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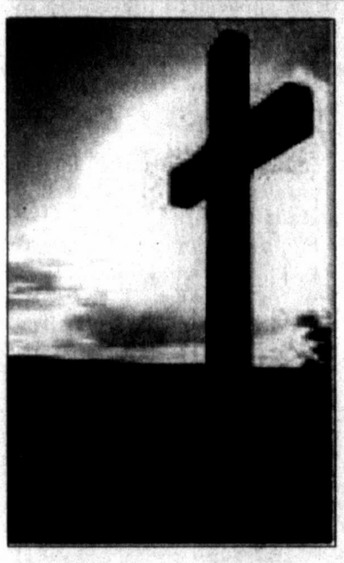
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EASTER SUNDAY *A time to rejoice*

This year, western Christians around the world will celebrate the resurrection of Christ on March 23, almost the earliest date on which Easter may be celebrated. The holiday celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sins of mankind.

A moveable holy day, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. This dating schedule was put in place by Constantine I, at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.

Before that time, Easter was celebrated by Jewish Christians immediately following the Passover, which caused the holiday to fall on different days of the week. The Gentile Christians commemorated the resurrection on the first day of the week, Sunday, causing Easter to fall on the same day of the week, but at different dates from year to year.

Eastern Orthodox Christians will wait until April 27 to celebrate Easter, following Passover.

Traditionally, the week before Easter is designated as Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem one week before his execution.

Holy Monday honors Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. Holy Tuesday reminds followers of Jesus' description of the destruction of Jerusalem, while Holy Wednesday (once called Spy Wednesday), recalls Judas' decision to betray Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver.

Maundy Thursday honors the Last Supper, Jesus' agony in the garden and his arrest; while Good Friday recalls Jesus' death on the cross.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was crucified on the eve of Passover and rose from the dead three days later on the first day of the week.

Easter is celebrated in many different countries and on many different continents in a variety of ways. Religious services may include special all night vigils, fast-

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Slick roads cause truck to jack-knife

Slick roads and rainy weather caused a tractor trailer to jack-knife near mile marker 227 early Tuesday morning.

Trooper Lucious Pitt said the trailer, driven by 36 year old Roberto Sanchez Lopez from El Paso, was traveling eastbound on I-20 when it hydroplaned. The vehicle slid off into the center median.

Both the driver and passenger were uninjured.

Loraine ISD to cancel election

The Loraine ISD school board met in a called meeting Monday March 17 to cancel the May elections for school board, according to Eric Stoddard, Loraine ISD superintendent.

Only the three incumbents, Jeff Oliver, Don Boyd and Frank Sanchez, have filed for the three at large seats which were open.

No other members of the Loraine ISD community signed up to run for office. Monday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m. was the cutoff for sign up to have a candidate's name on the May 10th ballot. Monday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m. was the cut off for sign up for any candidate who wished to run as a write in on the ballot.

Since only three candidates signed up, and there were only three open seats, the board called off the election. The three candidates will be sworn in for new terms in May.

Ollison is new Division 3 Champ



TAKING FIRST PLACE in the 400 meter run prelims at the National Track Championship, gave Hann Ollison the edge he needed to win the 400 meter finals at the NCAA Division III National Championship track meet.

Hann Ollison is one of the fastest things on two feet, at least in the 400 meter run. Ollison won the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships at Ohio Northern University last Friday.

Ollison's win came after a much debated controversy over a stumble on the second curve. The 2005 CHS graduate broke stride to avoid tripping over another runner, but inadvertently tripped himself. The race judge ruled he had impeded the Emory runner's progress and disqualified the McMurry track star.

Ollison's coach, Barbara Crousen, appealed the decision twice, before taking it before the appeals committee. "The judges aren't allowed to look at the videos," said Ollison. While the hour and a half long debate was going on, the runners sat in confusion, wondering what was going on.

In the end, reviewing the video tapes cleared Ollison and awarded him first place.

Ollison said his goal going into the race was to reset the facility record of 47.8 seconds. "I ran the first 200 at a lot faster pace to chase that record," Ollison said. But at the cut-in, he tripped over the runner from Emory. "I lost all my momentum."

But Ollison kept going. "I decided I gotta fight back," he said.

"Once we hit the straight away, he moved to lane 2 thinking he'd push us to lanes 3 and 4. That's when I pushed into lane 1," Ollison said, grinning. "I thought, 'You're in my race now.'"

It was all the way to the gold with a winning time of 48.36

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Cancer Society seeking Relay for Life teams

The American Cancer Society is seeking teams for the Relay for Life of Mitchell County. An informational meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on March 27 at the C.C. Thompson Room, next to the City National Bank, to share with community members the importance of Relay for Life in saving lives from cancer.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature fundraising activity. Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the largest fundraising walk in the nation. Relay for Life unites friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools and churches... people from all walks of life. Teams seek sponsorship prior to the relay, all with the goal of supporting a cure for cancer.

Relay for Life teams are encouraged to sign up early for the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Mitchell County to take place August 15, 16 at Wolf Stadium.

"By organizing early, teams have more time to raise money for the American Cancer Society," said Bubba Limones, chairperson for the 2008 Mitchell County Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and raise money for the fight against cancer.

"The event raises awareness about the progress against cancer while also raising funds to fight the disease," said Mr. Limones. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting community event, as a volunteer or as a participant, have made a commitment to fight back against cancer."

For more information on the Relay for Life or to register a team, contact Lee Ann Limones at 325-728-5303 or email Cheryl Smith at **teaminfo@hughes.net**.

To learn more about the American Cancer Society's research, prevention, advocacy, patient services and early detection programs, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit **www.cancer.org**. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to

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Area residents seek to honor Dockrey

J. O. Dockrey's passion for planes is contagious. For the last 45 years, Dockrey has helped organize the annual July Fly-In at the Colorado City Airport. When a stroke sidelined Dockery recently, his friends stepped in to keep the tradition and dream alive.

Dockrey's friends, along with the Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring a petition drive to rename the Fourth of July Fly-in to the J. O. Dockrey Fourth of July Fly-in.

Dockrey is credited with being a one-man committee who has kept the Fly-In going for years.

The original fly-in commemorated the opening of the town's new air strip in Nov. 1961. Freezing temperatures and gusty winds of up to 40 miles per hour failed to discourage attendees. Out of the 15 planes scheduled for the fly-in that year, four showed up to the delight of on-lookers.

The first official fly-in was held in June, 1962. Over 250 people flew into the airport in 66 planes. Attendance included 100 townspeople who drove out for the breakfast, served from a real chuck wagon.

The wheat field next to the airstrip was mowed for the event. It had been planted to help make the airport more visible from the air. Hay bales were brought in and placed along the airstrip as visitor seating.

Dockrey continued to be a major player in setting up the annual event, arranging publicity, offering rides in his two-seater Cessna and doing whatever it took to earn the event a favored place in the hearts of C-City residents.

In order to continue Dockrey's legacy, the Chamber of Commerce has printed up petitions which will be given to the Colorado City Council in an upcoming meeting. Anyone wishing to pick up a petition, or to sign one, may do so at the Chamber of Commerce office, KVMC-KAUM radio, the Colorado City Record office, City National Bank, First National Bank, Gas 'n' Grub, or Fuller Foods within the next two weeks.

"There's not enough words to describe J. O.'s loyalty to flying," said long time friend, Kenneth Rogers. "I think they ought to name the airport after him."



J. O. Dockrey

Around Town

Sue Young talking about the wind... **Marsha Rogers** geting back into the swing of things.... Happy birthday **Dieshia Smith** (Mar. 20)... Happy birthday **Priscilla Molina** and **Raymond Molina Jr.** (Mar. 21)... **Blaine Lemons** getting ready for the Mud Bog ... **Brandon Hoback** enjoying the Trade Days...Happy belated 90th birthday to **Jack Hollis** (Mar. 15)

Answerline

Q. Why is Easter celebrated in March some years and April in others?

A. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. In some years, this happens in March and in other years, it happens in April.

Obituaries

Willie C. "Buddy" Clay, Abilene

Timothy McDonough, Colorado City

Briefs

Siren Test

Beginning Mon., Mar. 24, the Colorado City Police Department will begin testing the emergency sirens in preparation for the upcoming storm season. Tests will take place every Monday at noon as long as the weather is good. If there is threatening weather in the area, no testing will take place.

Office Closed

The front office of City Hall will be closed to the public on Tues., Mar. 25 and Wed., Mar. 26, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for new software training. For emergencies, please call 728-5331. All other City Departments will be open for business.

