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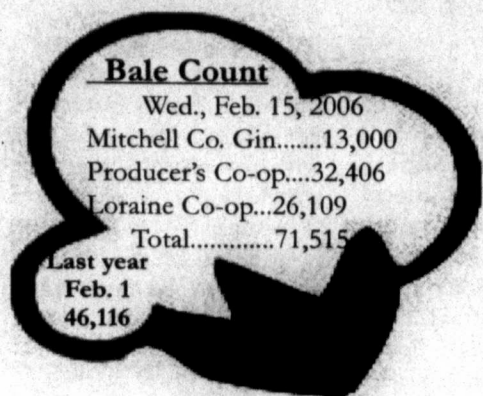
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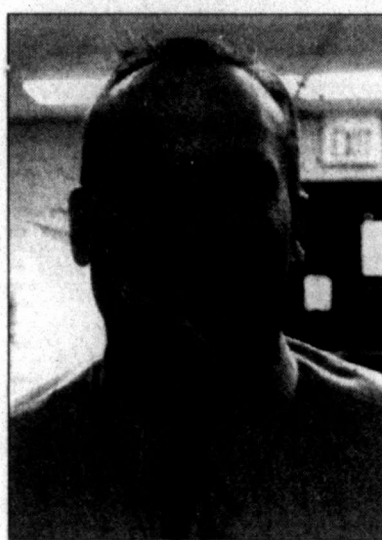
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Shawn Myatt

Police chief resigns to accept position in Navasota

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

When Colorado City hired Shawn Myatt as police chief last year, city officials felt they had found the perfect man to lead to Colorado City Police Department.

On Monday, they found out Navasota had found him.

Myatt tendered his resignation to Colorado City City Manager Paul Catoe on Monday afternoon, saying he

planned to accept a similar position with the City of Navasota later this month. Myatt had served as the city's chief of police for the past 10 months.

"It was a really tough decision," Myatt told members of the city council Monday evening. "When I took this position, I really thought I would be here for a long time, but this just came up and was something my family and I felt we had to do."

Myatt's last day with the

Colorado City Police Department will be Feb. 24.

The Navasota position opened rapidly for Myatt. He was contacted by a former boss in Sundown who had accepted the city manager role in Navasota to gauge his interest in the position. Myatt and his family traveled to the community of approximately 7,000 near College Station over the weekend.

The invitation for Myatt to assume the chief of police du-

ties didn't surprise Catoe. He said he had been warned by the then-Sundown city manager that he would try to hire him if he ever had the opportunity.

"When we hired him (Myatt), he (the former Sundown city manager) told me he would come after him one day," said Catoe. "He did."

Catoe said the city, following Myatt's departure in two weeks, would appoint an interim chief to direct the police

department until a permanent replacement can be found.

Catoe praised Myatt - who will receive approximately a \$15,000 increase in pay with the new position -- for his work, saying he understood why his former boss in Sundown sought him after taking the Navasota position.

"He did an outstanding job while he was here," Catoe said. "He's going to be very hard to replace."

County adopts 'zero tolerance' rule for employees

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Mitchell County Commissioners Court issued a firm stand on drinking and driving for county employees. If you consume alcohol or other substances that might impair your ability to drive county-owned vehicles, you will get no leeway.

Commissioners, after much discussion, voted unanimously to alter the county policy on driving under the influence to state there will be "zero tolerance" for operating a county-owned vehicle. Previously, the county policy said an employee faced penalties only if his blood alcohol content reached the state-mandated level of 0.8.

Under the new guidelines, county employees could face stiff penalties, or even termination, for operating a county vehicle or heavy equipment with a trace of alcohol in their

"If they've been drinking, they don't need to be driving a vehicle."

Jug Nelson
County commissioner

systems.

"I don't want to see anyone getting run off over a Monday morning hangover," said commissioner Larry Johnson. "At the same time, I don't want the county to be responsible for someone driving under the influence so I think this is the best way to approach it."

By passing the "zero tolerance" policy, the county brings itself in line with the major-

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City council slates May 13 date for new charter election

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The work is done for the Colorado City Charter Commission - finally.

After several weeks of work producing the manuscript for the new city charter, members of the 15-member panel officially turned over a certified copy of the city's proposed operating manual to members of the Colorado City City Council on Monday.

"I think the end product will

be good for the city," said Bob Coffelt of Public Sector Consulting. "I have worked with many charter commissions over the years and I believe this was one of the best. The members of the commission worked hard on this."

Members of the city council - who have no authority to alter or amend the document - accepted the document and immediately called for a mu-

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Record Photos/Tommy Wells

MAIN STREET SUPPORTERS Bobbie Banks and Kitten Arthur and Zaria Smith, the granddaughter of Red and Patsy Smith, display the new Colorado City Main Street logo. The Main Street backers will be holding a lasagna feed Thursday and show the video, "Community of Choices" as a way to reach out to residents.

Main Street backers to woo residents

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Members of the Main Street Advisory Board are hoping the way to Colorado City's heart is through their stomachs. The organization is planning to reach out to community members with information about the Main Street program

Thursday evening with a special lasagna dinner and a showing of the "Community of Choices" video.

"It's going to be a fun night," said Main Street supporter Kitten Arthur. "We really want to let people know what this could do for Colorado City with a little work and fun. This is a way

for us to get the word out about Main Street."

The video, which highlights the benefits of the Main Street program for a community, is scheduled to be shown on Feb. 16, in the Hutchinson Elementary School cafeteria. The event will run

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Rogers site not a serious threat to residents, aquifer

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Although the Texas Commission on Environment Quality wasn't able to say with any certainty how long it would take to have the former Rogers

Delinted Cottonseed Company site placed on the Texas Superfund Registry or who would eventually be responsible for the clean-up, it did have some good news for Colorado City residents at its Feb. 9 meeting.

The soil contamination from the site poses no major health risks to residents or to the aquifer located beneath the facility.

"I was impressed with the quality of the meeting," said Mayor Jim Baum. "I didn't feel

like they came here to give us a dog and pony show. They basically told us it was not a highly dangerous site."

The Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District has also

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Around Town

Happy 18th birthday Whitney Wells (Feb. 23)... Happy anniversary Jill & Frank Perez (Feb. 14)... Happy birthday Johnny Burns (Feb. 15)... Happy anniversary Nick & Melissa Palacios... Happy birthday Megan Lopez (Feb. 18)... Happy anniversary Mike & Erna Lou Burt (Feb. 14)... Happy belated birthday Josie Espinoza (Feb. 14)...

Obituaries

Charles Edwards Jr., Colorado City
Jack Capps, Loraine
Frances Prude, Lubock
Jesse Perez, Colorado City
Margarito Silva, Avondale

Answerline

Q. What is the phone number of the Poison Information Center?
A. The number is 1-800-222-1222

Briefs

Hee Haw Fandangle

The Calvary Baptist youth will host a brisket dinner with live entertainment on Feb. 25th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds go to CBC missions and summer camps. To purchase tickets, call CBC at 728-2262.

Playoff Shirts

The Wolves Booster Club will be selling basketball playoff t-shirts

for \$13 each. To place your order, call Lone Wolf Cellular at 728-8000 or contact any booster club officer.

Gifted/ Talented

CISD is now accepting nominations for the Gifted and Talented program. If you would like to nominate a student for this program, please contact the counselor at his/her campus. Nominations will be accepted through Feb. 22nd.

Softball Sign-ups

The Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will have sign-ups Feb. 20 and Feb. 23 at the Civic Center from 6-8 p.m.

Office Closing

The Mitchell County Clerk's Office will be closed Thurs., Feb. 16 for training on Electronic Election Equipment.

Lake Levels

(as of Dec. 6, 2005)

Lake Colorado City...2068.09'

Full at 2070.3'

Down 2.21'

Lake Champion...2041.72'

Full at 2083'

Down 41.28'

Levels courtesy of United States Geological Service

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Charles Edwards Jr. 1921-2006

Charles Edwards Jr. was born on Aug. 7, 1921, in Terrell to Charles and Beulah Field Edwards. His family moved to Colorado City in 1931. He was the eldest of two children. As a young child Charlie joined Payne Chapel CME Church. He was known to all of his friends as Charlie Jr. His parents, sister, daughter, grandson and nephew preceded him in death.

Charlie attended Wallace School, he joined the U.S. Army and did four years and received his honorable discharge. He returned to Colorado City and married Myrtle White and they spent 58 happy years together. He was employed with Craddock/Hutchinson Ford and then Colorado Independent School District where he retired. He also worked for Joe Morren, CPA, for 40 years and Raymond and Virginia Fuller. Charlie continued to work part-time until his health became an issue. He was the first African-American to have a program on KVMC 1320, it was called the Jolly Charlie Soul Roll Program.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; his son, Charles of Colorado City; his niece, Mary Smith (Lawrence) of Colorado City; two great-nieces, Jackie Smith of Big Spring and Lisa Taylor (Raymond) of Maryland; two great-great-nieces; one great-great-nephew; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins and friends.

Jack Capps 1945-2006

Mr. Jack Capps, Jr., age 60, of Loraine, died Wed., Feb. 8, 2006, at his residence. Graveside services were held Sunday in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Scate Funeral Home.

