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Q. When will the ditches be mowed?
A. According to TxDoT's Randy High, mowers are working in the county now. No word what will be mowed when, but High said mowers are just now able to get into the ditches, as there has been water standing in them due to recent rains.

Briefs

Cheer Camp
CHS Mini Cheer Camp will be held July 27-31 at The Pit at CMS each day from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $40. Registration will be held July 23, 24 at The Pit from 9 a.m. to noon. Forms can also be picked up at Safari's Snocones.

Vacation Bible School
New Life Bible Ministries will hold VBS August 2 -5 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. The church is located at 1644 Hickory. For more info at 728-9255 or 806-773-9530.

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Department of State Heath Services Immunization Clinic on Wednesday, August 5th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.- 3 p.m. The clinic will be held at First United Methodist Church Education Center (Corner of 4th and Chestnut). For questions or to make an appointment please call (325) 7254-4945. If no answer please leave a message. Bring child's immunization records to clinic. If on Medicaid, please bring the card.

Vacation Bible School
First Baptist Church in Westbrook will be holding VBS on July 26th - 30th. Contact Joyce McClure at 728-8662 or 242-0878.

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City forms economic development program

Colorado City's City Council met Tuesday evening with a small quorum present. Marcelo Alvarez and Craig Jolley were absent, and no one has applied for the open spot to represent District 4, once held by Ed Blake.

Council members voted to approve the establishment of a 380 Economic Development Program that will allow the city to offer incentives to businesses looking to come here.

City Attorney Lois Rockefeller informed councilmen that the city formed an economic development group to attract one specific business in the past. The agenda item approved Tuesday night will create a program that can undertake the projects under the umbrella of the economic development program.

City Manager David Hoover said establishing this type of program will allow the city council to be the ruling board, without the expense of an office or officers.

"With the hotels may come other businesses," Hoover said. "We need to be able to offer those businesses incentives to come here."

Hoover went on to say that the type of economic development program being established will allow the city to donate land, gift deed properties and other things that are illegal for the county's BOED.

Following the establishment of the program, councilman Keith Hiser moved to approve policies and procedure of the program.

"We may have to make changes once we get started, but it's a good jumping off point," he said.

The development of such a program may have come at just the right time, as city revenue is suffering in the face of reduced sales tax due to declining oil and gas prices. The closure and destruction of several businesses around town have also caused the city's revenue to decrease this year.

Hoover told the council that sales tax revenues have not been coming in the amounts the city has seen in the past few years. He cited the loss of Days Inn and the closure of Alco and Myers Auto Parts as part of the reason for the money pinch.

"The city is in a world of hurt," Hoover said. "We're not broke by any means, but we're suffering."

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County audit shows 7% increase in general fund

Diane Terrell of Davis Kinard & Co., PC, came to the Mitchell County Commissioners' meeting Monday morning to present the annual outside audit report. The firm provides auditing services for 50 governmental entities, including nine counties.

The county received a clean, unmodified opinion, meaning that financial statements are presented in accordance with state laws.

Terrell went over some of the highlights of last year with commissioners. She said that the county had added just over $1 million to the general fund balance, a 7% increase. She also reported that revenue in the general fund exceeded the budget last year by over $500,000, and expenses were $533,000 less than the amount budgeted.

The audit report was approved unanimously.

In other business, a request from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension was also approved. Extension Agent Audra Graves and 4-H member Kalynn Hardegree came before the court to request permission and funds to travel out of state to the Western National Roundup in Denver, Colorado, in January 2016.

Hardegree qualified for the national competition by placing 1st in the Natural Fiber: Cotton in the Clothing & Textiles division of the state contest earlier in the year.

Graves estimated that travel and registration fees will amount

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SURVEYING THE DAMAGE – This buffer truck was hit by an 18-wheeler after the driver of the semi failed to see the arrow and red and white stripes telling him to move over. The driver of the buffer truck was flown by helicopter from the scene due to the severity of his injuries. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*

Road construction worker injured in Monday wreck

Work crews subcontracting with Nobles Construction have been resurfacing parts of I-20 which can be a dangerous job. According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, an accident Monday caused serious injuries to a member of the road crew.

The accident happened a little after 6 p.m. on Monday evening in the eastbound lane of the interstate in front of Golden Chick. Toombs said that an 18-wheeler hauling a load of grapes ran into what is sometimes referred to as a buffer vehicle.

Buffer vehicles can be seen usually carrying a big arrow on the back to notify traffic to change lanes to allow workers a safer area. This time, the buffer truck was creating space for crews and a vehicle striping the interstate.

Toombs said that, by the looks of the wreckage, it appeared that the driver of the semi had seen the arrow too late and tried to move over but could not. The 18-wheeler struck the driver's side of the buffer truck which was a cab-over type vehicle. Cab-over truck don't have a "nose" and the driver sits right up close to the very front of the vehicle.

The driver of the buffer truck had possibly suffered head injuries, so he was flown out by helicopter from the scene of the accident. The driver of the semi was checked by EMS but was uninjured.

Members of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department, Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Transportation rerouted traffic off the

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Vandalism at CISD causes large food loss

Some distressing news came out of the meeting of the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees Monday evening. Apparently, someone broke into the freezer located behind the administration building on Hickory Street and left the freezer door open which caused thousands of dollars-worth of food to ruin over the weekend.

CISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer said he received a call on Saturday from one of the coaches notifying him that the freezer door was standing open. Spencer called Cafeteria Manager Pat White to ask if work was being done and the door was open on purpose.

Unfortunately, that was not the case, and school officials found that $35,000 to $40,000 in food had thawed and ruined because of the open door. White guessed that the potential thieves expected to find steaks or something but instead found about $5,000-worth of cheese.

She has been completing an inventory to see if anything was stolen. All food in the freezer was disposed of, and a claim will be made to the school district's insurance to help recover the cost of some of the food.

Anyone with information about the ordeal is asked to contact the Colorado City Police Department immediately by calling 325-728-5294.

Raises were approved for professional personnel during the meeting. CISD pays teachers

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Citizens pack Loraine council meeting

The Loraine City Council met last week, with all three council members and the mayor forming a quorum. Citizens packed the meeting room, many bringing issues before the council.

Loraine citizens are having a hard time dealing with things that violate city codes, because there is no code enforcement or police officer to help enforce city ordinances. Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said deputies can respond to calls where state laws are violated, but the SO has no jurisdiction when it comes to city ordinances.

City officials are looking into the possibility of working with City Attorney Jeannie Fuller to help enforce city codes.

City officials are trying to hire a police officer that could perform both duties, but the man up for consideration is still attending a police academy in the Metroplex. Sam Comadoll, the man under consideration for the job, is set to finish the academy in December and will be available to start work after the first of the year.

Loraine resident Sara Barrera came before the council to address an issue that is ongoing regarding a neighbor violating a city ordinance. Barrera said that her neighbor across the street, identified as Mr. Acevedo, is keeping livestock within the city limits.

According to Barrera, Acevedo has goats, a couple of cows and horses on his property and has since 2006. A city ordinance passed in 2003 makes it illegal to have livestock on property within the city limits.

Problems have risen because Acevedo has been alleging that Barrera's dogs have been killing his goats, and Barrera believes that, in retaliation, Acevedo has been shooting her dogs.

Barrera's husband, Jesse, has tried to make peace with the neighbor by offering to pay for the goats that were killed, even though there was no proof that the dogs

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LOCAL NEWS

Cline Shale Alliance meets in C-City



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – David Holt of Snyder provided a summary during the Cline Shale Alliance quarterly luncheon last week of some of the bills recently passed by the Texas Legislature. The meeting was attended by oil and gas industry-related companies and organizations.

The Cline Shale Alliance quarterly luncheon was held at the Civic Center on Thursday, July 9th, and those attending enjoyed a catered meal. Information on the legislature's recent activity was given, along with a report about water solutions available to those in the oil and gas industry.

Greg Wortham, former mayor of Sweetwater, welcomed all in attendance and passed the microphone around the room so that everyone could introduce themselves and the organizations they represent. Approximately 50 people attended the luncheon.

Among those present were a couple of representatives from Colorado City. Sue Young and Jeri Lynn Follis represented the Mitchell County Board of Economic Development, and Mayor Jim Baum attended, representing the City of Colorado City.

Young gave a report on the projects going on in Mitchell County. She said that everything is falling into place for the construction of the FGE power plant. Young said that the permitting process is finished, financing has been completed, water for the plant has been secured, and the last piece of the puzzle is minor paperwork.

She said that all equipment and materials for construction of the desalination plant are on site, but construction crews are waiting for the ground to dry up to begin. Young also said she expects an announcement by Luminant soon, naming Mitchell County as the site of a solar farm.

Wortham said that the area has been fortunate, as the price of oil has moderated, allowing cities and other entities extra time to update infrastructure.

Leonard Levine from Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority was a featured speaker, and he gave a PowerPoint presentation on the services the company provides. Gulf Coast Waste Disposal was formed in 1969 to deal with waste water disposal solutions at Galveston Bay. The business now has a site in the Permian Basin near Odessa that provides services such as waste disposal and water reuse for oilfield companies in this area.

Levine and another Gulf Coast representative, Charles Harris, said that their company is partnering with other companies to provide disposal services that reduce costs and reduce illegal dumping.

David Holt of Snyder spoke on some of the relevant actions by the latest legislature session.

He said that HB30 was passed, regarding the development of usage of brackish groundwater and seawater. The bill states that the purpose of the act is "to provide meaningful incentives for the development of brackish groundwater in areas where that development would have a minimal impact on existing fresh groundwater use, while respecting private property rights in groundwater and continuing to encourage the use of brackish groundwater for purposes other than human consumption."

Holt said that House Bill 40 clarifies cities' power, positively affecting the oil and gas industry. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Drew Darby and others, is intended to preempt municipalities from exerting rights to what goes on below the surface of land.

Several other new laws were discussed, including HB10, HB1331, HB1633 and more. Holt said he was glad to hear about oil and gas companies reusing water and using brackish water. He also touched on the fact that the Railroad Commission's office is becoming more transparent and improving online access for citizens.

Holt said legislators want to hear from regular citizens, especially those tied to businesses around the state. He encouraged everyone to talk to their representatives.

The meeting concluded with Wortham thanking everyone for being there. Literature was available on various industries and college programs dealing with the oil and gas industry.

OBITUARIES

Carson "Corky" Cyril Clayton
1940-2015



COLORADO CITY--Carson "Corky" Cyril Clayton, 74, died Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at Abilene Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2015 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial followed at the Colorado City Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 10, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Carson was born on November 4, 1940 in Abilene, to Cyril and Lela Clayton. He grew up and graduated high school in Ira. He married Betty Lou (Snider) on December 21, 1963 in Snyder. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He retired as a correctional officer for TDCJ-Wallace Unit. Previously he was the manager of Perry's for 30 years in Muleshoe, Snyder, and Colorado City.

Carson was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eddie Clayton of Colorado.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Clayton; one daughter, Belinda Blassingame of Colorado City; two grandchildren, Bethany Blassingame of San Angelo and Jonathan Blassingame of Colorado City; two sisters, Glenda Stagner of Salida, Colorado and Judy Bunker and husband Bob of Moffat, Colorado, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Joseph Wayne Diaz
1990-2015

SWEETWATER-- Joseph Wayne Diaz, age 25, formerly of Colorado City, died Saturday morning, July 11, 2015, at his residence. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Joseph was born July 1, 1990 in Lubbock to Ernesto Diaz and Terri Hulme and had been a longtime resident of Colorado City until moving to Sweetwater two years ago. He was a 2011 graduate of Colorado High School. He was disabled and could not work.

He is survived by his mother, Terri Hulme of Sweetwater; a sister, Felicia Diaz of Sweetwater; a brother, Brandon Hulme of San Angelo; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 13th, at the funeral home.

Ted Buster Mosher
1945-2015

DE LEON-- Ted Buster Mosher, 69, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2015, with his family by his side.



He was born August 1, 1945, in Trent to Phillip and Effie Mosher. Ted married Gloria Jane Hankins May 2, 1963.

Ted retired from Comanche County as a maintainer operator after 23 years of dedicated service. He loved to spend time outdoors, fish and camp. He was a loving family man and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria Jane Mosher; daughters, Gloria Jean Moreno and husband, Don, Tammy Sue Mosher and Nickey Rena Gonzalez and husband, Mike; brothers, Bennett Mosher and Jay Mosher; sisters, Lois Coan, Ester Russell, Irene Mosher; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family.

In honor of Ted's wishes, no services are scheduled.

Dwendalin Sue Hess
1941-2015

COLORADO CITY-- Dwendalin Sue Hess, 74, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2015 at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Comanche on April 20, 1941. Sue was the daughter of Floyd and Frances Murphy Tutwiler.

Sue moved to the Colorado City area as a young child and quickly made it her home spending the majority of her life there. Between being a "momma's girl" and palling around with her favorite sister Lola, Sue learned to be the amazing woman that everybody loved. She was one of those people that didn't meet a person she didn't like and who would do almost anything for almost anybody. Sue was a waitress in the area for many years, working for places such as the Cattleman and Truck Town. When she wasn't spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Sue could be found playing Bingo in Snyder or Big Spring, or just reading a book.

Sue is survived by her children, Shirley Robinson and husband Joe of Westbrook, Crystal Parnell and boyfriend Jared Johnson of Colorado City, Hubert Tutwiler and wife Agnes of Phoenix Arizona, Doug Adams and wife Kim of Houston, and Calvin Parnell and girlfriend Tracy Griffith of Big Spring; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Lola Gaddis of Hermleigh, Judy Remy of Snyder, and Grace Blassingame of Abilene; and three special friends Mary Casey, Eugene Ausbie, and Janie Pfeuffer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; her sisters, Ruby Baurland, and Mattie Bolden; and her brothers, Gerald Tutwiler and Floyd Tutwiler Jr.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 18 at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with her son, the Rev. Hubert Tutwiler officiating. Interment will follow at the Westbrook Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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LOCAL NEWS

C-City, county sales tax rebates continue to fall

Loraine is the up 63% this month!

Sales tax payments to the City of Colorado City continue to suffer, as the city's July payment is down over 20%. Loraine remains the bright spot in the county, as new businesses in town keep the sales tax rebates going up.

The $51,443.82 that will be sent to the City of Colorado City in the next week or so marks the fourth month in decreased allocations from the state. Overall, the city's rebates are down nearly 19% from last year.

City officials remain hopeful, as construction of the Super 8 motel is nearing completion, and construction of the Stripes Travel Center is well underway. The opening of these two businesses, along with the Best Western, Studio 6, La Quinta and Holiday Inn Express should more than make up for losses. The question is when.

Mitchell County's payment of over $25,000 is a decrease of over 28% when compared to the payment received in July last year. The county has received $231,034.89 in 2015, a shortfall of over 21% when compared to this time in 2014.

Sales tax allocations received in Westbrook have fallen slightly from last year, but only by about 5%. The city to the west received just $148.42 less than last year's July rebate.

Loraine officials have seen at least four months of sales tax allocations going up, and July 2015 is no different. July's payment of $1,485.29 is nearly $580 more than the rebate received at this time in 2014. So far, the city has received almost $6,000 more when compared to last year's total.

Cities in Mitchell County aren't alone in seeing decreases in sales tax payments. Most of the surrounding area is experiencing much of the same, as oil and gas activity is slowing in the face of falling oil prices.

Roby, Snyder and Post all received sales tax allocations that were about 30% lower than rebates received last July, while rebates to Lubbock, Abilene and Rotan held more steady but still decreased.

According to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, July sales tax allocations totaled $609.8 million, representing an increase of 1.2 percent compared to July 2014. July's payments are based on sales made in May.

Hegar said recently that preliminary state sales tax revenue in June was down by about 1.4% compared to June 2014.

"This slight decline was expected due to the slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector and is in line with the biennial revenue estimated presented in January," Hegar said.