Bake Sale

The Hospital Auxiliary is holding a bake sale Fri., Mar. 21, 2008 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Mitchell County Hospital lobby, near the gift shop.

Quartet to Perform

Grace Country Quartet will be singing at Christian Fellowship Church Fri., Mar. 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. Call 728-8688 or 242-0397 for more information.

Cancer Awareness

March is colon cancer awareness month. The Mitchell County Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society urges everyone to get proper screenings. To learn more about screenings visit **www.cancer.org** or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Softball Meeting

There will be a Men's Softball meeting Mar. 27 at 7 p.m. at 1020 Hickory. All interested parties should attend.

City Closings

Colorado City City Hall and the landfill will be closed on Friday. The landfill will reopen Saturday.

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Thought of the Week

One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory.
Rita Mae Brown

Lake Levels

(as of Mar. 19, 2008)

Lake Colorado City...2046.90
Full at 2070.9' Down 3.40'
Lake Champion...2051.04'
Full at 2083' Down 31.96'

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Willie C. "Buddy" Clay

ABILENE -- Willie C. "Buddy" Clay, 79, died Thursday, March 6, 2008 at a local hospital. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, at the Galilee Baptist Church with Rev. Bobby King officiating. Graveside services followed at 2:00 p.m. at Mitchell County Cemetery in Colorado City, under the direction of Community Memorial Funeral Home.

Timothy Ryan McDonough
1950-2008

COLORADO CITY – Mr. Timothy Ryan McDonough, age 58, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2008, in Lubbock. Mr. McDonough was cremated under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Idaho.

Mr. McDonough was born on January 10, 1950, in Spirit Lake, Idaho, to John H. McDonough and Helen Schweitzer McDonough. He married Marilyn Corbell Boyd on September 23, 1995, in Cedar Bend. He left Spirit Lake, Idaho, and went to Elko, Nevada, in the early 80s to work as a gold refiner and produced gold bars. He retired in 2005 and moved to Colorado City. He worked in the maintenance department at Colorado Independent School District. Tim and Marilyn enjoyed being on the lake and spending time with each other, as well as visits with family and friends. He loved playing guitar for his family and singing with his brother Pat at family gatherings.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rosemary Buck.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Boyd McDonough of Colorado City; ex-wife, Lynn Johnson Boyd of Elko, NV; sons, Ryan McDonough of Elko, NV, Troy McDonough and wife, Andrea of Missoula, MT, Shaelan McDonough of Tucson, AZ and Russell Boyd and wife, Crystal of Elko, NV; granddaughter, Alyssa Boyd; grandson, Q. Dallas Boyd; sisters, Michaele Lebo and partner, Danny of Post Falls, ID and Sheri Breland and husband, Dave of Moscow, ID; brother, Patrick McDonough and wife, Donna of Clackamas, OR and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, spend time with your family and let them know that you love them.

Holy week services to be held at FBC

Holy Week services are being held every day this week at the First Baptist Church of Colorado City, on 3rd and Chestnut. First lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and second lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Area pastors, David Nash, Monte Wike, Paul Smith, Jerry Shields and Matt Matlock, will conduct the daily services from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meals will be free. The Ministerial Alliance will be accepting donations which will used for those in need in the county.

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eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Agrilife conference to discuss farm bill update

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will sponsor a multi-county "Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 26 at the Scurry Coliseum in Snyder.

The program is to be a clearing house of information sought by area producers, said Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent at Sweetwater.

"The program will touch on everything from the Farm Bill to herbicide-resistant weed control," Bynum said. "Our aim is to provide information on matters affecting crop and livestock producers in this region, though much of the information will also be applicable to almost anywhere in Texas."

Morning topics will include: Farm Bill Update, Laws and Regulations and Weed Resistance to Herbicides – Why and How."

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into two concurrent sessions.

Session A presentations will be Cotton Weed Management – Goals for Economical Yields, Grain Sorghum Production and Insect Control and Drift Management.

Session B presentation will be: Wildlife Management for Fun and/or Profit, How to Find Good Herbicide Recommendations for Range Systems, Summer Annual Forage Sorghum Management and Herd Health Issues.

The Texas Department of Agriculture will offer 7 continuing education units.

Also, persons needing a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license can receive the necessary training from 9 a.m. to noon with the testing to follow at 1 p.m. For this training, RSVP by March 21 by calling 325-573-5423.

Individual registration for the ag conference is $10 by March 21 and $15 thereafter.

For more information and to register, call Bynum at 325-236-9011 or the AgriLife Extension office in Scurry County at 325-573-5423.

AgriLife Extension offices involved with conducting the program are Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties.

Park board says Ruddick needs ducks

With Easter right around the corner, the Park Advisory Board is looking to restock the duck population at Ruddick Park.

Over the years, the duck population has decreased for a variety of reasons, until just a few are left to entertain park visitors.

"If anyone has an overabundance of ducks on their ponds, we'd appreciate having the extra ducks," said Charlene Reily, board member.

From last week...

At the city council meeting last week, an intense discussion between Keep Colorado City Beautiful members and the city council on the viability of the recycle trailer resulted in the council voting to ask the city manager to look into alternative recycling programs which can work in conjunction with the educational system.

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Railroad commission offers propane safety tips during wildfire season

AUSTIN – At this time of year, wildfires fanned by dry winds threaten propane storage tanks in many areas of Texas. The Railroad Commission – the state agency in charge of propane safety – wants Texans whose homes or businesses are fueled by propane gas to know what to do in the event of one of these fast-moving fires.

"Wildfires have burned more than half a million acres in central and west Texas so far this year," said Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams. "If you have a propane tank, you need to be prepared to protect your family and property."

"That means knowing what to do before, during and after a wildfire event," said Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. "There are several simple, but important steps that need to be taken to be ready for wildfires."

"After a fire, if the service valve on your tank was closed, please contact your propane supplier before turning the tank back on," said Commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "For safety's sake, suppliers are required by law to inspect and leak-test your propane system before restoring service after any interruption of service, including an emergency."

Before a wildfire, make sure any small propane cylinders are stored outdoors, and check the area around the main propane fuel tank. Clean and clear out vegetation or other items that can burn around the tank. Mow close to the ground, and cut back all growth around tank supports. Trim overhanging trees or shrubs.

The propane supplier can help by showing where the service line is buried and how to operate the propane system's safety features. The supplier can also show families how to turn off the gas at the tank.

Suppliers can also put a reflective Railroad Commission tank locator decal on or next to electric meters or service boxes. The bright orange decal helps emergency responders find the tanks, even if it's underground or dark outside.

Finally, post emergency phone numbers in an agreed location and make sure all family members know the community's warning signals and how to tune into the area's Emergency Broadcast Network.

During a wildfire, if it is safe to do so, disconnect small propane cylinders from grills or other appliances and move them away from any structures. Shut the cylinder's service valves by turning them all the way clockwise. In the even of an evacuation, follow emergency workers' instructions.

After a wildfire, inspect propane storage containers that were exposed to fire. If necessary, test and repair them after an emergency.

Contact a licensed propane supplier to inspect the container and system and ensure it is safe for use. Always use caution when re-entering buildings following an evacuation. If the smell of gas is present, do not operate electrical switches, appliances or telephones. These actions could ignite propane vapor. Exit the building quickly and carefully. Go to a neighbor's phone or use a cell phone outside to call emergency personnel or a propane supplier for help.

For more tips to safeguard a propane-fueled home visit www.propane..tx.gov or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

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LOCAL NEWS

Trade Days satisfies visitors' needs and wants

Like an old time county fair with homemade jams, jellies and fudge, Railhead Trade Days' March show burst forth with colorful exhibits and large crowds.

Fifty six vendors hawked a variety of arts and crafts, from funnel cakes dripping with fruit topping and powdered sugar to handmade quilts, birdhouses, beauty accessories, comic books and a plethora of western and cowboy motif items.

There was a fine collection of swords for the more adventurous; as well as personalized children's books. The hottest item at the Railhead this year seemed to be yard flamingoes, judging by the number of folks walking around with a flock of them in their hands.

Newcomer Bruce Bowen, of Coleman, Texas, was supposed to be at the Brownwood Coliseum for the Rattlesnake roundup. "It was cancelled and a good friend mentioned the Railhead Trade Days," he said.

