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TXU sale may kill proposed Morgan Creek plant

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Mitchell County's hopes of seeing a TXU Corp. coal-fired power plant being constructed at Morgan Creek may have flickered out Sunday afternoon when the Dallas-based energy giant agreed to be bought out by a group of private investment firms for a reported $45 billion.

TXU directors voted Sunday night to recommend that shareholders approve the sale.

"I never thought a thing like this could happen," said Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum, who was informed of the TXU sale Monday morning. "At first, I just couldn't believe it.

"I'm tremendously sorry for the people of Colorado City and Mitchell County," he added. "We all had our hopes sky-high for this to happen."

Under a proposal by TXU submitted last April, the company said it would build a coal-fired plant at its Morgan Creek facility. Under that plan, Colorado City and Mitchell County would have prospered greatly. The plant -- which TXU had hoped to begin building later this year -- would have created more than 100 new full-time jobs, created numerous plant-associated opportunities and pumped millions into the local economy.

Those plans may have changed with the sale. As part of the agreement -- which will not be finalized until a 50-day "shopping" period in which TXU can consider any other offers -- a group including Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., Texas Pacific Group, Goldman Sachs & Co. and three other Wall Street firms will buy TXU and dramatically cut back the company's plan to build coal-fired power plants.

This scale-back represents a 75 percent reduction in new coal capacity. In addition, the company is committed to continuing its efforts to meaningfully reduce existing carbon emissions and seeks to join the United States Climate Action Partnership (USCAP). USCAP is a broad-based group of businesses and leading environmental groups organized to work with the President, the Congress and all other stakeholders to enact an environmentally effective, economically sustainable and fair climate change program. As part of the company's support for USCAP, TXU is also pledging to support the mandatory cap and trade program to regulate carbon emissions.

To satisfy ERCOT's requirement for im-

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Record Photo/Tommy Wells

MITCHELL COUNTY MOTORISTS inched their way through Saturday's sandstorm north of Colorado City. The storm was reported to have been about 400 miles long and extended almost 4 miles into the air.

Dust in the wind

Mitchell County escapes super-powered sandstorm with relatively little damage

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Other than a few broken branches and a downed power line that caused some residents to briefly lose electricity, Mitchell County emerged from Saturday's "perfect" storm relatively unscathed.

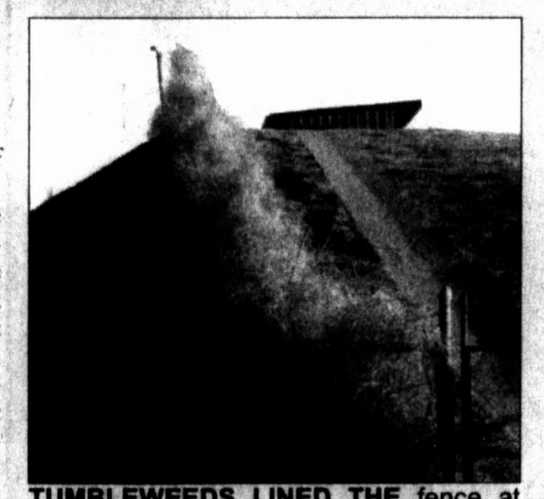
Charged by wind in excess of 60 miles per hour, a massive sandstorm hammered most of west and central Texas on Feb. 24, and brought much of the state to a standstill. More than 500 flights in Lubbock, Midland and Dallas-Fort Worth were cancelled, as were countless high school athletic events.

"We didn't have that many (calls)," said Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

The majority of the damage in the county was light, ranging from a few broken tree limbs, missing roof shingles and a downed power line south of the city.

According to the National Weather Service, the cloud of dust created by the high winds was estimated to be up to 400 miles long and up to 70 miles wide, stretching from Lubbock to the Metroplex and from Ardmore, Okla., to Comanche. The dust storm was caused by a strong low pressure system in Kansas that triggered high winds in Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska said Ted Ryan, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Fort Worth office.

Statistically, the National Weather Service said the storm was the largest to hit the Lubbock area since May of 1952 when winds in excess of 90 mph were recorded.



TUMBLEWEEDS LINED THE fence at Wolf Stadium on Sunday after a storm that brought 60 mph winds passed through the area.

Baum: City to 'go forward' despite possible loss of TXU power plant

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Although admitting odds are the pending sale of TXU Corp. to a group of investors could mean the end of a proposed multi-million dollar coal-fired power plant at Morgan Creek, Colorado City officials remained upbeat Tuesday evening, saying the community's is healthy and would survive.



Jim Baum

They also stressed the "fat lady" hasn't sang the final song on the TXU sale.

"I know we're feeling disappointed and sorry for ourselves right now," said Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum. "But we're going to go forward. It may turn out that we won't it (the plant), but I've talked to several people with TXU that the company may look to build power generators or other facilities down the road."

Baum, noting TXU has several generators at Morgan Creek currently, said the proposed sale of TXU doesn't address the state's need for increased power, and that regardless of the sale, new sources of power will be needed.

A fact which leaves Mitchell County in a good situation considering its proximity to existing transmission lines.

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Airtricity to begin work on wind farm 'within 2 weeks'

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Airtricity announced Tuesday afternoon it planned to break ground on a 209-tower wind farm in northeast of Loraine later this month as part of its plans to bring wind energy to Mitchell County.

"We could be starting in the next week to 10 days," said Airtricity Vice President Patrick Woodson, after signing a tax abatement deal with the Mitchell County Hospital District. "We're very excited about getting started."

According to Woodson, 103 of the company's 209 towers would be located in Mitchell County. The remaining towers would be in Scurry and Nolan coun-

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Wallace/Ware Units breeze through ACA exam

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

After months of work and preparation, the Wallace and Ware Correctional Facilities received the word they had been hoping to hear last week.

"Passed."

Inspectors with the American Correctional Association gave the two Colorado City units -- along with its division in San Angelo -- a thumbs up Friday after its accreditation check. The local correctional facilities received high marks during the audit, receiving favorable marks in 463 of 467 non-mandatory standards.

According to national guidelines, correctional facilities must undergo an ACA audit once every three years to ensure standards are being maintained.

According the ACA auditors Gary Thaggard, Robert Conley Sr., and Jerry Gooldin, the Wallace/Ware units received extremely good marks, comparable to some of the best in the state.

The Wallace/Ware scores were welcome news to Senior Warden

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CONDUCTING THE WALLACE/WARE ACA AUDIT were (left to right) Gary Thaggard, Robert Conley Sr. and Jerry Gooldin. The units received the highest marks in the state.

County sets special election for May 12

Texans will have an additional reason to vote on May 12 -- taxes. Voters will be asked to approve a statewide constitutional amendment in regard to school taxes.

The election, which will be held with city, school and hospital board races, will cost the county about $6,000.

Around Town

Happy 9th birthday **Ramsey Alvarez** (Feb. 26)... Happy birthday **Raymond Molina** (Mar. 3)... Happy 7th birthday **Brayden Coronado** (Mar. 1)... Happy 1st birthday **Kayden Johnson** (Mar. 4)... **Bobbie Banks** out running some errands.... **Malea Martinez** visiting the office... **Sue Young** looking for some meeting information....

Obituaries

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Buddy Crabtree, Colorado City

Answerline

Q. When does Airtricity plan to begin construction of its wind farm?

A. According to Vice President Patrick Woodson, construction should start within the next two weeks in the northeast part of the county.

Briefs

Barbeque Dinner

The House of Hope Community Church will be selling barbeque dinners on Sat., Mar. 3 beginning at 11 a.m. Menu choices include brisket, chicken, sausage and ribs with all the trimmings and tea. For deliveries, call 728-5900.

Museum Visitor

Jason Cutnose, great-great-great-great-grandson of Chief Lone Wolf will be at the Heart of West Texas Museum all day Thurs., Mar. 1. Citizens are encouraged to come, visit and enjoy refreshments. The museum will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. that evening for those with daytime work schedules.

Barbeque Sale

St. James Baptist Church will have barbeque plates for sale on Sat., Mar. 3 beginning at 11 a.m.

Job Fair

On Wed., Mar. 7, Colorado High School will be hosting a job fair for students to be evaluated on interviewing skills. The job interviews will be held in the CHS gym from 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Medical Fund

A Medical expense fund has been set up for Cindy Hackfeld at the First Bank of West Texas in Loraine. Donations will go to offset medical expenses.

Thought of the Week

When you are courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder, a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.
Albert Einstein

Lake Levels

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Lake Champion...2040.23'
Full at 2083' Down 42.77'

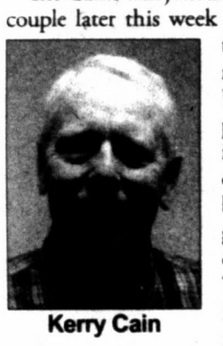
LOCAL NEWS

C-City couple slated to visit former Soviet Union state

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

When Kerry Cain and his wife, Tommie, tell you they will go to the end of the Earth to help people, they aren't kidding.

The Cains will join another Texas couple later this week in traveling to the former Soviet Union to participate in a 3-week church-based program to help orphans. The couple is scheduled to depart for the Ukrainian village of Kremenchug on Thursday.


Kerry Cain

"We're going to help people in that area," said Cain, a preacher with the Colorado City Church of Christ. "We're taking some money Christians here have gathered to help them with food and medicine."

Ukraine, a former member of the Soviet bloc, is an economically-challenged country still struggling to recover from communist control.

"It's a pretty poor country," said Cain, who will be making his ninth trip to the Ukraine to work with orphans and teach Bible study classes.

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ties.

Woodson, noting Airtricity had already managed to secure deals with the county and Colorado Independent School District with help from the Mitchell County Economic Development Board, hopped to have all the towers in the $180 to $120-million wind farm operational by December.

Airtricity and Third Planet Windpower of Bad Axe, Michigan, are both developing wind farms in Mitchell County.


Record Photo/Tommy Wells

CHUCK JOHNSON WALKS through the downtown area of Colorado City on his way to the Dallas-Fort Worth area as part of his 10-year walk across the U.S. Johnson, who began his walk in December of 1999, walked through Mitchell County last Thursday.

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"From everything I've seen, there wasn't a plan to meet peak demands, said councilman Robert Brookshear, a former employee of Gulf States Utilities. "If we don't meet the demand for growth, we're going to have shortfalls. We're going to have to have power from some where ... even if its from out of state."

Brookshear also stressed the sale wasn't a certainty, noting the agreement will have to be approved by several state and federal regulatory commissions.

"There are a lot of factors that go into this," he said. "I think when all of the factors start getting out there, the buyout may not happen, and if that happens we'll be back on the table."

"That may not happen, but it is a possibility," he added.

According to Secutity Exchange Commission statistics on the Internet, about 50 percent of all proposed transactions involving publicly traded entities do not happen.

"I don't know how or what will happen," said councilman Sammy Contreras. "but I know good things are going to happen."