Mr. Capps was born Nov. 5, 1945, in Corsicana to Jack and Maudie Wyant Capps. He had lived in Loraine for the past three years. Mr. Capps was a retired oilfield worker and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He married Reia Leigh Shults on Aug. 1, 2003, in Loraine. She preceded him in death on Apr. 13, 2005. He enjoyed arts and crafts and fishing.

He is survived by a daughter, Olivia Capps of Odessa; four sons, Michael Capps of Spring, Jack Capps and Josh Capps of Dallas; his former wife, Lou Ann Capps of Odessa; his step-father, H.D. "Pop" Kinsel of Brushy Prairie; a sister, Jackie Belle Prickett of Frost; two brothers, Thomas Capps of Snyder and Clyde Kinsel of Brushy Prairie; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Frances Price Prude 1917-2006

Services for Frances Price Prude, 88 of Lubbock were held Friday, Feb. 10, 2006 at Westmont Christian Church with the Reverend Clint Stephenson officiating. Followed by a graveside service in the Colorado City Cemetery. Mrs. Prude died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006.

She was born Aug. 13, 1917 in Colorado City. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelors degree in Political Science in 1938. She married John William Prude Dec. 6, 1938 in Colorado City. He died Oct. 30, 1967. They moved to Lubbock in 1956. In 1965, Frances began working for Texas Tech University as an Administrative Assistant in the Graduate School, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Martorboard and the Westmont Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Bill Prude of Edgewood, NM; a daughter, Judie Barnes of Lubbock; seven grandchildren, Kelly Kavanaugh, Jason Hamzy, Ashley Hawkins, Chandler and Price Prude, Merrill Kingsbury and John Whittington; and eight great-grandchildren.

Jesse Perez 1965-2006

Mr. Jesse Perez, age 40, of Colorado City, died Sun., Feb. 12, 2006, at his residence. Graveside services were held Wednesday in the Mitchell County Cemetery with Felix Silva officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Scate Funeral Home.

Mr. Perez was born Nov. 6, 1965 in Robert Lee to Bernardo and Paula Frausto Perez and had been a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. He was a former employee of the Colorado City Livestock Auction. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his mother, Paula Perez of Big Spring; two sisters Imelda Chavez of Colorado City and Maribel Gutierrez of Snyder; a brother, Bernardo Perez, Jr. of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews.

Margarito G. Silva 1932-2006

Margarito G. Silva, 73, of Avondale died Feb. 1, 2006.

Mr. Silva was born Feb. 22, 1932 in Colorado City. The family moved in 1967 to Arizona, where Mr. Silva worked in construction for many years. He had been a longtime member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Goodyear.

Mr. Silva is survived by his wife of 54 years, Juanita; four daughters, Sylvia Escobedo, Delia Elizondo, Rosie Acuna and Mary Ann Galindo; three sons, Tony, Margarito Jr. and Albert; three sisters, Frances Jimenez, Gloria Silva and Jessie Wickramarachi; two brothers, Catarino and Tom Silva; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Vianney Catholic Church in Goodyear. Interment followed at Louis B. Hazleton Memorial Park in Buckeye.

MC Library to hold second Ebay buying, selling seminar

The Mitchell County Public Library will offer a program on Buying and Selling on Ebay on Mon., Feb. 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Ebay is "the world's online marketplace," which enables individuals and businesses to buy and sell on an international basis.

Ann Hallmark will be the in-

structor for the hands-on computer class, which will explain the basics of setting up accounts on Ebay. The class is free but registration is required due to space limitations.

To register, call the library at 728-3968.



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COLORADO CITY MAYOR Jim Baum (right) presents Sammy Contreras a plaque after he was named Citizen of the Month at Monday's city council meeting. Contreras is Colorado City's mayor pro-tem for the city.

COUNTY

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ity of the other county entities in the state. The strict policy, according to state officials who urged county officials to investigate its BAC levels, helps cover the county in regards to liability.

"Right now (prior to the measure being passed), if someone came in at 0.7 they aren't in violation of our policy. They just wanted to know if we knew what our policy was," said County Judge Ray Mayo. "It's mainly a liability issue for the county."

Commissioner Jug Rees said the new policy was one that needed to be passed - for the safety of everyone, including county employees.

"If they've been drinking, they don't need to be driving a vehicle," he said.

In other business, commissioners approved a bid for \$3,100 from Citizens Financial Group to serve as an insurance consultant, and okayed a bid from Tom Whitesides for the purchase of Lot 18, Block 9 in the City of Westbrook. The property, which had been appraised at \$250, was available through a tax sale.

In other business, the city council approved a request for an additional \$8,000 in funding from the Motel Tax Reserve for the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber needed the funds to complete the fiscal year.

The chamber, according to director Sue Lowrance, had to incur a substantial unexpected expense this year by having to repair the roof at the Railroad Building. That \$6,400 repair bill, along with lower than expected revenues from the Fall Rodeo, left the chamber budget short.

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Commissioners approve \$60,000 upgrade to fields

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Mitchell County Commissioners Court officially ushered in the "Boys of Summers" Monday morning better than any umpire.

Commissioners unanimously approved a bid from Merket Industries of Colorado City to install lighting at the softball fields at the Mitchell County Sports Complex in the coming weeks, making it possible for evening games to be held this spring and summer. The upgrade is expected to cost approximately \$60,000.

Work on adding the lighting is expected to begin within the next few weeks. Lesley Merket said the new light poles would be installed

in approximately a month, with the installation of the lights taking place shortly afterward. Merket said he hoped to be completed with the entire project in about six weeks.

In addition to installing new light poles, Merket said his crews would also be replacing faulty lamps in other light towers.

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LOCAL NEWS

Candidates: Water, taxes, school funding are the main issues for Texas

Texas House District Representative Scott Campbell took a realistic approach to the Colorado City Candidate's Forum Monday afternoon, urging residents gathered in the Colorado Middle School cafeteria to realize teamwork and established bonds, are the main criteria they should be looking at when they go to the polls to elect a new state representative.

Those things, he said, he has as an incumbent.

Candidates Drew Darby and Kevin Housley disagreed, saying it was time for a change in the Texas Legislature — to someone who can use teamwork to make changes happen.

In the end, their differences went a long way in helping many Colorado City voters decide which way they will vote.

"I think it went well," said Jay McCollum, who helped Colorado Independent School District teachers stage the event. "It gave everyone the chance to see and hear all three candidates."

What all three do have, however, are strong opinions on what the major issues facing Texans over the next few years: Taxes, school reform, No Child Left Behind and water. All agreed that the state will have to face these issues quickly.

All three said an increase in taxes was likely needed to help the state solve its school finance problem. The road to that relief, however, won't be easy.

"There's not an easy way to do these things," said Campbell, who has already worked through two special sessions in Austin on school finance reform. "You just can't snap your fingers and it will be done. There are a lot of complicated issues here."

And the Texas Senate. Campbell said the Texas House had submitted at least two proposals on school finance reform to the upper house of the Texas legislature. Both were strung out by senators until they died. Both proposals, he added, called for an increase in teacher pay.

Campbell, Darby and Housley each agreed any increase in taxes should be spread evenly among the state's population — meaning big businesses should have to pay their fair share.

"We shouldn't be a government of exceptions," said Housley, who said he favored taxing all businesses equally to help raise funding levels. "We should be a government of equity. Everyone who lives here should be paying into our system."

Darby agreed, saying the state hadn't made a strong enough stand to save its public education system.

"We have not made a collective, willed commitment to save our public education system," he said. "We have lost sight of the ball. We need to go into this with the idea everyone has to pay their share."

Darby said an answer might to have businesses pay taxes. Currently, he said, businesses in Texas are merely collection spots for government to take up taxes on consumers. He also said a consumption tax increase was probably another avenue to raise school funding.

On No Child Left Behind, all three agreed changes need to be made to allow teachers more time in the classroom. The current system, they said, handicaps teachers by requiring a high number of testing days — thereby taking more and more days from their classroom instructional time. Current NCLB requirements have students taking tests on 37 of the 180-day school year.

"We need to get rid of No Child Left Behind," said Housley. It's hurting us. I think we need to do away with the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test. It's the wrong thing to do. I believe we are testing our students too much."

"We need to decide what we want them to learn when they graduate and then teach them that," he said. "Let's worry more about teaching the three R's (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic). A lot of what we do now is for testing teachers and not teaching the students."

Campbell, while admitting changes were needed, said the state's hands were tied to a large extent on what it could do because of federal regulations. If the state drops, or alters too much of the NCLB guidelines, it risks losing federal school funding — a tough prospect for a state already struggling to find a way to pay for its public education.

"In a perfect world, I'd say let teachers teach and let's take all the paper work away so you can spend more time in class instructing students," he said. "I wish I could do that, but I can't. We all want to make it better and give you more money, but we can because a lot of funding is tied to federal guidelines."

Campbell said he urged officials in each district to help develop a plan that would make the system better for everyone involved — administrators, teachers and, most importantly, the students.

Campbell, Darby and Housley all agreed a voucher system for private schools was not in the best interest of students or the public education system.

"I don't think the climate is right in Texas for that," said



THE THREE REPUBLICAN candidates for state representative gathered to voice their opinions on several campaign issues. Scott Campbell (l), Drew Darby (c) and Kevin Housley met with citizens at the Colorado Middle School cafeteria Monday.

Campbell. "We need to fix Robin Hood and get a good funding base for our schools, and we need to focus on getting some more local control."