Bowen, who is usually booked every weekend from February to December was busy selling his original recipe, chicken on a stick. "As a festival food vendor, I wanted to make something different than carnival food. It's opened doors because it was unique," Bowen said of his batter fried chicken, which has already come out commercially.

Vendor Jim Jordan never misses a show. Jordan said the Chamber of Commerce sent him a flyer for the first Railhead Trade Days and he's been coming ever since.

"The nicest thing about Trade days are the people that run it," Jordan said. "They're super nice. The fees are reasonable and I can usually make a pretty good profit." Jordan said the show is close to his Midland home, allowing him to either stay in Colorado City or commute back and forth.

Minnie Hernandez, from Rotan, has been four times; bringing her homemade jams and jellies. She raises her own grapes – Chardonay, Venus and Carignane—and uses a low sugar recipe. "I enjoy meeting new people and finding out how they got started," she said of her Trade Days experiences.

The Trade Days also brought in vendors from as far away as New Mexico. Shirley Holston and J.D. came back for the second time, even though their first experience last year got rained out. "We just travel and have fun," said J. D.

He recommended more advertising to draw in more vendors. "We get a lot of information and flyers at the Sweetwater Roundup," he said. "When you get more vendors, you get more people. A week before the event, do more advertising spots on T.V. and radio. It's just good business."

A number of four footed friends visited the Trade Days, including Milo from the Pastry Palace, who did a little walking advertment with his two-legged pal, Sammie Johnson.

Beaumont, Texas visitors April and Lizzie Stanton and Elena Kelly were just passing through. "We saw it (Trade Days) on the internet and knew we'd be going through here. So we decided to stop and see what's going on," said Stanton.

Kirk Leverton was out fundraising for his summer trip to Europe. Leverton will be participating in the Ambassador Program, People to People, an educational and cultural development program begun in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Local clubs, such as the Lions Club, Mitchell County Healthcare Volunteers and Air Evac Lifeteam hosted booths.

Tim Larson, with Air Evac which is out of Big Spring, said he handed out a hundred brochures with information about the air ambulance services and membership fees which entitle members to air evacuation for less than $60 a year.

"It was a good show," said Carla Sauer, of the Chamber of Commerce. "We usually have that amount (number of vendors) at our November show, which is our biggest show before Christmas. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was gorgeous."

The next Railhead Trade Days are scheduled for July 19 and 20. Space rental for both days are based on sizes. A 10 x 10 lot goes for $45; a 8 x8 lot for $25; and a 12 x 12 outside spot runs $20.

For more information on Railhead Trade Days, contact the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce (325) 728-3403, 157 W. 2nd Street.



RAILHEAD TRADE DAYS drew both the young and old. Macey Owens, Ariel Martin and Melanie Jones, (left to right), enjoy the sights and some finger-licking chicken on a stick.



OUT OF TOWNERS from Beaumont, Texas, Elena Kelly, Lizzie Stanton and April Stanton (right to left) check out the styles at Bella Janes.

EASTER

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ing, musical cantatas, decorating homes and churches with lilies, special meals and dramatizations of the life of Christ.

Additional activities include parades, new clothes, Easter bonnets, hot cross buns, gift giving, bonfires and fireworks, dances, pancake races, chocolate rabbits and the ever colorful Easter egg.

The egg, the symbol of fertility and new life, has been associated with Easter for centuries. Originally, the eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

Different cultures developed a variety of techniques for dying eggs, from the crimson eggs of Greece to the gold and silver patterns of the Slavic peoples.

The tradition of the Easter rabbit dates back to Germany where children awaited the arrival of the Oschter Haws. This tradition of the egg-laying rabbit immigrated to America in the 1800s, becoming the most commercially recognized symbol of Easter.

Congratulations Jill Perez for being the $100 Schwan's food giveaway winner! Thank you, Colorado City, for your support in making us #1 in the 12-state region seafood contest!

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A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at $50,000 and you receive a $15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth $35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a $15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled -- or if you're 65 years old or older -- you are entitled to an additional $10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2007 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school 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. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2007 you won't need to reapply for 2008 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home -- or if you've moved to a new home -- you'll need to file for an exemption for 2008. If you are 65 this year, you may filed for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2007 you won't need to reapply for 2008 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't

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Some fun with the judge



When you walk into District Judge Bascom Bentley's office in Rusk you see hundreds of football helmets. They are in bookcases, on desks, windowsills, chairs, desks, and the floor. He started with the Michigan Wolverine helmet, got one from Ohio State and then just went wild. He sticks to college and high school helmets, saying he's not too interested in the pros.

"High school and college games have a lot more passion and excitement," says Judge Bentley. He has a goal in mind: "If any of you football coaches out there in the state want to send me a helmet, I'll send a check to your booster club. I think there are 12 or 13 hundred high school football teams in Texas and I'd like to get a helmet from every one of them. I don't know where I'd put them. I might try to fill the courthouses in Rusk and Palestine with them."

He also collects law enforcement patches, old maps and other things, stuff that most people don't consider being collectibles.

Judge Bentley doesn't like boring people. "The worst thing in the world is to be boring. If you're boring don't come around."

He loves small towns. "In big cities, people want to go a little faster, get a little richer. I'd rather hear stories."

He grew up in Palestine, then went to law school. "I didn't make a very good lawyer, so they made me a judge."

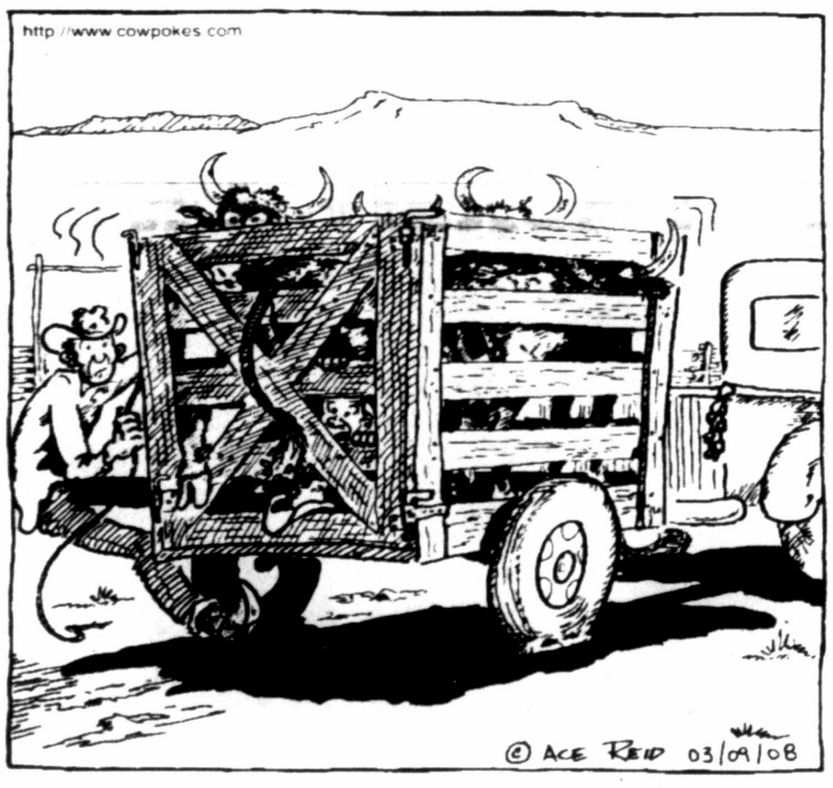
He has been a district judge 20 years. His courts are in Rusk and Palestine. He loves characters.

"My daddy owned a building in downtown Palestine. It was where they had the domino hall. It wasn't good for anything else. I had an opportunity to sit in there when I was growing up. They had pool tables up front and domino tables in back. Between them against the wall was a shoeshine stand. I'd sit up in that shoeshine stand in the evenings, afternoons, as much as I could and listen to those characters tell stories. I heard about war stories and bootleggers; you name it, they talked about it. I can drive by that place today and tears come to my eyes. The building's gone but I loved it. I hate change. I weep when we move furniture. But I'd practically kill to spend another hour just listening to those old stories. I wish I had asked questions, but mostly you just wanted to blend into the woodwork. Some of those stories were pretty tough and rough. I like those even better."

The judge loves to hunt and fish, but he doesn't like snow skiing. "I'd rather have a cold water enema."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is to the two young men that think it is funny to dodge and weave at a handicapped, elderly man on a motorized scooter. I don't know who you are but you do. I pray that when you get to be in the shape my dad is in, that some young men like yourself don't think you are a target as you did my dad. How would you like it if someone did this to your dad?