"It isn't over until the fat lady sings," said councilman Robert McNeal.

California man's 10-year walk across the U.S. passes through Colorado City

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Chuck Johnson would have probably made Johnny Cash proud had he ever gotten the chance to meet him. He has, by his own admission, been everywhere during his seven years of dragging a 10-foot cross around the United States.

"I've been doing this for a long time to remind people they need Jesus in their lives, and to remind them what He did for us," said Johnson, a 45-year-old resident of Anaheim, California, who marched down Second Street in Colorado City on Thursday afternoon on his way to the Metroplex. "I've been to every state except Alaska and Hawaii over the last seven years. It's just a visual thing to remind everyone what Jesus did for us, and how important having Him in our lives is."

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> **Chuck Johnson**

Johnson, who originally began dragging a 4x4 post cross that weighed in excess of 80 pounds in December 1999, said he began the cross-carrying tour after asking God to give him something to do.

Almost immediately, the idea of using a cross to attract people's attention exploded in his head.

"He did," he said. "He really got me."

Unlike some travelers, Johnson said he – thankfully – is not bound to walk every inch of the way during his trip. At times, especially between long distances in West Texas, he accepts rides from people who stop him. Those people, Johnson said, are proof God provides what is needed.

"When I left Big Spring, I was walking down the road when a man pulled up and said, 'Where do you want to go?' When I told him I was trying to hit all the towns on the road and my next destination was Colorado City, he just said, 'Get in. I think I'm supposed to take you there.'"

After arriving in Colorado City, Johnson began his walk again, pulling his 12-pound PVC cross through downtown en route to Sweetwater, Abilene and the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

During his seven-year trek, Johnson estimates he averages about 20-30 miles per day.

"One time I went through some road work where they had a radar set up to check the speed of cars coming through, and I was clocked at 3 miles per hour," he said. "So, if I walk for 8-10 hours a day, I'll cover about 25 to 30 miles a day."

Once he reaches the Metroplex, Johnson said he will hardly be through. He said he is on a 10-year mission to drag the cross throughout the country.

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J.V. Young, who praised his staff for their work.

Young said he was extremely pleased with the results of the ACA audit, noting the only areas the facilities did not receive positive marks was in areas out of their control, such as being understaffed.

Numerous Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials were on hand for the audit, including TDCJ Region V Director Bruce Zeller and Deputy Director for Correctional Institutions Rodney Cooper, a former warden at the Wallace unit.

The formal results of the ACA audit will be presented to a 4-man board in Kentucky in May.

City's code enforcement office resigns

Colorado City lost one if it's long-time employees recently when veteran Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall Charles Rice announced his resignation.

Rice, in a letter to city officials, said he had enjoyed his tenure with the city but that he felt it was time to step down. Rice's resignation was effective Feb. 20.

Colorado City Police Chief Eric Foerster said he had interviewed several candidates for the position, and indicated he hoped he could fill the position by the middle of March.

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MEMBERS OF KELLEY ELEMENTARY'S first-grade class spent part of their physical education class jumping rope for the American Heart Association.

Kelley students participate in Jump Rope for Heart

Kelley Elementary first- and second-grade students literally leaped head-first into their support of the American Heart Association earlier this week.

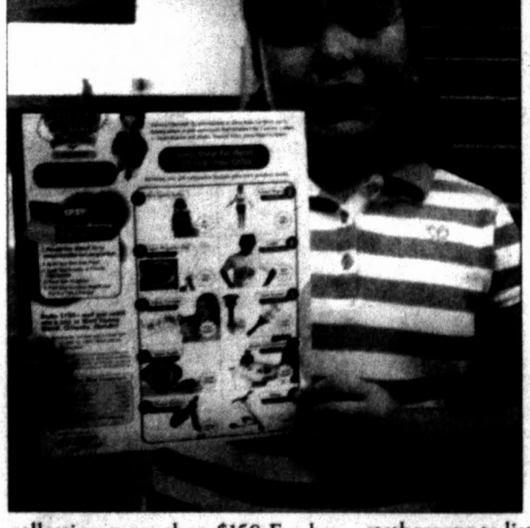
Really, leaped into it.

Kelley students participated on Tuesday in a marathon jump rope exercise to help promote healthy hearts and the dangers of inactivity, heart disease, smoking and being overweight as part of the annual Jump Rope for Heart program.

"Jump Rope for Heart has been a great program at Kelley Elementary," said Physical Education teacher Mary Lou Costabile. "They learn how to keep their hearts strong by being physically active for 30 minutes or more a day."

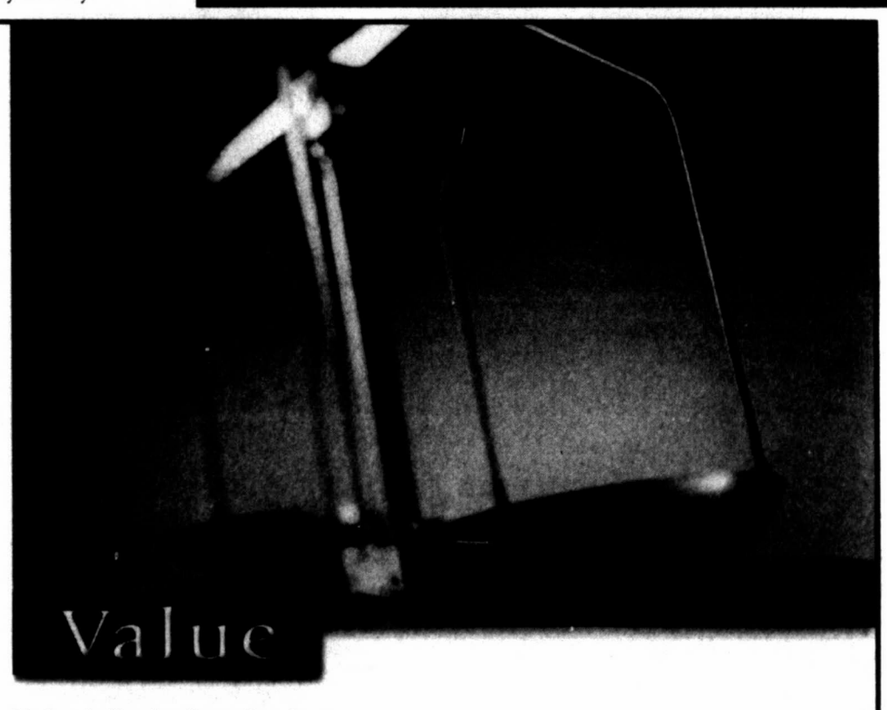
As part of the program, each student, along with other members of their class, spent part of the day jumping a rope in the school gymnasium. They also learned about the size and location of their hearts. The students had earlier raised money for the AHA by collecting donations for their jump rope activity.

First-grade student Misty Zimmerlee was the top fund-raiser, collecting more than $150 For her efforts, she received two tickets to Hurricane Harbor in Arlington. Her name will also be placed in a drawing to win a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.


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KELLEY'S MISTY ZIMMERLEE was the top find-raiser during the school's Jump Rope for Heart program, collecting more than $150. She received two tickets to Hurricane Harbor, and had her name entered in a drawing for a trip to Disney World.

Following the workout members of the class were allowed to use a stethoscope to listen to their hearts, and the heart rates of their classmates.

Costabile said the students also learned the importance of eating a balanced meal with a lot of fruit and vegetables to help battle heart disease.



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LOCAL NEWS

Harris to seek re-election to city council

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Colorado City businessman Justin Harris became the latest incumbent to file for re-election on Monday when he filed the necessary paperwork at city hall.

Harris is the third city councilman to announce their intentions to run for re-election this May. Previously councilmen Robert McNeal and Sammy Conteras had announced they would run, as did Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum.

Harris, who represents District 5, has been on the city council for two years. Her had served on the council previously as well.

McNeal represents District 3, while Contreras, who also serves as the Mayor Pro-Tem, represents District 1. He is the longest tenured councilmember, having been elected initially in 1991.

The City of Loraine did not have any people file for its May 12 city council race last week. To date, mayor Ina Vay McAdams and councilwoman Susan Sanchez are the only people to announce their intetions to seek additional terms.

Loraine councilwoman Shirley Kendall has not filed for re-election as of press time.


Robert McNeal

Filing for the area school board races continued at a slow pace. Only three Mitchell County residents -- all from Westbrook -- announced they would be seeking office since last week.

Tom Whitesides and Lynn Gaston both filed for re-election to their at-large seats on the Westbrook Independent School District. Also, Jason Morris will be running to fill the 1-year unexpired term of former school board member Chip Roemisch.

Whoever is elected to fill Roemisch's spot on the board will complete the remainder of the year and will have to run for re-election in May of 2008.

According to Colorado and Loraine ISD officials, no candidates have filed for their respective positions.

In Colorado City, the terms of Cecilia Scott and Larry Mason are both expiring. In Loraine, two seats will be available on the Loraine school board, including the at-large spots currently held by school board president Frank Garcia and secretary Rose Marie Aguilar.

No candidates have announced for spots on the Mitchell County Hospital District as of yet. MCHD called for the election at its recent meeting.

In all, four terms will be ending on the MCHD board, including those of Kenneth Rogers, Florence Bodine, Jerry Reynolds and Geneva Ratliff.

March 12 is the last day a candidate can file to be on the ballot.

TXU

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mediate additional capacity to meet the state's increasing electricity demand, TXU expects to build two coal units at the Oak Grove site and one coal unit at the Sandow site. TXU will also suspend the permit application process for the other eight units and withdraw them once the transaction closes. TXU does not intend to apply or reapply for permits to build additional units utilizing current pulverized coal-fueled technology.

The firms won support for the buyout from environmentalists who have criticized TXU by agreeing to drop plans to build eight coal-fired plants, including the multi-million dollar facility in Mitchell County.

"This is a momentous event for our company in our long journey to transform TXU from a former integrated monopoly to high performance businesses. The new ownership and business structure will enable us to better meet the growing energy needs of Texans," said C. John Wilder, chairman and chief executive officer of TXU Corp. "The long-term capital, expertise and resources of the investor group will allow us to increase our focus on reliability, lower prices, outstanding customer service and innovative products, and investments in long-term environmentally sound technology. TXU is a proud Texas corporate citizen, and the company will continue to operate with the same commitment and dedication to serving Texas."

"KKR, TPG and the rest of the investor group are all world-class investors who bring valuable experience in the industry. With these long-term and very informed investors, we can execute a new strategy that will allow us to reshape TXU's program to build new electric generation units," Wilder continued.

"Our new strategy will meet two important objectives: addressing Texas ' immediate and future energy and reliability needs; and doing so in a manner that responds to the desires of policy makers and other key stakeholders to incorporate new technology advancements and conservation," he added.

