so everyone can receive a special Christmas gift.

Recent activities include the quarterly Sunday lunch which

was well-attended, decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees with food items included in the nutritious lunches prepared at the center and a bake sale at the Lions Club Chili Supper. All proceeds from fund-raisers help finance home-delivered meals.

Generous monetary donations to support the program have been received from Louise Sweet, Horace and Sally Pace, Joy Sunday School Class First Baptist Church, TOPS, Bolin Construction, Doc Gray, Kiwanianes, Barbee Medical Supply, Ratliff Insurance, Golden Comb and Marsha Wilson.

Volunteers have also been gen-

erous with time, especially Earlene Dunn and Becky Hudgins in the kitchen; Emma Hopper, Charles Dunn, Horace and Sally Pace, and Larry Mason delivering meals; Gert Karwedsky who calls bingo; and Connie Cranfill serving meals and drinks; as well as Pat Hudgins and Shirley Delaney collecting money.

Members of the Wallace Accelerated High School staff who are always supportive include Sam Huffman, Bunny Nelson, Marsha Wilson and Melinda Alexander, who serves as an advisor to the board.

Any Mitchell County citizen over 60 is encouraged to attend regular meals at the center each Tuesday and Thursday. Any seniors who are unable to attend are encouraged to contact the Wallace Center or Emma Hopper to be included in home deliveries.

Lively completes USDA mortgage training course

Bob Lively, the Broker Owner of Railhead Realty in Colorado City, has successfully completed training on the USDA Guaranteed Mortgage and has been recognized and awarded with the AMMC-RD Certification by American Meridian Mortgage Co. of Prosper, Texas.

This mortgage finds its roots in the New Deal of the 1930s. Unfortunately, because of its low public profile and miss understanding by the majority of the real estate community, this mortgage often goes under utilized by those in need. But, a trained real estate agent and the USDA can offer rural renting families exceptionally favorable underwriting criterion that make it much easier to achieve home ownership.

This mortgage in the hands of a knowledgeable professional agent, home ownership is often achieved within 30 days, for 100% financing and less than \$1000 total move-in.

All of the Mitchell County has been deemed rural and therefore eligible for this lending as specified by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. The maximum loan for a family of four is \$180,000.



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THE COLORADO HIGH School Band's featured section this week is the saxophone section. Members of the section are: (back row, l-r) Stuart Ponko, Lisa Salazar, Ricky Ventura, Ariel Martin; (front row) Tia Huff and Laura Warren.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CRICKET BALLROOM

Dec. 23	Zonido from Abilene, Christmas Eve
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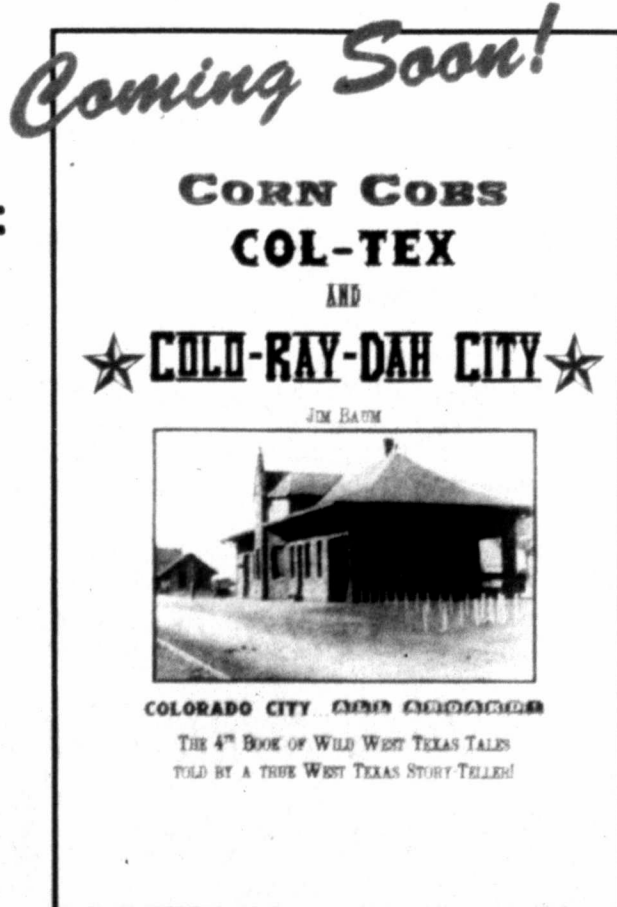
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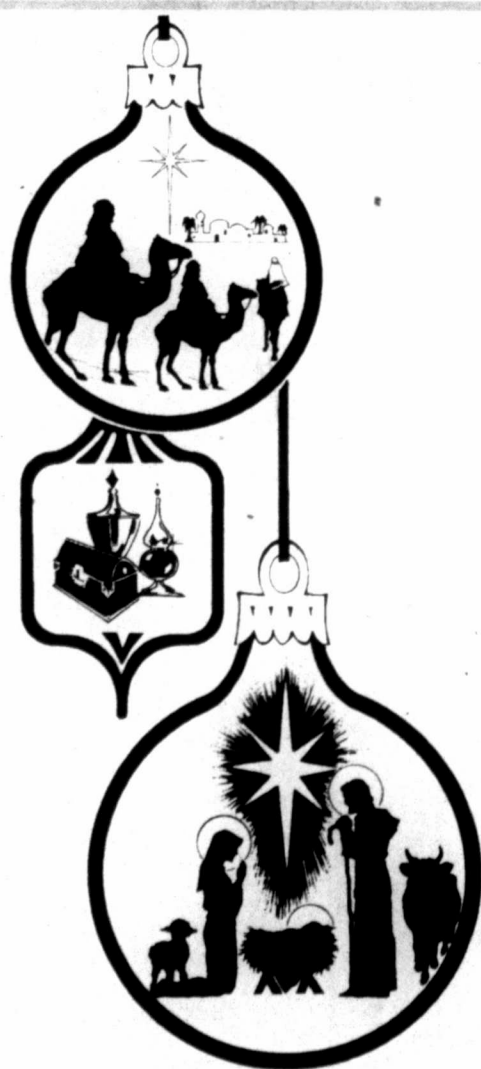
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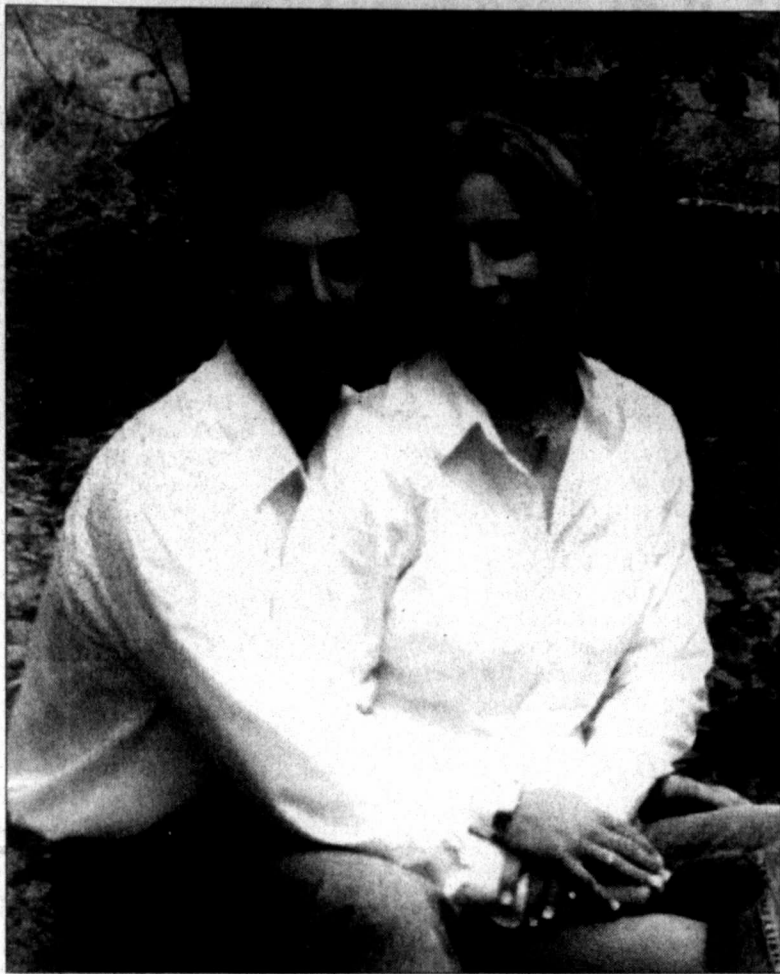
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December 24 at 6 p.m.