In my opinion, you are a couple of cowards that are not mature enough to have a driver's license, much less a car. You caused him to hit the curb and flip his scooter, causing scrapes and bruises to his already frail body. He was lucky he didn't break any bones. I hope your conscience (if you have one) makes you think long and hard about what you have done.

It is a shame that our elderly, handicapped and sometimes mentally impaired can't even get out of the house without being intimidated, talked about or targeted by teenagers or young adults.

Sherrie Winn

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LOCAL NEWS

Job fair helps students hone interview skills

Colorado High School students got a first hand experience in essential skills for job interviewing at the mock job interviews held March 12 in the CHS gym.

Community business leaders worked with Colorado High School faculty to provide a learning environment for students to practice their interview skills.

Juniors and senior participated in mock interviews with local businessmen, in which their abilities to look and act professional were evaluated.

The 7 to 15 minute interviews included the student's resume and an evaluation form on which the business owners rated the student's performance. "It allows the students to go through their strengths and weakness as an employee," said Jincy Ross, CHS counselor and program organizer. "The students have to respond to questions such as what do they consider their perfect job, what are their school interests and their major accomplishments."

Ross said the students were encouraged and bribed to dress up a little for the interviews.

"Lots of our kids haven't worked and haven't been put under the stress of a real interview," Ross said.

The mock interviews allow them to explore ways they can improve their personal presentations and increase the likelihood of employment. "It gives them a real world experience," said Ross.

"It's pretty good," said Connor Pina. "I got to learn new things. It was a new experience." Pina said his evaluation gave him high marks for good communications skills and good eye contact.



FELICIA ARELLANO DISCOVERS the ins and outs of job interviewing from Jim White during an interview training program at Colorado High School.

Businesswoman Audra Hoback, of Bella Janes, said her experience being on the other side of the table was "kinda weird, because ten years ago I was here (as a student)."

"The kids are great," she said. "You see lots of patience."

OLLISON

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seconds. The win garnered Ollison the 19th individual National Championship standing at McMurry and the 9th All American Male Athlete standing, giving Ollison the lead for the most All American awards at McMurry.

"He doesn't let it go to his head," said long time friend Chris Martinez, who watched the meet live. "I told him I'd go watch when I can." Martinez said getting to watch "something big like this was pretty exciting."

The 20-year-old Ollison usually runs the 100 and 200 meters. "Coach had tried to get me to do it (run the 400) for two years," said Ollison. Deciding to try something new, Ollison qualified, but told the coach that just because he qualified didn't mean he could run it. Sitting in the hotel at the national competition, "I decided I can be a quarter miler if I want to," he said.

The son of Carolyn Stanford, Ollison nearly gave up on his dream in junior high. But Coach Frank Johnson refused to let him quit and Ollison went on to earn all district honors as a member of the CHS football and basketball teams, as well as all-state honors in track.

Studying for a multi-disciplinary degree in teaching, sports law and coaching, Ollison chose McMurry because it was close to home. When he's not studying or running track, Ollison said, "I come back home when I have a free chance. I want to spend more time with my brother (Jarrod Ward). I also like to hang out with Chris and Kinsey and eat up all their food," he said with a smile.

Ollison headed back to McMurry on Tuesday to begin practicing for the upcoming races at Baylor this Saturday. He'll be running the 4 x 1 and the 4 x 4, as well as the 200. "Coach said she'd give me a little time off," he joked.

His next big race will be the Division I outdoor track competition on the 22nd through the 24th of May in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. "I'll be running with the big dogs up there," Ollison said.

Although the indoor track is shorter, Ollison said it seems like it's much longer. "It's about technique really. In indoor, you run the track four times, because it's shorter. In outdoor you only run two."

His only complaint about the race in May is the climate. "I hated it last year. I just don't like the weather up there period," he said, explaining the temperature is usually 50 degrees. "We train in the tropics compared to up north. I like being in the south where it's warm."



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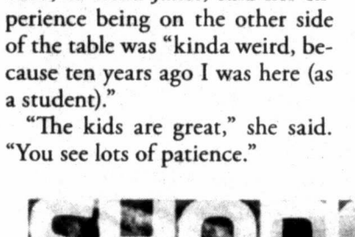
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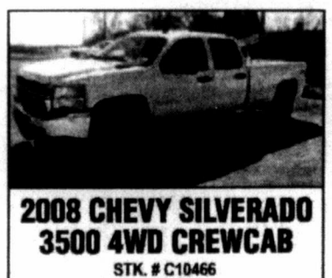
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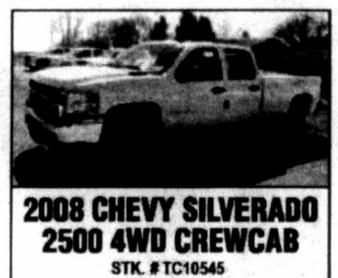
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MSRP	$43,537.00
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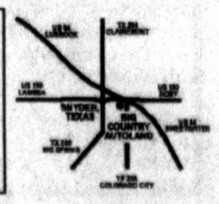
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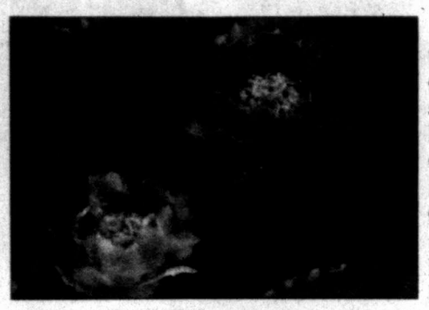


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SOCIETY

Gainey speaks to Lion's Club



HOLLIS GAINEY spoke to the Lion's Club last week concerning the wildflowers of Mitchell County. This picture of a flowering catcus was taken by Gainey using his digital camera.

"Wildflowers of Mitchell County" was the topic of interest at the Lions Club meeting last Friday. Lion Hollis Gainey presented a power point slide show of wild flower photography.

"I use a digital camera because it does not waste film," Gainey said. "If I don't like a picture, I can erase it."

Gainey's presentation included landscape flowers, individual flowers and wildflowers in different settings. He discovered the main location for the majority of the photos by accident. "Most of these flowers were taken just three miles from here (the Civic Center) within a 60 yard radius," he said. "I happened to find the spot when Reily didn't tie up the boat," he said, referring to an adventure last summer with fellow Lions Bob Reily and Keith Hiser, another photography buff.

Flowers in the area included the sand verbena, native to New Mexico and Arizona, Spanish dagger and wine cups.

"The only place I've found wine cups is off the river," Gainey said, stating that many people confused the vivid flower with poppy mallow.

"Poppy mallows are almost extinct," he said. "Wine cups differ from poppy mallow in that they have thinner petals."

Wine cups also open into a fuller flower than do poppy mallow, which maintains a more tightly formed cup.

For close ups of wildflowers, Gainey stands two feet away from the plant and uses the zoom feature on his camera. "It has a micro switch, which lets you really get in close," he said.

Another technique Gainey employs in close up photography is the use of blue or green cloths to hide distracting backgrounds or debris. He also uses scissors to cut away debris, leaving the flower to stand alone uncluttered.

"Yellow is the most prominent color in the county," Gainey told fellow Lions. "It's the first to show up and the last to leave in September."

A photograph of a snow shrouded Lone Wolf Creek reminded Gainey of the time he took a bad misstep. "It was 34 degrees that day. I misjudged my step, and wound up in waist deep water. It was a shock to my system. But the camera was not going to go under the water," he said.

Gainey's wild flower photos were taken along Lone Wolf Creek and the Colorado River, some just a half mile above the bridge on 208. He recommends exploring to find the unusual or unique flowers he's photographed. "You just have to walk until you find one," he said.

One of his more spectacular photos is a lightning strike during a football game. Since the digital camera sees twice what the human eye does, Gainey was able to photograph, not only the strike itself, but the thunder tube.

A thunder tube is the column of superheated air which expands, then contracts, forming a thunder clap, according to James Edwards, pastor of First Methodist Church, who was visiting. "It happens so fast, one second it's there and the next second it's not."

Fellow photographer Hiser was taking photos at the same game and missed it.

For stunning photos of the full moon, Gainey recommends taking the picture just as the moon comes over the horizon. But to get the impressive full-moon-over-the-building photo, Gainey says to photograph each element separately, then combine using a computer program like Photoshop. "If you try to photograph them as a whole, you'll always get something out of focus," he said.