Housley agreed, saying a voucher system would hurt the public education system and help eat away at one of the cornerstones of a community.

"This school, and ones like it all over the state, are the cornerstones of their communities," he said. "If we try to start a voucher system, it will break the back of the public schools. I don't think anyone thinks that's the right answer."

Darby vowed, if he were elected, to completely oppose the voucher system, saying it was not the right avenue for Texas, and another road to red tape for schools.

"That is a direction we will not go under my watch," he said. "I

don't believe it's the right move, creeping administrativeism get and I wouldn't want to help that started."

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Scott Campbell, left, and Elmer Kelton

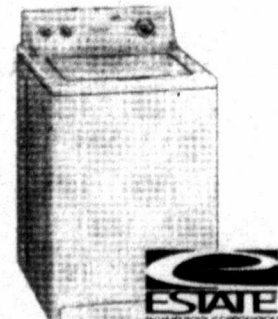
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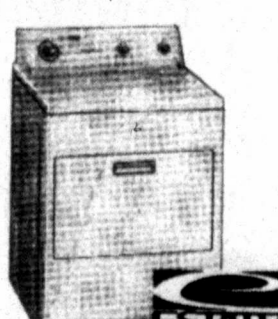
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A visit to the money factory

Last summer we took a tour of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Fort Worth. It sure was fun seeing all that money. The multi-million dollar facility is modern, state of the art and produces more than half (52-54%) of the U.S. currency. Although it opened in 1991, it didn't get much publicity until a couple of years ago when a visitors' center opened. A website, www.moneyfactory.gov gets millions of hits and provides information on our dollar bills.

Only two places in the world make U.S. paper currency: Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. To see where your bill was made, look at the top of the bill on the portrait side. If there is a small "FW" at the top, it came from Fort Worth. If there's no "FW" it came from Washington, D.C.

Early this year I talked with Charlene Williams, the CEO of the Western Currency Facility. It produces ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties and fifties. "We actually did all the printing on the new fifty dollar bill and we're doing all the printing on the new ten dollar bill which will be released March the second," says Charlene. U.S. Currency started having color with the new 20 dollar bill. Charlene says color makes the bills safer, smarter and more secure. She says about 67 percent of our nation's currency is circulated overseas.

The Western branch of the BEP employs more than 700 people who taken an immense pride in their work. "They want to turn out a good product. They don't think of it as money. Engravers go through a seven to ten year apprentice program before they begin their official duties. Printers and pressmen have a four year apprentice program."

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing decided to add a second plant in 1982 after an Air Florida plane crashed into the 14th Street Bridge in Washington, D.C. "Had that plane been closer to the Bureau," says Charlene, "that would have caused a major economic devastation. There had already been talk about putting another plant outside the Washington area. That incident helped to push along that effort. The Bureau in Washington is interesting. It's in what was once an office building that was made into a production facility, so it's a multi-level operation. It's probably the second most popular tourist spot in Washington after the White House."

Eighty cities wanted the facility, but Fort Worth wanted it more than the others. Charlene says it's the civic pride that got the plant in Fort Worth. "Fort Worth people were very committed to getting the facility to locate here. They donated 100 acres of property and a 240,000 square foot building. For the first 100 jobs offered here, we had 14,000 applications. When people come to work here, they pretty much make this their life. Sometimes I ask my employees to guide people on tours because it gives them a chance to talk about what they do and show the pride in their work." The facility makes about five billion bills a year. A one lasts two months, five and tens last about three years, twenties last five years, fifties and hundreds last about nine years. Twos have never worn out.



Valentine's is a serious deal around our house

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



It was the middle of the night and all of a sudden I sat straight up in bed, eyes wide open. Normally, that would mean something was amiss in the household. A strange noise? A kidnapper sneaking into the house to leave me a note offering to pay me to take my children back?

Not this night. It was something more serious. It was ... the wife.

"What? What?" I said as I rubbed the bruise developing on my ribs where she has elbowed me. "Is there something wrong? Are the kids back?"

Immediately, I began fumbling in the dark like a blind man for my glasses. Not because I need them, mind you, but because I've become pretty attached to the idea of being able to see fingerprints at almost any time of the day and being called "four eyes."

"Babe, are you awake?" she asked.

"Ummmm ... I am now, I guess," I said, relaxing a bit.

"Well, since you're awake, I was just wondering what you were going to get me for Valentine's Day. You do remember Valentine's Day is next week, don't you?"

It was more than a question. Believe me, it was a subtle hint from She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad that I had better not forget whatever day Valentine's Day fell on.

"I'm probably going to buy you the same thing I got you last year," I said, rolling my eyes in the same manner I do when our 17-year-old daughter asks if she can drive the car.

"Babe, if I remember right, you didn't get me anything last year."

Drat. That totally ruined my secret surprise.

"It's just another day," I said as I rolled over and pulled the cover about my shoulders. "Besides, you always moan and groan when I buy you something. Remember, four years ago when I bought you that Dallas Cowboys jersey. You said it was stupid and a total waste of money."

"Then two years ago, you remember how mad you were that I spent \$25 on that new television remote?" I added.

"Those weren't for me!" she blurted.

"You're the Cowboys fan, and you are the one who lost the television remote. You were the only one who wanted anything like that."

"Well, you better be glad I did. If not, that would have been wasted money," I said, hoping she would have forgotten those things. "Besides, you are always telling me we can't afford this or that, so I figure if I don't buy anything then at least I'm doing my part at being fiscally responsible for the family."

From the look on her face, I knew the last explanation had failed to convince her of much. She gritted her teeth and immediately stuck her nose back into the book that had allowed me to go to sleep the first time.

"Besides," I continued, "you know my judgment of gifts kind of stinks. As I

remember, you said I was stupid when I placed that ad in the paper for you."

She didn't say anything, just flipped the page of her small book.

Just so everyone will know, a few years ago I placed an ad in the paper where I worked that said how much she meant to me in my own special way. How was I to know she didn't think a big, black spider with the words "Pattie, You still bug me after all these years," inscribed on its back wasn't romantic.

Everything was quiet in the room for a long period. I don't know about you, but when the significant other in our house is quiet that means bad tidings for the less significant of the twosome -- me.

"What do you want?" I asked.

"I don't care. Just something special from you to me," she said.

"They have a blender on sale at K-Mart," I said.

"NOT a blender," she said curtly.

Even I understood that was a rhetorical statement with deep and somber meaning that also eliminated any possibility of mops, brooms or anything that might insinuate you need to clean as gifts.

"I'll write you a column," I said.

She flipped another page.

"How about that?" I asked, attempting to get her to break her eyes away from the book.

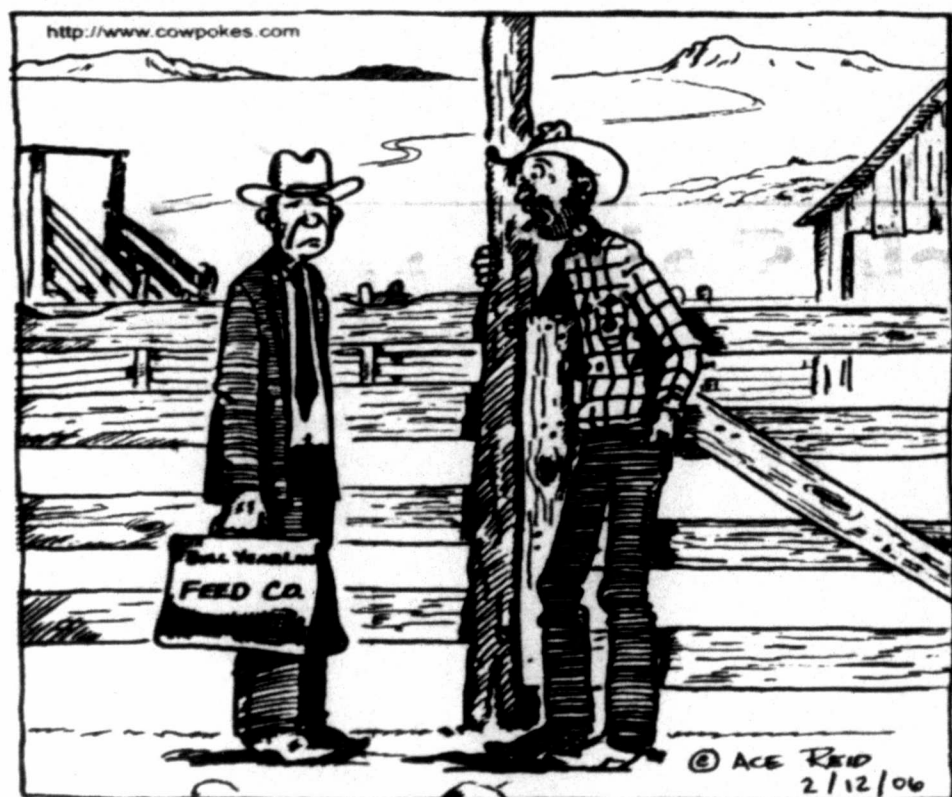
"By the way, what are you reading?" I asked.

"The John Wayne Bobbitt story," she said.

On second thought, I guess I could go buy you some flowers and chocolate," I said ... tucking the cover a bit tighter about my shoulders.