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SOCIETY



Randal Petty and Cassie Short

Engagement announced

Ms. Lea Short of Ruidoso, NM, announces the engagement of her daughter, Cassie Short to Randal Petty. Ms. Short, also the daughter of the late Mike Short of Post, is employed by the Westbrook ISD. Randal, the son of David and Diane Petty of Westbrook, is employed by the Big Spring ISD. A December 30th wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado City.

JOY class holds Christmas party

The annual Christmas party of the JOY class of Westbrook First Baptist Church was held on December 5th. A delicious meal was served, followed by an exchange of gifts. In attendance were Nell & Gerald Rollins, Clola & Whiteides, Betty & C.W. Brumly, Francis Ranne, Katie Baird, Naomi Williamson, Marcel Moody, Drucilla Board, Irene Edwards, Ruby Chambers, Judy Moore, Alma Fulton and Johni O'Dell. Guests were Anne Palmer and Elton & Vada Carlisle. What a great time!

B&PW Club collects baskets

Region 6 Director of Business and Professional Women's Club Liz McGill and Legislation Committee member Tricia Afleck of San Angelo celebrated with Colorado City's Business and Professional Women at their annual Christmas party.

Food basket items were brought by members to be delivered to the Community Mission for distribution. Small gifts were exchanged as each member told a personal Christmas story before opening their gift. Stories were sentimental, mostly funny, such as a ring with an electrical cord attached, a cat with its tail on fire

and always with family members to make the holiday special.

During a brief business session, members voted to meet at Rulie's Restaurant in January. Director McGill told of recent BPW Texas events including a three-state Individual Development Training Course held in Tyler in November.

Local members attending included Donna Barlow, Sue Womack, Nancy Crow, Shirley Delaney, Shirley Scott, Pauline Light, Christine Cooley, Bobbie Banks, Margaret Ann Conway and Lovess Curlee.

BIRTHS



Kaitlynn and Sarah Andrews-Ginkinger would like to announce the birth of their brother, Tyler David Ginkinger. He was born Dec. 1st, 2006, at 3:51 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Gary and Laura Ginkinger of Westbrook. Proud grandparents are Donna Ginkinger of Westbrook, David and Patricia Ginkinger of Slaton and Joy Kinehart of Conroe.



Morgan and Lily Parham would like to announce the birth of their brother, Aidan Jimmy Parham. He was born Nov. 6th, 2006, in Sweetwater, weighing 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

Proud parents are Ronnie and Tiffany Parham. Proud grandparents are Alice and Skip Sohrweid and Ronald and Vicki Parham.

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SCHOOL NEWS



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THESE SIX CHS Band students qualified for the All-Region Band by trying out at Midland Greenwood High School last Saturday. They are: (back row, l-r) Catherine Dolan, Angel Sosa and Jonathan Dannheim; (front row) Lana Perez, Amy Armenta and Kate Dannheim.

Six Wolf band members advance to all-region band

Ten Colorado High School Band students auditioned for the ATSSB (Association of Texas Small Schools Band) All-Region Band last Saturday at Midland Greenwood High School. Six of the auditioning students made the band.

Results are as follows: Catherine Dolan, 2nd chair clarinet; Lana Perez, 13th chair clarinet; Amy Armenta, 1st chair contra-bass clarinet; Kate Dannheim, 2nd chair bassoon; Angel Sosa, 4th chair baritone; and Jonathan Dannheim, 1st chair percussion 2 (mallets), 2nd chair timpani, 4th chair percussion 1 (snare drum).

Of these six students, five of them qualified for the area band. Catherine Dolan, Amy Armenta, Kate Dannheim, Angel Sosa and Jonathan

Dannheim will get to try out for the All-State Band on Jan. 6th. All of them except Kate will travel to Lubbock Cooper.