"I take pictures of things just to see what they'll look like in a photo," said Gainey, who is a member of the Colorado City photography club.



Michael Chambers and Katherine Olson

Engagement announced

Paul Olson of Colorado City announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Katherine Marie Olson to Michael Wayne Chambers, the son of Randy and Connie Chambers of Colorado City.

The groom is the grandson of Keeven and Lavern Jones of Colorado City and Helen and the late Robert Chambers of Abilene.

Michael and Katherine are both graduates of Colorado High School and will graduate from Western Texas College in May. They plan to marry in June and reside in Abilene.

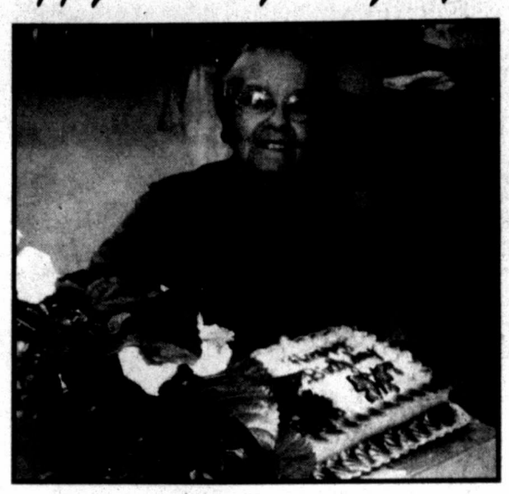
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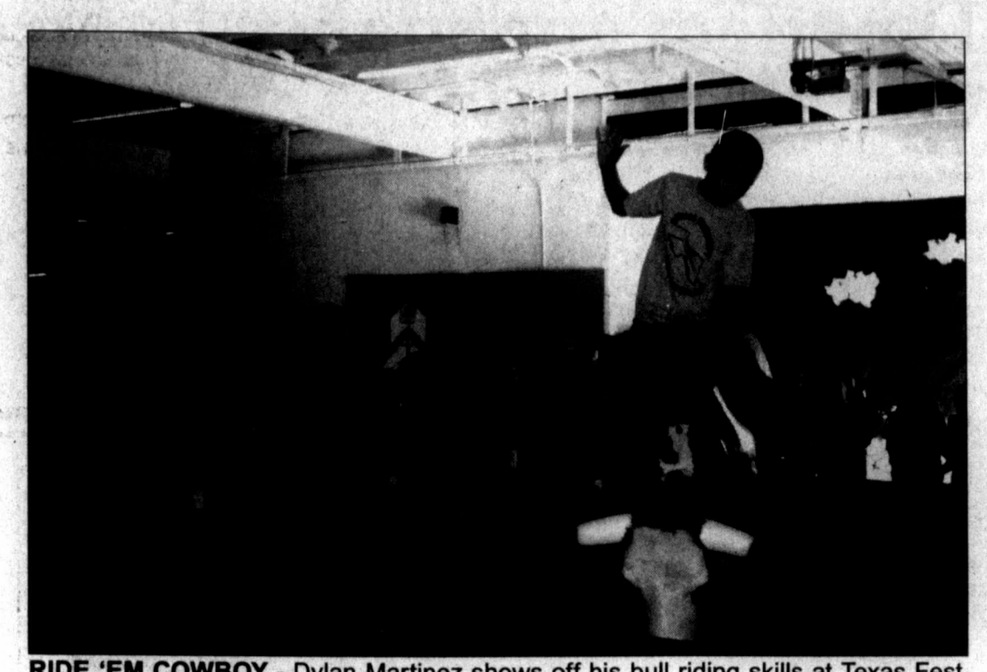
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SCHOOL NEWS



RIDE 'EM COWBOY - Dylan Martinez shows off his bull riding skills at Texas Fest held last Thursday evening at the Railhead Building.



CONCENTRATE - Brandon Lara concentrates before he shoots a basket at Texas Fest.

Rip roaring good times

From bull riding to golf, this year's annual Texas Fest had it all.

Very long lines at the bull rider attested to the popularity of the first time event.

Baskets filled to the brim with goodies provided by local businesses and parents, brought in between $1500 and $2000 this year, which combined with the totals from the bull riding was a new record at around $4000 , according to Hutchinson principal Kitten Arthur.

"We had a huge response," she said. "Mrs. Free's Grease Monkey basket brought the most at $300, followed by the barbeque goodie basket at $200."

The Sons of Betty Crocker cooked over 400 hamburgers for the crowd which turned out to celebrate the great state of Texas.

Arthur estimated 1500 people attended. "There were lots of seniors who turned out for the meal and stayed to enjoy the evening," she said.

"What I love most about Texas Fest is how it's family oriented," Arthur said, explaining that moving the Fest downtown was the best thing they've done.

"It's gone from being just school oriented to more of a community thing," she said.

The proceeds from the fundraiser go to student activites, such as trips to the zoo, Frontier Texas, after TAKS testing celebration, TAKS t-shirts and the end of the year lake field trip.

"I tell the kids we're going to work hard, but we're going to play hard, too," said Arthur.



MAKING MUSIC - Emaleigh Cook (left) and Cameron Oakley formed a duet to sing during the Hutchinson Idol competition at Texas Fest last week.

CMS honor roll is announced

The A Honor Roll and A-B Honor Roll have been announced at Colorado Middle School for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Maricela Espinoza, Taylor Griffith and Jacob Kimball.

Seventh grade: Jacob Johnson, Olivia Luera and Sean Williamson

Eighth grade: Heather Barrera, Dylan Billingsley, Bethany Blassingame, Alyssa Bonner, David Davila, Tucker French, Derek Gainey, Taylor Harris, Marisela Hernandez, Shelby Molina, Miranda Reyna, Jason Rodriquez and K'Leigh Wallis.

A-B Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Rene Aguirre, Allison Burrola, Claudia DeLoera, Mackenzie Kimball, Sarena Lujan, Haley Maxwell, Paris Mayo, Heather Merket, Marissa Molina, Ana Ramirez, Cason Smith, Joshua Sutton and Cody Tolle.

Seventh grade: Rico Campos, Raegan Costabile, Leslie Davila, Daniel Dillon, Randall Duncan, Destyne Gaona, Kristine Gaona, Vanna George, Thea Guazo, Alyssa Leverton, Corbin Lewis, Whitney Ortiz, Brittany Owen, Gabryella Rico, Ashlea Stone and Samantha Thomson.

Eighth grade: Kristi Barnett, Christopher Beltran, Megan Bullard, Juan Carrillo, Christopher Clark, Ashli Cooper, Patrick Denson, Alexia Espinoza, Stephen Flores, Delbert Gloria, Melanie Gomez, Katharine Gutierrez, Tyler Hammond, Guillermo Hernandez, Jeffrey Hickson, Tara Higgins, Kalea Hubbard, Candace Huff, Ronald Kimball, Casie Lemons, Ariel Lewis, Tylor Lorenz, William McKinney, Donald McVey, Lauran Meeks, Ezra Melendez, Aaron Mendoza, Kaley Molina, Ann Morrison, Ashlei Pearcy, Ryan Rivera, Daniel Rodriguez, Ross Salmon, Kendra Tillis, Sydney Upshaw, Brittany Ward and Kody Wood.

Honor roll from CHS is listed

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

All A Honor Roll

Ninth grade: Joseph Diaz, Erin Graham, Macall Maddox, Nick Reyna, Courtney Sutton and Isaac Yanez.

Tenth grade: Kyle Lemons, Autumn Martin, Briana Oritz, Tanya Vera and Laura Warren.

Eleventh grade: Dieshia Smith and Clint White.

Twelfth grade: Nidia Bueno, Jonathan Miles and Isabel Ventura.

A-B Honor Roll

Ninth grade: Amanda Arispe, Christina Arispe, Sarah Beddingfield, Audra Calderon, Emma Coonrod, T.J. Emerson, Crystal Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Emily Hicks, Ema Leanos, Laiza Lopez, Michelle Lopez, Ava Macedo, Kamron Martin, Matt Neff, Rebecca Perez, Imelda Ramirez and Jaci Wulfjen.

Tenth grade: Jade Cannon, Andrea Castillo, Jordan Hammond, Tyler Higgins, Melanie Jones, Kirk Leverton, Meagan Montalvo, Averie Pearcy, Inez Salinas, Coley Shipp, Carissa Sutton, Abigail Vega Solano, Eder Ventura, Ricky Ventura and Breshanae White.