Area Sales Tax Rebates

City	July '15	July '14	+/-	Year '15	Year '14	+/-
Abilene	$3,097,356.26	$3,158,920.55	-1.94%	$24,067,163.01	$23,170,732.51	3.86%
Big Spring	$716,926.61	$783,667.53	-8.51%	$5,864,331.80	$5,446,255.33	7.67%
Colorado City	$51,443.82	$65,191.00	-21.08%	$428,031.79	$526,401.72	-18.68%
Lamesa	$124,845.93	$124,888.50	-0.03%	$971,570.70	$939,919.01	3.36%
Loraine	$1,485.29	$908.91	63.41%	$17,380.35	$11,588.81	49.97%
Lubbock	$4,674,861.40	$4,737,304.96	-1.31%	$37,474,840.12	$35,765,101.01	4.78%
Mitchell Co.	$25,807.76	$36,084.80	-28.48%	$231,034.89	$295,495.09	-21.81%
Post	$68,803.01	$102,508.26	-32.88%	$612,282.26	$745,051.08	-17.82%
Roby	$2,662.74	$3,753.93	-29.06%	$21,475.86	$22,324.36	-3.80%
Rotan	$15,029.82	$15,176.14	-0.96%	$121,809.60	$123,264.86	-1.18%
Snyder	$235,451.10	$344,504.66	-31.65%	$2,179,391.00	$2,352,998.08	-7.37%
Sweetwater	$282,074.82	$263,842.45	6.91%	$2,166,573.31	$2,120,271.80	2.18%
Westbrook	$2,935.16	$3,083.58	-4.81%	$38,746.30	$15,903.98	143.62%



SNAKE HANDLER - During last week's heavy rains, this little rattler was flushed out of his bed on Lone Wolf Creek and was discovered by Fidel Silva sunning on the #8 green at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Water covered half of the #8 fairway last week at Wolf Creek.

Blacksmith tools to be on display at Spade Reunion

It's time, again, to remember the times of old and come together to celebrate today. The 49th Annual Spade Community Reunion is set to be held at the end of this month, and plans are being made for the big day.

The annual reunion is set to be held Saturday, July 25th in the activities building of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City, located at the corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets. Registration begins at 10 a.m. that morning, with lunch being served about noon.

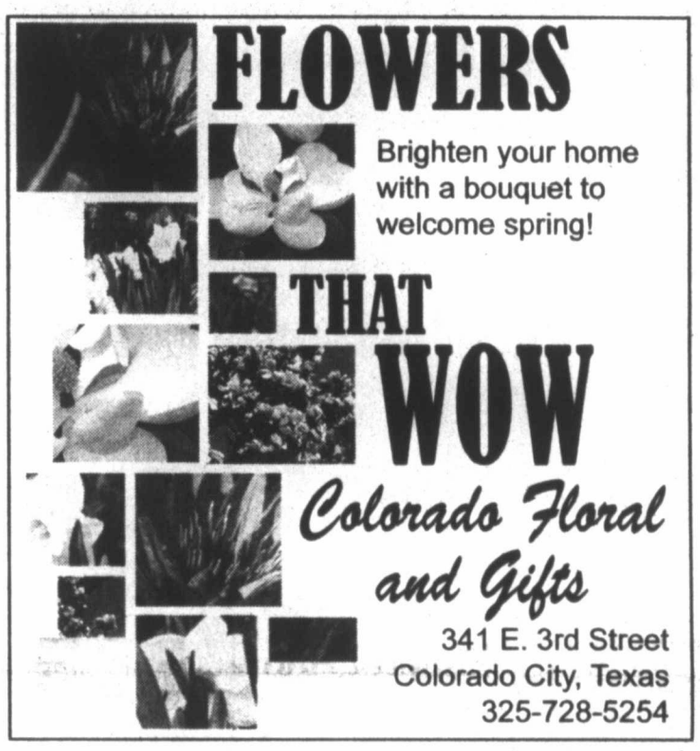
Cost for the meal is $8.50 per plate. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Marie Boyd by July 20th so that final plans for the meal can be made.

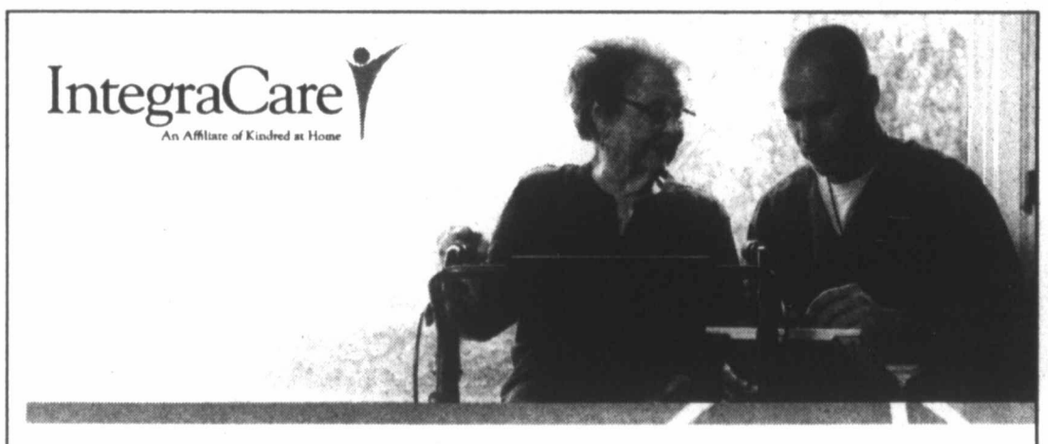
This year, organizers are planning a Blacksmith Tribute Tool Theme and program. Everyone planning to attend is asked to bring any small blacksmith brands or handmade pieces that made work easier. Blacksmiths repaired and fashioned tools and resharpened tools to make work more efficient. They also shod horses and repointed plows.

A Spade Cemetery work day was held Saturday, May 9th. Many volunteers donated the use of equipment, including three tractors, two dump trucks and a dump trailer.

Volunteers also donated their time and efforts to build up the road that goes down the center of the cemetery with "Spade Ernie Dunson" gravel. Gene and Gary Kuhel drove many dump truck loads, and Monte Rich loaded every load. The gravel is an improvement toward an all-weather road.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join everyone for the Spade Reunion.







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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Mahjongg mania in Miles

I've always considered Mahjongg to be a sophisticated game played mostly in the northeastern states. To my surprise I have learned that the game is gaining in popularity in west and central Texas. And not just in the big cities. Miles is a town of about 800 people. About a dozen women have formed a club and play every Tuesday afternoon in Cherry and Bobby Kasberg's margarita shop (a story by itself). Cherry and Bobby have margarita machines they use in their catering business. Some weddings in places the size of Miles attract a thousand guests, so Cherry and Bobby have to take loads of equipment to satisfy the thirsty guests. They also serve pina coladas, keg beer and other alcoholic delights.

Some 200 people play Mahjongg in San Angelo. They are divided into the Monday group, the Tuesday group and so on and play once a week at a restaurant, church, country club or senior center. The median age is fifty and 99 percent of them are women. They eat and then play three hours or twelve games. Usually one or two people host a month of meetings.

In May of this year, the Tuesday group met in Miles, about a twenty-minute drive from San Angelo. Cherry says the first Tuesday drew just a few people, but the ones who made the trip had so much fun the following Tuesdays saw an increase in the numbers attending. Each night had a theme. One night was Hawaiian and they had a luau. The hostesses actually roasted a pig and wore flowers around their necks. They don't do things halfway in Miles. Cherry has a Mahjongg table that makes all kinds of mechanical moves to line up the tiles and roll the dice.

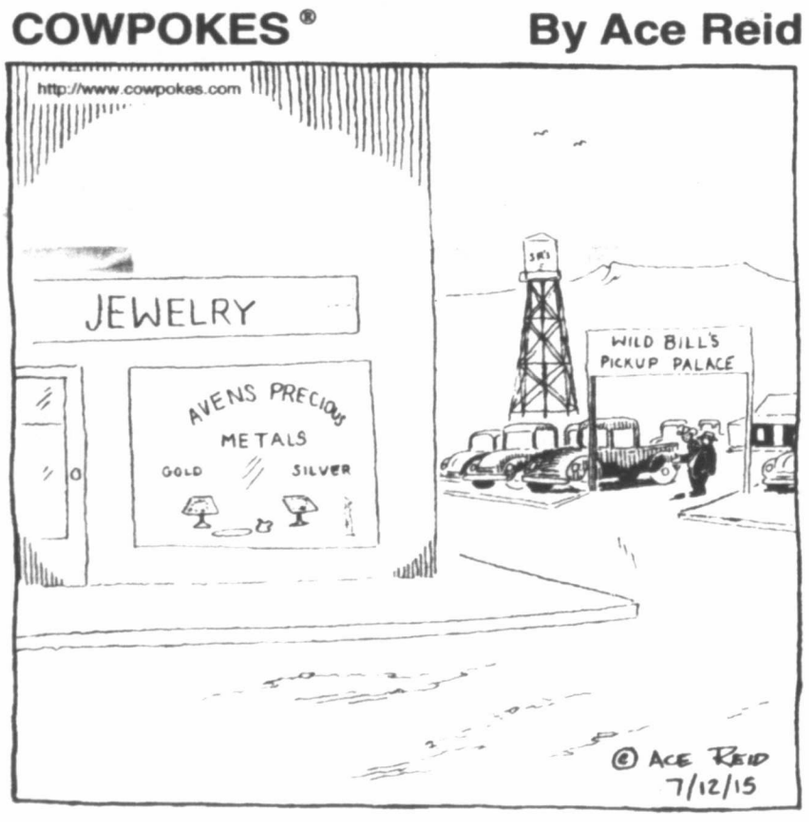
The last Tuesday of May the entire town went out for the 32 Mahjongg players who came to visit. They arrived around 3 PM and were given a card with the names of ten shops on them. Most of the shops had signs welcoming the visitors. The players were given the opportunity to shop and have their cards stamped at each store. The cards with all the stores stamped were entered into a drawing for $25. After the shopping spree (the stores stayed open late), the Mahjonggers were treated to a catered meal by Pit Stop Bar-b-que.

The games took place in the historic Miles Opera House. The eight tables had four players each and the games lasted the usual three hours. It was a dark and stormy night. Two bouts of hailstorms came during the evening, but they didn't disturb the players, even though some of the hailstones were the size of baseballs. Some cars were damaged, which gave the women even more to talk about with their friends and neighbors.

Betty Sue Minor is the Mahjongg Queen in San Angelo. She taught the game at Angelo State. She is a self-admitted Mahjongg addict and travels all over the state and beyond, convincing others they should play the game. She has a fancy Mahjongg table, too.

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What's all the hoopla about not issuing same sex marriage licenses?

By Teresa Beckmeyer

What's all the hoopla about? Didn't Texas county clerks take an oath to uphold the constitution of the state of Texas?

Unless you have been living off planet, are totally off the gird, or have purposely checked out, you are probably aware that the Supreme Court/SCOTUS has ruled that every state in the United States will recognize same sex marriage. Up until this point, this issue has been left to the individual states as the tenth amendment to the US constitution very simply provides: Amendment X: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. But, SCOTUS thought it best to go beyond and now we have this ruling.

As I am writing this, 28 counties in Texas have decided that they will not issue these licenses (by law, only clerks shall issue licenses. The other offices such as judges and justices of the peace may issue them. Funny how these little words can change so much). How can this be? Isn't it now the law? These counties are rogue. They are going against the law. These clerks took an oath to uphold the constitution. These clerks are wrong for what they are doing..... or are they? Herein lies the dilemma.

When our country was new and just beginning, there were existing bodies of laws for different areas of the newly found land mass that was named America. There were boundaries for these areas and people living in these areas had their own forms of government separate from each other. (Remember, the government closest to the people is the one that governs the most justly and efficiently.)

When leaders of these existing entities, colonies as they were called at the time, started seeing that they could get more done together than separately, they came together and formed a union. It was at this point that the states were united, brought together. The states that are united form our country, the United States of America.

But how was this done? Bringing together the already existing forms of government in place and working together for a common purpose seemed almost impossible. In fact, there was much push back from those developing the way in which the individual areas would work together because they couldn't agree on how it should be done.

There were two camps of people, those that supported a federation of states in which a central federal government was delegated supremacy in a few specific areas and those that opposed this system. After much debating and problem solving, they finally came up with the constitution.

The first seven articles explain how the union would be organized. It contains things such as the three branches of government, how the constitution can be changed, etc.

Next came the first 10 amendments. These first ten amendments is what we call the Bill of Rights. (Remember these originators just left a tyrannical government, and they didn't want the same thing to happen to them again. They saw the value and necessity of having some framework in place to allow very limited governance in a central area as long as those in the union each had equal representation.)

It is in these first ten amendments that we find the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the freedom to assemble, the right to bear arms and others. So, not only do we have a state constitution, but we also have a federal constitution. Our state constitution pretty much agrees with the federal constitution ------or it did until this recent SCOTUS ruling and herein lies our dilemma.

When a county clerk comes into office, they take an oath. The oath contains the following statement: ....and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States and of this State.... At the present time, the constitution of the state of Texas contains the following amendment: Article 1, Section 32 (a) Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman, (b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

So, with the current ruling by the Supreme Court, the clerks are in a quandary. Do they break their oath and uphold the federal constitution or do they break their oath and uphold the state constitution?

Some clerks have chosen to resign due to their religious beliefs and it is within their right to do so. Others have chosen to uphold the constitution of the United States, which is in their right to do so. Then we have the 28 that are not issuing the same sex marriage licenses. I don't know the exact details in every one of these 28 cases, but I know that some have chosen to uphold the constitution of the state of Texas. They are well within their right also, and it is sure that some of these clerks will end up in a court battle defending their decision to uphold their oath in regards to the Texas constitution.

Whatever route these clerks have taken in regards to their oath, be it that of upholding the federal constitution or the state, the only way to keep them from breaking their oath would be to resign.

So, if you hear state or national news speaking bad of these clerks that have chosen to uphold the constitution of the state of Texas, please take a moment to really think about what is going on. Do we continue to become a nation that is leaving our form of government as it was intended---a representative Republic, or do we stand up and say enough is enough? The choice is yours to make.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

The Mitchell County groundwater aquifer is fossil stream bed gravels amid highly localized shales and sands deposited in mudflats.

A dense basal conglomerate with vugular porosity blankets the post Permian geomorphology.

The frequency of gravels diminishes upward until they are rare. The transmissibility of water between stream gravels thus decreases upward and "perching" of water tables and sub aquafers increased.

When a well penetrates the Santa Rosa, is cased, perforated and gravel packed, vertical communication is introduced with highly variable rates and effects.

"Water tables" are mingled by wells and are never static in Mitchell County, (because of both natural recharge and withdrawals). A well may be improved or hindered by adjacent wells, only the latter in often noticed.

Geology is an "inexact science" even more so in the Mitchell County aquifer.

Data gathered by "experts" can be dangerous in the hands of a government guided by quacks, heading to water boards and climate change tyranny.

Superstition abounds and landowners (water owners) are abused as a result.

But, that's the trend in America.

Tea Anyone?

Troy Powell

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Michael Mejia, 47, Nolan Co., Indecency w/Child, 07/08/15.

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Raymond L Matthew, 54, MCSO, 69097 Agg Assault, 07/09/15.

LOCAL NEWS

Commissioners begin budget workshop for the 2016 year

The Mitchell County Commissioners began holding budget workshops this week to develop a budget for the coming 2016 fiscal year that begins January 1st for the county. Representatives for the Board of Economic Development and the Mitchell County Public Library were the first to make known requests for respective departments.

Woody Anderson and Bobby Lemons came before the court as representatives of the BOED. Anderson began by saying the board took into consideration the decreased values facing the county. He said the board is requesting a budget that is 30% less than the $490,000 of last year.

Funds requested for the Mitchell County Sports Complex is down about 25% from last year.

The housing provided for Texas Department of Criminal Justice officers is also asked to be reduced 26%. Anderson said that with an annual budget of $39,600, the facility should begin to turn a profit. TDCJ housing is offered at the old Loraine Manor building in Loraine. Seven rooms are rented for $100 per room per month.

"It's been a huge plus to the prison system," Anderson said. The Wallace/Ware Units in Colorado City benefit from the housing, because it helps with staffing.

Mention was made that the county may be in the market to offer the same kind of housing in Colorado City.

Head Librarian Brigada Hiser and two library board members, Bob Reily and Sandy Sheets, came before the court to make requests for the budget. Hiser requests small increases be made to the library's budget.