Kate had previously auditioned for the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) 4A and 5A bands. She qualified for area at those levels as well, so she will audition at Permian High School in Odessa on the 5A level.

Mr. Darin Johns, CHS band director, said, "Congratulations to these fine, young people. Their hard work and dedication has helped them represent Colorado City as a contender at all competition levels. Ms. Hoelscher, Mrs. Clay and I are very proud of their accomplishments."

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - graham cracker, yogurt, orange half, milk.
Thursday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - beef and mac, glazed carrots, Texas toast, peaches, milk.
Tuesday - ham chunks, sliced bread and butter, sweet peas, mixed fruit, milk.
Wednesday - chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, half slice bread, crushed pineapple, milk.
Thursday - peanut butter and jelly sandwich, golden corn, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elementary Breakfast Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - biscuit and jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elementary Lunch Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic toast, golden corn, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, canned fruit,

choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Breakfast Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake w/syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - taco salad, tasty rib basket, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic toast, golden corn, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Dec. 18-19

Monday - French toast sticks, ce-

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

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 18-19

Monday - pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.
Tuesday - stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - cheese toast, bacon, juice, milk.
Wednesday - waffles, syrup, fruit, milk.
Thursday - sausage roll, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Dec. 18-21

Monday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, squash, apple, hot roll, butter, milk.
Tuesday - spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, seasoned corn, diced peaches, French bread sticks, milk.
Wednesday - burrito, oven fries, baby carrots, dressing, pineapple-orange salad, milk.
Thursday - sandwich, pickle, carrots, dressing, shape-up, milk.

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Loraine ISD perfect attendance listed

Loraine ISD students with perfect attendance for the second six-weeks of the school year are:

Pre-Kindergarten: Kinley Wiss and Julian Rodriguez.

Kindergarten: William Smith.
First grade: Angel Duran, Dakota Smith, Reann Garcia, Tiffany Beltran, Bryson Clark and John Lindsey.

Second grade: Jonah Wiss, Jessica Lambaren, Armando Gonzales, Stephanie Beltran, Hunter Wooddell and Jacob Wiss.

Third grade: Breanna Beltran, Siderio Delgado, Abram Hernandez, Oscar Gonzales, Brilee Young and Crystal Olivarez.

Fourth grade: Alexis Garcia, Justin Fisk, Nicholas Hermsillo, Madison Edmonds, Bailee Young, Bobby Hernandez, Emilio Gonzales, Madeline Gibson, Alexis Redwine and Talyn

Mello.

Fifth grade: Tristan Vasquez, Scotty Bailey, Timothy Garza and Cinthia Balderas.

Sixth grade: Bobby Wells and Nathaniel Martinez.

Seventh grade: Stephanie Grisam.

Eighth grade: Raven Limones, Kayme Wells and Edward Garza.

Ninth grade: Justin Fountain and Ashley Bridges.

Tenth grade: Janie Delgado.

Eleventh grade: Whitney Martin, Lindsey Martin and Jennifer Cantu.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Loraine releases 2nd six weeks honor roll

Loraine ISD has released their A and A-B Honor Roll lists for the second six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Kindergarten: Dylan Calecas, Nancy Crisp, Nadia Gonzales, Erin Sharp and William Smith.

First grade: Tiffany Beltran, Michael Garcia, McKinna Komppa, Mason Lindsey, Dylan Phillips and Dakota Smith.

Third grade: Crystal Olivarez.
Fourth grade: Madeline Gibson.

Fifth grade: Timothy Garza.
Seventh grade: Dehvan Neeley.

Tenth grade: Felicia Gibson.
Twelfth grade: Miguel Acevedo and Bivian Hermosillo.

A-B Honor Roll

First grade: Reann Garcia and Alexa Garza.

Third grade: Hunter Austin, Breanna Beltran, Charlie Neeley, Christopher Olivarez and Brilee Young.

Fourth grade: Bailee Young.
Fifth grade: Cinthia Balderas, Ricky Cantu, Carson Edmonds and Tristan Vasquez.

Sixth grade: Nathaniel Martinez and Kacee Neeley.

Seventh grade: Brandon Gibson, Catelyn Johnston and Celia

Rico.

Eighth grade: Alicia Hernandez and Adrian Talamantes.

Ninth grade: Megan Oliver.

Eleventh grade: Stefan Limones, Lindsey Martin, Whitney Martin and Sean Vasquez.

Twelfth grade: Annette Davila, Zachary Gibson, Jimmy Grisom, Alejandro Lopez and Nancy Talamantes.



MRS. VERONICA HUFF (l) and Ms. Kelly Jones (center) work with Wallace Accelerated High students Claire Danley and Brittany Simer to create Christmas cards. Cards were the outgrowth of a poetry lesson Ms. Jones presented to her English 4 class. All the other classes at Wallace took time to help with the project. Wallace will send more than 100 handmade cards to US troops in Iraq for the holidays.

Wallace students make holiday cards for US soldiers in Iraq



MEMBERS OF THE student body and teachers at Wallace Accelerated High School salute after making more than 100 Christmas cards to be sent to US troops in IRAQ the holidays. English 4 teacher, Kelly Jones, turned a lesson on poetry into a school-wide service project.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Zech Luera, Kaysi Sims and Tristan Owens.

Hutchinson students of the week named

Hutchinson Elementary's Students of the Week are Zech Luera, Kaysi Sims and Tristan Owens.

Zech, a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class, is the son of Michelle and Gabriel Romero. He enjoys playing football, and art is his favorite subject. He especially enjoys checking out all the animals that live in the courtyard at his school.

Kaysi, daughter of Kristi Martinez and Clint Sims, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Weaver's class. He has a dog named Tuffy, and math is his favorite subject. Kaysi says her teacher, Mrs. Weaver, is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Tristan, a fifth grader in Miss Stovall's class, is the son of Mark and Kristy Owens. He collects Army men as a hobby, and G.T. is his favorite subject. Miss Stovall, his teacher, is also his favorite thing about his school.

Westbrook Baptist Church to perform Christmas play

The Westbrook Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to a Christmas pageant entitled The Not-So-Silent Night.