Eleventh grade: Candace Aguilar, Isabel Duarte, Ryan Gainey, Manuel Garza, Cheyenne Guelker, Morgan Maddox, Mary Rodriguez, Hopie Salinas, Matt Sowa, Iesha Taylor, Courtney Vanderslice, Samuel Williamson and Gabriel Yanez.

Twelfth grade: Diego Albarran, Cheyanne Cearley, Catherine Dolan, Jon Douglas, Chelsea Duncan, Georgiana Guerra, Tiffany Gutierrez, Jessica Hernandez, LaCresha Johnson, Lindsey Kelly, Julian Leija, Alyssa Martinez, Sara Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Le'Tesha McDuffie, Alexia Ornelas, Krystal Phariss, Zulema Ramirez, Simon Reyna, Sarah Smith, Christa Valdivia and Krystal Ventura.

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CHS perfect attendance for 4th 6 weeks

Colorado High School has released the list of students with perfect attendance for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

Ninth grade: Amanda Arispe, Audra Calderon, Emma Coonrod, Thomas Emerson, Erin Graham, Daniel Hammond, Crystal Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Laiza Lopez, Christopher Madrid, Rebecca Perez, Nicholas Reyna, Steve Sanchez and Isaac Yanez.

Tenth grade: Victoria Calderon, Andrea Castillo, Briana Godina, Adam Gonzales, Christopher Guerrero, Wesley Hernandez, Melissa Hickson, Matthew Higgins, Dylan Hulme, Samantha Miller, Inez Salinas, Coley Shipp, Zachary Smith, Desirea Thomson, Ricky Ventura, Tanya Vera, Laura Warren and Breshanae White.

Eleventh grade: Felicia Arellano, Manuel Garza Jr., Cheyenne Guelker, Nicholas Hart, Morgan Maddox, Kari Matlock, Nathan McCright, Matthew Miller, Corey Owens and Clint White.

Twelfth grade: Justin Clay, Toni Diaz, Chelsea Duncan, Billy Gonzalez, Ryan Graham, Julian Leija, Le'Tesha McDuffie, Gregory Rodriquez Jr., Nathan Slater, Sarah Smith and Cody Upshaw.

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For more information, call or come by:

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start
Breakfast Menu Mar. 24-28

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

Tuesday – oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday – yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday – Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday – sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start
Lunch Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – peanut butter & jelly sandwich, golden corn, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday – mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, orange pieces, milk.

Wednesday – meatloaf with sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, pears, milk.

Thursday – corn dog, green beans, peaches, milk.

Friday – spaghetti with meat sauce, glazed carrots, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – cheese toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – pancakes, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu Mar. 24-28

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

Tuesday – BBQ on a bun, oven fries, pinto beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – steak fingers, potatoes with gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – Frito pie, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – wolf burger, lettuce cup, French fries, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Breakfast Menu Mar. 24-28

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

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, morning roll, 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 stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Lunch Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – taco salad, tasty rib basket, pizza, French fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, mac and cheese with ham slice, glazed carrots, pinto beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, broccoli and beef on rice, golden corn, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – chef salad with turkey, burrito with cheese, nacho grande, spicy pintos, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – toast & jelly, yogurt, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – hot pockets, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – pancakes, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk.

Tuesday – golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, garlic bread stick, milk.

Wednesday – Frito pie, pinto beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.

Thursday – chicken and noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, sherbet, milk.

Friday – BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday – blueberry muffins, toast, juice, milk.

Wednesday – sausage links, biscuit, fruit, milk.

Thursday – eggs, toast, juice, milk.

Friday – breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu Mar. 24-28

Monday – enchiladas, Spanish rice, salad, salsa, fruit, milk.

Tuesday – sub sandwich, salad, pickles, chips, cobbler, milk.

Wednesday – carne guisada, beans, corn, flour tortillas, orange wedges, milk.

Thursday – tetrazzini, green beans, sliced potatoes, bread, peaches, milk.

Friday – hotdot with chili, chili beans, corn on cob, apple, milk.

Loraine ISD perfect attendance named

Loraine ISD released its list of students with perfect attendance for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

Prekindergarten: Logan Gutierrez, Jesus Dominguez, Malaki Williams, Dakota Dillon, Breshannon Williams, Jose Talamantes, Taylim Cooper, Julian Rodriguez, Erica Rodriguez, Kristina Martinez, Saeja Barlow, Sarah Lambaren and Skylar Aguilar.

Kindergarten: Christiana Perez, Daniel Limones, Adam Edens and Dalila Aguilar.

First grade: William Smith.

Second grade: Reann Garcia, Dokota Smith, Alexa Garza, Armando Gonzales, Tiffany Beltran, Dylan Phillips, Angel Duran and John Lindsey.

Third grade: Sonny Benivamondez, James-Thomas Cooper, Jessica Lambaren, Stephanie Beltran and Marc Perez.

Fourth grade: Oscar Gonzales, Charlie Neeley, Justin Fisk, Christopher Olivarez, Brilee Young, Crystal Olivarez, Hunter Austin, Abram Hernandez and Breanna Beltran.

Fifth grade: Amber Hale, Katie Barrera, Madeline Gibson, Bailee Young, Alexis Garcia, Madison Edmonds, Mariah Jeffers and Nicholaus Hermosillo.

Sixth grade: Juan Pantoja and Carson Edmonds.

Seventh grade: Kacee Neeley.

Eighth grade: Stephanie Grissam.

Tenth grade: Jordan Womack.

Eleventh grade: Jacob Sanchez, Felicia Gibson and Abraham Aguirre.

Twelfth grade: Michael Esquivel and Stefan Limones.



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Sims enjoys principal role

Kaysi Sims was Hutchison Elementary's Pincipal for a day, and guest at the Lions Club last Friday. Sims said she spent her morning dancing with Coach A (Anderson) for Western Day.

"The best part of the day was getting to see how the school works a little bit better," said the fifth grader.

She is the daughter of Clint and Kristi Sims and has three sisters, Kaytlin, Lauren and Madison and one brother, Jordan.



KASI SIMS

Sims enjoys going to visit her grandparents and playing with her dog and cats. She would like to be a school teacher when she finishes school.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the voters of Pct. 1!
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CHS NEWS **By Senior, SARAH SMITH**

What are you doing for Spring Break?

"I'm going skiing in Ruidoso." Valerie Martinez.

"I might go to Midland for a day." Katherine Hickson.

"I'm going to the zoo with Michelle and Valerie." Tanya Vera.

"I'm going to play softball. We have three games." Clarissa Franco.

"I am going to go see my cousin in College Station. We're going to be hanging out and eating. It's all about the food for me." Chelsea Duncan.

"I'm going to see if I can get a day off to go on a road trip." Carina Flores.

"I'm going to California for Spring Break to see my family." Nidia Bueno.

"I will be working and going to the baseball games." Alexia Ornelas.

"I'm going to state!" Krystal Phariss.

"It's my birthday! I'm going to Mexico, and then I'm going to San Antonio to Six Flags. Then I'm going to Austin and that's all. I'll be 22 on my birthday." Art teacher, Sarah Davies.