The sale will put TXU, which serves 2.3 million customers, into private ownership for the first time since Texas Utilities was formed in 1945 to operate the Texas Electric Service Co. and Texas Power & Light. Under private ownership, TXU will no longer have to issue quarterly reports on its profits and finances or issue a detailed annual report to the general public. The company, due to the state's electric business deregulation, also will be able to set rates without public oversight, though its maintenance of power and transmission lines continues to be regulated.

TXU's proposal to build the new coal-fired power plants had led to widespread opposition from citizens groups, clean-air advocates and a coalition of mayors from metropolitan areas claiming the emissions would hurt their areas.

In Mitchell County, the plant had received overwhelming support as more than 2,600 local residents had signed a petition in favor of the project.

TXU Spokesman Tom Kleckner said the company appreciated the community's efforts, and that the company would continue to look at ways to better serve its customers.

"We appreciate the support of these communities and the strong partnerships we have forged," Kleckner said. "Even though the original proposal may have been scaled back in some of these communities, we remain committed to meet the state's near-term and future energy needs."

"We remain committed to improving Texas' energy supply to meet future needs and will work collaboratively with Texas leaders to address this generation development in a manner that allows for incorporation of new technology advancements and alternative energy sources," he added.

Environmentalists hailed the TXU sale as a positive event.

"This is a major victory for the citizens of Texas," said Karen Hadden, the executive director of Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition.

The agreement comes just days after TXU had suffered a setback in its plant-building efforts. A state district judge blocked part of Gov. Rick Perry's 2005 executive order that sped up the process by which citizens could challenge permits.

The sale must still be approved by TXU's shareholders, who normally meet in Dallas in May, and the Texas Public Utility Commission.

Dropped from TXU's plans

Seven coal-fired power plants TXU Corp. proposed to build at existing power-plant sites have been dropped as part of a pending agreement for the purchase of the Dallas-based company.:

- Monticello plant in Titus County
- Martin Lake plant in Rusk County
- Lake Creek plant in McLennan County
- Big Brown plant in Freestone County
- Trading House 3 & 4 plants in McLennan County
- Valley Steam plant in Fannin County
- Morgan Creek plant in Mitchell County

County commissioners approve purchase of new water tank

The Mitchell County Commissioner's Court put its stamp of approval on the purchase of a new water tank Monday morning at a called meeting.

At the meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to okay the purchase of a new 3,000-gallon water tank from an Abilene company to replace the one now being used by the county. Circle D Truck Sales submitted the lone bid to the court.

The cost of the tank was approved at $19,233.

In other business, the commissioners authorized Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo to sign a deal with Enprotec to join other municipalities and counties in a joint effort to obtain cheap seal coating bids. The group is hoping to obtain lower prices based on a bulk bid.

The commissioner's also voted to allow Concrete Mobility to core drill the county's rock quarry to determine if the company could use any of the material.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Attending defensive driving school



It was a beautiful day in early January. I was headed to East Texas to do some interviews. The sun was out, the sky was a perfect blue and I could see for miles down the highway. God's in his heaven, all's right with the world. The only thing wrong with this day was the car in front of me doing 40 miles an hour. The speed limit was 70. I was in a no-passing zone, but what the heck, this car I had been following for miles was just poking along so I eased around it. The highway ahead was straight and clear of traffic and there was a string of cars behind me. I didn't notice that the second vehicle behind me happened to be one driven by a deputy sheriff.

As soon as I passed the car, I noticed the flashing lights on the deputy's SUV. He was courteous enough. He introduced himself to me and asked me if I knew why he pulled me over. I admitted my guilt. What else could I do? He must have been new on the force because he spent nearly an hour writing the ticket.

This occurred in a little place just outside Athens called Seven Points. I called the Henderson County JP and asked what I needed to do to prevent this from getting on my driving record. He told me I had to take defensive driving. I paid him $104, paid the state $10 to get my driving record (which was perfect) and paid A-1 Defensive Driving $30 to keep my good driving record.

I took the defensive driving course the weekend after Valentine's Day. Some members of my family had taken the course online or spent three nights taking it at a college. They said both were unsatisfactory. I found out that every first and third Saturday a guy came over from Abilene to teach a defensive driving course at our local Furr's cafeteria. I showed up there at 9 a.m. along with 19 other people. We were to be there until 3 p.m. Lunch was included in the tuition price.

The instructor, named Joe, made the time fly by. He talked, made jokes, showed videos and got everybody in the course involved. Before noon he knew the names of everyone in the class. The course is a good thing for any driver. You learn about recent changes in traffic laws and you come away a better driver. And you get a 10% reduction in your car insurance rates.

The material was, shall we say, sobering: 35,000 to 50,000 people are killed on our nation's highways every year because of drunk drivers and people who don't use seat belts. Drivers who use cell phones are four times more likely to have an accident than people who don't use the phone while driving. The reason so many teens have wrecks is because they are inexperienced. Drivers most likely to die on the highway are those over 80 years old. Teens are second. Momentary distractions cause crashes. These include dialing the radio, eating and applying makeup. In a single year in the metroplex, eight women died from pushing a mascara brush through their eye into their brain. We learned that it takes one hour for our bodies to absorb a drink of alcohol and you really can't afford to get a DWI. February is the most dangerous month for drivers, October is the safest.

The first shot in the 'Lollipop War'

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



It sat there on the pavement, not moving. Hunkered down like a big cat ... patiently waiting for the right moment to leap out and get revenge for its millions of cousins that had seen their lives slowly dissolve at the hands of those evil human beings.

Every 'Pop in the world knew one day ... one day soon, they would rise up and exact revenge on those vile humans.

The attack began in earnest Wednesday evening in Big Spring after the Westbrook Lady 'Cats' historic playoff game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The first strike wasn't all that bloody, but , make no mistake about it, one human has been brought to her knees by the sneaky 'Pops. Luckily, She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad managed to survive the sneak attack with nothing more than a deep bone bruise.

According to investigators at the McDonald's store, the attack was unprovoked. She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad was exiting the fast-food restaurant with a full stomach (which may have played a role in her inability to outrun her attacker) and not a care in the world. As she was walking to her vehicle, the killer lollipop rolled into action.

Determined to bring her down, the crazed brown sucker which had earlier escaped the grasp of a human, rolled under her foot.

Wham!! That quickly, the score became Lollipops 1, Humans 0.

Fortunately for She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad, she wasn't alone at the store. All 475,000 of her children, their friends and one poor dude looking for a hand-out raced to her side when she went down.

It was really quite amazing, said one onlooker, who vehemently denied being me.

"It was like one of those Harry Houdini tricks," he said. "The last time I saw someone disappear that quickly was when Britney Spears was checking in and out of rehab. One minute she was walking between the cars and then, "Bang!" she was gone. We might have lost her if she hadn't been screaming bloody murder all the way to the ground."

After several minutes in which we were pretty sure the lollipop had damaged her beyond any possible repair, the family managed to secure the area and help SWMNBMM into the car in order to make a quick escape in case any other rabid 'Pops were around.

The encounter left her scarred tremendously. After a fitful night of sleep, SWMNBMM dutifully limped/dragged her leg into work, wincing with pain at every step. After a few hours, she decided medication was the better part of valor so she dragged her almost lifeless body to the hospital where physicians worked intensely to determine she had been lucky to survive the attack with nothing more than a bone bruise and a battered ego.

There was no dishonor in getting taken down by something small, they assured her.

The terrifying thing about the whole ordeal is that the 'Pops have apparently been angered so badly by their failure to succeed in their first attack, they have declared an all-out vendetta against She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad.

My youngest son and I became keenly aware of this fact Saturday afternoon while attending the championship game of the Mitchell County Roundballers Basketball League. While entering the Colorado ISD administration gym, "Rowdy" and I noticed several 'Pops attempting to play dead on the ground outside the door.

And, for all of you people out there who believe I don't care about other people, let me assure you I stopped immediately and returned to the car to warn the would-be victim.

"PK, I just wanted to tell you there are two killer lollipops on the sidewalk as you get up to the door," I said.

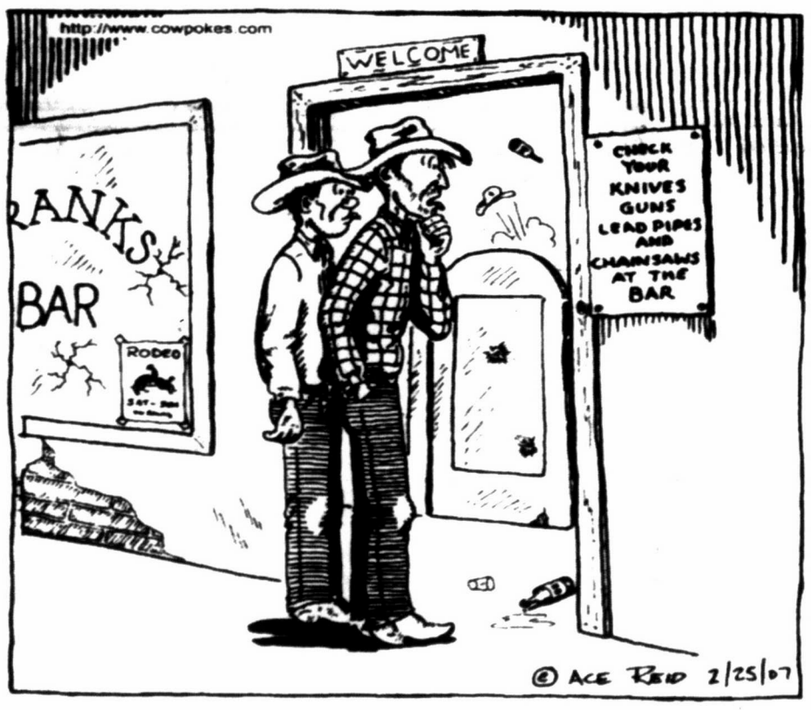
After warning her, I went a step further in my attempt to protect her. I had all of her children, their friends and that same poor dude looking for a hand out – which wasn't me – agree to form a protective circle around her and escort her to the gym. Not only that, Tootsie Ro and I even scouted the area for possible 'Pop snipers hidden in any book repository.

Luckily, She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad led a charmed life. She made it to the game without suffering an additional injury – although those two killer lollipops (both were wearing green-colored ski masks) were staring at her pretty intently.

Rest assured, we are keeping a close watch on her at home. We are not interested in her becoming a martyr for the sticky mess that is to come.

All in all, the human race escaped the first battle of the "Lollipop War" with a minor injury. I must let you know, however, SWMNBMM isn't too thrilled about having the distinction of being the first human to get licked by a lollipop.

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OBITUARY

"Buddy" Crabtree 1945-2007

COLORADO CITY - Mr. "Buddy" Crabtree, age 61, of Colorado City, died Mon., Feb. 26, 2007, at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Colorado City Cemetery with Sam Crenshaw officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Buddy was born June 23, 1945, to Woodrow and Midge Collier Crabtree and was a longtime resident of Colorado City. He was the owner and operator of Arclight Emporium, a computer service company in Colorado City and a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Gary Young of Grand Prairie and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mattilea Shurtleff.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Southwestern University, Josie Rodriguez Controller to Jeremy Scott Jocham, Rel of Judgement.