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LOCAL NEWS



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

THE CHRISTMAS IN ACTION organization elected its new officers recently as part of its annual effort to help needy homes. Attending the election were (back row, left to right) were CIA board member Deanie Elliott, Treasurer Shirley Delaney, President Royce Clay, Co-Vice President Jan Lemons, Warehouse Coordinator Brenda Moore (front row) Overall House Captain Georgie Griffith, Secretary Dolores Wood, Co-Vice President Brenda Kelley and Warehouse Coordinator Jimmy Moore.

Christmas In Action gears up for new year with election of officers

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Christmas in Action is back and about to begin spreading the holiday joy -- even if it is only February.

The new CIA officers were installed earlier this month and plan to begin the process of selecting homes to be repaired in the near future. In all, nine local residents were elected to the board, including Royce Clay as president. Also elected were co-vice presidents Jan Lemons and

Brenda Kelley, treasurer Shirley Delaney, secretary Dolores Wood, house captain coordinator Georgie Griffith, warehouse coordinators Jimmy and Brenda Moore, and food chairpersons Mary Molina and St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Christmas In Action annually selects several homes within the community to receive cosmetic and structural upgrades. The repairs are made by volunteers in an effort to preserve homes for those in need.

SITE

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done tests in the past with nearly the same results.

TCEQ representative Jeff Patterson said the Rogers site did have contamination in the soil, but added that tests of water in the aquifer revealed no abnormal results. The water, he said, did contain some

levels of arsenic, but that almost all water contains arsenic.

TCEQ officials said determining ownership of the site was difficult. MBank in Dallas was listed as the owner as it was the lender of funds to a Japanese company that created the business. The bank, as

the lender, is not responsible for any clean-up costs.

Officials have said it could cost around \$1.5 million to clean up the site. That estimate is based on the cost of a similar site owned by the Japanese company in Farmersville.

Colorado High School students to be honored at 'Howl Nite'

More than 100 Colorado High School Students will get their chance to walk away with prestigious honors Friday evening when they gather for the annual "Howl Nite" festivities. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the high school auditorium.

The winners in each of the 32 categories will be announced at the ceremony.

Tickets for the event can be purchased from Ann Bazany at the high school library or by calling 728-3424.

The nominees are:

Mr & Miss CHS: Frankie Arguijo, Michael Luera, Roland Rivera, Felicia Forbes, Emily Gardner, Jodi Owens.

Best Dressed: Mario Flores, Alex Lewis, Michael Pineda, Emily Gardner, Maegan Lopez, Kirby Matlock.

Funniest: Michael Conley, Dustin Espinoza, Jerrod Ward, LaToya Jackson, LaCresha Johnson, Kateshia Russell.

Most Courteous: Lee Beddingfield, J.D. Clay, Cody Hubbard, Courtney Pharis, Megan Tolle, Sara Warren.

Most Academic: Lee Beddingfield, Nathan Smith, Clint White, Kelly Morris, Sarah Smith, Krista Stubblefield.

Most Talented: Logan Boyd, Cyrus Goodman, Roland Rivera, Naneki Collins, LaCresha Johnson, Virginia Tovar.

Most Athletic: Frankie Arguijo, Cyrus Goodman, Kenneth Scott, Daniell Arispe, Jessica Castillo, Paige Newby.

Most Handsome/Beautiful: Brandon Beights, Michael Luera,

Corey Owens, Emily Gardner, Lauren Munoz, Jodi Owens.

Friendliest: Cody Hubbard, Ray Ryan, Zane Whitesides, Sagan Everett, Lauren Munoz, Sara Warren.

Best Smile: David Martinez, Michael Pineda, Alfredo Ventura, Felicia Arredondo, Alyssa Arredondo, Sonya Rocha.

Best All-Around: Timmy Atkins, Brik McGuffin, Nathan Smith, Kelly Morris, Marisol Salazar, Krista Stubblefield.

King and Queen Howl: Timmy Atkins, Cyrus Goodman, David Martinez, Naneki Collins, Kisha Rivera, Sara Warren.

Most Likely to Succeed: Timmy Atkins, Brik McGuffin, Nathan Smith, Sagan Everett, Krista Stubblefield, Megan Tolle

Most Dependable: Derick Merket, Ray Ryan, Clint White, Felicia Forbes, Kelly Morris, Megan Tolle.

Senior Class Favorite: Frankie Arguijo, Brik McGuffin, Roland Rivera, Sagan Everett, Felicia Forbes, Jodi Owens.

Junior Class Favorites: Dustin Espinoza, Nick Edwards, Zane Whitesides, Jessica Castillo, Kirby Matlock, Kessie Owens.

Sophomore Class Favorite: Michael Conley, Kolby Free, Orlando Moreno, Catherine Dolan, Georgiana Guerra, Valerie Martinez.

Freshman Class Favorite: Lance Espinoza, Corey Owens, Matt Sowa, Amber Campos, Lauren Munoz, Elena Rodriguez.

FEED

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from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Arthur said the lasagna feed will also enable locals to become involved in the Main Street effort.

"We want everyone to come and get an overview of what Main Street is and how they can sign up for the volunteerism the community is going to need," she said.

Following the lasagna feed and video presentation, Main Street Advisory Board Chairman Keith Hiser will introduce the community team chairpersons. The team chairpersons will speak briefly about the four main teams that make up the Main Street Program: Promotions, Organizations, Economic Restructuring and Design.

Board members have indicated that every citizen will have an opportunity to sign up and participate on one of the four teams.

The lasagna dinner -- complete with a Texas flair -- will include green beans, Texas toast, a salad and a slice of chocolate cake with Pecan-Fudge icing. Tea will also be served.

Donations to cover the cost of the lasagna feed will be accepted.

For more information contact the Main Street office at the Colorado City Civic Center at 728-2072.

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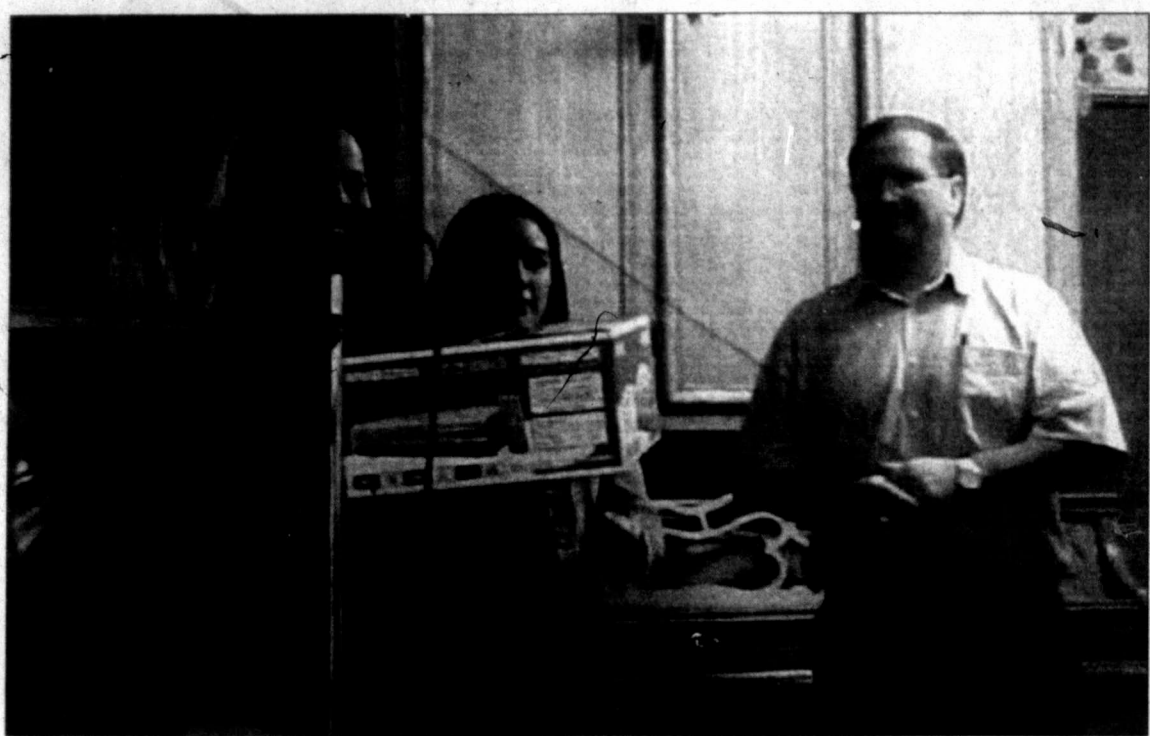
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THE COLORADO HIGH FCCLA donated a DVD/VCR player to Kristi Lee Manor to add to their movie library. The player will be available for the residents to check out to watch movies. Students presenting the player are: (l-r) Sara Warren, Courtney Pharis, Felicia Forbes and Mr. Clark Moody.

Scott speaks to local Garden Club

The Colorado City Garden Club met on Feb. 3, 2006 at Bama's House. After a delicious lunch, Cecilia Scott introduced her husband, Tom Scott. He was raised in Ohio and, before retiring, he was employed with IBM.

At present, Scott is giving seminars on how our social styles effect our relations in the business world. He presented a program on different personality types and their social styles. The types were analytical, expressive, drivers and amiable.

One of the most interesting things he told us was that only eight percent of words we speak send the message. Thirty-seven percent is rate and delivery. The remaining 55 percent is nonver-

bal, body language.