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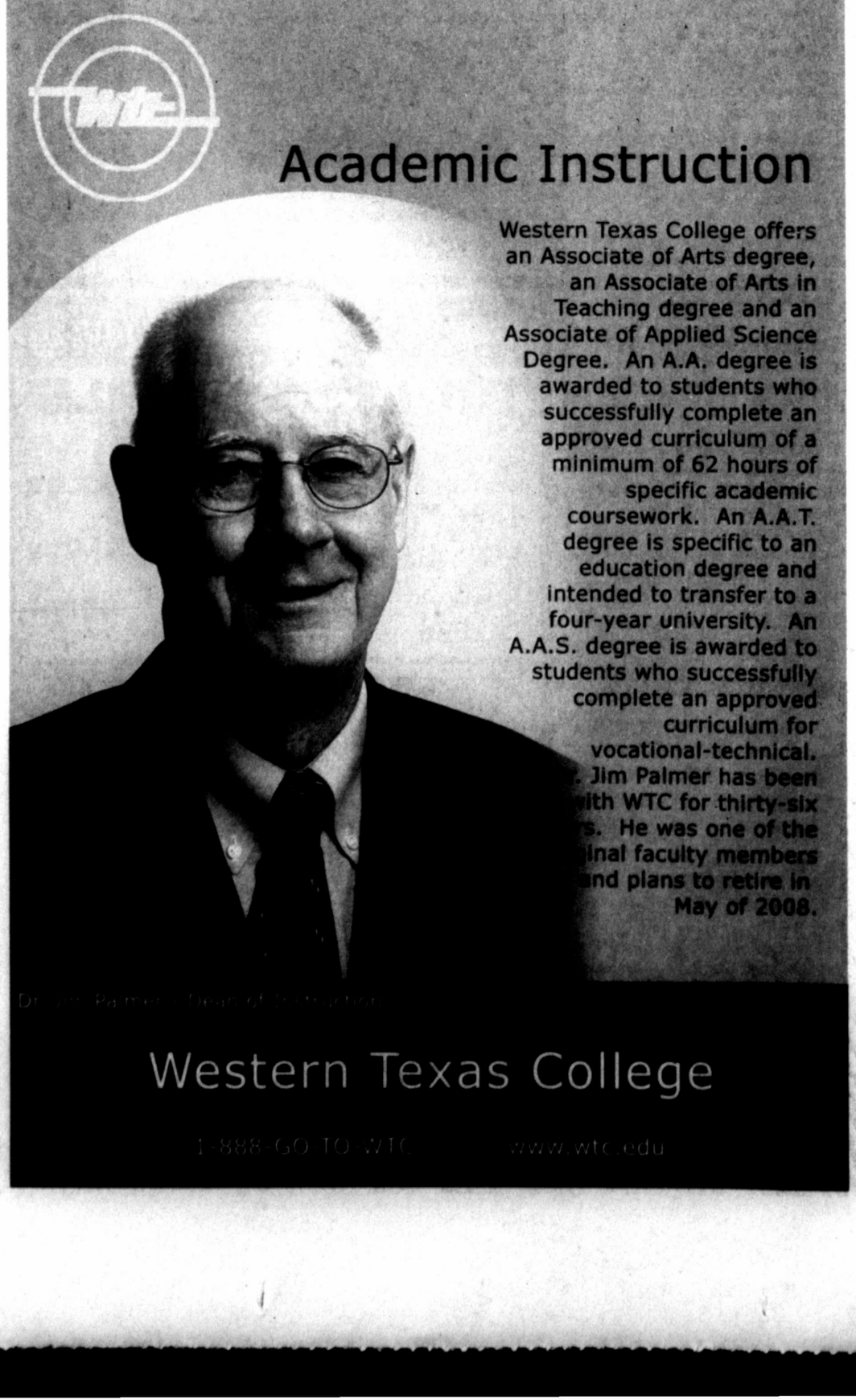
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SPORTS

CHS boys, girls participate in golf tourney

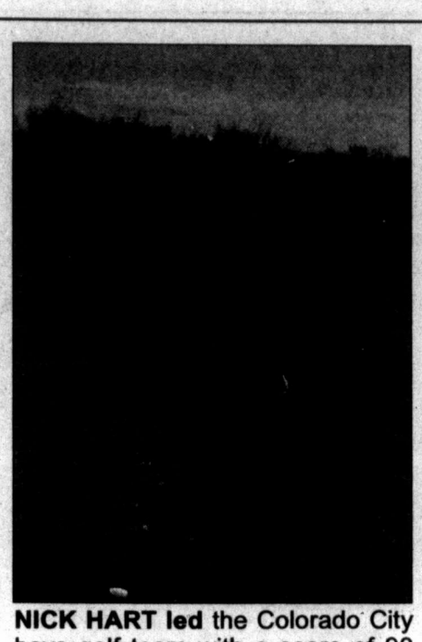
The Colorado City boys and girls invitational golf tournament was held last week at Wolf Creek with the girls playing Tuesday, March 11 and the boys playing Wednesday.

In the girls division, Robert Lee placed first, shooting a 501, and Jim Ned placed second with a 518.

In the individual standings, Michelle Graves of Stanton fired a 97 to capture first place honors, followed by Colorado City's Jordan Hammond with a 107. Erin Graham placed fifth in the individual standings, shooting a 110.

Stanton won the boys division, shooting a 346. Forsan was second and Coahoma third with 369 and 372 respectively.

Colorado City golfers playing were Nick Hart, 90; Michael Mauldin, 92; J.C. Johnson, 103; Zach Garza, 100; and Kyle Lemons, 115; for a team total of 385. Colorado City medalists were Kirk Leverton, 103 and Matt Neff, 120.



NICK HART led the Colorado City boys golf team with a score of 90 during the Colorado City Invitational, held last week.

Lady Wolves place 3 on all district team

By Carl Graham

Though the District 5-2A champions Coahoma Bulldogettes dominated, when it came to post-season basketball accolades; the Colorado Lady Wolves came away with their fair share with two first team and one second team selection.

Crystal Stewart and LaCresha Johnson received first team honors, while Le'Tesha McDuffie earned second team honors.

Coahoma's Laci Sterling shared the Co-MVP award with Hawley senior Chelsea Phillips; while Merkel junior Andrea New collected the Defensive MVP award this season. Carly Szabo, a Merkel sophomore, was selected as the Newcomer of the year.

Coahoma head coach Chris Sumrall came away with the Coach of the Year award.

7th grade boys take 2nd

Colorado Middle School's 7th grade boys' track team took second place at the Grape Creek Track meet held recently. Ballinger earned the first place spot with 182 points with Colorado City following with 161.5 points. Grape Creek took third, earning 154.5 points.

First place finishes were: Nathan Jackson, triple jump, 28' ½"; 400 meter relay team, 54.22; Nathan Jackson, 400 meter dash, 1:03.52; Jacob Rizo, 300 meter hurdles, 52.95; Gustavo Silva, 1600 meter run, 6:04.48.

Those placing second and their events were: Blaine Proctor, 800 meter run, 2:56.39; Corbin Lewis, 110 meter hurdles, 24.79; Colorado City, 800 meter relay team, 2:04.46; Alex Hernandez, 300 meter hurdles, 56.42; Colorado City, 1600 meter relay team, 4:42.32.

Third place finishes were: Jaime Espinoza, shot put, 33'4"; Gustavo Silva, 2400 meter run, 9:47.27; Blaine Proctor, 110 meter hurdles, 25.53.

Those placing fourth were: Aaron Rivera, discus, 68'5 ¾"; Sam Cornett, triple jump, 23' ½"; Daniel Dillon, 800 meter run, 3:02.68.

Fifth place finishers were: Brent Morris, shot put, 28'8"; Shea Duncan, long jump, 12' 1/4"; Jaime Espinoza, discus, 65' ¾"; Gustavo Silva, triple jump, 23' ¼".

Corbin Lewis tied with a Grape Creek competitor for sixth place in the pole vault. Both athletes jumped 6'. Lewis also placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 30.78. Stephen Potter took sixth in the 200 meter run, finishing in 30.78.

Espinoza leads Wolves to victory

Junior Lance Espinoza pitched a complete game and the Colorado High School baseball team rallied for a 7-6 victory over the Forsan Buffaloes here last Friday night. The Wolves improved to 3-5 with the non-district victory.

Espinoza showed an effective curveball-striking out 12 in going the distance but got the victory only after Wolves batters overcame a 3 run deficit.

Forsan tagged Espinoza with two runs in the opening inning and increased their lead to 3-0 in the third before the Wolves responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

The Buffaloes hit a two run inside-the-park homerun in the fourth to increase their lead to 5-2. Wolves first baseman Clint White answered for the Wolves in the bottom half of the fourth. White blasted a pitch deep to right-center and made it home for a 3 RBI hit that tied the contest at 5-5.

Colorado City added two more runs in the inning on fielding errors by the Buffaloes and Espinoza made them hold up for the victory.

"We just clawed back," said Wolves coach Brent Paris. "Manuel Garza did a good job of getting on base, stealing bases and just being a spark basically. Lance got in a groove."

Colorado City stands at 0-2 in district play after a loss to Coahoma and an extra inning loss to Anson.

The Wolves were to have traveled to a district game at Haskell this past Tuesday and host Hawley in a 2 p.m. District 5-2A contest today. Coach Paris, whose three year baseball coaching career started here in Colorado City, says the Wolves are improving.

"We're winning the close ones now," said coach Paris. "That's huge. We're still young but its all about getting hits at the right time. We haven't got it going yet but we'll be fine. We expect to be contenders."



RALLYING FOR THE WOLVES during their comeback 7-6 victory over the Forsan Buffaloes Friday are, left to right, Jessie Guerra, Manuel Garza, Derek Gutierrez, Jacob Martinez and Lance Espinoza.