The librarian said she is increasing her e-Book offerings through the library and would like to see a $500 increase to supply more newspapers and magazines. There are currently about 170 people who "rent" periodicals and magazines. If the increase is granted, that part of the library's budget will total $2,500.

As she has been experiencing trouble with lights and ballasts, Hiser also requested an additional $600 for maintenance on the library building.

The Summer Reading Program at the public library has grown by leaps and bounds over the last couple of years, and Hiser would like to see commissioners ok the funds to bring a part-time temporary employee up to full-time status next summer.

The last couple of years Brooke Womack has served as the seasonal part-time worker, and Hiser said she had been a great help. This year, 159 kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program, way up from 45 in 2010. There are regularly 80 to 100 kids that attend each week, with the highest attendance recorded at 99.

Hiser told court members that she is trying to involve the whole community by bringing in members of the fire department, police, EMS, and others. Library employees also partnered with Kelley Elementary, Loraine ISD and Westbrook ISD to drive up attendance and foster a love of reading for students during the summer.

The subject of Hiser's salary came into play during the workshop. She is asking commissioners to raise her salary. The librarian justified her request by telling court members the improvements she has been able to make in the public facility.

Since Hiser was named head librarian, she has applied for and secured $9,000 in grant money to update computers and software. Touchscreens have been added for those that have difficulty typing.

The University of North Texas has contacted Hiser and asked her to consider continuing her education through the ProGrant program. She said that, once she has finished, she will have a Master's degree. It is a program that chooses participants, and Hiser has been asked to participate.

Her biggest point in her presentation was that the library is used now more than ever and is a safe, helpful place for citizens of all ages. Hiser said that she and her staff provide one-on-one help to anyone who needs it, for everything from Social Security needs to helping citizens apply for jobs.

Budget workshops were set to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All requests will be considered by court members as they plan a budget for the next fiscal year.

AUDIT

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to between $1,200 and $1,300. She said she thinks that Hardegree is the only 4-H member from Mitchell County to be a state champion and qualify for the national contest.

Commissioner Jesse Munoz congratulated Hardegree and moved to approve the travel request. Jeremy Strain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Court members approved a request from both Mitchell County Justices of the Peace, Rick Grissam and James Williams. All citations that come through the JP offices at the courthouse will now go into the NET Data system when they are uploaded by law enforcement personnel.

NET Data will allow secure online payments to be made for citations. In order to pay for the service, fees on citations will increase by $2 per ticket.

Previously, Williams and Grissam have had to dismiss tickets because time limits have run out before the tickets were turned in by busy officers. NET Data will make the issue a thing of the past, as tickets can now be paid online as soon as they are uploaded each day by DPS State Troopers.

Two bids for property and casualty insurance were opened during the meeting. First Service Insurance submitted a bid, as did Texas Association of Counties. County Auditor Heidi Harris will go over the bids comprehensively and bring her recommendation back to the court.

WRECK

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interstate onto the south service road near FirstBank & Trust for about three hours.

Local firefighters used hydrocarbon foam to wash diesel off the interstate before traffic was allowed to pass through the area. The foam eats the hydrocarbons in the fuel to prevent contamination, fire and decrease slickness on the roadway. Fire Chief Rick Goodney said firefighters were on the scene until about 10 p.m.

Distracted driving is the cause of many accidents, and not paying attention while driving can be fatal. Fortunately, that wasn't the case Monday evening.

"We were lucky no one was hurt worse than what they were," Sheriff Toombs said Tuesday.

LORAINE

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killed the livestock. However, three of Barrera's dogs have been shot, a mother and two four-month-old puppies.

Barrera claimed that the neighbor has been harassing her family and almost started a fight in front of her house on July 4th. She has been calling the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office, but deputies have said they cannot do anything because they cannot enforce city ordinances.

Mayor Richard Alvarez told Barrera that the city will send a letter to Mr. Acevedo, notifying him to remove the livestock from his property.

Council member JoAnn Mahon addressed an issue she has been having with excessive noise coming from the Rockin' H Bar & Grill. The business is located across the street from Mahon's residence. The councilwoman said that she doesn't have the problem very often and described the bar owners as being good neighbors.

Mahon said that some of the live bands that play at the business tend to have music too loud, and it rattles her windows and prevents her and her husband from sleeping.

One of the bar's owners, Sandy Perrin, said that she and owner Chad Harman are trying to do something good for the city of Loraine by bringing bands to entertain people. Recently, the city council asked Perrin and Harman to end the live music before the set time of 1 a.m. on Saturday nights, and the establishment has abided by the request.

Both Perrin and Mayor Alvarez agreed that citizens, city officials and business owners must work together for the good of Loraine. No decision was made, but everyone agreed to a little give and take to come to a workable solution for all parties.

Mark and Shelly Diaz addressed the council, saying they are concerned that not everyone is being treated fairly by city employees. Mark said he was charged the $20 late fee for underpaying his water bill by seven cents, but earlier in the year, Shelly wasn't charged the late fee when payment was actually late.

Mayor Alvarez said that late fees are generated by the computer but can be taken off by city office personnel. He instructed City Secretary Jamie Muñoz and Kristi Eivens to make sure to charge late fees to everyone and treat everyone fairly.

After a discussion in closed session, Councilman Max Tillman moved to rewrite city job descriptions and work order sheets to include a space for times, dates and the results of the work completed.

City-wide garage sale to be held August 1st

The end of summer is quickly approaching, and time is running short to hold a garage sale and get rid of all the extra stuff in your closets and garage. The *Colorado City Record* will provide you with the opportunity to earn some extra cash while selling off your unwanted items.

The annual city-wide garage sale will be held the weekend of August 1st, and timing is perfect for anyone wishing to hold a sale.

The first weekend in August should be a great time to sell back-to-school clothes that are still in good shape, along with all other wares. Family members and friends can get together to share the work and share the proceeds.

This year, the *Record* will run individual garage sale ads for the city-wide sale in the July 30th edition. Prices start at $7 per ad, for the first 25 words. Additional words will be 10 cents each. Deadline to advertise is Tuesday, July 28th at noon.

Come to the *Record* office to put in your ad, and you will receive two free garage sale signs to help mark your sale location. The more people participating, the better the results. More sales mean more shoppers, and more shoppers mean more money for you!

Mark your calendars and make plans now to participate in the city-wide garage sales on August 1st.

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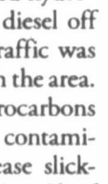
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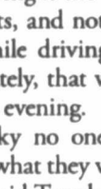
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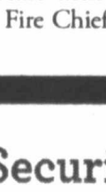
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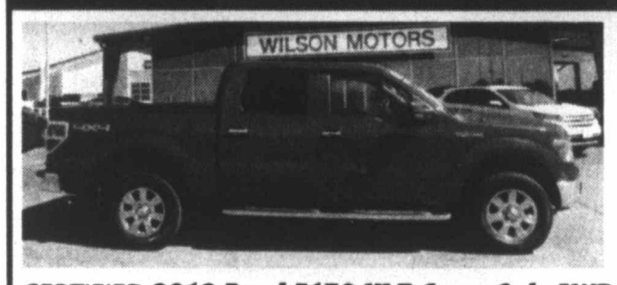


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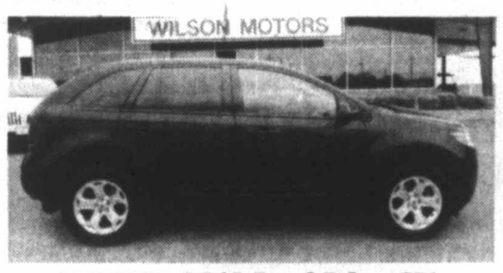
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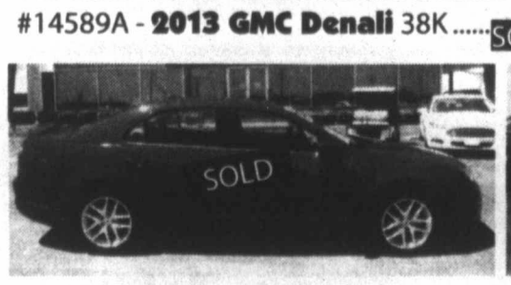
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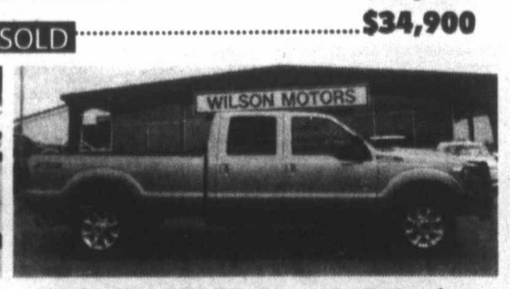
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Oncor warns citizens of recent scam

Citizens in this area have been receiving calls about their electricity bills being past due. Callers identify themselves as Oncor employees, but the calls are a scam, and people should be warned not to become victims of fraud.

Scammers are calling customers and telling them they are behind on their electric bills. They advise people to purchase a prepaid power card at a local store and give them an account to transfer the money to avoid disconnection of service.

Jim Clements, Oncor Area Manager, said that the electric delivery company is aware that the scams are taking place in this service territory. In an email to the *Record*, Clements said that Oncor does not bill customers for electricity use and does not call customers for payment.

Oncor is an electric delivery company, delivering electricity to more than 3.2 million homes and businesses in Texas. Electricity customers can choose which retail electric provider to use.

In the email, Clements went on to say that Oncor employees also do not go door-to-door soliciting customers' information to assist with electric rates. Also, when Oncor representatives are working in the field, they always carry company identification.

Clements advises citizens to call Oncor if they receive a call or meet someone who claims to work for the company, if they are unsure. To speak with an Oncor representative, call 888-313-6862. He also said that anyone concerned for their safety should call 911 immediately.



AWARD-WINNING ARTIST – Nathalie Kelley from Snyder is an award-winning artist and member of the West Texas Art Guild. She is the featured artist for July, and her artwork is on display and for purchase in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust in Colorado City.

Kelley's artwork on display at local FirstBank and Trust

Nathalie Kelley is a full-time, award-winning artist, and she is also the featured West Texas Art Guild artist for the month of July. Her watercolor works are on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust in Colorado City. Everyone is welcome to visit the bank and take a look.

Kelley's watercolors have won many awards, including two in the Western Federation of Watercolors Show. With a heart to promote art and the love of art, she belongs to several art organizations. She is a Signature Member of Artists of Texas, a member of the West Art Guild, a member and board member of West Texas Watercolor Society, a member of the Midland Palette Club and Snyder Palette Club.

Kelley's art ranges from watercolor realism to abstract compositions. Mostly self-taught, much of her art background comes from the heritage of artistic parents and grandparents. She grew up watching her parents paint beautiful landscapes in oil.

"I wasn't born with a paintbrush in my hand but almost. I grew up watching my mom and dad paint almost daily and on just about any surface," Kelley said. "My maternal granddad was a sign painter and my dad's mom and step-dad were landscape and seascape artists. I was allowed to paint and experiment, but they also taught me many valuable techniques."

One of her earliest memories is the making and selling of her artwork. At age five, she took a handful of her art around her neighborhood. To her delight, she sold every piece.

In her youth, most of Kelley's artwork was in oil and primarily landscapes, but in the 1990s she was captivated by the beauty and challenges of watercolors. Her artwork ranges from the small, tiny pieces to wall-sized murals.

"I love color and the play of light and shadows. I also love collections and especially collections of old things. I am drawn to rust and reflections. The challenge of using watercolor to create realism captivates me. It is easy for me to get immersed in the process of seeing beyond the surface," Kelley said.

Her internationally collected artwork graces numerous businesses, homes, offices, and churches. Her commissioned works include various murals for private and corporate collections; portraits; silk flags for worship celebrations; and the illustrations for several children's books, The Little Lamp, It Happened One Day in Texas, Zombie Meatloaf, and Student's Book About Creation.

Kelley and her husband, Joe, live in Snyder. She teaches multiple art classes at Western Texas College on the Square. She offers workshops and painting classes to assist others in their own artistic expression.

"My latest adventure is exploring the possibilities of using water media and paper to produce a variety of components to create abstract collage pieces. Whatever medium I use, my hope is that my art will inspire you, bless you, encourage you, or simply just make you feel good," Kelley said. "With all my art, I want to 'show forth the praises of Him who called me out of darkness into His marvelous light,'" (1 Peter 2:9).

Anyone interested in contacting Kelley can do so by emailing info@nathaliekelleyart.com or visiting her website www.nathaliekelleyart.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Record number of farms, ranches certified under farm bill conservation compliance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that over 98.2 percent of producers have met the 2014 Farm Bill requirement to certify conservation compliance to qualify for crop insurance premium support payments.

Implementing the 2014 Farm Bill provisions for conservation compliance is expected to extend conservation provisions for an additional 1.5 million acres of highly erodible lands and 1.1 million acres of wetlands, which will reduce soil erosion, enhance water quality, and create wildlife habitat.

"This overwhelming response is a product of USDA's extensive outreach and the commitment of America's farmers to be stewards of the land," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By investing in both American farmers and the health of our productive lands, we are ensuring future generations have access to fertile soil, healthy food supplies, and a strong rural economy."

USDA has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that every impacted producer knew of the June 1, 2015 deadline to certify their conservation compliance. For example, all 2015 crop insurance contracts included conservation compliance notifications. USDA has sent out more than 50,000 reminder letters and postcards to individual producers, made over 25,000 phone calls, conducted informational meetings and training sessions for nearly 6,000 stakeholders across the country, including in major specialty crop producing states with affected commodity groups, and more. Since December 2014, USDA collaborated with crop insurers to ensure they had updated lists for agents to continue contacting producers to also remind them of the filing deadline.

Of the small number of producers who have not certified their conservation compliance, USDA records suggest the majority are no longer farming or may have filed forms with discrepancies that can still be reconciled. The Farm Service Agency is proactively reaching back out to all of these producers before their sales closing date and working with individuals facing extenuating circumstances who have not filed the form in order to assist them with certifying compliance.

"I've asked the agencies to contact the producers again before their sales closing date," said Vilsack. "I want to ensure that every producer that turned in an AD-1026 by June 1, 2015, knows they can still make corrections and remain eligible for premium support."

USDA is providing additional flexibility to help the newly insured producers to certify their conservation compliance. For example, producers, who began farming or ranching after June 1, or producers who have not participated in USDA programs prior to June 1, can file an exemption to the conservation compliance certification for reinsurance year 2016 and still be eligible for the crop insurance premium support.

The Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form (AD-1026) is available at local USDA Service Centers or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/AD-1026form.

The recent announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

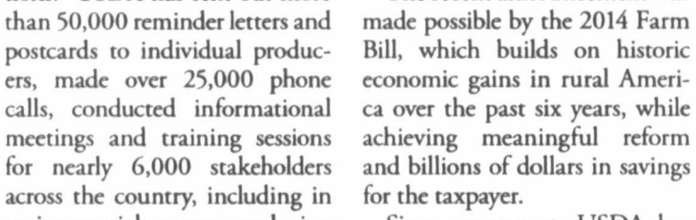
Since enactment, USDA has implemented many provisions of this critical legislation, providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



READY FOR CAMP – The Colorado City Rotary Club donated $1,000-worth of camping supplies to the local Boy Scouts Troop 226. Scouts Adam Hernandez, Lathan Limones, Dominic Espinoza, Brandon Garza, Caden Olvera, Matthew Rivera, Nate Rivera, Cody Gingrich, Carson Mitchell and Ethan Salazar, along with Scoutmaster Bubba Limones, are all ready for camp. *Photo courtesy of Margo Connell.*

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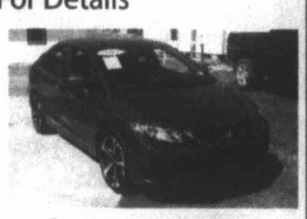
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Local media honored by CISD

Stephanie Perez of the Colorado City Record, Jim Baum of KVMC/KAUM and Ismael Silva of NTS Communications was named to the 2015 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by (District) Colorado ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media from newspapers, radio and television stations, and online publications across the state were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Andra Self, TASB president.

In most cases, local school boards passed a formal resolution and presented a personalized certificate to their nominated news media.