President Judy Bridgford called the business meeting to order. The minutes were read by Secretary Janie Lou Greenlee and approved as read. Treasurer Laverne Chalker gave the treasurer's report stating that there is \$339.26 in the regular account.

Margaret Sparks reported on the care of the entrance of the Colorado Cemetery. It is now time to prune and fertilize crape myrtles. There are also other public places which also need attention. It was decided that the club would help with these places to get them off to a good start.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up volunteering to help with these

places. Sparks was asking for volunteers to mow the entrance at the cemetery, maybe take it a month at a time. It was stated that it would cost about \$20 a month to mow that area. It was decided that City Manager Paul Cato would be contacted to see if the city would take over the care of this.

The club decided to contact the newspaper and radio station to run a public service message stating it is now time to prune and feed their crape myrtles.

Friendly Park has recently been raked by Jerry Reynolds. Bridgford stated that she would continue to check into getting an angel for Friendly Park. Wilma Reyn-

olds said the rest of the lighting would be planned at a later date.

Cecilia Scott reminded everyone that the First Lady of Texas, Mrs. Anita Perry, would be in Colorado City on Mar. 1, 2006 to kick off the city's Main Street promotion. All are encouraged to come.

The hostesses for the day were Sally Neff, Leslie Scott and Margaret Latimer. It was announced that Mrs. Latimer had broken her leg. The next meeting will be Mar. 3. The program will be Austin Barber discussing plant varieties that do well in our area. The hostesses will be Gerry Strain, Dovie Brownfield and Emabeth Thompson. The District meeting will be in Coleman on Mar. 30-31, 2006.



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Harris presents program to B&PW

The Colorado City Business & Professional Women's Club met Tues., Feb. 7th at the Civic Center. Hostesses were Sue Womack, chair of personal development

and Donna Barlow.

Dwayne Harris, of City National Bank, presented the program. He spoke about the different trust funds available and the importance of making a will.

Cheryl Johnson thanked club members for their work, supplies and baking that helped make the stock show a success.

Christine Cooley, legislation chair, announced that the club will host a voter registration drive at a later date.

Shirley Delaney announced that the spring celebration will be held in Colorado City on Mar. 25th at

the C.C. Thompson Room. The region consists of San Angelo, Stamford, Ballinger, Sweetwater, Midland, Odessa and Colorado City.

There was a discussion of the First Lady of Texas' visit to Colorado City and how the club could help with this project.

Guests attending the meeting were Dwayne and Debbie Harris. Members attending were Sue Womack, Donna Barlow, Lillie Funderburg, Faye Lee, Shirley Delaney, Pauline Light, Cheryl Johnson, Bobbie Banks, Nancy Crow and Christine Cooley.

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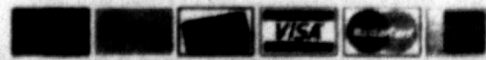
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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Desiree Martinez, Ricky Roman and Whitney Ortiz.

Students of the Week chosen at Hutchinson

Students of the Week have been named at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Desiree Martinez, Whitney Ortiz and Ricky Roman.

Desiree, a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class, is the daughter of Lori Martinez and Shawn Prine. She enjoys playing softball, and science is her favorite subject. Her teacher is her favorite thing about her school.

Ricky, son of Maria and Homera Roman, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Weaver's class. He likes

taking care of his dog, Max, and P.E. is his favorite subject. When asked about his favorite thing about Hutchinson, he responded, "I love being in Mrs. Weaver's class."

Whitney, a fifth grader in Mrs. Upshaw's class, is the daughter of Charlie and Carrie Ortiz. Whitney has a singing cat named Siberian, and math is her favorite subject. P.E. is her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary School.

ASU Dean's List released for 2005 fall semester

The Dean's List of the 2005 fall semester had been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Colorado City area: Emily Ruth Arthur, undeclared; Diana Bueno, Spanish/secondary certification; Jacob Paul Burnett, animal science; Crystal J. Costabile, history/social studies certification; Daley Laurel Seeker, accounting; Bradley Joe Graham, kinesiology/teacher certification; Sandra Marie Leija, criminal just; Christopher J. Matlock, kinesiology/teacher certification; Jared A. Matlock, accounting; Andra Gail Maxwell, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Alicia Leanne McNeal, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Anthony James Munoz, animal science; Amanda Nicolasa Ponko, pre-nursing; and Codi Dawn Waldrep, kinesiology/teacher certification.



ANOTHER CHALLENGER HAS conquered the Ultimate Challenge, a timed mixed-facts math test at Hutchinson Elementary. Taylor Griffith is well on her way to tackling the next math challenge with even less time on the clock. She is the daughter of Mike and Kaci Griffith.

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CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - dry cereal with toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - pancake pup, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - toast and jelly, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - oatmeal with toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - sausage with toast, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch Feb. 20-24

Monday - chicken nuggets, golden corn, chilled fruit, milk.
Tuesday - turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, bread slice, chilled fruit, milk.
Wednesday - breakfast bites, green beans, chilled fruit, milk.
Thursday - peanut butter & jelly sandwich, glazed carrots, chilled fruit, milk.
Friday - wolf burger on a bun, French fries, pickle chips, apple half, milk.

Kelley, Hutchinson, CMS Breakfast Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - dry cereal with toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - biscuit & jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - pancake pups, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - sausage with toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley, Hutchinson Lunch Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - spaghetti with meat, sweet peas, garlic toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - tacos, refried beans, tossed salad, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, pudding, choice of milk.

CHS Breakfast Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal with biscuit,

sausage and biscuit, waffle w/syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - taco salad, tasty rib basket, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - chef salad with chicken, grilled ham & cheese, chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - chef salad with ham, burrito w/cheese, turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - chef salad with bacon, Polish sausage on a bun, tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, pudding, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage, bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - toast, jelly, assorted cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - chicken fajitas, cheese, tortillas, salsa, tossed salad, refried beans, apple half, milk.

Tuesday - pepperoni pizza, corn, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - chili beans, carrot & celery sticks, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday - tacos w/cheese, salsa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, apple sauce, milk.

Friday - ham and peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, French fries, strawberry yogurt, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - donut, toast, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - hashbrown, cheese toast, milk.

Thursday - pizza, fruit, milk.

Friday - sausage, biscuit, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 20-24

Monday - sliced sausage, mixed fruit, chili beans, potato salad, bread sticks, milk.

Tuesday - chili, apple, salad, crackers, baked potato, butter, milk.

Wednesday - chicken strips, baby carrots, squash, English peas, pudding, biscuit, milk.

Thursday - enchiladas, orange, beans, salad, milk.

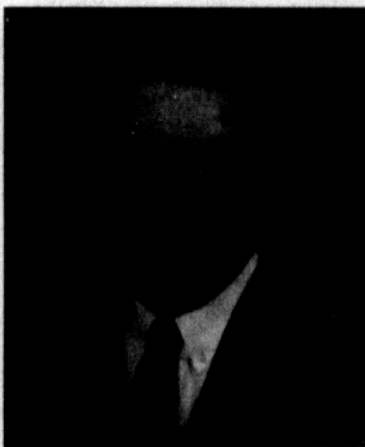
Friday - pizza pockets, pickle halves, corn on cob, shape-up, milk.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... The pre-k students in Mrs. Shrode's class were ready for Valentine's Day Tuesday. Each student brought valentines for their classmates. Pre-kindergartners in this class are: Dominique Acosta, Dillon Adkins, Timothy Braden, McKaila Davidson, Shawl Diaz, Keelan Eades, Keegan Eades, Azmen Gardner, Samaria Hernandez, Kamrun Martinez, Victoria Melendez, Jarrell Owens, Antonio Rubio, Britney Ruth, Tracy Smith, Syrrah Tenorio, Mason Wyrosdick and Mario Gonzalez. Sionni Emerson and Malishia Payne are not pictured.

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Patriot Act would have saved lives

By Deroy Murdock

As the Senate prepares for a showdown vote to reauthorize the Patriot Act, members of the World's Greatest Deliberative Body should deliberate on this: Had it existed, could the Patriot act have prevented the Sept. 11 massacre?

"I think if the Patriot Act were in place in the summer of 2001 ... connecting the dots would have been so basic and easy and fundamental," says Debra Burlingame, co-founder of 9/11 Families for a Safe and Strong America (911familiesforamerica.org). Her brother, Charles Burlingame, piloted American Airlines flight 77 until al-Quaida hijackers killed him, grabbed the controls and smashed his Boeing 757 into the Pentagon, killing all 58 passengers and six crew member aboard and another 120 people at the Defense Department.

How might the Patriot Act have snared Mohamed Atta? First, Patriot Act Section 218 would have eliminated "The Wall" that prevented intelligence agents and law enforcement officials from sharing information. Seemingly fueled by theoretical fears of Big Brother more than the actual dangers of terrorism, President Bill Clinton's attorney general, Janet Reno, issued restrictions in 1995 that hindered communications between spies and gumshoes. Indeed, in August 2001, FBI headquarters barred a New York intelligence agent, who sought hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar, from consulting colleagues on the bureau's criminal side. "If al-Midhar is located, the interview must be conducted by an intel agent," FBI brass explained by e-mail. "A criminal agent CANNOT be present at the interview."