Larry Lynn Moss to Lavada Jean Moss, Special W/D.

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Marsha Monroe Sub Ttee, Julie D. Jonas, Robert L. Jonas to National City Real Est Serv LLC Succ, National City Morg Inc Merger, National City Mortgage Co fka, Sub Trustee Deed.

Iva G. Armstrong to Dorris R. Peck, Power of Attorney.

Robert Laureles to Angelina Mallon, Warranty Deed.

Ricky D. Lain, Rhonda Lain to Wells Fargo Bank NA, Stephen F. Marquart Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Kenneth Sparks, R. Kenneth Sparks Jr. aka, R.K. Sparks Jr. aka, Barbara Ann Sparks, Mrs. R. Kenneth Sparks aka to Mineral Heritage LLC, Conveyance and Assignment.

Mark L. King, Celinda King to City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Frank B. Powell Individ & Sole Heir, Elmer Lay Powell Deceased, Frankie B. Powell Deceased to Purvis Operating Co., Paid Up Oil & Gas Lease.

Eula D. Hantsche to Eula D. Hantsche Ttee, Eula D. Hantsche Living Trust, Cor Deed.

J.O. Dockrey Jr. to Darrell D. Wilson, Tamara D. Wilson, Warranty Deed.

Bobby Sides, Della Sides Atty in Fact & Individ to Lone Wolf Well Service LLC, Warranty Deed.

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George O. Olson, Carole Elizabeth Franklin Rush, Paulena Frankline Mitchell, Mario A. Olson Jr., Carl Rushing Olson Jr. LLC, Luther Westbrook Olson LLC, Carl Rushing Olson Jr. Mgr. to Caliche Hill Enterprises Inc., c/o Tom Whitesides, Special W/D.

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Rodney Gale Hallman Ttee, Rock Trust to Public, Affidavit of Nonproduction.

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Karen Nachlinger to Public, Affidavit of Nonproduction.

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Eddie Sabas Lujan to Norma Jean Lujan, Child Support Lien.

Mortgage Electronic Reg Sys Inc., Allan Grushkin Asst Sec to Security National Mortg Loan Trst 2006-2, U.S. Bank NA Ttee, Asgmt of Lien.

MARRIAGES

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Sandra J. Prewitt, 2-20-07, Crim Misch >$50.

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Brandon Charles Lendermon, 2-21-07, Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.

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James Brooks III, 2-22-07, Speeding.

Manuel Luera Reyes, 2-23-07, Driving While License Invalid.

Phyllis Denise Hyson, 2-23-07, Driving While Intoxicated.

Terry Ray Beasley, 2-23-07, Driving While License Invalid.

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Crystal Sayle Mitchell, 23, THP, DWLI, 2-23-07.

Renee Silva, 35, THP, DWI, 2-23-07.

Kimberlie Kay Pineda, 25, THP, Wrnt – Big Spring, Theft by Check $2075.00, 2-24-07.

Saguana Palmer, 23, THP, No DL, 2-24-07.

Dona Latosha Tollie, 25, THP, DWLI, 2-25-07.

SOCIETY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

In visiting with some older ladies in our town, I have found there is a real need for two bedroom senior citizen apartments or a retirement center. These women do not need assisted living. They drive their own cars, cook, clean and do laundry, but it is hard to keep a yard mowed and do plumbing repairs.

These ladies have nice homes that could be sold to the families who will be moving to our town in the near future. There is some choice land that would be donated to a reliable builder for this project.

Just wanting to help.

Jean Edwards

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Letter to the Editor:

Isn't last week's front page of the Record just a bit ironic right now? 'Credibility and truthfulness will win at the end of the day'. Hmmm... sort of rings a little hollow right now doesn't it? Maybe a better headline should read... TXU Boo Hoo.

Now in some ways we have only ourselves to blame. There is a lot to be said about 'counting your chickens before the eggs hatch'. Well most of the folks around here have been a countin' chicks and a countin' chicks when they didn't even have any eggs in the first place!

Reality is always a hard nut to swallow but the reality is, and is true in almost all rural America. Small towns reached their zenith in the 40s and 50s, were stagnate in the 60s and started the downhill slide to a lingering death in the 70s. Oh there is the occasional last gasp, but the inevitable is always the inevitable every community follows the same path of birth, life and eventually death. Don't believe that? Well, drive around the county and the surrounding counties and just start counting abandoned communities that are, at best, just old "good ole' days" memories.

T.S. Elliott said, "Humankind cannot stand very much reality."

I wonder just how much reality Mitchell County can stand.

Well, the Eco-nut/tree huggers have won the day and Mitchell County once again has taken it on the chin. I guess it could be worse, couldn't it? Well, couldn't it?

Sincerely,

Warren Lee Zant

Westbrook, Texas

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Letter to the Editor:

Jack Green and Jimmy Browne, we cannot thank both of you enough for the generous, kind, and considerate attention that you gave two 'retired seniors' in trouble, traveling through your community. Without your support and caring, we would never have survived the ordeal.

If ever you should find yourselves traveling into Canada (without guns), you are more than welcome to be our guests in Sudbury. We would dearly love to show you some Northern hospitality. If it were possible, the best time to visit is between September 1, and November 1, (the Fall season, with no bugs, pleasant temperatures and no 'ice' on the bridges).

After you left us in Abilene, we caught the American Eagle to Dallas, the next morning at 08:45. In Dallas, we boarded an American Airlines plane (10:30am.), heading for Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Over Little Rock, Arkansas, the 737 aircraft encountered a 'shattered' cockpit windshield, and we had to make an emergency landing. (You can imagine what was going through our minds at that juncture). After several hours on the ground, it was determined that we could not continue on to Toronto, so the airline put us up in a local Holiday Inn over night. With a decent sleep and a decent departure time the next morning, (08:45), we boarded another American Airlines plane that would take us to Chicago, where we boarded another 737 aircraft to Toronto. After all, was said and done, we finally arrived in Sudbury, Ont., Canada at 5:35 pm. on Sunday night.

So, here we are, safe and sound in our own little cozy home. The temperature is about 0 degrees F. and there is snow on the ground, which is not a lot for Sudbury at this time of year.

Insurance is going to cover the loss of the vehicle and we will have another unit, at our disposal, by the time you read this note. We still have to negotiate with the travel companies (CAA) etc. to help offset some of our transportation and shipping expenses.

Our experiences in Colorado City went from total depression to awe and wonderment, with the kindness and compassion of those that we made contact with in your county and town.

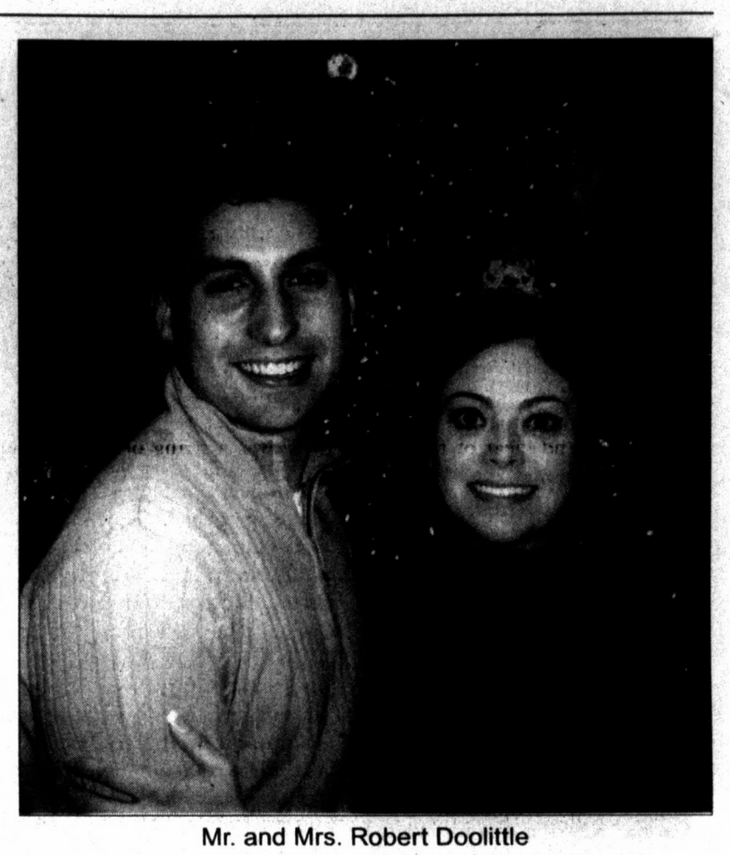
Bobby (Worm) Morris and his son Jason (Little Worm) of Morris Wrecking, were most helpful and considerate in our dealings with the damaged vehicle and its contents. Jody Clark at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., as well as the two young men that assisted with the packing of our personal belongings, were very patient, cooperative and understanding. Jody directed us to the UPS depot in Abilene and made several phone calls to accommodate our needs. Dianne Clifton of the 1st National Bank was exceptionally kind to us, in our situation. She was very supportive and helpful with our financial needs, in US funds.

Out of all this, we lost a few days, a vehicle, a few dollars, but not our lives. We did meet people who, we now consider friends, and we experienced the closeness, compassion and devotion of a Community called Colorado City, Texas, which will always be in our thoughts and memories.

We can never fully repay you for all that you did for us. However, we can and will, pass on to others, your kindness, caring and thoughtfulness, who end up in similar circumstances. Thank you once more and best wishes,

Susie & Bob Perry
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Editor's Note: The Perry's were involved in a wreck on I-20 during a recent ice storm in which their vehicle was severely damaged.