TASB is a nonprofit organization established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5.1 million public school students.

August 24 is filing deadline for place on hospital board

Filing is open to citizens wanting to serve their community by running for a spot on the Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to do so can pick up an application in the administrative office at the hospital until the deadline of Monday, August 24th.

Administrative Assistant Karen Holmen said that she has applications in her office, and interested citizens are welcome to stop by anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick one up. All applications must be filled out and returned by the deadline of August 24th.

The positions up for election are currently filled by board members Jerry Reynolds, Patty Pharis, Florence Bodine and Cheryl Warren. Holman said that Reynolds and Pharis have already filed to run for re-election.

Election Day will be in November, so watch the ***Record*** for early voting days and times coming up.

Events Calendar

July 20-24	State Baseball Tournament	Sports Complex
July 25	Basic Kayaking Class	Lake C-City State Park
July 21	2nd Session Swim Lessons	City Pool
Aug. 1	City-wide Garage Sales	Colorado City
Aug. 24	1st Day of School	Colorado ISD

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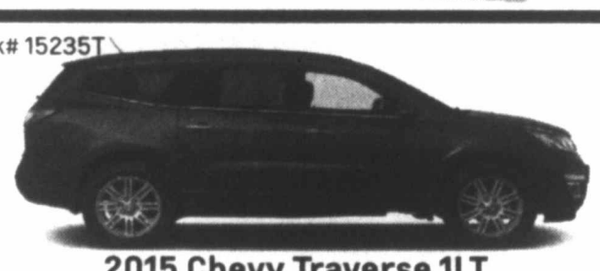
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LOCAL NEWS

Mission C-City starts Sunday, July 19th

Many activities planned throughout the community

Local congregations of several churches are working together to hold another Mission C-City this year. Activities are set to begin on Sunday, July 19th and various things will take place through Friday, July 24th.

A prayer service and commissioning meeting will kick things off on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Groups will be walking around the various ministry sites handing out flyers to promote the Backyard Bible Clubs that will be held during the week.

High school aged youth will meet that evening from 8 to 10 p.m. at Desert Rain in a casual "coffee house" atmosphere. They will be enjoying music and snacks, and everyone is welcome.

Nick Shrode has formed a group of volunteers that will be performing yard mowing services throughout the week, each morning from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The services will be provided to those who are not able to take care of the chore themselves. Shrode has a Facebook page for citizens to contact him if they know anyone who might be in need of these services.

All children in the community are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all of the Backyard Bible Clubs that will be held during the week. Two will be held each weekday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., one at Paredes Park and another at Ruddick Park.

Lunch will be provided for all Mission C-City volunteers each weekday at 11:45 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Gym.

During the afternoons, there will be additional mowing and more construction-type projects taking place around the community. Several members of local youth groups will be scraping and painting homes that are being improved by Christmas in Action.

On Tuesday, July 21st, volunteers will be delivering meals for lunch and dinner to nursing home staff. FBC Youth Director Lori Dockrey said that while these folks always provide care and meals for nursing home residents, volunteers would like to show God's love by taking care of the employees too.

Ministry services will be held on Tuesday at the Mitchell County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 5 p.m. Patricia Gillespie will be providing piano music, and there will be plenty of fellowship at that time as well.

On Thursday, July 23rd, a worship rally will be held at the west pavilion in Ruddick Park near the City Pool. Joyful Noise will be rocking the park, and everyone is welcome. Free swimming will be provided from 8 to 10 p.m. that evening to all who attend.

First Baptist Church will hold an outdoor movie night on Friday, July 24th. The movie will be shown on the west wall outside the gym from 8 to 11 p.m. Dockrey advised those attending to bring chairs and plenty of bug spray.

Besides the activities already mentioned, several distributions will take place during the week by volunteers.

Popsicles will be delivered to the City Pool during break times Tuesday afternoon. Watermelons and drinks will be shared with construction and road workers on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers will be delivering snack trays to hospital and EMS personnel Tuesday and Wednesday and snack trays to CISD summer staff also on those days. Watermelons will be delivered to some of the RV parks around town on Wednesday evening around 7:30 p.m.

Dockrey said that volunteers from several community churches will be participating. "We are looking for needs in the community and trying to meet them," she said.

Baum speaks to local Lions Club Friday

Community Close Up guessing game played by group

Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum, who is a Lion himself, presented a different kind of a program to members and guests attending the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club. Baum played recordings of citizens, late and living, and asked club members to guess who was speaking.

He began the program by saying he has over 1500 tapes of countless interviews and often plays them on Community Close Up. When Baum bought the local radio station, Community Close Up was much different. It was scheduled programming that never varied from week to week.

As the current mayor began meeting Mitchell County citizens, he especially enjoyed talking to the elderly folks as they knew a lot about the history of this area. Baum said many of the citizens on tape describe an era that is long since passed.

One day, while he was at the radio station, two men from the historical depository at Texas Tech University paid him a visit. They were wanting to take some of the tapes to be preserved for history. While Baum couldn't part with any of the tapes at the time, he assured the audience that the tapes will eventually have a home there and will be converted to digital.

Baum then played excerpts from interviews from some well-known members and former members of the community. The voices of Frank Brownfield, Vickie Rees, Billy Joe Woods, Peggy Ratliff and Hollis Gainey were among several played last Friday.

Baum has been taping interviews for 35 years as the owner of KVMC/KAUM, Colorado City.

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LOCAL NEWS

CITY

FROM PAGE 1A

The city manager pointed out that the city's five-year bank balance stands at $968,394.45 when grant funds are taken out. He said that the city has been having to pull funds out of the reserve each month to meet the costs of expenditure because revenue has not been coming in at the rate expected.

Hoover said that the staff at city hall is taking a look at the city's budget to see what amendments can be made to reduce expenses. Hiser suggested that all capital investments and expenses be put on hold until it is more financially feasible for the city.

Hoover agreed, saying, "We can't keep using our reserves."

Any future budget amendments will come before the council for consideration.

In other business, the council appointed Sylvia Clanton to calculate and publish the city's effective tax rate for 2015. Denna Dickard is usually the person responsible for those duties, but she didn't get enough Continuing Education Credits to be eligible for the job this year.

An agreement between the city and FGE Texas I, LLC was approved by the council. Rockefeller told council members that nothing of substance had changed in the agreement. The contract reflects an extension requested by the power company.

A discussion regarding an option to revoke the free landfill day was held by the council. Hoover said that the free day often results in a lot of dumping that does not come from Colorado City. His concern is that people from out-of-town are coming to dump their debris and using the free landfill day to do so.

Hoover also recommended that the area in Ruddick Park that is fenced off for the dumping of brush and limbs be moved out to the landfill. He said that people are dumping bags of trash, old furniture and other things that aren't supposed to be dumped in that area.

He said that relocating the area to the landfill would relieve some of the strain on city crews who have to haul the stuff out to the landfill.

Hoover said he was aware that local citizens need something that is available to them during off-hours, so the council discussed several options.

Ultimately, the decision was made to table the idea until Hoover can talk with the county to see if the entity is interested in doing some in-kind of agreement to let citizens living in Mitchell County participate in the free landfill day, along with Colorado City citizens.

Krista Carrillo approached the council during the meeting to ask for permission to use the civic center at a reduced fee, so she can hold Zumba classes in the facility three evenings per week. Carrillo said she would also be holding an early morning class for school personnel once the school year started.

The council approved her request temporarily until things like cost of electricity and the city's liability can be reviewed.

The Strain family has been in touch with city officials, as new rules at the airport are causing trouble for the famiy that has a large cattle operation on land surrounding the facility.

Airport manager David Allen said that he has had issues with people who work for the cattle operation driving down the airport's live taxiway with pickup and trailers. Hiser said that the family has been allowed to do that for years, and a discussion needs to be held with Strain family members to come to an agreement now that the airport is being developed.

"We're going to have to find a different way to do business," Hiser said.

A request by the family to install a cattleguard at the airport was tabled until Hoover can get in touch with them and a discussion can take place about what is expected of the city and what's expected of the Strain family.

After a long closed session, no action was taken on matters regarding police department personnel. No one was appointed as chief of police, as may was expected. Traven Berrie is still acting chief at this time.

There was also no action taken on a discussion held in closed session regarding the recent incident that happened at the airport.



WRONG WAY? It may look like Johnathan Rankin is jumping toward the diving board at the City Pool, but he is actually perfectly executing a Half-Gainer. He was one of many enjoying the refreshing, cool water on a hot day.

CISD

FROM PAGE 1A

$3,000 above base pay mandated by the state, and with bonuses given at Christmas, local teachers get about $3,500 above base.

The state has increased its required base by about $560, so CISD will keep paying the same above-base salary and will add the $560 to that. First-year teachers' salaries will now start at $31,080, compared to $30,540 before the increase.

Other professional personnel who currently receive stipends will also see an increase on their paychecks. Next year, the elementary counselor will see an increase to $5,000 per year on the stipend, but he/she will also be responsible for duties from pre-k to 4th grade, instead of pre-k to 2nd grade.

Board members approved increasing the amount of money contributed toward health insurance premiums for CISD personnel. Last year, CISD paid $265 of employees' insurance premiums. That amount will increase to $300 for the 2015-16 school year.

Spencer said the contributions help attract quality personnel to the district and help retain the quality staff that already works for CISD. "I think it is a great benefit for all our employees," he said Monday night.

The increase in contributions will cost the district about $58,000.

Cafeteria personnel will also see an increase in their paychecks. First year cafeteria workers will make $8.75 per hour, up from $8.49 last year. Cafeteria personnel with 20 years under their belt will make $13.33 per hour, an increase of 39 cents per hour from last year's pay.

Each year, the cafeteria director goes over information to make sure CISD's meal prices are in line with what is required by the state. White said that increases to meal prices at Colorado Middle School would be required for the upcoming school year.

The board approved the necessary increases, and student meals will cost $2.10, a small increase from $2. Also, staff meals will cost $3.50 instead of $3.

Fuller Foods was awarded the bid to supply bread, milk and juice to CISD. The local supermarket submitted one of three bids. The other two were from Gandy's and Borden.

White said that while milk costs a bit more from Fuller Foods, the savings on juice more than makes up what they pay for milk.

A construction update was given regarding the new campus by Compass Builders' Charlie Price. Last week's concrete paving pour had to be canceled after Tuesday's heavy rains. The pour has been rescheduled for 4 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Price said that lots of inside work is ongoing, such as installation of light fixtures and painting. He said that seats were scheduled to be installed in the new gym soon, air conditioners are being connected and the maple for the gym floors will be allowed to acclimate so they can be installed in three to four weeks.

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SHANNON CLINIC

SPORTS

State tournament to begin in Colorado City Monday

Players, coaches and fans for 14 teams will be headed to Colorado City to compete in the Texas Teenage League's State Junior League Baseball Tournament. The tournament is set to be held at the Mitchell County Sports Complex Monday through Friday, July 20-24.

Teams coming to town include the DeLeon Bearcats, Stephenville Optimist Mets, Stephenville Mongooses, Lovelady Lions, Grapeland Sandies, Copperas Cove Brewers, Dublin Astros, Ballinger Elite, Winters Royals, Ennis Rangers, Ennis Cubs and the Roscoe Plowboys, along with a team from Brownwood. The Colorado City Braves will also be competing in the tournament for baseball players ages 13-15.

Play will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, July 20th. While games will be held mostly all day, there will be a break during the hottest part of the day and games will resume in the evening.

The championship game is set to be played Friday, July 24th.

Admission to the tournament will be $5 for adults and $3 for students ages 5 to 17. Adult four-day passes cost $15 and student passes are $12. All admission funds go to Texas Teenage League.

A full concession stand will be available, providing food, drinks and snacks to baseball fans.

Michelle Potter, league secretary, said that teams will be drawn on Sunday, July 19th in order to fill the bracket. A state league representative will attend the meeting when names are drawn to oversee the procedures.

Potter said the local league is looking for volunteers to help with traffic, parking and the gate. Anyone interested should contact Michelle Potter at 325-650-1559 or Mindy Hale at 325-242-2127.



3RD PLACE—Colorado City's 6th grade girls placed 3rd at the Southwest Hoops tournament this past weekend in Lubbock. Pictured are (back row l-r) Morgan Munoz, Emmaly Rivera, Krysta Stephens, Alina Hernandez, Mia Monroe, Coach Marcus Monroe; front row, Kayla Casares, Madison Sims and Lina Rivera. *Photo courtesy of Marcus Monroe.*

Kayaking class set July 25th

With water levels on the rise at Lake Colorado City, there's no time like the present to go out and take part in some of the programs that are going on at the state park. Superintendent Kyle O'Haver will hold a basic kayaking class on Saturday, July 25th.

The class will be two hours in duration and will begin at 9 a.m. that morning. Basic skills for kayaking and canoeing will be taught to all those participating. Anyone wishing to join in must call the park ahead of time, as seating is limited.

There is no program fee for this class but entrance fees to the park are required. Personal flotation devices are available at the park, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own lifejacket if possible. Likewise, kayaks and canoes will be provided, or those participating can bring their own.

There is no cost for the program however you will still need to pay daily entrance fees of $4 per adult and children 12 and under are free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no charge.

For any additional information please call the Lake Colorado City State Park office at (325) 728-3931.



WATER FUN – Lake Colorado City State Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver and his daughter Sibley enjoy a little kayaking once in a while. O'Haver will provide a basic kayaking class on Saturday, July 25th. It's free and everyone is welcome. Call the park to reserve a spot. *Photo courtesy of Kyle O'Haver.*

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8-2
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NEW! 2358 Fm 1229 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car carport and 59.92 ac or buy house and 20 acres or 39.92 and bring in your own house or buy 20 ac. Call for more details. So many options.
REDUCED! 7277 CR 404 - 4 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath on 4 acres. Lots of room.
1300 LCR 248- A frame house lake front. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. 13.75 Ac with 3000 sf barn 2-14 ft doors.
REDUCED! 4739 CR 307- Lake front bungalow house with 6 ac fenced great for animals.

Lake Listings

NEW! 905 CR 311 - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. A must see! Very clean.
NEW! 4243 Lake Cabinm - 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. $31,000
NEW! 905 LCR 311- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 carport, storage building. Move in ready!
NEW! 1158 LCR 248- UNDER CONTRACT!
1228 LCR 248- Built in 2011 metal home. 4 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Priced to sell $175,000.
1138 LCR 248- SOLD!
3094 LCR 252- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, 1 carport. Greaty buy. $58,000.
2116 LCR 252- 2-2 Nice shop. $59,500.
558 LCR 246- Nice home. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. $138,500. Seller will pay some closing cost.
4305 LCR 307- A must see. Completely remodeled to much to tell on this one. Priced to sell!
1178 LCR 248 - UNDER CONTRACT!
1324 LCR 248 -SOLD!

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REDUCED! 665 LCR 313-- 3/2 Open concept, sequestered master with soaking tub, covered deck, boat ramp, screened room in back, mature trees, 2 car carport, fully fenced. Very pretty! MOTIVATED SELLERS! $69,500
2628 LCR 252-- Used as a 4 bedroom, 2 bath open concept, furniture if you want it! Built in grill, covered porch, boat storage, fenced and gated, large lot! $169,000
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NEW! 609 E. 9th - 2/1 On large corner lot, fireplace, 2 car garage and workshop.
NEW! 445 S FM 1229 - 4/2 on 1.5 acres move in ready.
NEW! 967 E. 16th - 3/2 Fresh paint, new flooring. Move in ready!
NEW! 905 Chestnut - 2/1 Large, updated, brick, corner lot.
104 E. 11th - 3/1 Updated, clean and move in ready.
5142 PDQ Rd- 2/2 Home at the lake. $40,800
REDUCED! 1419 Oak- 3/2 Brick home, fireplace with storage/garage.
540 E. 2nd-3/2 Just over 2,100 sq ft with 2 living areas on a 1 acre lot.
2334 LCR 252- Lakefront 3/2 with carport, and den with fireplace.
2141 Austin- SALE PENDING
8890 NHWY208 - SALE PENDING
328 Market- Loraine- SALE PENDING
404 E. 9th- SOLD
712 E. 17th- SOLD

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

NEW! 366 E. 2nd - Huge downtown building known as "The Memory Box" - $115,000
540 E. 2nd -1 Acre lot; partially zoned commercial location with single-family home. Great location for a yard or business.
South I-20 Frontage Road- 4.2 Acres at corner of 17th and S. Frontage Road. Great location for a new business.