Were the Patriot Act in place, "The Wall" would not have

presented Minneapolis FBI agents from getting permission to examine the laptop and possessions of "20th hijacker" Zacarias Moussawui. Had they done so, they might have discovered leads to 9/11 conspirator Ramzi bin alshibh and Atta's Hamburg, Germany, terrorist cell that hatched this atrocity.

Second, Patriot Act Section 215, the so-called "library provision," might have led officials to seven of the 19 hijackers, who used government libraries for Internet access. Using Section 215, FBI agents might have visited New Jersey's William Patterson University. They might have learned, as the Associated Press' Wayne Parry did last year, that al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar used that state institution's computers to buy tickets online for the flight they plowed into the Pentagon.

Section 215 prevents libraries and other institutions from becoming safe havens where Muslim fanatics can plot mass murder in peace. Third, Patriot Act Section 806 might have defunded the hijackers before they were airborne.

Whatever the patriot Act might have achieved before 9/11, it has accomplished plenty since. It has helped prosecutors charge some 401 suspected terrorists, the Justice Department reports, of whom 212 have been convicted or pleaded guilty. Despite this tract record, the Patriot Act soon could be consumed in a partisan bonfire.

After successfully spear-heading a Dec. 16 anti-reauthorization filibuster, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada bragged, "We killed the Patriot Act." If it prevails, this blindly Bushophobic attitude will return America to the way we were on Sept. 10, 2001: Fat, happy and naked to whatever morning, might bring.

Courtesy of Bill and Doris McClellan

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Sports Briefs

CHS softball season to start Feb. 13

The Colorado Lady Wolves will begin their 2006 softball season on Feb. 13 when they host the Merkel Lady Badgers.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Mitchell County Sports Complex.

C-City team schedules alumni game

Colorado Wolves head baseball coach Scotty Bruington has scheduled an alumni baseball game for Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Mitchell County Sports Complex.

The game, which will pit current players against former members of the Wolves baseball teams, is slated to begin at 2 p.m.

Some former Colorado High School standouts that have committed to play in the contest are Tino and Fidel Silva, David Salazar, Oscar "Sonny" Martinez and Anthony Matos.

Other alumni interested in playing should contact Bruington at 728-3693.

CHS track kicks off on March 4

The Colorado High School track and field season will get underway on March 4 when the Wolves travel to Stanton for the annual Buffalo Relays.

The meet will begin at 8 a.m.

The Westbrook and Loraine tracks seasons will also begin in March.

MC softball sign-ups underway

The Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will be holding registration for the upcoming season throughout the month of February.

Registration, for players 4 and up, will also be held on Feb. 20 and Feb. 23 at the Civic Center from 6-8 p.m.

First-year players should bring a copy of their birth certificates.

Ten Star camp is now taking applications

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp.

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DISTRICT CHAMPS!!!

Wolves clinch 4-2A title with 62-39 victory over Stamford

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Someone had better remember to ask the Colorado High School coaches to make room in the trophy case.

The Colorado Wolves have another piece of hardware to add to the school's coffers.

Colorado City clinched the District 4-2A basketball championship Friday evening by pounding out an impressive 62-39 victory over the Stamford Bulldogs.

The Wolves' win, combined with Stanton's upset of Anson, gave Colorado City a two-game lead in the district standings heading into Tuesday's regular-season finale.

The Wolves, who improved to 9-0 in district play, got off to a slow start offensively against Stamford. Colorado City only put up eight points in the first eight minutes of the contest.

Fortunately for the Wolves, the CHS defense made life even tougher.

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Lady Wolves close season with loss to rival Coahoma

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Lady Wolves closed out their 2005-2006 basketball season last Tuesday with a tough 43-12 loss to the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

Coahoma, which will advance to the Class 2A state playoffs as the District 4-2A champion, jumped on the Lady Wolves early, racing to an 11-3 first quarter lead.

Coahoma extended its lead to 22-4 in the second by putting together an 11-1 run.

Things didn't get any better in the

U.S. seeking players for Can-Am game

Toby Tucker, the head football coach for the United States, announced Tuesday afternoon he was still seeking to fill several spots on his six-man football roster for the annual Can-Am Bowl.

The all-star contest pits an all-star squad of U.S. six-man players against



MEMBERS OF THE WESTBROOK WILCATS DISTRICT CHAMPION TEAM are (top row, left to right) Coach Jim Hill, Cory Morton, Tate Burleson, Dustin Luttrull, Josiah Hannon, Logan Truelove, and Levi Trimble. (Bottom row) Craig Ginkinger, Michael Morton, Jonathan Beard, Josh Salko, Colton Nobles, and manager Trey Chavez.

'Cats wrap up 13-A crown with win over Roby

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

TRENT — The Westbrook Wilcats entered the Trent High School gymnasium Monday night with one goal in mind: Winning the District 13-A, Division II crown.

Consider the goal accomplished.

Westbrook nailed down the top seed in the District 13-A race by hammering out a 48-42 victory over the Roby Lions in a one-game district playoff. Both teams ended the regular season tied for the dis-

trict's top spot.

"We didn't play all that well, but were able to come away with a win," said Westbrook head coach Jim Hill. "We had way too many

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COLORADO CITY'S BRITTANY HILL drives into the paint for a basket in the Lady Wolves' recent game against Stanton. The CHS girls closed out their season last Tuesday with a loss to Coahoma.

Badgers deal CHS girls loss in debut

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Playing their first game of the season -- with only a handful of practices for most of the squad, the Colorado Lady Wolves found things a little rough Tuesday afternoon in their 2006 season-opener. Colorado City dropped a 7-1 decision to Class 3A Merkel.

The Lady Badgers jumped out to a quick start against CHS. Merkel generated three runs in the first inning off junior pitcher Brittany Hill.

The Lady Wolves answered back in the bottom of the inning, scoring a run on an RBI single by Paige Newby. Krisha Rivera ignited the CHS run with a single. After Merkel had managed to pick up the second out, Rivera raced home on a hard hit ball by Newby.

Merkel tacked on another run in the top of the second inning to extend its lead to 4-1. The Lady Badgers added an additional run in the third inning.

Hill shut down the Lady Badgers from there. The CHS stand-out held Merkel scoreless in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings.

The Lady Wolves threatened to fight their way back into the contest in the fifth when they managed to put runners at second and third before a strikeout ended the uprising.

Merkel put up a couple of runs in the seventh inning thanks to a couple of Lady Wolves' errors.

First-year head coach Sara Davies said overall the team didn't do bad considering the few work-outs the team has had.

"I only got the members of the basketball team last Wednesday so we haven't had a lot of practice together as a team," said Davies. "We made a lot of typical first-game errors, but overall I was pleased with what I saw. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. We have a very young outfield as we lost all three starters from a year ago."

Hill, who absorbed the loss, turned in a solid effort on the mound. She struck out eight batters in her first outing of the 2006 season.

The Lady Wolves, now 0-1 overall, will return to action at the annual Sweetwater Invitational Tournament. The three-day event will be held Feb. 23-25 at Sweetwater High School.

Lady 'Cats end year with romp over Cardinals

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Westbrook Lady Wilcats closed out their 2005-2006 basketball season on a winning note last Tuesday, defeating the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals by a score of 56-41 in front of a large crowd at the Sonny Hollis gymnasium.

Westbrook, which finished its season with a 16-10 record, raced to a quick lead. The Lady 'Cats outscored Hermleigh by a 12-10 margin in the first period and never looked back.

Westbrook stretched its lead to 28-17 with a 16-7 spree in the second quarter.

At the end of three quarters, the Lady Wilcats were leading by a score of 47-27. Hermleigh outscored Westbrook in the final quarter to cut the margin to 56-41.

Allison Bray was the leading score for Westbrook. The WHS junior pushed in a game-high 31 points in the contest.

With the victory, Westbrook finished District 13-A, Division II play with a 10-4 record. Overall, the team finished fourth in the league standings.

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'Dogs end year with 3-game win streak

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The young Loraine High School Bulldogs closed out their basketball season on a high note last Friday night with a sound 57-36 win over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

The victory was Loraine's third win in a row and enabled the Bulldogs to even their District 13-A, Division II record at 7-7.

Earlier in the week, Loraine had defeated the Ira Bulldogs, 50-46, avenging an earlier loss to Ira.

Against Ira, Michael Walker scored 15 points to lead Loraine. He was aided offensively by sophomore guard Derek Martinez who scored 14.

Walker put up three treys, while Zachary Gibson added one.

Loraine led 9-5 at the end of one quarter, but fell behind 17-16 at the half. At the end of three quarters, the Bulldogs were trailing by a 37-36 margin.

A 14-9 fourth quarter run gave the Bulldogs the hard-earned win.

"This was payback for our earlier loss in the season to Ira," said coach Steve Komppa. "The kids kept their composure and did not allow fans or players from the opposing side to keep us from our goal of beating another team in district play."

Last Friday, the Bulldogs showed Hermleigh the door as Walker knocked down six treys as part of his high-point total of 21 points.

Loraine began on a 20-3 first quarter run before slowing the pace down, ending the half with a 28-5 cushion.

At the end of three quarters, the Bulldogs led 45-18.

Hermleigh outscored Loraine 18-12 as coach Komppa pulled out his starters.

"We rallied to win our last three games of the season," said Komppa. "This enabled us to win more than half of our games. With us returning 13 lettermen, it gives us a lot of optimism about our chances in district next year."