First goes to CMS boys

Colorado Middle School's 8th grade boys' track team earned first place at the Grape Creek Track Meet held recently. The Wolves scored a decisive 221 points to Ballinger's 153 to earn the top spot. Iraan placed third with 133.

There were several first place finishes including: Ramiro Reyes, shot put, 44'8"; Tyler Hammond, high jump, 5'; Tylor Lorenz, long jump, 15'8"; Tylor Lorenz, triple jump, 35'; Jason Rodriquez, 2400 meter run, 9:10.88; Tylor Lorenz, Benny Jones, Tyler Hammond, Derek Gainey, 400 meter relay team, 50.62; Benny Jones, 300 meter hurdles, 51.10; Tylor Lorenz, 200 meter dash, 26.68; Jason Rodriquez, 1600 meter run, 5:47.62; Lorenz, Hammond, Jones, Gainey, 1600 meter relay team, 4:03.98.

Aaron Mendoza garnered second place in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 21.02, and Stephen Flores took second in the 100 meter dash, finishing with a time of 13.7.

Those finishing third were: Derek Gainey, pole vault, 8'6"; Derek Gainey, long jump, 15' 1 ¾"; Ramiro Reyes, discus, 100' 6 ¼"; Benny Jones, triple jump, 31'; Matthew Potter, 2400 meter run, 9:46.49; Sebastian Villalon, 800 meter run, 2:39.72; Mendoza, Gainey, Flores, Gainey, 800 meter relay team, 1:51.14; Aaron Mendoza, 300 meter hurdles, 57.72.

Fourth place finishers include: Anthony Rivera, shot put, 35'10"; Sebastian Villalon, 2400 meter run, 9:47.03; Willie Hernandez, 100 meter dash, 14.4; Matthew Potter, 300 meter hurdles, 57.72.

Those placing fifth were: Colton Cannon, shot put, 35'8"; Jadrian Dominguez, 800 meter run, 2:44.17; David Dunn, 1600 meter run, 7:08.63.

Sebastian Villalon placed sixth in the 400 meter dash, finishing with a time of 1:10.38.

CHS girls take 1st at meet

The Colorado High School varsity girls track team competed in the Roscoe Relays last Friday, March 14, and ran away with first place as a team. Team total was 135 points, with Hamlin scoring 127 to finish second and Seagraves finishing third.

First place finishes were: Crystal Stewart, shot put, 32'10 ½"; Janna Guerra, pole vault, 9 feet; LaCresha Johnson, triple jump, 36'3"; LaCresha Johnson, long jump, 16'6"; LaCresha Johnson, 200 meter run, 26:28; Kandace Johnson, Breshanae White, Janna Guerra and LaCresha Johnson, 800 meter relay, 1:47.87.

Finishing second were: Crystal Stewart, discus, 87'; Kandace Johnson, Breshanae White, Michelle Billingsley and LaCresha Johnson, 1600 meter relay, 24:16.

Third place finishes were: Le'Tesha McDuffie, Breshanae White, Lauren Munoz, Janna Guerra, sprint relay, 53:13; 200 meter run, Janna Guerra, 27:41.

Finishing fourth were: Michelle Billingsley, 800 meter run, 2:48; Crystal Stewart, 400 meter run, 71:79; Le'Tesha McDuffie, 100 meter dash, 13:69.

Ema Leanos finished fifth in the 3200 meter run, with a time of 16:45, and Felicia Arellano placed fifth in the shot put with her throw of 29'10".

Rebecca Perez placed sixth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 16:55, and Valerie Vera finished sixth in the 1600 meter race, finishing with a time of 7:02.

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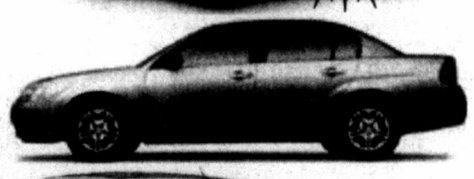
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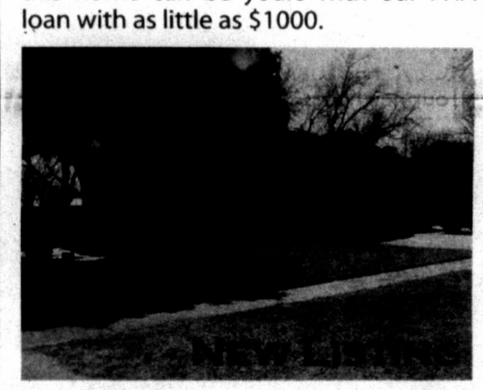


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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Brad and Pennie Henderson and Morgan Henderson from Midland came for an early Easter visit with Doris Henderson and Jay Henderson Sunday.

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Ina Vay and Durwood McAdams have heard from their son, Mace McAdams recently and learned that his Wegner's disease is now in remission.

It was first diagnosed 14 years ago, so this is great news and we hope he stays well.

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Jimmy Hall was in Loraine for a couple of days checking on his farms and the windmills. He stayed in Betty's apartment while she was on a trip with her sister. He reported heavy rain and hail while he was in Loraine.

From here, he went to Brownwood to visit his son, Chris.

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Betty Chandler just returned from a 13-day trip with her three sisters, Nadine Martin of Stephenville and Nadean Tumlinson of Kingsland left on Sunday, spending two nights on the road before getting to sister Barbara Hall's in Scottsboro, Alabama. The girls rested for a day then were off to Sanford, North Carolina, where they enjoyed two wonderful nights of southern gospel music.

On Sunday night, they drove up to Cherokee, North Carolina, to the Indian reservation where they found snow and large icicles hanging on the mountains.

The next day, they drove back through Gatlinburg and had lunch with Kirk Talley, a gospel singer. They then drove on to Scottsboro where they had a day to rest before heading home.

She reports that it was a fun trip.

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The Ladies Salad Supper recently turned out to be well attended and very enjoyable. The devotional speaker was minister Donita Lea from Coahoma and her message was very inspiring.

The ladies enjoyed good food and fellowship also.

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A mini-vacation was enjoyed last Wednesday at a Henderson reunion. Attending were Daryl Bennett from Littlefield, Merlin Bennett from Plainview, Bob and Lavern Chalker of Colorado City, Sug Bynum also of Colorado City and Doris Henderson.

It was reported that fun was had by all.

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A reminder to jot on your calendar about the volunteer fire department farm machinery annual sale. It is scheduled for March 29th and will take place on the Mitchell County Gin lot because other gins are still ginning.

As you know, a lot of good food will be for sale; very good hamburgers for instance.

The firemen and women, their spouses and friends will help and attend. Come down, it is actually a big social event for the year and will be fun.

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The family of Brenda Linam celebrated her birthday at Mi Ranchito Friday evening, March 14. Those attending and enjoying the evening were: Tom Linam, Chad, Lynette, Hunter and Tanner Harman, Chip and Kim Northcutt, Tom and Debby Carlock and her parents, Bobby and Wanza Graham.

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Andy and Norma Perez got a surprise visit from his daughter this weekend. They were in Aztec, New Mexico, visiting family. Krissi P. Martinez and Louie, her husband and daughters, Lauren and Dalene, all from Austin, made a stop at Loraine and spent the night.

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At the Loraine Methodist Church Sunday, special music was presented by Debbie Mitchell and Charlene Hays. They sang, "Nothing Could Stop Your Loving Me" and were accompanied by Debbie on guitar.

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Out of town visitors at the Methodist Church Sunday were Loree Cranfil of Midland, Jan Albus of Midland and Kay Dugas of Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

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Sunday visitors at the home of Darlene, Mike and Donna Givens were Karen and Larry Holder of Lubbock, Kay Dugas of Louisiana.

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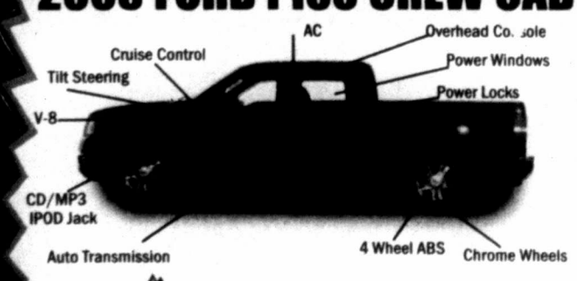


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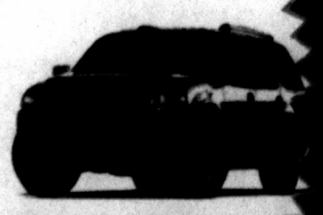


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