The play is set to begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 17th, and will be performed during the morning worship service.

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WALLACE PRINCIPAL MELINDA Alexander presented Haven Haggerton, senior, a check for \$25.00 for perfect attendance during the 2nd six weeks at Wallace Accelerated High School.

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Loraine JV posts 1-1 mark in Sterling City

The Loraine High School junior varsity posted a solid effort at the Sterling City Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament last weekend. The LHS team finished the two-day event with a 1-1 record.

The Bulldogs, led by the play of Sean Vasquez, Dante Smith and Tanner Fountain, opened the tournament with a 62-27 victory over Sterling City B team on Thursday evening.

With the win – the team's first in two outings – the Bulldogs advanced to the tournament semifinals to face the Midland Lee High School freshman Rebels.

The Rebels defeated Loraine, 69-10.

Loraine received solid play from Derek Austin during the tournament.

Roundballer sign-ups set for Dec. 16

The Mitchell County Roundballers youth basketball league will be having sign-ups and tryouts on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the CISD administration gym on 12th Street. The signups/tryouts will run from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The league is open to youths in grades 1-6.

The cost for children to participate in the league is \$25 per player.

Individuals wishing to coach teams in the league should contact Daniel Sanchez at (325) 436-1158 and bring a copy of their driver's license. Games and practices will start the second week of January. The 2007 season will conclude before March 11.

The Mitchell County Roundballers draft will be held Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

Jayton to play for state title Saturday

Mitchell County football fans will see a familiar face take to the field this Saturday afternoon for the state Division II six-man championship in Abilene. The Jayton Jaybirds – a member of the District 4 race with Loraine – will square off against the Vernon Northside Indians for the state title beginning at 3 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium.

Jayton won the District 4 championship this past year.

Gonzalez, Higgins net two 5-2A all-district honors

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

When a football program goes through tough times as did the Colorado Wolves did this season with an 0-10 record, players normally get overlooked when it comes to postseason honors.

That was anything but the case for the Colorado Wolves this postseason.

Senior safety Jose Gonzalez and freshman Tyler Higgins both were selected to the District 5-

2A second-team list, while senior linebacker Rafael Martinez was named to the honorable mention list.

Gonzalez was a mainstay for the Wolves on defense. He finished the 2006 season as the team's leading tackler despite playing several games with nagging injuries.

Higgins was brought up to the varsity early in district play to help bolster the wide receivers corps. The 6-foot-4, 185-pound

freshman immediately became a long threat in the Wolves' offensive scheme.

Martinez received enough votes to earn honorable mention accolades after turning in a gutsy effort in 2006. He was called upon by Wolves head coach Frank Johnson to fill in at center this past fall – a position he had not played since junior high.

Martinez was also one of the team's leading tacklers on defense from his linebacker slot.



Jose Gonzalez



Tyler Higgins



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL head coach Darrin Leverton takes time to talk to his team during a timeout in a recent game. The Lady Wolves opened District 5-2A action Tuesday with a loss to Coahoma.

Lady Wolves open 5-2A play with 58-44 loss to Bulldogettes

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

COAHOMA — Despite only suiting up six girls, the Colorado High School Lady Wolves proves they can run with the big dogs – or to be more precise, the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

After two ties at 4-4, and 8-8 in the first quarter, the Bulldogettes managed to build a lead over the CHS girls by reeling off a 10-0 run to go up 18-8 at the end of the first quarter. By the end of the first half, Coahoma had stretched its lead to 33-21.

In the third quarter, the Lady

Wolves cut the Bulldogettes' lead to five points, at 37-32 with 1:31 left in the quarter.

The Lady Wolves began to run out of gas, however.

Colorado City outscored Coahoma in the quarter 13-9 as the third quarter ended

See GIRLS, Page 12

Wolves win 2 at Stanton's hoops tournament

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The competition in the 14th Annual Stanton Hooptown Classic was as strong as ever this year. If you don't believe it, just ask Wolves' head basketball coach Danny Keeton.

"You can always count on running into some very talented teams when we go up there," said Keeton. "Right off the bat we took on a very good Class A team in Sterling City. It was good to play those games though because it helps make you stronger."

Sterling City defeated the Wolves, 58-24.

The Eagles took the lead in the first quarter by a mere 14-11 advantage. Sterling City picked up the pace in the second quarter, outscoring the Wolves by a 15-3 clip and took a 29-14 lead into the locker room.

It was all Sterling City in the third quarter. Colorado City was outscored 18-4 in the frame.

The Eagles continued to control the tempo of the game in the fourth quarter with an 11-6 run.

Clint White scored nine points to lead the Wolves, while Jamaricus Denson added eight and Tyler Higgins put in seven.

"We lost in the first round of the tournament, but they are a very good Class A school," said Keeton. "They have eight seniors that have been playing together since they were sophomores. We are starting two freshmen, two sophomores and a junior."

The Wolves nailed down a solid win in their second game of the tournament, a 43-39 win over the Iraan Braves.

At the end of the first quarter the game was knotted at 11-11, but the Wolves came back with a 9-3 run in the second quarter to take a 20-14 lead at the half.

A strong 16-4 run in the third quarter by the Braves put Iraan back in the driver's seat with a See STANTON, Page 13

CMS seventh graders stay undefeated in loop action

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Though the Colorado Middle School seventh grade boys' basketball team defeated Stamford Monday night 42-23 to remain undefeated in district play, coach Brent Paris feels like they are still a ways from being where he would like from them to be.

"We are close on a lot of things, but it is still early in the season," said Paris. "I am confident that we will get there."

Stamford led at the end of the

first quarter by a 7-5 margin. The Bulldogs carried that lead into the half by pouring in eight points in the second quarter.

CMS trailed at the half by a 15-13 ledger.

The second half, however, was a different story. The Wolves outscored Stamford 29-8 in the second half to claim their second district win in as many outings.

Xavier Lenard led the team with 19 points while Derek Gainey just missed double figures with eight.

Loraine to host CCS on Dec. 15

The Loraine High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will get in their final games prior to the Christmas holidays this Friday when they host Cornerstone Christian School of San Angelo.