Record Photos/Tommy Wells

WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL crowned junior Allison Bray and senior Josiah Hannon as its 2005-2006 Basketball Queen and King last week during ceremonies at the school's last home game. The two were presented with ceremonial basketballs during activities between the boys' and girls' games.

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er for the Bulldogs. Stamford scored just three times from the field in the period.

Colorado City's offense didn't lack any spark in the second quarter, however. The Wolves pumped in 16 points in the ensuing eight minutes and keyed the team's ability to race to a 24-18 halftime cushion.

Colorado City, which had four players score into double figures in the contest, didn't let up any in the third. The Wolves scored 23 points in the frame and headed into the final frame holding a comfortable 47-26 lead.

Kenneth Scott led all CHS players offensively, pitching in 13 points. Brik McGuffin and Roland Rivera added 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Nolan Frizzell contributed 10.

Scott had three shots in the game.

The Wolves' junior varsity suffered a 58-56 loss to Stamford in

District 13-A, Div. II Basketball Standings Boys		
Team	Season	Dist.
C. City	17-14	9-0
Anson	14-14	7-2
Hawley	11-17	5-4
Stanton	12-16	5-4
Coahoma	9-20	2-7
Stamford	15-12	0-9

*Colorado City clinched district last Friday with win over Stamford.

overtime.

Earlier in the week, Colorado City came from behind to defeat Coahoma, 60-55.

Coahoma jumped out to a 16-14 lead in the first quarter.

The Wolves outscored the Bulldogs 20-10 in the second quarter and rallied to take a 34-26 lead at the half.

Coahoma rallied with a 15-12 run in the third quarter to cut the Wolves' lead to 46-41. Both teams closed out the final quarter with 14 points each.

Frizzell led Colorado City in the game by scoring 17 points - nine of which came via three treys. Scott and Cyrus Goodman both added 14 points.

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turnovers, and we need to learn to cut those down considerably."

With the victory, Westbrook earned the right to face Priddy, the District 14-A runner-up, in the opening round of the Class A, Division II state playoffs. The bi-district round matchup had not been scheduled as of press time.

Westbrook, which improved to 20-4 for the year, didn't waste any time in taking control of the contest. The Wildcats jumped on Roby early, running to a 14-2 lead in the first eight minutes of the game, but could be played Monday or Tuesday, possibly in Abilene.



Cory Morton

As impressive as Westbrook looked in the first quarter, they looked just as cold in the second. Roby opened the second

quarter by reeling off a 16-0 run.

Westbrook was able to score just three points in the entire quarter, that coming on a three-point shot by Colton Nobles with 1:05 left in the half.

The Wildcats regained the lead in the third quarter. Westbrook posted a 16-12 run in the frame and took a slim 33-30 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the final quarter, the Wildcats outscored Roby 15-12 to grab the 48-42 win over the Lions.

Cory Morton led the Wildcats offensive, scoring 11 points in the contest. Josiah Hannon and Tate Burleson also reached double figures, offensively, throwing in 10 points. Nobles ended the night

District 13-A, Div. II Basketball Standings Boys		
Team	Season	Dist.
*Westbrook	23-4	13-1
Roby	19-10	13-1
Ira	10-7	7-7
Loraine	14-12	7-7
Highland	8-12	6-8
Trent	n/a	6-8
Blackwell	7-15	3-11
Hermleigh	5-20	0-14

*Westbrook and Roby tied for district championship. Westbrook defeated Roby to enter playoffs as #1 seed

with six points while Burleson had two.

Hill said he hoped to line up a practice game for the Wildcats, possibly this Friday night.

The Wildcats ended their regular season last Friday with a 64-48 win over the Highland Hornets. The win enabled Westbrook to finish with a district record of 13-1 and tie Roby for the top spot in District 13-A standings.

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats humbled Hermleigh, 69-50.

The Wildcats led 15-10 at the end of the first quarter, and 34-23 at the half.

At the end of three quarters, Westbrook had increased its lead to 58-31.

All five starters were in double digits for WHS in the game. Cory Morton led the way with 13 points. Dustin Luttrull and Josiah Hannon each had 12 apiece, while Colton Nobles and Tate Burleson scored 11 and 10, respectively.

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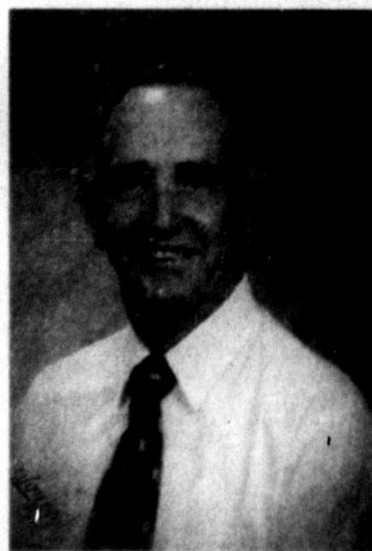
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Injuries may end Westbrook grappler's season

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Westbrook's first-ever wrestling season may have come to an end Saturday afternoon in Russell, Kansas.

Already suffering from a cracked nose, Westbrook fifth-grader Bobby Wells suffered a strained muscle in his rib cage on Saturday at the annual Russell Rumble and put his season in question. He suffered the injury in the final minute of his first match, but managed to fight his way through the remainder of the tournament to finish fourth in the final standings.

With the finish, Wells qualified for the North Texas Regional Tournament this weekend in Amarillo. A solid finish as the regional tournament would earn him a spot at the Texas state tournament in Conroe in March. He was a state qualifier last year in North Dakota.

Wells, noting he doesn't feel any discomfort in his ribs under normal non-wrestling conditions, said he may skip this weekend's tournament in Amarillo, depending on how his ribs



Record Photo/Tommy Wells
WESTBROOK ELEMENTARY Fifth grader Bobby Wells applies a head and arm maneuver during a recent tournament. The 11-year-old placed fourth in his weight class at the Russell Rumble in Russell, Kansas, this past weekend.

feel later in the week.

"We're just going to wait and see," said Wells, who suffered a slight fracture of his nose two weeks ago at the Heart of Texas

National Tournament. "If I can do it without being in pain, I'll probably go. If my ribs hurt, I doubt if my mom will let me."

The recent injuries have damp-

ened what had promised to be a solid season for Wells. His season record is now 11-6 for the year.

He said he hopes to wrestle in March in North Dakota meet.

Senior-laden team nets hoops championship

How about those Colorado Wolves?

The Colorado City basketball team is the undisputed district basketball champions. Congratulations to head coach Danny Keeton, and his nine seniors. They were to travel to Anson on Tuesday for their last district game with a two-game lead over the Tigers ... whose loss to Stanton last Friday night gave CHS the district crown.

Seniors on the club include Kenneth Scott, Brik McGuffin, Cyrus Goodman, Henry Reyna, Roland Rivera, Nolan Frizzell, Frankie Arguijo, Adrian Arellano, and Cody Avalos. The team will also pick up JV standout Kolby Free to give the team 10 players for the post-season run.

The Lady Wolves opened their softball season on Tuesday, and the baseball team, minus the basketball players still involved in that sport, opened their season against Grape Creek last week, defeating them. I hear they are looking pretty good. Assisting

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coach Scott Bruington this season is Brent Paris who will be helping coach the pitching staff. He played four years of college baseball and most assuredly will be a huge help.

I have heard that former Wolves speedster Hann Ollison will be competing in the national track meet later on this month. He recently set a record in the 55-meter dash at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He ran a time of 5.48 seconds.

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

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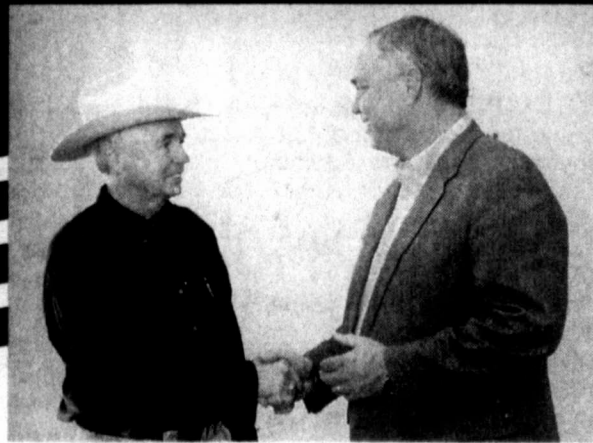


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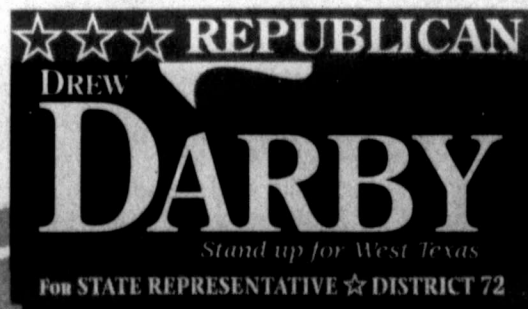


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Descriptive Caption
Order of the City Council
It is hereby ordered by the City Council of Colorado City that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the incorporated areas of the city and within the extrajurisdictional jurisdiction of the city (one-half mile from the city boundaries) for 90 days from the date of the adoption of this order, unless restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the City Council. Outdoor burning is the use of any combustible materials in an outdoor environment. Combustible materials are those materials which can or do produce fire or sparks. Outdoor burning includes, but is not limited to: Outdoor welding; the use of outdoor cooking grills and burners; and the use of outdoor fireplaces, fire pits and chimneys. This order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 54 and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MITCHELL
By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Mitchell County on the 31st day of January, 2006, by the Clerk thereof in the following cases to the Sheriff directed, the following properties, which are more particularly described in the judgments entered in each case, were levied on the 3rd day of February, 2006, and will be sold at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of March, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, in the City of Colorado City, Texas, to satisfy judgments with interest and with all costs of suit in favor of Mitchell County, Et Al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said judgments and orders of sale.