LAND

REDUCED! FM 2836 - 32.9 acres with water and 100% minerals.
Loraine Lots- Seveal lots in Loraine for sale, call for location details.

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NEW! 2002 Locust- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath corner lot. Call Cheri
2128 Chestnut- Move in ready! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath for $55,000. Call Cheri to view.
1241 Austin- Move in ready! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath.
1032 Cedar - 3 Bedroom, 1 1/5 bath. Priced to sell. Call Cheri.
333 9th St.- Charming cottage, all dolled up, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. $55,000
1212 Eastover- SOLD!
944 E. 13th St - 3 Bed, 1 1/2 bath w/central heat and air. LARGE kitchen. $52,000.
721 E. 11th - Unique house and old church building. Over 3,000 Sq. Ft. Call Cheri.

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2036 Chestnut - Residential lot with mature trees and storm cellar. Great for new home.
Walnut Street, awesome lot for new home.
Boyd St. Residential or commercial lot. Great for mobile home or investors.
Austin St vacant residential lot. Quiet neighborhood between 21st & 22nd.

LAKE PROPERTY

NEW! 2304 LCR 252 - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath mobile home w/sunroom on lot with dock and boat ramp. Call Cheri.
1346 LCR 248- Double wide mobile home. Completly furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath w/ attached car port, large metal garage and large metal shop beside the home. Priced to sell.
REDUCED! 2146 LCR 252- 2 Mobile homes. Buy one to live in and rent one. Remodeled 3 bedroom, new kitchen cabinets, stainless steel appliances in kitchen, completely furnished! Call Cheri to view!

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NEW! 1620 Locust - Very nice, well maintained cottage style home. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath with living room and den/dining area and an eat-in kitchen. Has lot of closets for storage and a detached garage. This is a charming house and will not last long. Priced to sell at $80,000.
NEW! 1202 E. 10th - Neat and well-built older home, built in 1940. It is spacious and has a large eat-in kitchen with stainless stell appliances. Large 1/2 acre corner lot with trees and garden area in back. Close to the new K-8 school and the high school. Has a master bath with a walk-in shower. On the corner of 10th and Eastover St. Priced to sell at $82,500.
NEW! 737 Waco St - Small 3 bedroom, 1 bath could be a cute starter home or an investment property for a handyman or fixer upper. It has a storage building and a carport and large shade trees. Backyard has a chain link fence. $30,000
NEW! 1220 E. 17th- 3-2-2 with wood burning stove, large shop/garage and separate storeroom in back. Across from CHS. $129,500
NEW! Between E. 20th and E. 21st- 6 Lots located between E. 20th and E. 21st. Zoned R-1 for single family residential. Lots are partially cleaned off on 20th St. side $30,000.
REDUCED! 2696 LCR 252- UNDER CONTRACT!
NEW! 806 LCR 315- Just updated 2 bed, 2 bath home on deeded lake property. Detached outbuilding has 3 rooms, could be turned into guest quarters. $79,000.
REDUCED! 606 Reeves Loraine- 2008 Laredo single-wide M. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, laundry room, carport and on 2 lots in Loraine. $45,000.
603 S. Main St. Loraine- SOLD!
REDUCED! 100 Blk of E. 21st - 3 Duplexes all currently full. Each unit has 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, carport and storage area. $380,000.
REDUCED! 520 E. 7th- SOLD!
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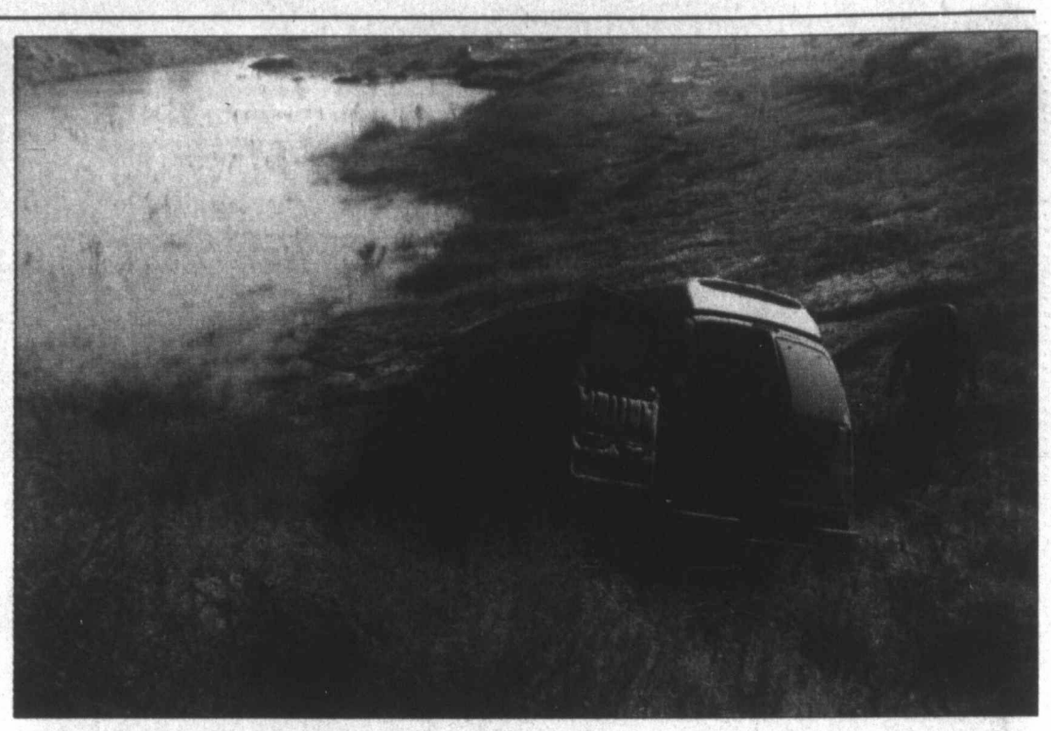
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LOCAL NEWS



DANGER FROM ABOVE - Bricks have been falling from the top of the Baker Hotel, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians and those parking their cars in front of it. Code Enforcement Officer Misty Rich will use the fire department's ladder truck to remove the loose bricks this week.



DISASTER AVOIDED – A local citizen lost control of his van and careened through a yard and into property on E. 10th Street owned by Colorado ISD before coming to a stop. The disabled man, who lives in the Colorado City Seniors Apartments, was not injured. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*

City of Loraine of hold special election to fill seats

The City of Loraine will hold a special election in August to elect two council members to serve on the city council there. There's still time to file, as the filing deadline is August 12th.

Two Loraine citizens, Shelly Diaz and Lewis Muñoz, have filed to run for the at-large seats. Anyone wishing to serve on the council can file at City Hall until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12th.

Early voting will be held at City Hall located at 111 S. Main in Loraine. Early Voting Clerk Jamie Muñoz will be overseeing voting between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on Monday, August 17th and ending Tuesday, August 25th.

For those wishing to vote by mail, applications for ballots must be received no later than the close of business on August 12th.

Recently, the council has been conducting city business, including major repairs to the town's lift station and looking into hiring a police officer. It is imperative that the two seats on the council are filled so that a full board can make the decisions facing Loraine.

On a positive note, sales tax payments have been higher for several months, adding funds to the city's budget.

If you've ever wanted to take your turn serving your community, the time is now in Loraine. Contact Muñoz at City Hall for more information, 325-737-2222.

No injuries reported in 10th Street accident

A man living in the Colorado City Seniors Apartments lost control of his van last Thursday, careened through a yard near the complex and ended up in the dirt pit across 10th Street from the new school campus. Luckily, the man's vehicle stopped short of going into the water, and he was not injured in the accident.

The call came in around 5:40 last Thursday evening notifying emergency personnel of the accident. Personnel from the Colorado City Police Department, the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department and Mitchell County EMS responded to the call.

Kevin James, age 68, was driving his handicap-equipped van out of the apartment complex. He reported that the knob on the steering wheel malfunctioned, causing him to not be able to control the vehicle.

James crossed 10th Street, traveled through the yard of Eddie and Ann Gregory and ended up on school property just west of the Gregory's house. EMS personnel checked the man but did not have to transport him to the hospital, as he was not injured.

Social network sites had many citizens speculating that the area was dangerous due to dirt being removed from the property leaving a large hole. However, law enforcement officials have said that the condition of the property had nothing to do with the accident, and the accident report confirms that it was malfunction of the vehicle that caused the wreck.

Though it is not necessary, Colorado ISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer said that the district will be putting up a pipe fence along the 10th Street side of the property. When construction of the new CISD campus is finished, a sheet metal fence will be put up along the eastern property line that is adjacent to the Gregory's property as well.

"As far as I know, we've followed every law and regulation," Spencer said after a school board meeting Monday night. "We will go above and beyond what's required."

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Answerline

Q. When will the ditches be mowed?

A. According to TxDoT's Randy High, mowers are working in the county now. No word what will be mowed when, but High said mowers are just now able to get into the ditches, as there has been water standing in them due to recent rains.

Briefs

Cheer Camp

CHS Mini Cheer Camp will be held July 27-31 at The Pit at CMS each day from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $40. Registration will be held July 23, 24 at The Pit from 9 a.m. to noon. Forms can also be picked up at Safari's Snocones.

Vacation Bible School

New Life Bible Ministries will hold VBS August 2 -5 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. The church is located at 1644 Hickory. For more info at 728-9255 or 806-773-9530.

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of State Heath Services Immunization Clinic on Wednesday, August 5th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.- 3 p.m. The clinic will be held at First United Methodist Church Education Center (Corner of 4th and Chestnut). For questions or to make an appointment please call (325) 7254-4945. If no answer please leave a message. Bring child's immunization records to clinic. If on Medicaid, please bring the card.

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church in Westbrook will be holding VBS on July 26th - 30th. Contact Joyce McClure at 728-8662 or 242-0878.

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Around Town

Verpnica Boone excited to hear her grandfather's recorded voice... Pat White and Becky Sanford doing a little inventory... Rustine Lendermon making some Saturday house calls... Robby Russell looking forward to grandchildren... Happy birthday Alice Griffin and Carmen Gonzales (July 16)... Rachel Powell doing well after two stints... Michelle Potter ready for the tournament... Happy birthday Mike Hill (July 15)

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City forms economic development program

Colorado City's City Council met Tuesday evening with a small quorum present. Marcelo Alvarez and Craig Jolley were absent, and no one has applied for the open spot to represent District 4, once held by Ed Blake.

Council members voted to approve the establishment of a 380 Economic Development Program that will allow the city to offer incentives to businesses looking to come here.

City Attorney Lois Rockefeller informed councilmen that the city formed an economic development group to attract one specific business in the past. The agenda item approved Tuesday night will create a program that can undertake the projects under the umbrella of the economic development program.

City Manager David Hoover said establishing this type of program will allow the city council to be the ruling board, without the expense of an office or officers.

"With the hotels may come other businesses," Hoover said. "We need to be able to offer those businesses incentives to come here."

Hoover went on to say that the type of economic development program being established will allow the city to donate land, gift deed properties and other things that are illegal for the county's BOED.

Following the establishment of the program, councilman Keith Hiser moved to approve policies and procedure of the program.

"We may have to make changes once we get started, but it's a good jumping off point," he said.

The development of such a program may have come at just the right time, as city revenue is suffering in the face of reduced sales tax due to declining oil and gas prices. The closure and destruction of several businesses around town have also caused the city's revenue to decrease this year.

Hoover told the council that sales tax revenues have not been coming in the amounts the city has seen in the past few years. He cited the loss of Days Inn and the closure of Alco and Myers Auto Parts as part of the reason for the money pinch.

"The city is in a world of hurt," Hoover said. "We're not broke by any means, but we're suffering."

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County audit shows 7% increase in general fund

Diane Terrell of Davis Kinard & Co., PC, came to the Mitchell County Commissioners' meeting Monday morning to present the annual outside audit report. The firm provides auditing services for 50 governmental entities, including nine counties.

The county received a clean, unmodified opinion, meaning that financial statements are presented in accordance with state laws.

Terrell went over some of the highlights of last year with commissioners. She said that the county had added just over $1 million to the general fund balance, a 7% increase. She also reported that revenue in the general fund exceeded the budget last year by over $500,000, and expenses were $533,000 less than the amount budgeted.

The audit report was approved unanimously.

In other business, a request from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension was also approved. Extension Agent Audra Graves and 4-H member Kalynn Hardegree came before the court to request permission and funds to travel out of state to the Western National Roundup in Denver, Colorado, in January 2016.

Hardegree qualified for the national competition by placing 1st in the Natural Fiber: Cotton in the Clothing & Textiles division of the state contest earlier in the year.

Graves estimated that travel and registration fees will amount

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SURVEYING THE DAMAGE – This buffer truck was hit by an 18-wheeler after the driver of the semi failed to see the arrow and red and white stripes telling him to move over. The driver of the buffer truck was flown by helicopter from the scene due to the severity of his injuries. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*

Road construction worker injured in Monday wreck

Work crews subcontracting with Nobles Construction have been resurfacing parts of I-20 which can be a dangerous job. According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, an accident Monday caused serious injuries to a member of the road crew.

The accident happened a little after 6 p.m. on Monday evening in the eastbound lane of the interstate in front of Golden Chick. Toombs said that an 18-wheeler hauling a load of grapes ran into what is sometimes referred to as a buffer vehicle.

Buffer vehicles can be seen usually carrying a big arrow on the back to notify traffic to change lanes to allow workers a safer area. This time, the buffer truck was creating space for crews and a vehicle striping the interstate.

Toombs said that, by the looks of the wreckage, it appeared that the driver of the semi had seen the arrow too late and tried to move over but could not. The 18-wheeler struck the driver's side of the buffer truck which was a cab-over type vehicle. Cab-over truck don't have a "nose" and the driver sits right up close to the very front of the vehicle.

The driver of the buffer truck had possibly suffered head injuries, so he was flown out by helicopter from the scene of the accident. The driver of the semi was checked by EMS but was uninjured.

Members of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department, Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Transportation rerouted traffic off the

See WRECK, page 5A

Vandalism at CISD causes large food loss

Some distressing news came out of the meeting of the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees Monday evening. Apparently, someone broke into the freezer located behind the administration building on Hickory Street and left the freezer door open which caused thousands of dollars-worth of food to ruin over the weekend.

CISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer said he received a call on Saturday from one of the coaches notifying him that the freezer door was standing open. Spencer called Cafeteria Manager Pat White to ask if work was being done and the door was open on purpose.

Unfortunately, that was not the case, and school officials found that $35,000 to $40,000 in food had thawed and ruined because of the open door. White guessed that the potential thieves expected to find steaks or something but instead found about $5,000-worth of cheese.

She has been completing an inventory to see if anything was stolen. All food in the freezer was disposed of, and a claim will be made to the school district's insurance to help recover the cost of some of the food.

Anyone with information about the ordeal is asked to contact the Colorado City Police Department immediately by calling 325-728-5294.

Raises were approved for professional personnel during the meeting. CISD pays teachers

See CISD, page 10A

Citizens pack Loraine council meeting

The Loraine City Council met last week, with all three council members and the mayor forming a quorum. Citizens packed the meeting room, many bringing issues before the council.

Loraine citizens are having a hard time dealing with things that violate city codes, because there is no code enforcement or police officer to help enforce city ordinances. Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said deputies can respond to calls where state laws are violated, but the SO has no jurisdiction when it comes to city ordinances.

City officials are looking into the possibility of working with City Attorney Jeannie Fuller to help enforce city codes.

City officials are trying to hire a police officer that could perform both duties, but the man up for consideration is still attending a police academy in the Metroplex. Sam Comadoll, the man under consideration for the job, is set to finish the academy in December and will be available to start work after the first of the year.

Loraine resident Sara Barrera came before the council to address an issue that is ongoing regarding a neighbor violating a city ordinance. Barrera said that her neighbor across the street, identified as Mr. Acevedo, is keeping livestock within the city limits.