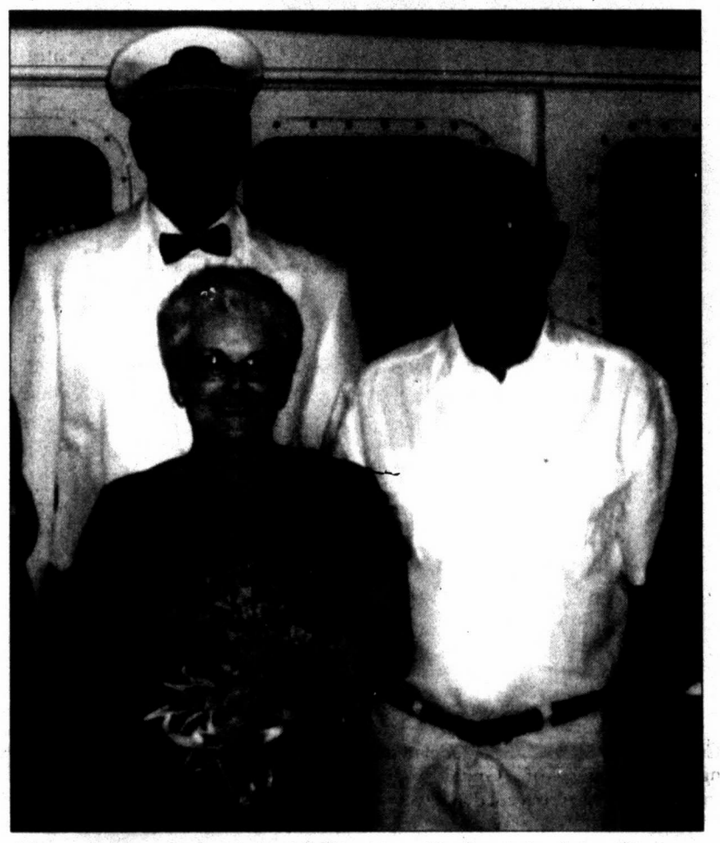
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doolittle

Rivera, Doolittle united in Christmas ceremony

Robert Braden Doolittle and Elizabeth Ann Rivera were married on Dec. 22 in Colorado City. She is the daughter of Edna Rivera of Midland and Raul and Peggy Rivera of Colorado City. The groom is the son of Bob and Suzanne Doolittle of Snyder

The two will make their home in Norfolk, Va., where the groom is stationed at the Norfolk Naval base. He is a seaman on the U.S.S. Stout.





Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Dennis with Captain John Rogers

Jaco, Dennis are united in Dominican Republic

Ms. Karen Jaco and Mr. Robert (Bob) Dennis were married February 17, 2007, aboard the yacht Bravo at Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic. The 100-foot black and white yacht was the setting for this fairy tale wedding. The ship's captain, John Rogers, looked very distinguished in his white uniform as he attended the ceremony.

Owners of the ship, William C. and Kay Dennis, served as best man and matron of honor. The honorable Dr. Nicolas Reyes Tavarez of the Dominican Republic performed the 7 p.m. ceremony.

A local four-member group consisting of two guitars and two singers provided entertainment for the evening which included a reception, dancing, steak dinner and cutting of the wedding cake.

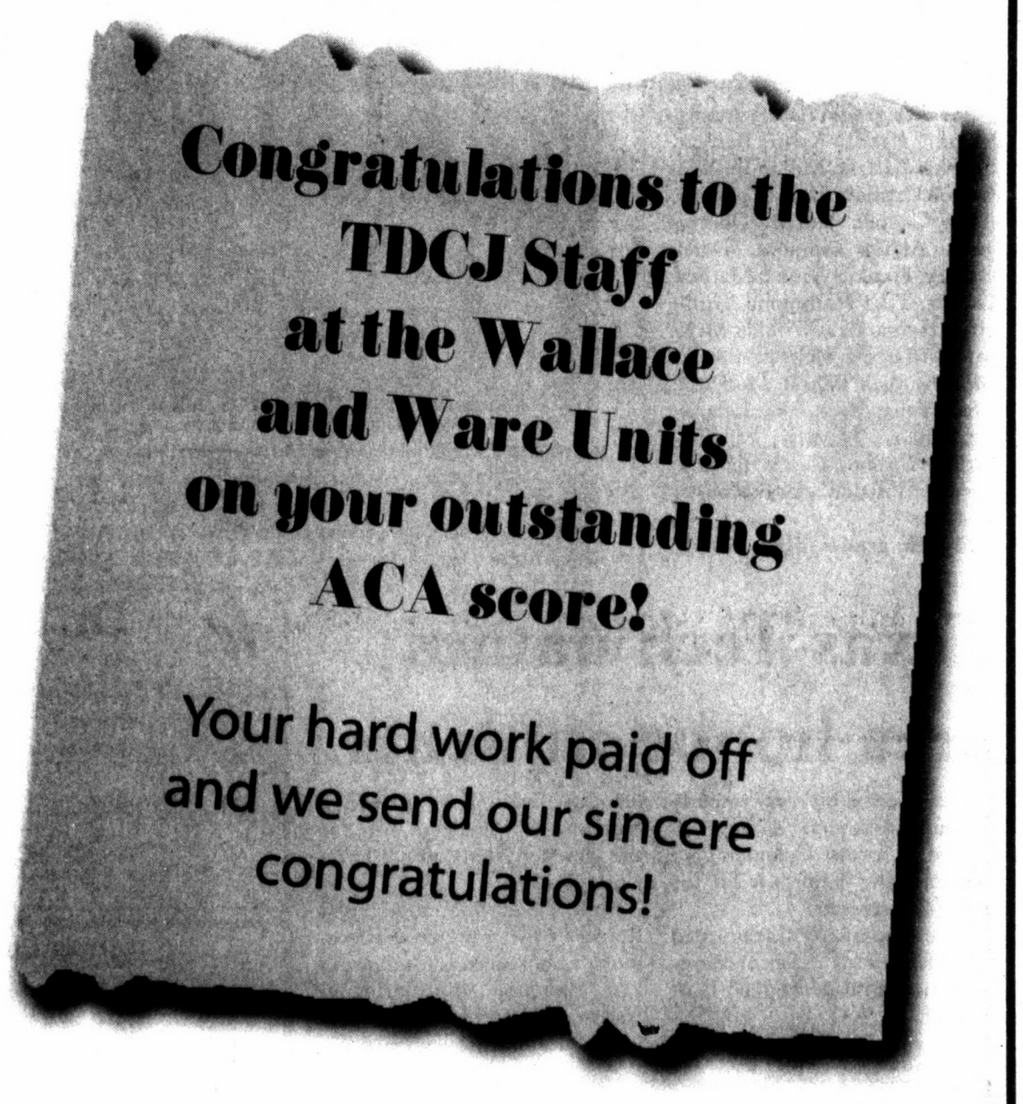
While in the Dominican Republic, the couple went deep sea fishing on the fishing boat Caramba and caught two large fish, played golf on the famous "Teeth of the Dog" golf course, and went sight seeing.

The couple will be at home in Colorado City.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR USE OF HOTEL / MOTEL TAX FUNDS

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel / Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their written requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on March 09, 2007 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 p.m. on March 09, 2007 and reviewed by Administrative Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 10, 2007. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel / Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations.

Donna Madrid
City Secretary



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SCHOOL NEWS

CMS announces 4th six weeks honor roll

Colorado Middle School has released the A and AB Honor Roll lists for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Raegan Costabile, Leslie Davila, Thea Guazo, Aaron Rivera, Samantha Thomson and Sean Williamson.

Seventh grade: Derek Gainey, Marisela Hernandez, Miranda Reyna, Jason Rodriquez, K'Leigh Wallis and Alyssa Bonner.

Eighth grade: Joseph Diaz, Thomas Emerson, Erin Graham, Emily Hicks, Manuel Munoz, Rebecca Perez, Nicholas Reyna, Deanna Turner, Hunter Venable and Jaci Wulfjen.

AB Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Arden Alvarez, Corbin Castillo, Daniel Dillon, Randall Duncan, Destyne Gaona, Kristine Gaona, Vanna George, Lexi Hopper, Jacob Johnson, Anna Lara, Jordan Leija, Darian Lendermon, Alyssa Leverton, Corbin Lewis, Marinea Lopez, Olivia Luera, Christian Melendez, Whitney Ortiz, Esperanza Sanchez, Gustavo Silva, Ashlea Stone, Kristina Sundy, Brittany Vasquez and Shelby Cogburn.

Seventh grade: Kristi Barnett, Heather Barrera, Christopher Beltran, Juan Beltran, Dylan Billingsley, Bethany Blassingame, Megan Bullard, Ashli Cooper, David Davila, Jadrian Dominguez, Stephen Flores, Tucker French, Melanie Gomez, Tyler Hammond, Taylor Harris, Willie Hernandez, Tara Higgins, Jeffery Hickson, Candace Huff, Casie Lemons, Lauran Meeks, Aaron Mendoza, Kaley Molina, Tracy Pena, Ryan Rivera, Daniel Rodriguez and Sydney Upshaw.

Eighth grade: Sarah Beddingfield, Brooke Bruington, Sarah Campos, Daniel Hammond, Elizabeth Hickson, Kathrine Hickson, J.C. Johnson, Emma Leanos, Ariel Lewis, Michelle Lopez, Ava Macedo, Christopher Madrid, Imelda Ramirez, Joe Salazar, Courtney Sutton and Valeria Vera.

Perfect attendance announced at CMS

The Perfect Attendance list for Colorado Middle School has been announced for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

Sixth grade: Christopher Alaniz, Arden Alvarez, Rico Campos, Shelby Cogburn, Raegan Costabile, Daniel Dillon, Kristine Gaona, Thea Guazo, Cody Haltom, Jacob Johnson, Corbin Lewis, Tabitha Mares, Erica McCright, Brandon McFall, Jacqueline Mendoza, Jessie Mercado, Charity Morgan, Whitney Ortiz, Joseph Polanco, Simon Reyes, Aaron Rivera, Jacob Rizo, Alexander Salazar, Gustavo Silva, Alyssa Stanford, Ashlea Stone, Sebastian Turner, Brittany Vasquez, Jordan Williams, Reba William and Sean Williamson.

Seventh grade: Ashley Alaniz, Mandy Baker, Kristi Barnett, Heather Barrera, Megan Bullard, Colton Cannon, Haley Cogburn, Ashli Cooper, Jadrian Dominguez, Alexia Espinoza, Derek Gainey, Frankie Gaona, Mathew Guerra, Tyler Hammond, Guillermo Hernandez, William McKinney, Mathew Melendez, Kaley Molina, Ann Marie Morrison, Tracy Pena, Ryan Rivera, Jason Rodriquez, Mathew Sanchez, Sydney Upshaw, Gladis Ventura, Arturo Villalon and Monseis Ybarra.

Eighth grade: Blaze Alford, Amanda Arispe, Christina Arispe, Audra Calderon, Kyler Free, Joel Gaona, Michael Hernandez, Ema Leanos, Michelle Lopez, Ava Macedo, Chris Madrid, Tiffany Martinez, Shawndon McVey, Olivia Ornelas, Imelda Ramirez, Nicholas Reyna and Courtney Sutton.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday – cream of wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday – scrambled egg, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday – oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday – sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start
Lunch Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, orange pieces, milk.
Tuesday – steak fingers with gravy, golden corn, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday – pizza, sweet peas, peaches, milk.
Thursday – corndog, green beans, crushed pineapple, milk.
Friday – hamburger on a bun, potato **salad, chilled pears, milk.**

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday – chicken tetrazzini, golden corn, garlic bread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday – pork roast, potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday – egg & potato burrito, refried beans, Spanish rice, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday – pizza, carrot sticks with ranch, green beans, birthday cake, canned fruit, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 5-9

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.
Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Lunch Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – taco salad, tasty rib basket, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday – chef salad with chicken, grill ham and cheese, chicken tetrazzini, glazed carrots, garlic bread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday – chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, pork roast with dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday – chef salad with bacon, burrito with cheese, green chili casserole, tossed salad, spicy pintos, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Friday – garden salad, slice of pizza, French fries, carrot sticks with ranch, cookies, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday – toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday – pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday – morning sausage roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Friday – egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk.
Tuesday – pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple-orange salad, milk.
Wednesday – chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk.
Thursday – meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk.
Friday – submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, brownie, milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tuesday – pizza, juice, milk.
Wednesday – honey bun, toast, fruit, milk.
Thursday – breakfast pockets, juice, milk.
Friday – eggs, toast, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
Mar. 5-9

Monday – corndogs, fries, pork n beans, apple, ketchup, mustard, milk.
Tuesday – chef salad with ham, baked potato, crackers, dressing, peaches, milk.
Wednesday – tacos, cheese, salad, beans, jello with fruit, salsa, milk.
Thursday – chicken tenders, green beans, mashed potatoes, pineapple tidbits, bread, gravy, milk.
Friday – nachos, corn, Spanish rice, jalapenos, shape-up, milk.