Cause #14,222
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. NICOLAS LEIJA
All the South Half of Lots 15 and 16, Block 34, T&P Addition, Loraine

Cause #14,328
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. ESTATES OF: MAE BELL SMITH AND JOE SMITH
All Lots 11 and 12, Block 2, Austin Heights Addition, Colorado City

Cause #14,605
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. JOE MARIA MOLINA
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Mike Redwine, Deputy

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BID NOTICES

of Section 252.043 (a) (b) & (c) of the Local Government Code which allows the City to take the lowest bid or the best value bid which ever the City deems most beneficial for the City.
Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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The Charles Edwards Jr. family would like to thank you for the many cards, flowers, food and, most of all, we would like to thank you for your words of comfort and your prayers.

Card of Thanks

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Junior Smith & family

Card of Thanks

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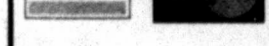
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City council approves dredging of Lone Wolf Creek in Ruddick Park

By Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

The Colorado City City Council sent a clear message to users of Ruddick Park Monday evening: Mud isn't wanted.

City leaders unanimously approved a resolution at their regular meeting to authorizing a local excavation company to begin cleaning out years of silt build-up in Lone Wolf Creek in an effort to improve the park. The \$11,550 Ruddick Park Restoration Project is expected to remove approximately 4,500 cubic yards of sediment from the creek bed and returning the waterway to viable fishing spot.

The Colorado City Parks Advisory Board submitted the request to the council after finding a company - Lone Wolf Resources, LLC -- willing to work with city and Mitchell County officials to clean out the creek this spring.

According to Parks Advisory Board Chairman Carol Sue Dakan, Lone Wolf Resources indicated it would provide the equipment and operator to clean out the creek over a 9-day period. The operator, using a tracked backhoe, will remove silt from the creek and place it into county-owned dump trucks for removal.

The removed silt will be placed on city-owned property near the softball fields until the water has drained from the mud. Then, when it had dried, it will be transported by city workers to near the landfill to be disposed of.

Lone Wolf Resources' Vice President of Operations Randy Shoemaker estimated his crew could complete the project in approximately nine days, making it possible for the Colorado City Parks Advisory Board to begin construction on its walkway this summer.

The project had received \$15,000 funding by the city council in April of 2005.

The council also accepted the United States Army Corps of Engineers' permit to begin work on the project at the meeting.

The council also decided to table a proposed donation of property from Bernardo (Blackie)

Paredes until Colorado City City Attorney Lois Rockefeller is able to confer with the San Antonio man on conditions involved with the gift.

Paredes, whose family owns part of the former La Union townsite that is now inside the Colorado City municipal boundary, has said he wished to donate several lots of land near the Hillcrest Subdivision to be used as a park. As part of the agreement, however, Paredes has said he would like the city to make the

park a permanent feature -- and that should the city choose to not have it as a park in the future that the land be returned to his family or heirs.

"He is very dedicated to this park and to the community," said city manager Paul Catoe. "He wants this park and I don't believe he would agree with anything that would change it."

Rockefeller said she would attempt to speak with Paredes in the near future to determine the steps the city can take.



Record Photo/Tommy Wells
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL's Stacie Diese and Trevor Groat perform in the school's Theater Arts class production last week in the high school auditorium. The class performed a play for the elementary students.

School board rejects city's offer of Hertenberger Field

By Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

The Colorado Independent School District Board of Trustees turned down an offer by the Colorado City City Council to trade/buy the former Hertenberger Softball Field property for the three lots located behind the CISD Administration Building.

City and school district officials have been attempting to arrange

an exchange of properties in an effort to enable the city to expand its current fire department facilities. The two entities -- if they can find a suitable site -- will purchase the land from each other.

The school district said it was in favor of the expansion of the fire department, but that it had to find suitable land for the future in case it needed to expand, or rebuild, part of its campus.

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LORAINE NEWS



VALENTINE QUEEN AND KING at the Loraine Senior Citizens Center were Bob and Wanza Graham of Loraine.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Loraine Correspondent

Greetings. Here's hoping you had a sweet Valentine's Day even if cupid's arrow missed your heart. I hope you enjoyed a tiny bit of chocolate and the company of a loved one.

The Loraine United Methodist Church honored the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department with a meal in the fellowship hall recently.

It was the church's way of saying thank you for the unending devotion of these brave firemen who risk their lives to provide a safe environment for us to live in. The church feels that all of the citizens of Loraine would say "Amen" to a gesture of thanks.

The church and others made a token honorarium to the fire department.

At next Sunday morning's worship service at First Baptist Church, Durwood McAdams will be ordained as a deacon. A noon meal will follow the services. The church will provide the meat. All visitors are welcome.

Last week Doris Henderson inadvertently met Nesa Beights of Lubbock and Lela Bowles of Rule in the ladies room at a restaurant in Colorado City.

They had a nice short visit. Both ladies are former Lorainians.

Scott and Janna Edmonds received word that Scott's dad passed away Friday. He was living in Sealy at the time of his death.

We send belated condolences to the family and friends.

In the recent Loraine ex-students newsletter, an article taken from the Mitchell County News, dated Sept. 27, 1956, concerning old settlers coming back for the Golden Jubilee was very interesting to read. Mrs. Tom Scown had the distinction of having been a Loraine resident longer than any other person. She came to the county in 1884 and had been living in Loraine continuously, with the exception of two years.

More than a dozen called Loraine home before 1900. Since then hundreds and hundreds of folks have lived and are still living here.

Loraine was a jiving place to live from day one and, of course, it still is. We just don't jive very loud or as fast as we once did. But

it's still a great place to live.

We have concerns for Charles McPeters at this time. He is hospitalized at Rolling Plains in Sweetwater with respiratory problems. We send our get well wishes to him.

Quentin Merket and his fiancé M'Lee spent last Saturday with Joan Long and had a good visit. Quentin and M'Lee live in Lamesa.

We have concerns for Rev. Jake Chaney at this time. He is in a Lubbock hospital.

We send prayers and well wishes to him and our love to Barbara.

Millie Rose recently celebrated her birthday by going to Fort Worth with her son from Wichita Falls. They had other family members there and all went out to eat at a special place.

While there, her kids took her out to watch TCU play New Mexico in a football game. The only thing missing was not meeting someone who looked like Peter Jennings. There's always tomorrow.

Happy belated birthday to Millie!

Seniors having birthdays in February are: Vida Mae McDaniel, Evelyn Dawson, Gerrie Wooddell, Millie Rose and Bertie Colson.

Green enchilada day is Fri., Feb. 17th. Dorothy and friends plan to play music for the attendants and guests.

The annual board meeting and installation took place at the Senior Center after lunch on Mon., Feb. 13th.

Connie Harshaw, City Secretary, inducted board members. Board members and their offices are: Charles Dunn, president; Yvonne Sadler, vice president; Christene Britton, secretary; and Doris Henderson, treasurer. Other members are Joan Long, Charlene Walker, Charles Bowen and Wanza Graham.

We give thanks to all the members for donating their interest and time for such a good cause.

Memorials presented to the center recently have been in memory of Eula Fay Hamblen, Edgar and Oma Herm, Juanice Butler, Truman Nix, Genevieve King, Mon-

te Wilks, Ruby Williams, Edsel Bankhead, Pat Faulkenberry, Steve Taylor, Melba Hackfield, Marie Richburg Adrian, Winston Wilson, Blondie Hamilton and Opal Jo Blair.

Visitors to the center last week were Janet Rogers of Frisco, daughter of Virgil and Geri Stone; Shots Treadwell's daughter, Janie Hall of Midland; and A.W. and Louise Phillips' granddaughter, Trisha Phillips of Colorado City.

Gerrie Wooddell had a great time celebrating her birthday which was on Feb. 7th. David and Bonnie Heskew of Lubbock came down and took Gerrie and Dub over to Sweetwater for a nice steak dinner.

Also helping Gerrie celebrate were Edgar and Glenda Haltom. They also took her out to eat for steak, but in Colorado City. They did take Dub along too. We send Gerrie a belated happy birthday.

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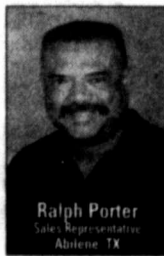
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LORAIN ISD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are: (l to r) Cody Sheppard, 9th grade; Ashley Bridges, 8th grade; Alexis Garcia, 3rd grade; and Marcela Armendariz, kindergarten.

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The District has contracted with Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation technicians to physically locate each well and gather information at the well site. These technicians will be in vehicles that are clearly marked "Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District" and each will have District identification. The Texas Water Code states in Section 36.123 that Chapter 36 districts, like our District, are authorized to gather this data.

If you have questions concerning this project, please call the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District Office at 728-2027.