According to Barrera, Acevedo has goats, a couple of cows and horses on his property and has since 2006. A city ordinance passed in 2003 makes it illegal to have livestock on property within the city limits.

Problems have risen because Acevedo has been alleging that Barrera's dogs have been killing his goats, and Barrera believes that, in retaliation, Acevedo has been shooting her dogs.

Barrera's husband, Jesse, has tried to make peace with the neighbor by offering to pay for the goats that were killed, even though there was no proof that the dogs

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LOCAL NEWS

Cline Shale Alliance meets in C-City



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – David Holt of Snyder provided a summary during the Cline Shale Alliance quarterly luncheon last week of some of the bills recently passed by the Texas Legislature. The meeting was attended by oil and gas industry-related companies and organizations.

The Cline Shale Alliance quarterly luncheon was held at the Civic Center on Thursday, July 9th, and those attending enjoyed a catered meal. Information on the legislature's recent activity was given, along with a report about water solutions available to those in the oil and gas industry.

Greg Wortham, former mayor of Sweetwater, welcomed all in attendance and passed the microphone around the room so that everyone could introduce themselves and the organizations they represent. Approximately 50 people attended the luncheon.

Among those present were a couple of representatives from Colorado City. Sue Young and Jeri Lynn Follis represented the Mitchell County Board of Economic Development, and Mayor Jim Baum attended, representing the City of Colorado City.

Young gave a report on the projects going on in Mitchell County. She said that everything is falling into place for the construction of the FGE power plant. Young said that the permitting process is finished, financing has been completed, water for the plant has been secured, and the last piece of the puzzle is minor paperwork.

She said that all equipment and materials for construction of the desalination plant are on site, but construction crews are waiting for the ground to dry up to begin. Young also said she expects an announcement by Luminant soon, naming Mitchell County as the site of a solar farm.

Wortham said that the area has been fortunate, as the price of oil has moderated, allowing cities and other entities extra time to update infrastructure.

Leonard Levine from Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority was a featured speaker, and he gave a PowerPoint presentation on the services the company provides. Gulf Coast Waste Disposal was formed in 1969 to deal with waste water disposal solutions at Galveston Bay. The business now has a site in the Permian Basin near Odessa that provides services such as waste disposal and water reuse for oilfield companies in this area.

Levine and another Gulf Coast representative, Charles Harris, said that their company is partnering with other companies to provide disposal services that reduce costs and reduce illegal dumping.

David Holt of Snyder spoke on some of the relevant actions by the latest legislature session.

He said that HB30 was passed, regarding the development of usage of brackish groundwater and seawater. The bill states that the purpose of the act is "to provide meaningful incentives for the development of brackish groundwater in areas where that development would have a minimal impact on existing fresh groundwater use, while respecting private property rights in groundwater and continuing to encourage the use of brackish groundwater for purposes other than human consumption."

Holt said that House Bill 40 clarifies cities' power, positively affecting the oil and gas industry. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Drew Darby and others, is intended to preempt municipalities from exerting rights to what goes on below the surface of land.

Several other new laws were discussed, including HB10, HB1331, HB1633 and more. Holt said he was glad to hear about oil and gas companies reusing water and using brackish water. He also touched on the fact that the Railroad Commission's office is becoming more transparent and improving online access for citizens.

Holt said legislators want to hear from regular citizens, especially those tied to businesses around the state. He encouraged everyone to talk to their representatives.

The meeting concluded with Wortham thanking everyone for being there. Literature was available on various industries and college programs dealing with the oil and gas industry.

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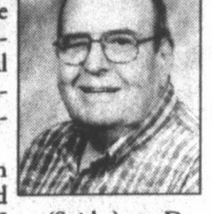
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OBITUARIES

Carson "Corky" Cyril Clayton
1940-2015



COLORADO CITY--Carson "Corky" Cyril Clayton, 74, died Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at Abilene Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2015 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial followed at the Colorado City Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 10, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Carson was born on November 4, 1940 in Abilene, to Cyril and Lela Clayton. He grew up and graduated high school in Ira. He married Betty Lou (Snider) on December 21, 1963 in Snyder. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He retired as a correctional officer for TDCJ-Wallace Unit. Previously he was the manager of Perry's for 30 years in Muleshoe, Snyder, and Colorado City.

Carson was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eddie Clayton of Colorado.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Clayton; one daughter, Belinda Blassingame of Colorado City; two grandchildren, Bethany Blassingame of San Angelo and Jonathan Blassingame of Colorado City; two sisters, Glenda Stagner of Salida, Colorado and Judy Bunker and husband Bob of Moffat, Colorado, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Joseph Wayne Diaz
1990-2015

SWEETWATER-- Joseph Wayne Diaz, age 25, formerly of Colorado City, died Saturday morning, July 11, 2015, at his residence. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Joseph was born July 1, 1990 in Lubbock to Ernesto Diaz and Terri Hulme and had been a longtime resident of Colorado City until moving to Sweetwater two years ago. He was a 2011 graduate of Colorado High School. He was disabled and could not work.

He is survived by his mother, Terri Hulme of Sweetwater; a sister, Felicia Diaz of Sweetwater; a brother, Brandon Hulme of San Angelo; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 13th, at the funeral home.

Ted Buster Mosher
1945-2015

DE LEON-- Ted Buster Mosher, 69, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2015, with his family by his side.



He was born August 1, 1945, in Trent to Phillip and Effie Mosher. Ted married Gloria Jane Hankins May 2, 1963.

Ted retired from Comanche County as a maintainer operator after 23 years of dedicated service. He loved to spend time outdoors, fish and camp. He was a loving family man and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria Jane Mosher; daughters, Gloria Jean Moreno and husband, Don, Tammy Sue Mosher and Nickey Rena Gonzalez and husband, Mike; brothers, Bennett Mosher and Jay Mosher; sisters, Lois Coan, Ester Russell, Irene Mosher; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family.

In honor of Ted's wishes, no services are scheduled.

Dwendalin Sue Hess
1941-2015

COLORADO CITY-- Dwendalin Sue Hess, 74, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2015 at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Comanche on April 20, 1941. Sue was the daughter of Floyd and Frances Murphy Tutwiler.

Sue moved to the Colorado City area as a young child and quickly made it her home spending the majority of her life there. Between being a "momma's girl" and palling around with her favorite sister Lola, Sue learned to be the amazing woman that everybody loved. She was one of those people that didn't meet a person she didn't like and who would do almost anything for almost anybody. Sue was a waitress in the area for many years, working for places such as the Cattleman and Truck Town. When she wasn't spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Sue could be found playing Bingo in Snyder or Big Spring, or just reading a book.

Sue is survived by her children, Shirley Robinson and husband Joe of Westbrook, Crystal Parnell and boyfriend Jared Johnson of Colorado City, Hubert Tutwiler and wife Agnes of Phoenix Arizona, Doug Adams and wife Kim of Houston, and Calvin Parnell and girlfriend Tracy Griffith of Big Spring; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Lola Gaddis of Hermleigh, Judy Remy of Snyder, and Grace Blassingame of Abilene; and three special friends Mary Casey, Eugene Ausbie, and Janie Pfeuffer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; her sisters, Ruby Baurland, and Mattie Bolden; and her brothers, Gerald Tutwiler and Floyd Tutwiler Jr.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 18 at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with her son, the Rev. Hubert Tutwiler officiating. Interment will follow at the Westbrook Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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LOCAL NEWS

C-City, county sales tax rebates continue to fall

Loraine is the up 63% this month!

Sales tax payments to the City of Colorado City continue to suffer, as the city's July payment is down over 20%. Loraine remains the bright spot in the county, as new businesses in town keep the sales tax rebates going up.

The $51,443.82 that will be sent to the City of Colorado City in the next week or so marks the fourth month in decreased allocations from the state. Overall, the city's rebates are down nearly 19% from last year.

City officials remain hopeful, as construction of the Super 8 motel is nearing completion, and construction of the Stripes Travel Center is well underway. The opening of these two businesses, along with the Best Western, Studio 6, La Quinta and Holiday Inn Express should more than make up for losses. The question is when.

Mitchell County's payment of over $25,000 is a decrease of over 28% when compared to the payment received in July last year. The county has received $231,034.89 in 2015, a shortfall of over 21% when compared to this time in 2014.

Sales tax allocations received in Westbrook have fallen slightly from last year, but only by about 5%. The city to the west received just $148.42 less than last year's July rebate.

Loraine officials have seen at least four months of sales tax allocations going up, and July 2015 is no different. July's payment of $1,485.29 is nearly $580 more than the rebate received at this time in 2014. So far, the city has received almost $6,000 more when compared to last year's total.

Cities in Mitchell County aren't alone in seeing decreases in sales tax payments. Most of the surrounding area is experiencing much of the same, as oil and gas activity is slowing in the face of falling oil prices.

Roby, Snyder and Post all received sales tax allocations that were about 30% lower than rebates received last July, while rebates to Lubbock, Abilene and Rotan held more steady but still decreased.

According to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, July sales tax allocations totaled $609.8 million, representing an increase of 1.2 percent compared to July 2014. July's payments are based on sales made in May.

Hegar said recently that preliminary state sales tax revenue in June was down by about 1.4% compared to June 2014.

"This slight decline was expected due to the slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector and is in line with the biennial revenue estimated presented in January," Hegar said.

Area Sales Tax Rebates

City	July '15	July '14	+/-	Year '15	Year '14	+/-
Abilene	$3,097,356.26	$3,158,920.55	-1.94%	$24,067,163.01	$23,170,732.51	3.86%
Big Spring	$716,926.61	$783,667.53	-8.51%	$5,864,331.80	$5,446,255.33	7.67%
Colorado City	$51,443.82	$65,191.00	-21.08%	$428,031.79	$526,401.72	-18.68%
Lamesa	$124,845.93	$124,888.50	-0.03%	$971,570.70	$939,919.01	3.36%
Loraine	$1,485.29	$908.91	63.41%	$17,380.35	$11,588.81	49.97%
Lubbock	$4,674,861.40	$4,737,304.96	-1.31%	$37,474,840.12	$35,765,101.01	4.78%
Mitchell Co.	$25,807.76	$36,084.80	-28.48%	$231,034.89	$295,495.09	-21.81%
Post	$68,803.01	$102,508.26	-32.88%	$612,282.26	$745,051.08	-17.82%
Roby	$2,662.74	$3,753.93	-29.06%	$21,475.86	$22,324.36	-3.80%
Rotan	$15,029.82	$15,176.14	-0.96%	$121,809.60	$123,264.86	-1.18%
Snyder	$235,451.10	$344,504.66	-31.65%	$2,179,391.00	$2,352,998.08	-7.37%
Sweetwater	$282,074.82	$263,842.45	6.91%	$2,166,573.31	$2,120,271.80	2.18%
Westbrook	$2,935.16	$3,083.58	-4.81%	$38,746.30	$15,903.98	143.62%



SNAKE HANDLER - During last week's heavy rains, this little rattler was flushed out of his bed on Lone Wolf Creek and was discovered by Fidel Silva sunning on the #8 green at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Water covered half of the #8 fairway last week at Wolf Creek.

Blacksmith tools to be on display at Spade Reunion

It's time, again, to remember the times of old and come together to celebrate today. The 49th Annual Spade Community Reunion is set to be held at the end of this month, and plans are being made for the big day.

The annual reunion is set to be held Saturday, July 25th in the activities building of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City, located at the corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets. Registration begins at 10 a.m. that morning, with lunch being served about noon.

Cost for the meal is $8.50 per plate. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Marie Boyd by July 20th so that final plans for the meal can be made.

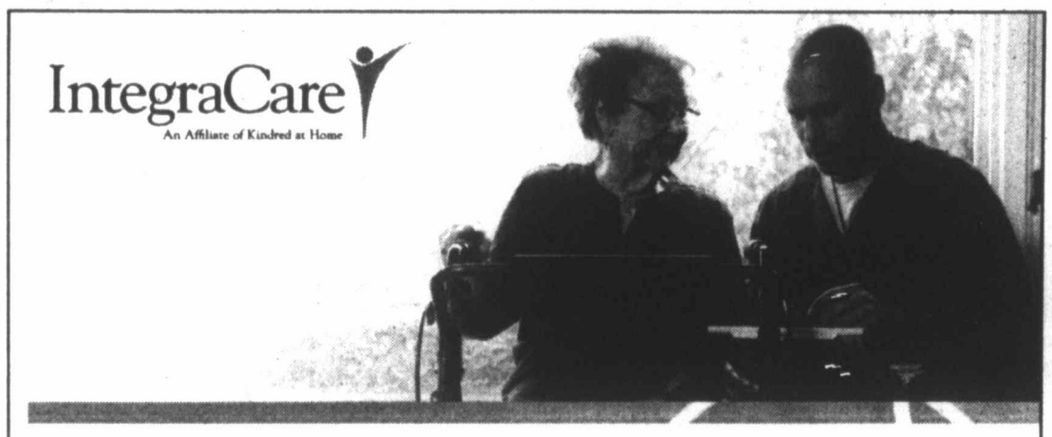
This year, organizers are planning a Blacksmith Tribute Tool Theme and program. Everyone planning to attend is asked to bring any small blacksmith brands or handmade pieces that made work easier. Blacksmiths repaired and fashioned tools and resharpened tools to make work more efficient. They also shod horses and repointed plows.

A Spade Cemetery work day was held Saturday, May 9th. Many volunteers donated the use of equipment, including three tractors, two dump trucks and a dump trailer.

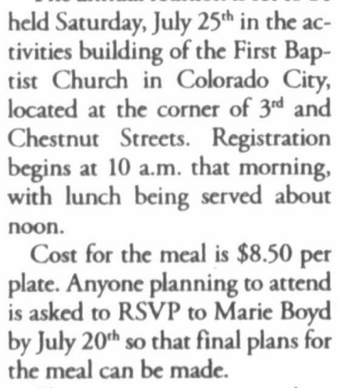
Volunteers also donated their time and efforts to build up the road that goes down the center of the cemetery with "Spade Ernie Dunson" gravel. Gene and Gary Kuhel drove many dump truck loads, and Monte Rich loaded every load. The gravel is an improvement toward an all-weather road.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join everyone for the Spade Reunion.











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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Mahjongg mania in Miles

I've always considered Mahjongg to be a sophisticated game played mostly in the northeastern states. To my surprise I have learned that the game is gaining in popularity in west and central Texas. And not just in the big cities. Miles is a town of about 800 people. About a dozen women have formed a club and play every Tuesday afternoon in Cherry and Bobby Kasberg's margarita shop (a story by itself). Cherry and Bobby have margarita machines they use in their catering business. Some weddings in places the size of Miles attract a thousand guests, so Cherry and Bobby have to take loads of equipment to satisfy the thirsty guests. They also serve pina coladas, keg beer and other alcoholic delights.

Some 200 people play Mahjongg in San Angelo. They are divided into the Monday group, the Tuesday group and so on and play once a week at a restaurant, church, country club or senior center. The median age is fifty and 99 percent of them are women. They eat and then play three hours or twelve games. Usually one or two people host a month of meetings.

In May of this year, the Tuesday group met in Miles, about a twenty-minute drive from San Angelo. Cherry says the first Tuesday drew just a few people, but the ones who made the trip had so much fun the following Tuesdays saw an increase in the numbers attending. Each night had a theme. One night was Hawaiian and they had a luau. The hostesses actually roasted a pig and wore flowers around their necks. They don't do things halfway in Miles. Cherry has a Mahjongg table that makes all kinds of mechanical moves to line up the tiles and roll the dice.