AFTER A SIX-WEEK study of Earth Science, the second grade students had a day to celebrate dinosaurs. Each student was asked to bring a dinosaur made from trash or recycled items. Each child wrote a description of his/her dinosaur, some made books, and everyone enjoyed the great dinosaur parade in the cafeteria. They were also able to visit our own Heart of West Texas Museum to see the Woolly Mammoth. Second graders displaying their work are: (back, l-r) Johnathan Rankin, Beth Gutierrez and Robert Parras; (front) Zachery Potter and Audrey Sanchez

Texas Tech names area honor students

Texas Tech University recently announced several honors bestowed on former Colorado City students. The honors are for the fall 2006 semester.

James Richard Wilkins earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural & Applied Economics.

Krista Jean Stubblefield, freshman at Texas Tech, earned a spot on the President's List for the semester. Her major is Early Childhood.

Amie Noelle Hammond and Robin Kathleen Morris, both seniors, were named to the Dean's List. Hammond is majoring in Anthropology and Morris is majoring in Range Management.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Hutchinson honor roll released

A and AB Honor Roll lists have been released by Hutchinson Elementary for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Third grade: Tristan Alvarez, Andrew Burrola, Nadia Davila, Madie Gutierrez, Casey Hammond, Keifer Holman, Zech Luera, Tony Martinez, Brittany Munoz, Seth Myers, Marissa Parras, Brennan Ross, Alexander Trujillo and Iris Vasquez.

Fourth grade: Jonathan Blassingame, Javier Coulon, Dillon Gainey, Jordan Garcez, Taegen Harris, Mason Maddox, Desiree Martinez, Delani Meguire, Thomas Rivera, Rainne Ruddick, Shea Scott, Jaci Smith, Cassie Sutton, Emanuel Ventura, Alison Wheeler and Abigail Woods.

Fifth grade: Allison Burrola, Taylor Griffith, Sarena Lujan, Heather Merket, Marissa Robinson and Josh Sutton.

AB Honor Roll

Third grade: Corbin Aufill, Selena Barnett, Ethan Camp, Mikayla Dillon, Brendon Gollnich, Hunter Gonzales, Sabashtan Gonzales, Freya Griffin, Hailey Hulme, Isaiah Jennings, McKenzie Kildow, Shania Maberry, May McVey, Talyn Messick, Clara Morris, Alexis Munoz, Mark Munoz, Bianca Palmer, Katelynn Polanco, Brittany Rivera, Anna Rodriguez, Matthew Rodriquez, Elizabeth Rogers, Sierra Salazar, Lora Shults, Bethany Sosa, Brandon Thomas, Allison Torres, Ezequiel Vega, Daniel Ventura and Leslie Ventura.

Fourth grade: Harlie Blake, Eddie Clark, Jonathan Daugherty, Hailey Dunn, Desiree Gaona, Jacob Garcia, Mary Beth Garcia, Colton Heupel, Christian Lopez, Mikaela Madrid, Lisa Mann, Kascey Miller, Nick Palacios, Ezra Palmer, Emily Rivera, Alonso Rueda, Jeremiah Salazar, David Sanchez, Serena Santana, Kaysi Sims, Ethan Smith, Oliver Sosa, Justin Towery, Jeremiah Williams and Savannah Williams.

Fifth grade: Sabrina Arispe, Adrian Ausbie, Tori Barrera, Rankin Bullard, John Campos, Mari Espinoza, Douglas Garcia, Rene Hernandez, Courtney Huff, Damion Huff, Alexis Lopez, Jacob Ludwig, Haley Maxwell, Paris Mayo, Keeley McClintock, Samantha Meeks, Marissa Molina, Felix Munoz, Darian O'Banion, Nick Perez, Ana Ramirez, Mark Sanchez, Cason Smith, Bailey Sprague, Cody Tolle, Bethany Toombs, Summer Valenzuela, Daisy Vasquez and Jason Vidal.



Record Photo / Stephanie Perez

STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Jazzlyn Mendoza, Anna Rodriguez, Abigail Woods and Rene Hernandez.

Colorado High School releases fourth six weeks honor roll

Colorado High School has released its A and AB Honor Roll lists for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Freshmen: Jordan Hammond, Tyler Higgins, Kyle Lemons, Kirk Leverton, Autumn Martin, Ruth McVey, Briana Ortiz, Carissa Sutton and Laura Warren.

Sophomores: Cheyenne Guelker, Morgan Maddox and Clint White.

Juniors: Catherine Dolan and Brien Toombs.

Seniors: Kelly Morris and Chase Wylie.

AB Honor roll

Freshmen: Frankie Atkinson, Jade Cannon, Jose Carlos, Andrea Castillo, Jessie Guerra, Melissa Hickson, Dylan Hulme, Melanie Jones, Ariel Martin, Ethan McCleskey, Christian McKinney, Megan Montalvo, Connor Pina, Desirea Thomson, Brittany Valdivia, Abigail Solano, Adrian Ventura, Ricky Ventura and Tanya Vera.

Sophomores: Emily Atkinson, Amber Campos, Ryan Gainey, Manuel Garza, Christina Leanos, Tamara Lelek, Kari Matlock, Michael Mauldin, Lauren Munoz, Corey Owens, Sam Shrode, Dieshia Smith, Matthew Sowa, Courtney Vanderslice and Samuel Williamson.

Juniors: Marina Arispe, Nidia Bueno, J.D. Clay, Kate Dannheim, Ricky Davila, Toni Diaz, Tia Huff, Lacresha Johnson, Alyssa Martinez, Valeria Martinez, Jonathan Miles, Nathan Slater, James Smith, Sarah Smith, Isabel Ventura and Matthew Wilson.

Seniors: Lee Beddingfield, Tanner Cox, Dustin Espinoza, Stephanie Freeman, Roxanne Hernandez, Axel Lewis, Kirby Matlock, Robert McGuire, Krystal Molina, Stuart Ponko, Zachary Rangel, Eric Roman, Marisol Salazar, Kassondra Shoals, Ashlea Sowa and Edgar Ventura.

Students of the week named at Hutchinson

Students of the Week have been announced at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Jazzlyn Mendoza, Anna Rodriguez, Abigail Woods and Rene Hernandez.

Jazzlyn, a third grader in Mrs. Geiger's class, is the daughter of Jennifer Mendoza. She enjoys riding her bike as a hobby, and math is her favorite subject. Taking the test for her math license is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Anna, daughter of May Jane Leija and Rosendo Rodriguez, is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. She has two dogs, Mixie and Socks and spelling is her favorite subject. Anna says that special days like crazy hair day are what make Hutchinson special to her.

Abigail, a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class, is the daughter of Jeremy Jackson. She enjoys drawing as a hobby, and math is her favorite subject. She says she likes "everything" about her school.

Rene, son of Rene and Ava Hernandez, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class. Social studies is his favorite subject, and recess is his favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a $15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year....and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Mitchell County also offers a homestead exemption.

Are other exemptions available?

If you are disabled, or if you are 65 years old or older, you are entitled to an additional $10,000 school tax exemption on your home. If you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you are also entitled to a "tax ceiling" on the property taxes on your home for all taxing entities.

The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. In most cases, over-65 homeowners may also transfer the percentage of tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 / disabled tax ceilings, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2006, you will not need to reapply for 2007 unless your chief appraiser requires it. If you received a homestead application form in the mail recently, please complete the form and return it to our office as soon as possible. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home, or if you moved to a new home, you will need to file for an exemption for 2007. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. If you became disabled during 2006, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where do I apply for my homestead exemption?

You may apply between January 1st and April 30th of the tax year. You may file for a late homestead exemption up to one year after the date the taxes became delinquent. Applications may be filed at the local appraisal district:

MITCHELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
2112 HICKORY STREET
COLORADO CITY, TX 79512
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For more information, stop by the appraisal district and pick up:

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PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL

Texas law allows farmers and ranchers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops or livestock ----not on its value on the real estate market. It can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2007 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss the deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural productivity appraisal, you normally do not need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

CHS 'lifters place 7 at Big Lake meet

The Colorado High girls' and boys' powerlifting teams competed in the Big Lake meet Saturday and had five girls and two boys place. Placing for the girls were Veronica Beltran who took first in the 97-pound division; Donnica Fowler who placed first in the 148-pound class; Ashley Sowa who placed third in the 198-pound class; Toni Diaz who placed second in the 230-pound class; and Crystal Phariss who placed second in the 220- plus class.

Boys that placed were Mitch Cornutt, who won the 114-pound division, and Samuel Williamson who placed first in the 123-pound weight class.

These individuals, along with Alfredo Ventura, will be competing in a regional qualifiers' meet this week. The girls' meet to be held March 3, in Big Spring, while the boys' meet will be held on March 10 in Levelland.

Loraine goes 1-4 at Snyder JV tournament

The Loraine High School baseball team kicked off its season this past weekend with an appearance at the Snyder Junior Varsity Baseball Tournament.

The Bulldogs, despite solid efforts from Jimmy Grissam, Zach Gibson, Bivian Hermosillo, Carlton Johnston and Tanner Fountain, posted a 1-4 record in the three-day event.

Loraine is scheduled to return to play on March 6 when they travel to Rotan for a 4 p.m. matchup with the Yellowhammers.

Wolves capture MCRBL 5-6 championship

The Wolves rallied from a halftime deficit Saturday afternoon to claim a 27-22 victory over the Longhorns in the championship game of the Mitchell County Roundballers' 5-6 Division.

The Wolves were led in the game by Gustavo Silva. The Longhorns were led by Jesse Mercado and Corbin Lewis.

Martin wins Sweetwater classification

Loraine High School junior Whitney Martin nailed down first place in the final standings of her weight class last weekend at the Sweetwarer Powerlifting Invitational.