The Loraine junior varsity team will begin play at approximately 4 p.m. in the LHS gymnasium. The Loraine varsity girls and boys will play following the JV squads.

*You are invited to attend the
Worship Service
of First Baptist Church, Colorado City, Tx.
on Sunday morning, December 17, 2006
at 10:55 a.m.*

The Worship Choir, directed by Martha Anderson, will present a compelling new Christmas musical based on one of the most cherished Gaither songs of all time – "Jesus, There's Something About That Name". It's a musical which retells God's purpose and plan to send the Promised One – Jesus! At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Christmas Happened at WTC

The Annual WTC Christmas Happening was held Monday, December 4, in the central courtyard on Campus. The evening got started with N.e.X.T. (Northeast Xylophone Team), a group of 5th graders lead by Triesta Lilly that played the xylophone and the recorder. Roan Inish was next with a Celtic Christmas. They played several Irish jigs with Christmas music added in. Several of the WTC students accompanied them on the drum... Story continued at www.wtc.edu.



Pictured (left to right) are Jeff Stanfield, Lars Maurseth, Jeremy Crawford and Cameron Rittinger.

Patterson-UTI Energy Gives to Opportunity Scholarship

Donation to the Scholarship ranks largest to date

The Western Texas College Foundation Board announced recently that Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. has donated \$25,000 to the Opportunity Scholarship. Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. is the second largest land-based drilling company in the United States, operating rigs in eleven states and Canada. Including this gift, the Foundation Board has raised over \$77,000 toward its \$125,000 goal for 2006-07... Story continued at www.wtc.edu.

Fall Semester Ends And Spring Begins

Students are hitting the books as class finals for the fall semester begin on Monday, December 11, and go through Thursday, December 14.

On Friday, December 15, the residence halls will close for the Christmas break and students will be packing up and going home for the holidays. The campus offices will close at noon on December 20 and reopen at 8 am on January 8. Before all of that happens, students have been and will continue to preregister for Spring Semester classes... Story continued at www.wtc.edu.

WTC Hosts Counselor Luncheon

Western Texas College's Vocational Department held a Counselors Luncheon on Wednesday, December 6, at the WTC Visitor Center. Counselors from around the area were invited to attend. Those who attended were: Ira High School, Miles High School, Roscoe High School and Albany High School.

Also in attendance were Brenda Brown from Tech Prep... Story continued

Reception Slated

A Reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Williams will be held Tuesday, December 19 from 5 to 6:30 PM in the WTC Visitor Center. The public is invited to come and wish them well in their future endeavors.

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SPORTS

C-City cagers throws chill on Winters

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Wolves can honestly say they enjoyed winter last week ... err, better make that enjoyed beating Winters.

The Wolves, bolstered by a solid defensive effort, held the Winters Blizzards to a total of 23 points en route to racing to a 34-23 win.

The Wolves led by a slim 8-7 margin at the end of the first quarter.

The CHS lead ballooned a bit in the second. Colorado City outscored Winters by a 10-6 clip in the second and took an 18-13 lead into the half.

At the end of three quarters,

the Wolves were up by a score of 25-19.

Matt Sowa led the Wolves with 10 points, while Jamarcus Denson pumped in seven.

Denson and Clint White both hit treys in the contest.

"We picked up our first win of the season at Winters," said head coach Danny Keeton. "We played solid defense against a team that we matched up well with in size. We cut down on our turnovers and made our free throws in the fourth quarter. It was a good overall team win. It was nice to get the monkey off our back, and get that first win of the season."

The JV boys lost their contest by a score of 42-29.



Record Photo

LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL'S Tanner Fountain scrambles for a loose ball during the Bulldogs' loss to Midland Lee last Saturday in Sterling City. The LHS squads will face Cornerstone Christian Friday in Loraine.

Lady Wolves split two games at Hooptown

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves dropped a 58-44 contest to the Winters Blizzards last Tuesday night at "The Pit".

Winters managed to get off to a quick start against the Lady Wolves. Winters knocked down several shots early in the first quarter and raced to a 15-10 advantage.

Colorado City clawed its way to within four in the second quarter by outscoring Winters by a 16-15 margin.

Winters held a slim 30-26 cushion at the half.

The Lady Blizzards kept their offensive pace in the second half with third and fourth quarter runs of 15-10 and 13-8.

Crystal Stewart led her team with 15 points while Jessica Castillo put in 14.

Hitting three-point shots for

the Lady Wolves were Stewart and Lachesha Johnson.

The Lady Wolves JV team lost to Winters by a score of 38-13.

The Lady Wolves defeated Alpine by a score of 59-58 in a hard-fought contest.

Alpine led 16-12 at the end of the first quarter, and then outscored the Lady Wolves 11-10 in the second quarter to take a 27-22 cushion at the half.

Colorado City outscored Alpine by a 13-12 clip in the third quarter, and finished off the contest with a 16-13 run in the final quarter to knot the score at 51-51 at the end of regulation.

The Lady Wolves outscored Alpine 8-7 in the overtime to get the win.

Leading the Lady Wolves offensively was Brittany Hill with 13 points.

Wildcats, Lady Wildcats, grab wins at Hilltop Classic

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Westbrook Wildcats defeated Trent, but lost to Roscoe in action played at the Highland Hilltop Classic basketball tournament last weekend.

In their first outing, the Wild-

cats drew a tough Roscoe squad and suffered an 81-35 setback.

Roscoe jumped on the Wildcats early, getting off to a 28-14 first-quarter lead.

At the end of the first half the Plowboys had built up a 52-23 lead.

Cards deal LJHS a rare setback

The Hermleigh Junior High School Cardinals posted a 12-7 run in the second half Monday evening and managed to pound out a stunning 24-20 upset of the Loraine Bulldogs.

With the loss, Loraine dropped to 4-3 for the season.

Sparked by early baskets from Toby Garza and Brandon Gibson, the LJHS squad took the upper hand in the opening minutes. Loraine outscored Hermleigh by a

7-6 margin in the initial six minutes of play.

Adrian Talamantes helped the Bulldogs keep up the attack in the second. He scored two of the team's three baskets in the frame and helped Loraine take a slim 13-12 lead into the half.