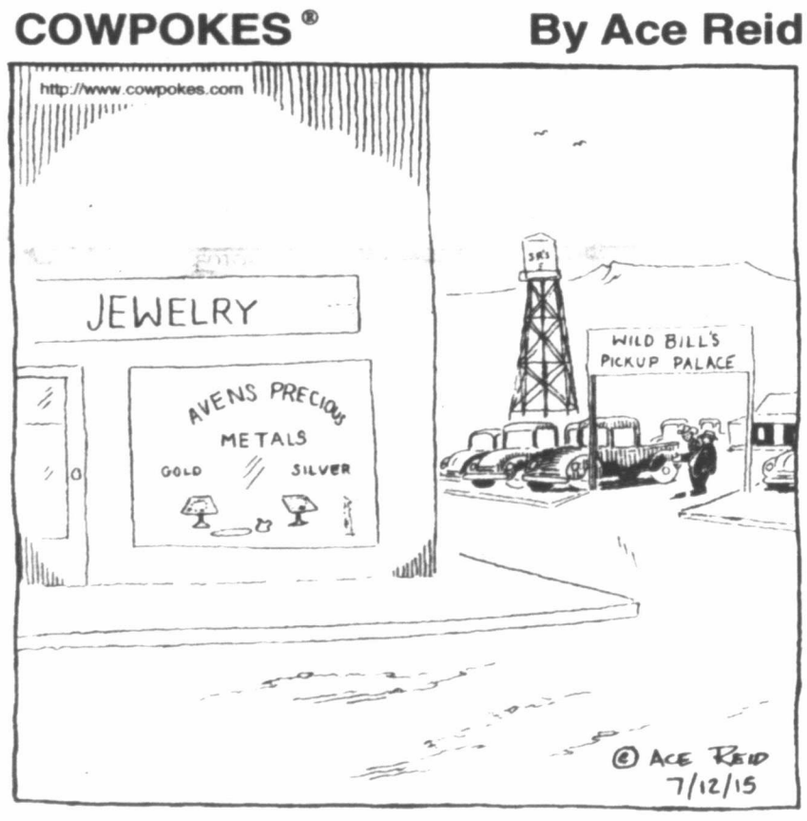
The last Tuesday of May the entire town went out for the 32 Mahjongg players who came to visit. They arrived around 3 PM and were given a card with the names of ten shops on them. Most of the shops had signs welcoming the visitors. The players were given the opportunity to shop and have their cards stamped at each store. The cards with all the stores stamped were entered into a drawing for $25. After the shopping spree (the stores stayed open late), the Mahjonggers were treated to a catered meal by Pit Stop Bar-b-que.

The games took place in the historic Miles Opera House. The eight tables had four players each and the games lasted the usual three hours. It was a dark and stormy night. Two bouts of hailstorms came during the evening, but they didn't disturb the players, even though some of the hailstones were the size of baseballs. Some cars were damaged, which gave the women even more to talk about with their friends and neighbors.

Betty Sue Minor is the Mahjongg Queen in San Angelo. She taught the game at Angelo State. She is a self-admitted Mahjongg addict and travels all over the state and beyond, convincing others they should play the game. She has a fancy Mahjongg table, too.

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What's all the hoopla about not issuing same sex marriage licenses?

By Teresa Beckmeyer

What's all the hoopla about? Didn't Texas county clerks take an oath to uphold the constitution of the state of Texas?

Unless you have been living off planet, are totally off the gird, or have purposely checked out, you are probably aware that the Supreme Court/SCOTUS has ruled that every state in the United States will recognize same sex marriage. Up until this point, this issue has been left to the individual states as the tenth amendment to the US constitution very simply provides: Amendment X: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. But, SCOTUS thought it best to go beyond and now we have this ruling.

As I am writing this, 28 counties in Texas have decided that they will not issue these licenses (by law, only clerks shall issue licenses. The other offices such as judges and justices of the peace may issue them. Funny how these little words can change so much). How can this be? Isn't it now the law? These counties are rogue. They are going against the law. These clerks took an oath to uphold the constitution. These clerks are wrong for what they are doing..... or are they? Herein lies the dilemma.

When our country was new and just beginning, there were existing bodies of laws for different areas of the newly found land mass that was named America. There were boundaries for these areas and people living in these areas had their own forms of government separate from each other. (Remember, the government closest to the people is the one that governs the most justly and efficiently.)

When leaders of these existing entities, colonies as they were called at the time, started seeing that they could get more done together than separately, they came together and formed a union. It was at this point that the states were united, brought together. The states that are united form our country, the United States of America.

But how was this done? Bringing together the already existing forms of government in place and working together for a common purpose seemed almost impossible. In fact, there was much push back from those developing the way in which the individual areas would work together because they couldn't agree on how it should be done.

There were two camps of people, those that supported a federation of states in which a central federal government was delegated supremacy in a few specific areas and those that opposed this system. After much debating and problem solving, they finally came up with the constitution.

The first seven articles explain how the union would be organized. It contains things such as the three branches of government, how the constitution can be changed, etc.

Next came the first 10 amendments. These first ten amendments is what we call the Bill of Rights. (Remember these originators just left a tyrannical government, and they didn't want the same thing to happen to them again. They saw the value and necessity of having some framework in place to allow very limited governance in a central area as long as those in the union each had equal representation.)

It is in these first ten amendments that we find the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the freedom to assemble, the right to bear arms and others. So, not only do we have a state constitution, but we also have a federal constitution. Our state constitution pretty much agrees with the federal constitution ------or it did until this recent SCOTUS ruling and herein lies our dilemma.

When a county clerk comes into office, they take an oath. The oath contains the following statement: ....and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States and of this State.... At the present time, the constitution of the state of Texas contains the following amendment: Article 1, Section 32 (a) Marriage in this state shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman, (b) This state or a political subdivision of this state may not create or recognize any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

So, with the current ruling by the Supreme Court, the clerks are in a quandary. Do they break their oath and uphold the federal constitution or do they break their oath and uphold the state constitution?

Some clerks have chosen to resign due to their religious beliefs and it is within their right to do so. Others have chosen to uphold the constitution of the United States, which is in their right to do so. Then we have the 28 that are not issuing the same sex marriage licenses. I don't know the exact details in every one of these 28 cases, but I know that some have chosen to uphold the constitution of the state of Texas. They are well within their right also, and it is sure that some of these clerks will end up in a court battle defending their decision to uphold their oath in regards to the Texas constitution.

Whatever route these clerks have taken in regards to their oath, be it that of upholding the federal constitution or the state, the only way to keep them from breaking their oath would be to resign.

So, if you hear state or national news speaking bad of these clerks that have chosen to uphold the constitution of the state of Texas, please take a moment to really think about what is going on. Do we continue to become a nation that is leaving our form of government as it was intended---a representative Republic, or do we stand up and say enough is enough? The choice is yours to make.

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The Mitchell County groundwater aquifer is fossil stream bed gravels amid highly localized shales and sands deposited in mudflats.

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"Water tables" are mingled by wells and are never static in Mitchell County, (because of both natural recharge and withdrawals). A well may be improved or hindered by adjacent wells, only the latter in often noticed.

Geology is an "inexact science" even more so in the Mitchell County aquifer.

Data gathered by "experts" can be dangerous in the hands of a government guided by quacks, heading to water boards and climate change tyranny.

Superstition abounds and landowners (water owners) are abused as a result.

But, that's the trend in America.

Tea Anyone?

Troy Powell

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Green Tree Servicing LLC, Jessica Barreres VP to Tyler C Kelly, Release of Lien/DT.

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Mitchell County Sheriff, Alice Winn, Patrick Toombs Sheriff, Estate of Manuel E Hull, Jessie E Hull to City of Colorado City, Colorado ISD, Lone Wolf Ground Water District, Mitchell County Indiv/Ttee, Sheriffs Deed.

American Standard Energy Corp, Ryan Morick Assoc Dctr to Patrick J Murphy Ttee, Christopher M Stoltz Ttee, Cortland Capital Market Services LLC, Appoint Sub Ttee.

City National Bank to Donald Wood, Abstract Judgemt.

City National Bank to Michael Vasquez, Abstract Judgemt.

MARRIAGES

John Villa Pantoja to Marina Lorena Zamarron on 7/06/15.

Tommy Lee Mosher to Eduvina Silva on 7/9/15.

ARRESTS

Laston Stephens, 39, CCPD, DWI Wrnt #19327, 07/06/15.

Ector Beltran Mireles, 23, Sterling Co., Purch Alcohol to Minor, 07/06/15.

Michael Mejia, 47, Nolan Co., Indecency w/Child, 07/08/15.

Jamie Espinoza, 20, CCPD, Criminal Trespass, Theft, 07/08/15.

Raymond L Matthew, 54, MCSO, 69097 Agg Assault, 07/09/15.

LOCAL NEWS

Commissioners begin budget workshop for the 2016 year

The Mitchell County Commissioners began holding budget workshops this week to develop a budget for the coming 2016 fiscal year that begins January 1st for the county. Representatives for the Board of Economic Development and the Mitchell County Public Library were the first to make known requests for respective departments.

Woody Anderson and Bobby Lemons came before the court as representatives of the BOED. Anderson began by saying the board took into consideration the decreased values facing the county. He said the board is requesting a budget that is 30% less than the $490,000 of last year.

Funds requested for the Mitchell County Sports Complex is down about 25% from last year.

The housing provided for Texas Department of Criminal Justice officers is also asked to be reduced 26%. Anderson said that with an annual budget of $39,600, the facility should begin to turn a profit. TDCJ housing is offered at the old Loraine Manor building in Loraine. Seven rooms are rented for $100 per room per month.

"It's been a huge plus to the prison system," Anderson said. The Wallace/Ware Units in Colorado City benefit from the housing, because it helps with staffing.

Mention was made that the county may be in the market to offer the same kind of housing in Colorado City.

Head Librarian Brigada Hiser and two library board members, Bob Reily and Sandy Sheets, came before the court to make requests for the budget. Hiser requests small increases be made to the library's budget.

The librarian said she is increasing her e-Book offerings through the library and would like to see a $500 increase to supply more newspapers and magazines. There are currently about 170 people who "rent" periodicals and magazines. If the increase is granted, that part of the library's budget will total $2,500.

As she has been experiencing trouble with lights and ballasts, Hiser also requested an additional $600 for maintenance on the library building.

The Summer Reading Program at the public library has grown by leaps and bounds over the last couple of years, and Hiser would like to see commissioners ok the funds to bring a part-time temporary employee up to full-time status next summer.

The last couple of years Brooke Womack has served as the seasonal part-time worker, and Hiser said she had been a great help. This year, 159 kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program, way up from 45 in 2010. There are regularly 80 to 100 kids that attend each week, with the highest attendance recorded at 99.

Hiser told court members that she is trying to involve the whole community by bringing in members of the fire department, police, EMS, and others. Library employees also partnered with Kelley Elementary, Loraine ISD and Westbrook ISD to drive up attendance and foster a love of reading for students during the summer.

The subject of Hiser's salary came into play during the workshop. She is asking commissioners to raise her salary. The librarian justified her request by telling court members the improvements she has been able to make in the public facility.

Since Hiser was named head librarian, she has applied for and secured $9,000 in grant money to update computers and software. Touchscreens have been added for those that have difficulty typing.

The University of North Texas has contacted Hiser and asked her to consider continuing her education through the ProGrant program. She said that, once she has finished, she will have a Master's degree. It is a program that chooses participants, and Hiser has been asked to participate.

Her biggest point in her presentation was that the library is used now more than ever and is a safe, helpful place for citizens of all ages. Hiser said that she and her staff provide one-on-one help to anyone who needs it, for everything from Social Security needs to helping citizens apply for jobs.

Budget workshops were set to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All requests will be considered by court members as they plan a budget for the next fiscal year.

AUDIT

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to between $1,200 and $1,300. She said she thinks that Hardegree is the only 4-H member from Mitchell County to be a state champion and qualify for the national contest.

Commissioner Jesse Munoz congratulated Hardegree and moved to approve the travel request. Jeremy Strain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Court members approved a request from both Mitchell County Justices of the Peace, Rick Grissam and James Williams. All citations that come through the JP offices at the courthouse will now go into the NET Data system when they are uploaded by law enforcement personnel.

NET Data will allow secure online payments to be made for citations. In order to pay for the service, fees on citations will increase by $2 per ticket.

Previously, Williams and Grissam have had to dismiss tickets because time limits have run out before the tickets were turned in by busy officers, NET Data will make the issue a thing of the past, as tickets can now be paid online as soon as they are uploaded each day by DPS State Troopers.

Two bids for property and casualty insurance were opened during the meeting. First Service Insurance submitted a bid, as did Texas Association of Counties. County Auditor Heidi Harris will go over the bids comprehensively and bring her recommendation back to the court.

City-wide garage sale to be held August 1st

The end of summer is quickly approaching, and time is running short to hold a garage sale and get rid of all the extra stuff in your closets and garage. The *Colorado City Record* will provide you with the opportunity to earn some extra cash while selling off your unwanted items.

The annual city-wide garage sale will be held the weekend of August 1st, and timing is perfect for anyone wishing to hold a sale.

The first weekend in August should be a great time to sell back-to-school clothes that are still in good shape, along with all other wares. Family members and friends can get together to share the work and share the proceeds.

This year, the *Record* will run individual garage sale ads for the city-wide sale in the July 30th edition. Prices start at $7 per ad, for the first 25 words. Additional words will be 10 cents each. Deadline to advertise is Tuesday, July 28th at noon.

Come to the *Record* office to put in your ad, and you will receive two free garage sale signs to help mark your sale location. The more people participating, the better the results. More sales mean more shoppers, and more shoppers mean more money for you!

Mark your calendars and make plans now to participate in the city-wide garage sales on August 1st.

WRECK

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interstate onto the south service road near FirstBank & Trust for about three hours.

Local firefighters used hydrocarbon foam to wash diesel off the interstate before traffic was allowed to pass through the area. The foam eats the hydrocarbons in the fuel to prevent contamination, fire and decrease slickness on the roadway. Fire Chief Rick Goodney said firefighters were on the scene until about 10 p.m.

Distracted driving is the cause of many accidents, and not paying attention while driving can be fatal. Fortunately, that wasn't the case Monday evening.

"We were lucky no one was hurt worse than what they were," Sheriff Toombs said Tuesday.

LORAINE

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killed the livestock. However, three of Barrera's dogs have been shot, a mother and two four-month-old puppies.

Barrera claimed that the neighbor has been harassing her family and almost started a fight in front of her house on July 4th. She has been calling the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office, but deputies have said they cannot do anything because they cannot enforce city ordinances.

Mayor Richard Alvarez told Barrera that the city will send a letter to Mr. Acevedo, notifying him to remove the livestock from his property.

Council member JoAnn Mahon addressed an issue she has been having with excessive noise coming from the Rockin' H Bar & Grill. The business is located across the street from Mahon's residence. The councilwoman said that she doesn't have the problem very often and described the bar owners as being good neighbors.

Mahon said that some of the live bands that play at the business tend to have music too loud, and it rattles her windows and prevents her and her husband from sleeping.

One of the bar's owners, Sandy Perrin, said that she and owner Chad Harman are trying to do something good for the city of Loraine by bringing bands to entertain people. Recently, the city council asked Perrin and Harman to end the live music before the set time of 1 a.m. on Saturday nights, and the establishment has abided by the request.

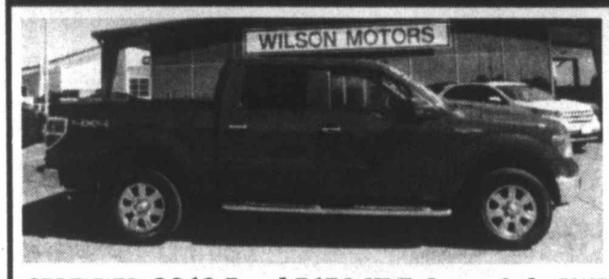
Both Perrin and Mayor Alvarez agreed that citizens, city officials and business owners must work together for the good of Loraine. No decision was made, but everyone agreed to a little give and take to come to a workable solution for all parties.

Mark and Shelly Diaz addressed the council, saying they are concerned that not everyone is being treated fairly by city employees. Mark said he was charged the $20 late fee for underpaying his water bill by seven cents, but earlier in the year, Shelly wasn't charged the late fee when payment was actually late.

Mayor Alvarez said that late fees are generated by the computer but can be taken off by city office personnel. He instructed City Secretary Jamie Muñoz and Kristi Eivens to make sure to charge late fees to everyone and treat everyone fairly.

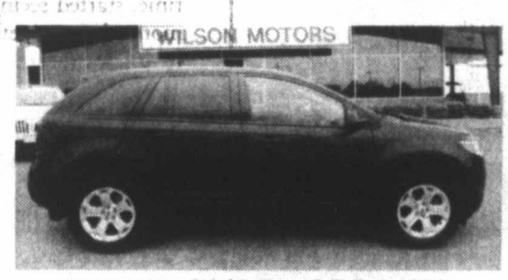
After a discussion in closed session, Councilman Max Tillman moved to rewrite city job descriptions and work order sheets to include a space for times, dates and the results of the work completed.