Martin has won three of the four meets she has competed in this season.

Twin sister Lindsey Martin was third in the same division.

MCGSL to hold meeting this Saturday

The Mitchell County Girl's Softball Association (MCGSA) will be holding a meeting this Saturday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center regarding traveling teams.

Anyone interested should be in attendance at this important meeting.

Signups for girls wanting to play softball this summer in the Mitchell County Girl's Softball Association will have yet one more chance to signup.

The next opportunity will be on Saturday, March 3, at the Civic Center from 1-5.

Please be in attendance if you want your child included in the growing number.



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

WESTBROOK SENIOR CAITLIN COLAW slides her feet while defending a Garden City player during the first half of the Lady 'Cats' playoff game last Wednesday. Lauren Johnson (background) looks on.

Game Over

Garden City rally ends Lady 'Cats' season in regional quarterfinals

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

BIG SPRING -- As in the words of Hank Williams Jr.'s old country song, "All good things must end."

Things did come to an end last Wednesday for the Westbrook Lady Wildcats.

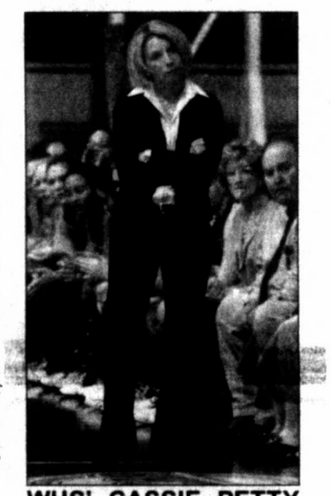
Making their first post-season appearance in almost three decades, Westbrook suffered a 72-39 setback to the No. 4-ranked Garden City Lady Kats in front of a large crowd at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Led by seniors Allison Bray, Caitlin Colaw and Lauren Johnson, the WHS girls finished the year at 20-12.

The Lady Wildcats did come out of the starting gate strong. Westbrook, keyed by the play of Bray, looked like it would be playing the role of the giant-killer, took an early 14-7 lead in the first quarter.

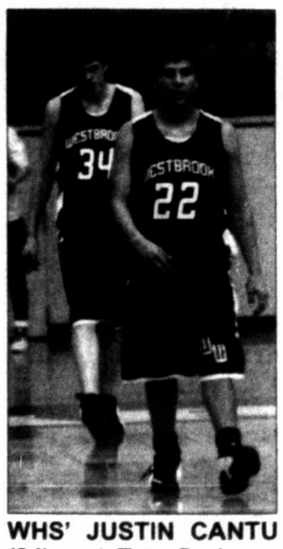
But disaster found the Lady 'Cats from there. Garden City reeled off 25 unanswered points in the second quarter and took a stunning 35-18 lead into the locker room.

"We had one of our key players (Bray) get into foul trouble, and it

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WHS' CASSIE PETTY (above) guided the Lady Cats to a 20-12 record.



WHS' JUSTIN CANTU (24) and Tate Burleson (34) led the Wildcats to a 16-13 record in 2007.

Longhorns outgun Westbrook in Division II bi-district showdown

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

BIG SPRING -- Clicking on all cylinders, the Bronte Longhorns ran to a 20-8 first-quarter lead last Wednesday evening and raced to a 71-39 victory over the Westbrook Wildcats in the bi-district round of the Class A, Division II playoffs.

At the end of the first half, Bronte held a 35-16 lead, mostly on transitional lay-ups.

The Wildcats enjoyed their best offensive output of the game in the third quarter. The Wildcats reeled 17 points in the frame.

Bronte, however, still managed to carry the momentum. The Longhorns withstood the Wildcats' push with a run of their own. Bronte outscored Westbrook by a 20-17 clip in the frame and took a 55-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

Bronte finished the game on a 16-6 run.

Colton Nobles led all Westbrook scorers with 13 points, while Michael Morton contributed 11.

The Wildcats were 11-of-15 from the charity line with Nobles connecting on 6-of-7 attempts.

Morton turned in a solid effort in the game. He sank three three-point shots in the contest. Nobles and junior Tate Burleson also nailed

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Wolves split games with Post, Forsan

In baseball action played at the Sports Complex last Tuesday, the Post Antelopes defeated the Colorado Wolves 12-4.

Lance Espinoza, who came on in relief of Simon Reyna, struck out five batters.

On Monday, the Wolves survived a rocky start to defeat the Forsan Buffaloes, 12-7.

Clint White was the winning pitcher for the Wolves.

Higgins, Denson named to 5-2A all-district team

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

When a team wins only two district games it is usually slim pickings when it comes to post-season accolades.

Usually, however, doesn't apply when it comes to the Colorado High School Wolves.

CHS freshmen Tyler Higgins, a 6-foot-2 post, and Jamarcus Denson, a 5-foot-11 guard, were named to the second-team of the 5-2A all-district basketball roster that was released Monday.

Three others Wolves -- junior Kolby Free and sophomores Lance Espinoza and Clint White -- were named to the honorable mention list.

Denson and Higgins, despite their lack of varsity experience, led a Wolves' team that did not have a single upperclassman on the roster.

The two were the only freshmen in the district to make the first- or second-team.

Colorado High School head basketball coach Danny Keeton said the two made themselves known among other coaches.

"I had several coaches in the district tell me how impressed they were with Jamarcus and Tyler," Keeton said. "Denson probably should have won the Newcomer of the Year award as he was just a freshman and the one who won it was a sophomore."

With all five of the Wolves' players named to the second-team or honorable mention, coming back next season things look bright.

"I think we learned a lot this season," said Keeton. "There is not a team in the district that we couldn't play with. I look forward to next season to see how we progress."

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SPORTS

Lady Wolves take third at Midland softball tournament

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

After an opening 4-2 win by the Colorado High School Lady Wolves over El Paso El Dorado in the Midland Classic softball tournament last Thursday, the Lady Wolves reeled off wins in two of the next three games and earned a third-place trophy in the tournament.

The tournament was shortened due to high winds on Saturday – a move that may have cost the Colorado City first place. Coahoma, who went 3-0 in the tournament, took first-place honors.

On Friday, the Lady Wolves took on perennial powerhouse Midland Greenwood and the Lady Rangers were turned back by a score of 4-2.

Kateshia Russell took the win, giving up a double and two singles while striking out 10 batters. She gave up just two walks along the way.

Colorado City won despite mustering only two hits -- singles by Russell and second baseman Michelle Arispe.

The Lady Wolves managed two runs in the first inning and another two in the sixth inning for the margin of victory.

Ft Stockton defeated Colorado City by an 11-7 margin in their third game of the tournament with Russell again going the distance and absorbing the loss.

The Lady Wolves scored four runs in the first inning to take a 4-1 lead, but a huge five-run second inning by Ft. Stockton doomed the Lady Wolves, giving the class 3-A Lady Panthers a 6-5 lead at the end of two innings.

The Lady Panthers plated another five runs in the fourth inning while the Lady Wolves man-

Forsan deals Lady Wolves their first loss of 2007 softball season

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

After getting off to a 2-0 start to the season the Colorado High School Lady Wolves dropped their first game of the season Tuesday afternoon, falling by a 2-0 margin to Forsan.

"We just didn't show up to play", said coach Sarah Davies. "We should have won this one, but let it get away. Hopefully, we will learn from it."

The Lady Wolves scrapped together three hits in the contest -- a single by Brittany Hill and two singles by pitcher Katesha Russell, who absorbed the loss despite giving up just five hits and striking out 10.

Forsan, which is in its second year of organized softball, got both of their runs in the sixth inning on two singles and a double.

The Lady Wolves opened the season with a sweep of Lubbock Cooper and Slaton.

aged to muster two more for the 11-7 final score.

Senior shortstop Jessica Castillo, the Lady Wolves leadoff hitter, had a single and a double along with a walk, while Russell slammed a double. Arispe was credited with two hits -- a double and a single. Latesha McDuffie contributed a walk and a single while freshman starting first baseman Lisa Salazar had a single.

"I felt like we should have won that game, but things didn't go they way it should have," said coach Sarah Davies. "We had a couple of good innings, but we didn't quite get the job done. We are still making a lot of early season mistakes, but we are working on getting ready for district play."

In the last game of the tournament the Lady Wolves downed future district opponent Merkel by a score of 7-3.

The Lady Wolves plated six runs in the second inning when they sent 10 batters to the plate.

Senior Michelle Arispe got things started off with a triple which was followed by walks to McDuffie and Amber Campos.

Crystal Ventura then struck out for the first out before Castillo and Vanessa Pena had back to back singles to push across three runs. Russell then hit a two-out triple to push across two more. Russell scored then after Brittany Hill got on with an error.

The Wolves scored their final run in the third inning when McDuffie scored on Castillo's fielder's choice.

The three wins in the tournament pushed the Lady Wolves record to 5-2 in the early season.

The Lady Wolves open district play next Tuesday when they host district powerhouse Coahoma in a 7 p.m. showdown.

"I feel like this could be the year we get past Coahoma," said coach Davies. "To do so we have to play sound, fundamental softball and cut out our mental mistakes."

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GIRLS

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seemed like everything fell apart on us," said coach Cassie Petty. "It has been a great run for us, and we have some talented girls coming back."

"The experience for us was invaluable," she added.

A 21-9 third-quarter run by Garden City pushed the Lady Kats' lead even higher. Garden City carried a 56-27 lead into the final eight minutes of the game.

Bray led the Lady Wildcats with 23 points, going seven of eight from the charity line.

Sophomore Schelli White had nine points in the game, while Colaw was held to four.

Thirteen of the Lady 'Cats' 39 points came at the free-throw line. Overall, the team hit on 13-of-20 from the free throw line.

Sparked by the come-from-behind victory over Westbrook, Garden City managed to earn a berth in the Class A, Division II state basketball tournament.

Westbrook will return several key players next fall, including Keesha Krapf, Kassie Holbrook, Schelli White, Cassie Olivas, Britany Clowers, Laremi King, Brooke Cannon and Kimberlin Johnson, a 5-foot-8 forward. Others returning will be Hannah Berber, Jessica Clowers, Carly Hill, Milina Funderburg and Emerald Snowden.

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The Wildcats ended their season with a record of 16-13 after making the playoffs as the third-place team in District 12-A.