Hermleigh came out strong in the third. The Cards posted a 7-4 run in the initial six minutes of the second half and took a 19-17 lead into the fourth.

Roscoe pounded out a 17-4 run in the third and took a 69-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

Tate Burleson led the Wildcats with 16 points. Senior Justin Cantu also hit double figures, contributing 10 points.

The Wildcats bounced back from the loss to defeat the Trent Gorillas, 47-27, in the second round. Burleson led the WHS win by pouring in a game-high 19 points. Jordan Truelove and Drake Thurman just missed double figures with eight points apiece.

After managing just one shot from the field in the initial eight minutes of play, Westbrook found its game in the second. The Wildcats outscored Trent 22-4 in the second quarter and took a 24-6 lead into the half.

At the end of three quarters, Westbrook had increased its lead to 40-10.

The Lady Wildcats also lost to Roscoe in the first round of play, falling 63-45.

Allison Bray popped the nets for 23 points in the loss. Keesha Krapf added eight, while Caitlin Colaw put in seven.

Roscoe led 17-10 at the end of the first quarter, and then raced to a 28-26 lead at the half.

Roscoe went on a 16-5 third-quarter run to increase their lead to 44-31 heading into the fourth.

Roscoe also owned the final quarter 19-14.

Westbrook drummed the Bronco Lady Longhorns, 49-25, in the second round.

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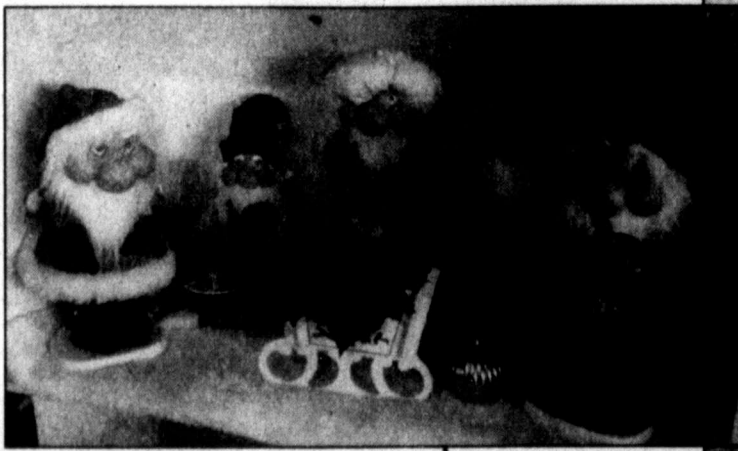
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SPORTS

STANTON

from page 10



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL standout Lachesha Johnson looks for a play to pass during a Lady Wolves' recent game. The Colorado City girls have already won more games than it did a year ago.

Record Photo

Late run enables Lady 'Dogs to shuffle Cards

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Ariel Bailey scored 10 points and pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds Monday afternoon and led the Loraine Junior High School Lady Bulldogs to a wild 31-23 come-from-behind win over the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals.



Ariel Bailey



Catelyn Johnston

Loraine, which also picked up a double-digit performance from

Catelyn Johnston, outscored Hermleigh by a staggering 14-1 clip in the fourth quarter to pocket its second win of the year.

Hermleigh got off to a quick start against Loraine. Paced by the shooting of point guard Sky Morris, the Lady Cardinals streaked to a 9-4 lead in the opening frame.

Morris, who tallied 15 points in the game, led a 6-6 run in the second and took the Lady Cards into the half with a 15-10 cushion.

After battling to within 22-17 in the third, the Lady Bulldogs hit stride in the final frame.

Johnston pushed in eight of her 10 points in the final six minutes and keyed a lopsided 14-1 run. Raven Limones added to the LJHS run by pitching his four of her seven points in the final period.

Megan Sanchez also scored for the Lady Bulldogs, netting two.

30-24 lead. The Wolves battled back on a 19-9 fourth quarter output to come away with the victory.

Tyler Higgins was the high-point scorer with 14 points in the game. White pumped in eight. Manuel Garza hit a trey for the Wolves.

"It was a big win for our team against a pretty good ballclub," said Keeton. "We led by six at the half, and then trailed by six going into the final quarter. We came back from being down by eight midway through the fourth quarter."

"The kids are really starting to play with more confidence for such a young team," he said. "We have to gain confidence and be more consistent. The kids are working hard and playing with a lot of heart every game."

The next game for the Wolves was the Reagan County Owls. The Wolves fell by a score of 50-42 to the Owls.

Reagan County jumped off to a 16-6 first quarter score before the Owls carried a 28-18 lead into the half.

In the third quarter, the Wolves

outscored Reagan County by a 9-6 margin and cut the Owls' lead to 34-27.

The final quarter went to Reagan County 16-15.

Higgins pumped in 11 points to lead the Wolves, while White added nine.

Nailing treys in the game were Kolby Free, White and Garza.

"It was a great effort on the part of these kids," said Keeton. "Just last week we were defeated by Reagan County by 45 points in the Ballinger tournament. The Owls are a solid club with lots of experience so I was very pleased with these guys."

The loss dropped the Wolves into a consolation round where they took on the Stanton junior varsity squad.

The Wolves were able to gain a huge confidence boost with a 65-23 win over the Buffaloes' JV team.

The Wolves led 16-6 at the end of one quarter, and stretched it into a 37-9 halftime advantage.

At the end of three quarters the Wolves were up 53-13.

Higgins led the team with 16

points, while Free netted 10.

"This was a solid win for us as we finished the tournament by winning two and losing two," said Keeton. "The Stanton JV team is actually older than our varsity squad as they start two juniors and three sophomores. We played really good team defense and out rebounded our opponent for the fourth time this season. All 10

players scored at least one basket in the game."

Higgins had his second double-double in the tournament with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

"A lot of players are contributing and the team is showing improvement in every game," said Keeton.

District play will kick off for the Wolves on Dec. 19 when they play host to Stanton.

Bulldogs, Lady 'Dogs fall to GC, Cornerstone

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Loraine Bulldogs found some rough going last Friday when they played host to the No. 4-ranked Garden City Bearkats.

When the dust settled the Bulldogs had suffered a 50-27 setback.

Garden City took an early 16-6 first quarter lead and pushed its lead to 28-11 at the half.

Garden City outscored Loraine 22-16 in the second half.

Loraine was not able to convert any of its seven free throws attempted.

Leading the Bulldogs in scoring were Jimmy Grissam and Miguel Acevedo with six points apiece. Derek Martinez and Kenny Esquivel contributed three each.

Garden City was playing in its first basketball game since being eliminated from the state six-man football playoffs.

In girl's action, the Lady Bulldogs lost to San Angelo Cornerstone by 71-37 margin.

Cornerstone put up 27 first

quarter points and jumped to a 27-2 lead.

At the half, Cornerstone had run up a lead of 43-15.

Loraine was only outscored 16-14 in the third quarter, but the Cornerstone squad finished the game with a 12-8 fourth quarter run.

Leading the Lady Bulldogs was Lindsey Martin with 11 points. Nancy Talamantes put up 10 points, while Felicia Gibson added eight points.

Loraine did put up four treys in the game. Talamantes collected two, while Gibson and Erica Medina notched the other two.

Cornerstone moved its record to a 7-0 on the season.

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with Coahoma up 42-34.

The Bulldogettes ended the final quarter of play on a 16-10 run to pull away in the final score of 58-44.

Jessica Castillo was the high-point scorer with 13, while Janna Guerra put up nine points.

"We played a good third quarter, and cut their lead to five points, but we just ran out of gas," said Lady Wolves head coach Darrin Leverton. "When you are missing players like Lachesha (Johnson) who is so quick and a great re-

bounder, it really shows."

Johnson missed the game due to a death in the family. Michelle Arispe sat out due to an injured ankle.

The Lady Wolves dropped to 4-

10 on the season.

Colorado City hosts Anson this Friday at the "Pit."

The Colorado City junior varsity suffered a 40-27 loss to Coahoma.

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LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL'S Dante Smith attempts to drive past a Midland Lee defender during the first half of the Bulldogs' semifinal game in the Sterling City JV Basketball Tournament Saturday. Loraine lost to Midland Lee and finished the two-day event with a 1-1 record. The team is 1-2 for the year.

Pokes cannot afford for Romo to lose confidence

I sincerely hope that everyone had a great week!

I didn't! Mainly because the Dallas Cowboys lost to the New Orleans Saints as quarterback Tony Romo finally had one of his bad days at the office. I hope he doesn't lose the confidence he had while they were on their recent 4-game winning streak. Confidence plays a lot in the outcome of games in the NFL. Ask former Cowboy kicker Mike Vanderjact

CARL'S CORNER...
CARL GRAHAM
SPORTS EDITOR



about that.

I am impressed with the way young Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young has been doing the past several games. On

Sunday, he scored on a 39-yard touchdown run which most certainly brought back memories of his days at the University of Texas.

The Colorado Lady Wolves have reached a milestone of sorts already this season. The Lady Wolves have already won more basketball games than they won all of last season.

Coach Darrin Leverton is doing a great job with the girls and they play hard for him. The team started district play on Tuesday when they visited Coahoma -- the pick by most coaches to take the district championship.

That's it for another week folks! Have a great week, and remember, be a good sport in everything you do!

CMS eighth graders nab their first win of '06 season

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Middle School eighth grade boys basketball team nailed down its first win of the young season with an impressive 27-10 win over the Stamford Bulldogs.

Blaze Clark led the team offensively with 13 points. Teammate J.C. Johnson contributed six.

The Wolves started off the game with an 11-0 run in the first quarter. The CMS cagers continued their dominance in the second quarter with a 4-0 run that sent the game into the half with the Wolves holding a commanding 15-0 lead.

In the third quarter both teams managed eight point each, sending the game into the final frame with CMS up 23-8.

The Wolves finished the game

with a 4-2 run in the final quarter.

"I was extremely pleased by the relentless defense and end-less hustle these kids showed," said coach Clay White. "Blaze recorded a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds. He is our leading rebounder and played a heck of a game."

Ronald Ioyama led the team in assists with two, while Nick Reyna led in steals with four.

Johnson, Reyna and Jonathon Luera each had a block in the game.

"What impressed me the most with the win was the fact that our defense was able to grab 18 steals, and did not allow a single point in the first half of play. That speaks highly of the defense these kids play," said White.

Lady Wolves to make district debut

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves will host the Anson Lady Tigers this Friday evening at "The Pit" in District 5-2A action.

The CHS junior varsity will lead off the action beginning at 6 p.m.. The Colorado High School varsity team will play at 7:30 p.m.

WHS to face Robert Lee on Dec. 15

The Westbrook High School varsity boys basketball team will close out their pre-Christmas schedule this Friday when they

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LORAINE NEWS



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LORAINE FIREMAN CHARLES BOWEN (l) receives a plaque of appreciation on behalf of his late wife Mary Rose from Loraine Fire Chief Donnie Phillips. Mary Rose cooked breakfast for the past 14 years for members of the fire department that worked the annual fire department auction held in March. The tradition will continue thanks to the children of the Bowens.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Loraine Correspondent

Seasons greetings. If you will adhere to this old Chinese proverb you won't need gifts or deeds to provide you with a merry Christmas or a happy New Year.

"If you want to be happy for an hour, take a nap. If you want to be happy for a day, go fishing. If you want to be happy for a month, get married. If you want to be happy for a year, inherit a fortune. But if you want to be happy for a life, help somebody else."

Joan Long attended a baby shower Saturday in Colorado City at the home of Sally Ferris for her new little great-grandbaby, Jolie Ann. It was well-attended with the host serving refreshments.

Joan said it was fun and she is happy that Jolie is in the family. In other words, she is a keeper.

We are happy to report having a new resident in Loraine. Jean Aaron of Tuscola recently moved into the Taylor-Witt Apartment Complex. We hope she likes it here. She has children living in Colorado City.

Manager, Joan Long, now reports that all the apartments are full.

We, in the community, send condolences to the family and friends of Howard Tarrt. He was a former longtime resident of Loraine before moving to Colorado City some years ago.

Our prayers go to Marilyn and family.

Brent Graham, son of Carl and Sandy Graham, was bitten last week by a Brown Recluse spider and had to undergo surgery last Friday to save his leg. He was released from the hospital late Sunday. Brent has just recently relocated to the Houston suburbs.