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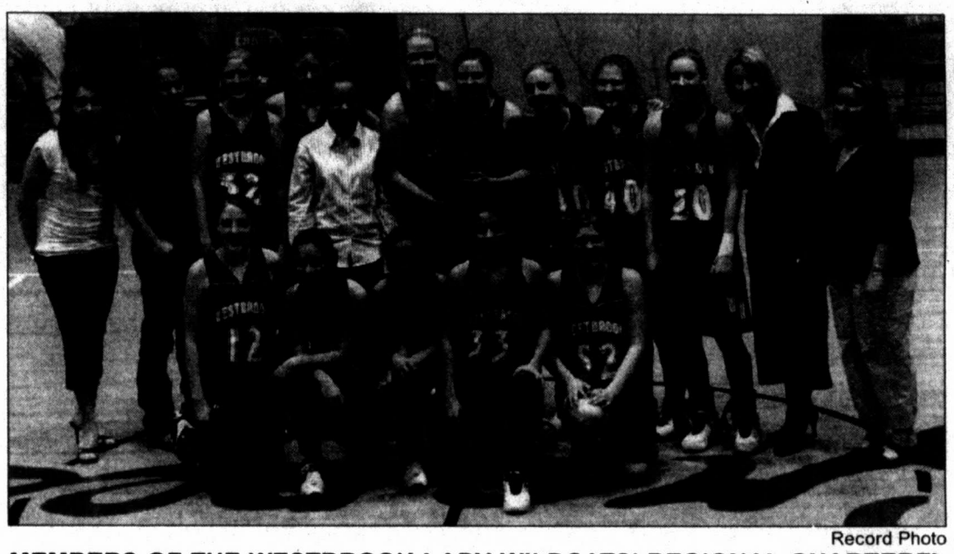
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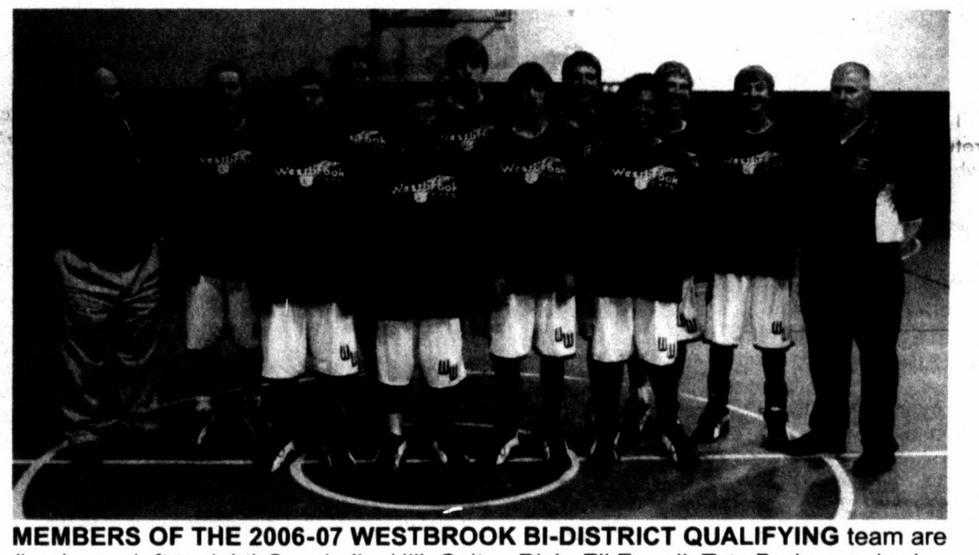

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club registration permit by Mi Ranchito, an unincorporated association of persons, to be located at 237 Concho Street, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Officers of said private club are: David Castillo, president; Austin Barber, vice-president; and Olga Castillo, secretary/treasurer.

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MITCHELL NO. 71-07

NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 8th day of March, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in Mitchell County, Colorado City, Texas on the application of the hereinafter named owner for a license to sell beer at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows:

1. Type of license or permit: Wine and Beer Retailers Permit
2. Exact location of business: 3310 LCR 252, Colorado City, TX 79512
3. Name of owner or owners: Justin and Heidi Harris
4. Assumed or trade name: Sportsman's Club
5. Corporation name: The Sportsman's Club Restaurant LLC
6. Name and title of all officers of corporation: Justin Harris, Managing Member; Heidi Harris, Managing Member

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

WITNESS MY HAND this the 26th day of February, 2007
Debby Carlock
County Clerk, Mitchell County, Texas
By Debby Carlock, Clerk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705
(Company Name/Address)

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork formation, Westbrook Southest Unit, Well Number(s) 1321W, 885W, 743W, 744W, 637W, 554W, 555W, 359W, 1917W and 3004W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 9 - 12 miles West of Colorado City, in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300 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).

BID NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Colorado Independent School District will accept sealed bids for the selection of a depository for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009, until 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2007. Bids will be considered by the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 16, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at 534 E. 11th Street, Colorado City, Texas. Information may be obtained by contacting the business office at 1132 Hickory, P.O. Box 1268, Colorado City, Texas 79512 or by calling 325-728-5312. The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705
(Company Name/Address)

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation which is not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenberger formation, Mrs. Sam Smartt et al lease, Well Number(s) 21WD. The proposed disposal well(s) are located 12 miles West of Colorado City, in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7900 to 8871 feet.

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Incumbent broadband service providers have 30 days from the date of this Legal Notice to inform RDUP if they are currently providing broadband service in these areas or if they have a commitment to provide service in these areas. Incumbent broadband service providers should submit to RDUP, on a form prescribed by RDUP, the number of residential customers receiving broadband service in the proposed service area, the rates of data transmission, and the cost of each level of service or proof of commitment to provide service in the proposed service area. A map should also be provided showing the boundaries of your service area in relation to the communities above.

A Legal Notice Response Form can be obtained from RDUP's website at www.usda.gov/rus/telecom.

The City of Colorado City announces that the Municipal Solid Waste Permit #1809 will open in the Year 2011. This Landfill is located at 222 WCR 141 on the North side of the current existing Permit #420. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 325-728-5331.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thanks,
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Thank you to my family and friends for the visits, phone calls, flowers, fruit baskets, candy, food and for yor prayers. Also, thank you to the nurses who took such good care of me.

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The City of Colorado City is accepting applications for employment for one **Street Laborer**. Qualifications include High School Diploma or GED equivalent, must have a valid driver's license and be dependable. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 180 West 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Colorado City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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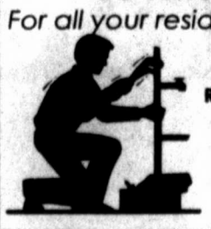
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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn, Loraine Correspondent

Greetings to our readers. Speaking of the weather, what happened Saturday? The wind was so strong, part of New Mexico and Oklahoma make up our top soil now.

It looked like sand and snow flakes were mixed and falling. Had we a county full of wind turbines or towers on Saturday, we could've powered a freight train.

Wind, wind, go away,
come again some other day,
Preferably in August.

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Hank and Jan Millering had the pleasure of having Jan's brother, Dean Thomson of Menominee, MI, staying with them for several days. He was on his way to Lake Havasu City, AZ.

Jan says they now have enough aluminum cans, etc. to make their trip to Dallas to see the Cowboys vs. Green Bay Packers football game. She and Hank are very thankful to everyone for helping them in this effort.

Jan has lost a lot of weight, and it looks like Hank is living with a stranger or different lady. She looks great.

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Danny and Pam Butler are proud to announce the arrival of their fourth granddaughter, Raeli Anice Barrera. She was born Feb. 11th in Guadalajara, Mexico. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. Her parents are David and Krystal Barrera.

Danny and Pam flew to Guadalajara to be with their children and to help around the home. They spent 10 days in Mexico. Pam said it was beautiful and green there and the temperature ranged from 40 to 90 degrees.

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We are so glad that Y. Sadler is doing well after her knee replacement surgery and at home once again. Of course, she does have to continue physical therapy for some time.

She will be ready for dancing with the line dancers anytime now.

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Doris Henderson is home after spending 10 days in Midland with her son and family and to be there for treatment on an upper arm lymph edema and swelling.

She also visited with her granddaughter Ashley Henderson who is a senior at Texas Tech at Lubbock.

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Addie Mahoney is back home in Loraine after spending several days in Sweetwater. She had spa treatments for rheumatoid arthritis everyday, and she did get some relief from the water therapy.

He son still lives in Sweetwater. Addie says she plans to restart the Spanish classes sometime in March. We are glad she is doing better.

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My friend told me that she was wrong about the thunder in February and cold in March. She should have said, "If it thunders in February, it will freeze in April." I hope she is wrong about that as well.

She just might be my fair weather friend.

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Mayor McAdams reports that at long last the city is getting to move forward on the water improvement project. The pre-construction meeting with the contractor, Dowtech Speciality Co., was held at City Hall on Feb. 21.

The company has plans to do some preliminary work this week and move some machinery in next week.

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Visiting with Bob and Wanza Graham and Shirley Graham Saturday was Bud and Annette Cooper of Savoy and Billy and Ruth Kelly of San Angelo. They bucked the wind and sand to come visit and go out to eat. A good time was had by all.

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We have concerns for Patsy Graham Long, sister of Roland Graham. She had reconstructive surgery on her rotator cuff last Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center to repair damage she sustained in a fall. In the meantime, she is recovering at the home of Sandy and Carl Graham.

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The apartments at the Taylor-Witta Senior Complex received a very good bill of health last week. Manager Joan Long runs a good ship there.

The inspectors are from the Rural Development Association. Other inspectors also check other things so the apartments stay up to date.

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Gerrie Wooddell told me that she and Dub still hadn't gotten over the bid wind and sand storm Saturday. She and Dub have planted potatoes and onions and are anxious for real spring weather.

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Our friend Billie Powell underwent a stint procedure at Abilene Regional Hospital last week. She is now at home and doing well. We are so glad to have her back and feeling better.

While she was gone, all the little critters at the Casa, missed her something terrible. Beep Beep and his significant other (his wife ran off with another roadrunner) killed a little snake and two mice and laid them by the front door for Billie's return.

Several dove, along with other birds, started singing to her when she stepped out of the car. The ground squirrels all came out and smiled and a rabbit hopped the B-Bop.

They all wondered if she felt like making some gravy to go with the snake and mice.

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Several ladies of New Life Bible Ministries gathered for fellowship at the Pastry Palace in Colorado City on Feb. 21st. Those attending were Lillie Funderburg, Sandy Graham, Lois Hendrix, Darlene Lane, Rose Mahan and her mom Lorene Cox, Brenda Shifflett, Jan Millering, and Nancy and Nikki Thomson.

Plans for another gathering were discussed.

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Visitors at the center last week were Corky and Doris Stewart, Deanie Elliott and Laura Jones.

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Wednesday was the birthday party for seniors with birthdays in February.

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Home Health employee Sylvia gave blood pressure checks as a free service to senior citizens on Wednesday. Also, every other Wednesday, a health care worker will be a the center to keep this service going. We appreciate them for this!

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GARAGE SALE
1017 Vine
Fri. & Sat.
8-1
Electric stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, garden tiller, tools, & more stuff.

GARAGE SALE
914 Marshall
Saturday
7-?
Tons of misc., lawnmower, men & women plus size clothing, baby clothes.

GARAGE SALE
1730 Locust
Fri. & Sat.
8-?
Another big sale. Lots of new stuff, Dodge grill guard, sofa with bed, prom dresses & more. Lots of Sports Cards and memorabilia.

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