Your donation of canned goods for the needy will be appreciated during this holiday season. Several places around town will act as depositories: the Loraine Baptist Church, the Loraine Methodist Church, the Senior Citizens Building and City Hall.

The First Bank of West Texas in Loraine will be accepting toys for distribution. Call any of these places for deadlines and pickup days.

Bro. James Merrell and his wife, Edna from Snyder, were in Loraine last Friday. They visited the nursing homes in Colorado City while in Mitchell County.

The Merrells lived in Loraine for several years and Bro. James was pastor at the Methodist church.

The annual Christmas brunch hosted by the Friendship Sun-

day School Class of First Baptist Church of Loraine for all ladies was held at Bama's Restaurant in Colorado City. The ladies were served coffee, orange juice or was-sail as they arrived.

Nora Galvan sang a beautiful Christmas song, "Born to Die."

After the blessing, a lovely plate of breakfast casserole, sausage and cheese muffins, strawberry bread and fruit was served.

Those present were: Christine Mearse, Betty Chandler, Billie Powell, Yvonne Sadler, Christine Britton, Shirley Graham, Doris Henderson, Allie Ruth Wiggins, Helen Hartley, Nora Galvan, Pam Butler, Fielda Blair, Gayle Hayes, Anna Teresa Butler, Jennifer Zuniga, Sherry Chaney, Rose Mary Aguilar, Pat Whitet, Wanza Graham and Doris Graham.

Danny Butler led the congregational singing Sunday accompanied by Bro. Dale Hartley and Durwood McAdams on their guitars. It was very well received.

Following a good message by Bro. Hartley, the December business meeting was held.

If you ate lunch at the Loraine Senior Citizens Building last Friday, I feel sure you had com-

pliments for the cooks, Rachel Romero and Rosa Garcia. They made large homemade buns and topped them with a generous, spice sloppy joe meat mixture and served a salad and chips on the side. Apple cobbler was served for dessert. In all, it was a tasty treat.

In memory of Margaret Brame, Billie Schroeder and Juanice Butler...

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"We" were acquainted with three experienced tamale-makers who knew their way around masa, lard, meat and shucks, and they agreed to teach us, a monkey see, monkey do approach to the production.

When our teachers found out our goal was to make 200 dozen tamales in a few hours, they just looked at each other, smiled and said something in Spanish that sounded like "loco".

It seemed to take a long time to grind and cook enough seasoned meat for a project that large. The aroma of the meat was tantalizing by now, pungent and spicy.

To begin, a merry masa maker made white masa that looked like mashed potatoes but we didn't dare taste. During all this time, a shuck expert was washing and hot-water-bathing shucks for pliability. Then she dried them all.

Someone brought in gizmos that looked like hamburger presses and probably were. At last, our assembly began. All 11 sweet, little ladies were stepping lively, cheerful, talkative and determined-looking. We figured to be finished by noon and home for lunch.

A shuck came down the line and someone smeared a thin coat of white masa on it. Next came a meat depositer, then a wrapper and end tucker.

Great day! Just watch our smoke now as we smeared, shucked and rolled!

In no time, the new wore off, the fun smoke died down to a faint haze. It was getting to be hard work and very repetitive. Our stomachs began to growl.

Every few minutes one lady, who shall remain nameless, kept asking, "What's the count now?" They all just looked at me with pity.

After what seemed like ages, the foreman, in this case a forewoman, said in a loud voice, "Break for lunch." What do you mean break, aren't we finished yet? Before I had time to swallow a cracker, the forewoman said, "Back to work."

Well, it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that we would have to quicken our pace and cut out the unnecessary things like going to the bathroom.

One little lady just wanted to get home to watch Peter Jennings. When it was time for him to be on TV, we were still 120 dozen shy. We stopped to wolf down supper and back to work.

Now the 11 little women had a crazed look in their eyes. Their shoulders were stooped, all the vibrancy and zest was gone.

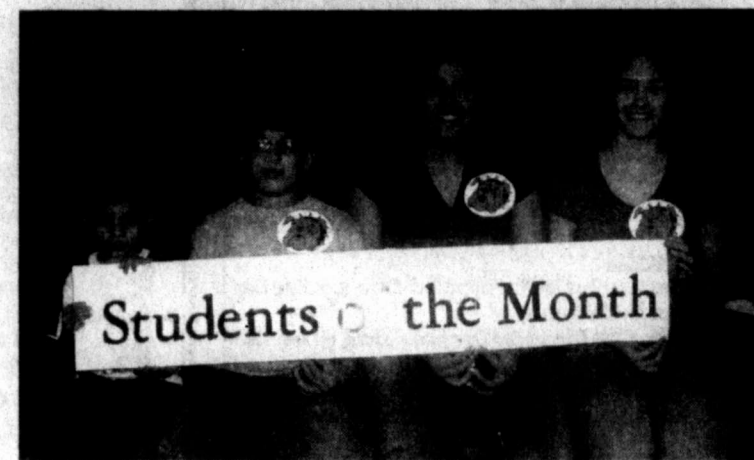
There were no concealed weapons lying around, but I did notice one lady toying around with a cast iron skillet while looking at

the forewoman. "Mash that meat, shuck that bale, get a little mean and land in jail." Have mercy!

It soon dawned on us that no one would kill us if we couldn't make the goal. We got close to it before we ran out of meat, thank Goodness!

The next time you encounter tamale-makers, bow and show

some respect. They earned it the hard way. Assembly line workers were: Nora Galvan, Valentina Martinez, Irma Romero, Joan Long, Billie Powell, Yvonne Sadler, Betty Bowlin, Millie Rose, Wanza Graham, Margaret Brame, Billie Schroeder, Juanice Butler, Doris Henderson and Bessie Ann Vaughn.



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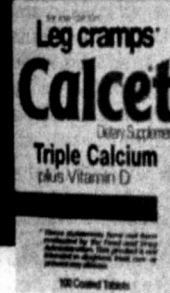
LORAINE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER were: (l to r) Oscar Vasquez, pre-K; Timothy Garza, 5th grade; Alicia Hernandez, 8th grade; and Felicia Gibson, sophomore.

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