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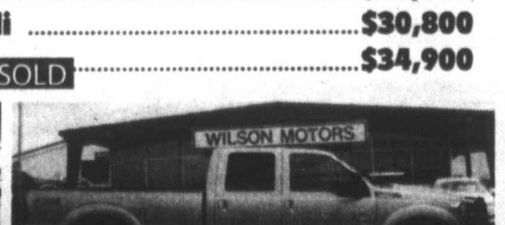
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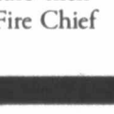


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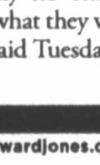
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Oncor warns citizens of recent scam

Citizens in this area have been receiving calls about their electricity bills being past due. Callers identify themselves as Oncor employees, but the calls are a scam, and people should be warned not to become victims of fraud.

Scammers are calling customers and telling them they are behind on their electric bills. They advise people to purchase a prepaid power card at a local store and give them an account to transfer the money to avoid disconnection of service.

Jim Clements, Oncor Area Manager, said that the electric delivery company is aware that the scams are taking place in this service territory. In an email to the *Record*, Clements said that Oncor does not bill customers for electricity use and does not call customers for payment.

Oncor is an electric delivery company, delivering electricity to more than 3.2 million homes and businesses in Texas. Electricity customers can choose which retail electric provider to use.

In the email, Clements went on to say that Oncor employees also do not go door-to-door soliciting customers' information to assist with electric rates. Also, when Oncor representatives are working in the field, they always carry company identification.

Clements advises citizens to call Oncor if they receive a call or meet someone who claims to work for the company, if they are unsure. To speak with an Oncor representative, call 888-313-6862. He also said that anyone concerned for their safety should call 911 immediately.



AWARD-WINNING ARTIST – Nathalie Kelley from Snyder is an award-winning artist and member of the West Texas Art Guild. She is the featured artist for July, and her artwork is on display and for purchase in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust in Colorado City.

Kelley's artwork on display at local FirstBank and Trust

Nathalie Kelley is a full-time, award-winning artist, and she is also the featured West Texas Art Guild artist for the month of July. Her watercolor works are on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust in Colorado City. Everyone is welcome to visit the bank and take a look.

Kelley's watercolors have won many awards, including two in the Western Federation of Watercolors Show. With a heart to promote art and the love of art, she belongs to several art organizations. She is a Signature Member of Artists of Texas, a member of the West Art Guild, a member and board member of West Texas Watercolor Society, a member of the Midland Palette Club and Snyder Palette Club.

Kelley's art ranges from watercolor realism to abstract compositions. Mostly self-taught, much of her art background comes from the heritage of artistic parents and grandparents. She grew up watching her parents paint beautiful landscapes in oil.

"I wasn't born with a paintbrush in my hand but almost. I grew up watching my mom and dad paint almost daily and on just about any surface," Kelley said. "My maternal granddad was a sign painter and my dad's mom and step-dad were landscape and seascape artists. I was allowed to paint and experiment, but they also taught me many valuable techniques."

One of her earliest memories is the making and selling of her artwork. At age five, she took a handful of her art around her neighborhood. To her delight, she sold every piece.

In her youth, most of Kelley's artwork was in oil and primarily landscapes, but in the 1990s she was captivated by the beauty and challenges of watercolors. Her artwork ranges from the small, tiny pieces to wall-sized murals.

"I love color and the play of light and shadows. I also love collections and especially collections of old things. I am drawn to rust and reflections. The challenge of using watercolor to create realism captivates me. It is easy for me to get immersed in the process of seeing beyond the surface," Kelley said.

Her internationally collected artwork graces numerous businesses, homes, offices, and churches. Her commissioned works include various murals for private and corporate collections; portraits; silk flags for worship celebrations; and the illustrations for several children's books, The Little Lamp, It Happened One Day in Texas, Zombie Meatloaf, and Student's Book About Creation.

Kelley and her husband, Joe, live in Snyder. She teaches multiple art classes at Western Texas College on the Square. She offers workshops and painting classes to assist others in their own artistic expression.

"My latest adventure is exploring the possibilities of using water media and paper to produce a variety of components to create abstract collage pieces. Whatever medium I use, my hope is that my art will inspire you, bless you, encourage you, or simply just make you feel good," Kelley said. "With all my art, I want to 'show forth the praises of Him who called me out of darkness into His marvelous light,'" (1 Peter 2:9).

Anyone interested in contacting Kelley can do so by emailing info@nathaliekelleyart.com or visiting her website www.nathaliekelleyart.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Record number of farms, ranches certified under farm bill conservation compliance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that over 98.2 percent of producers have met the 2014 Farm Bill requirement to certify conservation compliance to qualify for crop insurance premium support payments.

Implementing the 2014 Farm Bill provisions for conservation compliance is expected to extend conservation provisions for an additional 1.5 million acres of highly erodible lands and 1.1 million acres of wetlands, which will reduce soil erosion, enhance water quality, and create wildlife habitat.

"This overwhelming response is a product of USDA's extensive outreach and the commitment of America's farmers to be stewards of the land," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By investing in both American farmers and the health of our productive lands, we are ensuring future generations have access to fertile soil, healthy food supplies, and a strong rural economy."

USDA has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that every impacted producer knew of the June 1, 2015 deadline to certify their conservation compliance. For example, all 2015 crop insurance contracts included conservation compliance notifications. USDA has sent out more than 50,000 reminder letters and postcards to individual producers, made over 25,000 phone calls, conducted informational meetings and training sessions for nearly 6,000 stakeholders across the country, including in major specialty crop producing states with affected commodity groups, and more. Since December 2014, USDA collaborated with crop insurers to ensure they had updated lists for agents to continue contacting producers to also remind them of the filing deadline.

Of the small number of producers who have not certified their conservation compliance, USDA records suggest the majority are no longer farming or may have filed forms with discrepancies that can still be reconciled. The Farm Service Agency is proactively reaching back out to all of these producers before their sales closing date and working with individuals facing extenuating circumstances who have not filed the form in order to assist them with certifying compliance.

"I've asked the agencies to contact the producers again before their sales closing date," said Vilsack. "I want to ensure that every producer that turned in an AD-1026 by June 1, 2015, knows they can still make corrections and remain eligible for premium support."

USDA is providing additional flexibility to help the newly insured producers to certify their conservation compliance. For example, producers, who began farming or ranching after June 1, or producers who have not participated in USDA programs prior to June 1, can file an exemption to the conservation compliance certification for reinsurance year 2016 and still be eligible for the crop insurance premium support.

The Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form (AD-1026) is available at local USDA Service Centers or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/AD-1026form.

The recent announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

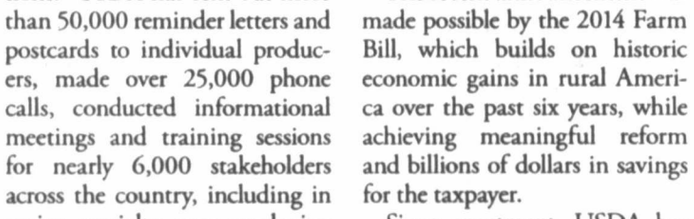
Since enactment, USDA has implemented many provisions of this critical legislation, providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



READY FOR CAMP – The Colorado City Rotary Club donated $1,000-worth of camping supplies to the local Boy Scouts Troop 226. Scouts Adam Hernandez, Lathan Limones, Dominic Espinoza, Brandon Garza, Caden Olvera, Matthew Rivera, Nate Rivera, Cody Gingrich, Carson Mitchell and Ethan Salazar, along with Scoutmaster Bubba Limones, are all ready for camp. *Photo courtesy of Margo Connell.*

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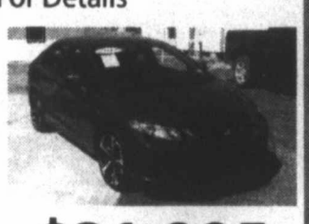
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Local media honored by CISD

Stephanie Perez of the Colorado City Record, Jim Baum of KVMC/KAUM and Ismael Silva of NTS Communications was named to the 2015 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by (District) Colorado ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media from newspapers, radio and television stations, and online publications across the state were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Andra Self, TASB president.

In most cases, local school boards passed a formal resolution and presented a personalized certificate to their nominated news media.

TASB is a nonprofit organization established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5.1 million public school students.

August 24 is filing deadline for place on hospital board

Filing is open to citizens wanting to serve their community by running for a spot on the Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to do so can pick up an application in the administrative office at the hospital until the deadline of Monday, August 24th.

Administrative Assistant Karen Holmen said that she has applications in her office, and interested citizens are welcome to stop by anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick one up. All applications must be filled out and returned by the deadline of August 24th.

The positions up for election are currently filled by board members Jerry Reynolds, Patty Pharis, Florence Bodine and Cheryl Warren. Holman said that Reynolds and Pharis have already filed to run for re-election.

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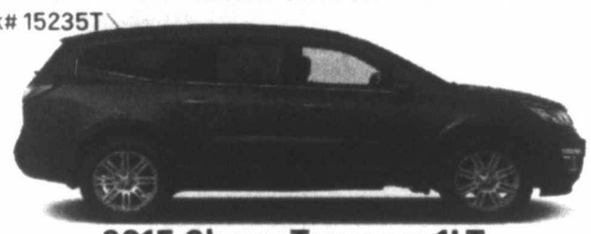
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July 25	Basic Kayaking Class	Lake C-City State Park
July 21	2nd Session Swim Lessons	City Pool
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Mission C-City starts Sunday, July 19th

Many activities planned throughout the community

Local congregations of several churches are working together to hold another Mission C-City this year. Activities are set to begin on Sunday, July 19th and various things will take place through Friday, July 24th.

A prayer service and commissioning meeting will kick things off on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Groups will be walking around the various ministry sites handing out flyers to promote the Backyard Bible Clubs that will be held during the week.

High school aged youth will meet that evening from 8 to 10 p.m. at Desert Rain in a casual "coffee house" atmosphere. They will be enjoying music and snacks, and everyone is welcome.

Nick Shrode has formed a group of volunteers that will be performing yard mowing services throughout the week, each morning from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The services will be provided to those who are not able to take care of the chore themselves. Shrode has a Facebook page for citizens to contact him if they know anyone who might be in need of these services.

All children in the community are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all of the Backyard Bible Clubs that will be held during the week. Two will be held each weekday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., one at Paredes Park and another at Ruddick Park.

Lunch will be provided for all Mission C-City volunteers each weekday at 11:45 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Gym.

During the afternoons, there will be additional mowing and more construction-type projects taking place around the community. Several members of local youth groups will be scraping and painting homes that are being improved by Christmas in Action.

On Tuesday, July 21st, volunteers will be delivering meals for lunch and dinner to nursing home staff. FBC Youth Director Lori Dockrey said that while these folks always provide care and meals for nursing home residents, volunteers would like to show God's love by taking care of the employees too.

Ministry services will be held on Tuesday at the Mitchell County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 5 p.m. Patricia Gillespie will be providing piano music, and there will be plenty of fellowship at that time as well.

On Thursday, July 23rd, a worship rally will be held at the west pavilion in Ruddick Park near the City Pool. Joyful Noise will be rocking the park, and everyone is welcome. Free swimming will be provided from 8 to 10 p.m. that evening to all who attend.

First Baptist Church will hold an outdoor movie night on Friday, July 24th. The movie will be shown on the west wall outside the gym from 8 to 11 p.m. Dockrey advised those attending to bring chairs and plenty of bug spray.

Besides the activities already mentioned, several distributions will take place during the week by volunteers.

Popsicles will be delivered to the City Pool during break times Tuesday afternoon. Watermelons and drinks will be shared with construction and road workers on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers will be delivering snack trays to hospital and EMS personnel Tuesday and Wednesday and snack trays to CISD summer staff also on those days. Watermelons will be delivered to some of the RV parks around town on Wednesday evening around 7:30 p.m.

Dockrey said that volunteers from several community churches will be participating. "We are looking for needs in the community and trying to meet them," she said.

Baum speaks to local Lions Club Friday

Community Close Up guessing game played by group

Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum, who is a Lion himself, presented a different kind of a program to members and guests attending the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club. Baum played recordings of citizens, late and living, and asked club members to guess who was speaking.

He began the program by saying he has over 1500 tapes of countless interviews and often plays them on Community Close Up. When Baum bought the local radio station, Community Close Up was much different. It was scheduled programming that never varied from week to week.

As the current mayor began meeting Mitchell County citizens, he especially enjoyed talking to the elderly folks as they knew a lot about the history of this area. Baum said many of the citizens on tape describe an era that is long since passed.

One day, while he was at the radio station, two men from the historical depository at Texas Tech University paid him a visit. They were wanting to take some of the tapes to be preserved for history. While Baum couldn't part with any of the tapes at the time, he assured the audience that the tapes will eventually have a home there and will be converted to digital.

Baum then played excerpts from interviews from some well-known members and former members of the community. The voices of Frank Brownfield, Vickie Rees, Billy Joe Woods, Peggy Ratliff and Hollis Gainey were among several played last Friday.

Baum has been taping interviews for 35 years as the owner of KVMC/KAUM, Colorado City.

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CITY

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The city manager pointed out that the city's five-year bank balance stands at $968,394.45 when grant funds are taken out. He said that the city has been having to pull funds out of the reserve each month to meet the costs of expenditure because revenue has not been coming in at the rate expected.

Hoover said that the staff at city hall is taking a look at the city's budget to see what amendments can be made to reduce expenses. Hiser suggested that all capital investments and expenses be put on hold until it is more financially feasible for the city.

Hoover agreed, saying, "We can't keep using our reserves."

Any future budget amendments will come before the council for consideration.

In other business, the council appointed Sylvia Clanton to calculate and publish the city's effective tax rate for 2015. Denna Dickard is usually the person responsible for those duties, but she didn't get enough Continuing Education Credits to be eligible for the job this year.

An agreement between the city and FGE Texas I, LLC was approved by the council. Rockefeller told council members that nothing of substance had changed in the agreement. The contract reflects an extension requested by the power company.

A discussion regarding an option to revoke the free landfill day was held by the council. Hoover said that the free day often results in a lot of dumping that does not come from Colorado City. His concern is that people from out-of-town are coming to dump their debris and using the free landfill day to do so.

Hoover also recommended that the area in Ruddick Park that is fenced off for the dumping of brush and limbs be moved out to the landfill. He said that people are dumping bags of trash, old furniture and other things that aren't supposed to be dumped in that area.

He said that relocating the area to the landfill would relieve some of the strain on city crews who have to haul the stuff out to the landfill.

Hoover said he was aware that local citizens need something that is available to them during off-hours, so the council discussed several options.

Ultimately, the decision was made to table the idea until Hoover can talk with the county to see if the entity is interested in doing some in-kind of agreement to let citizens living in Mitchell County participate in the free landfill day, along with Colorado City citizens.

Krista Carrillo approached the council during the meeting to ask for permission to use the civic center at a reduced fee, so she can hold Zumba classes in the facility three evenings per week. Carrillo said she would also be holding an early morning class for school personnel once the school year started.

The council approved her request temporarily until things like cost of electricity and the city's liability can be reviewed.

The Strain family has been in touch with city officials, as new rules at the airport are causing trouble for the famiy that has a large cattle operation on land surrounding the facility.

Airport manager David Allen said that he has had issues with people who work for the cattle operation driving down the airport's live taxiway with pickup and trailers. Hiser said that the family has been allowed to do that for years, and a discussion needs to be held with Strain family members to come to an agreement now that the airport is being developed.

"We're going to have to find a different way to do business," Hiser said.

A request by the family to install a cattleguard at the airport was tabled until Hoover can get in touch with them and a discussion can take place about what is expected of the city and what's expected of the Strain family.

After a long closed session, no action was taken on matters regarding police department personnel. No one was appointed as chief of police, as may was expected. Traven Berrie is still acting chief at this time.

There was also no action taken on a discussion held in closed session regarding the recent incident that happened at the airport.



WRONG WAY? It may look like Johnathan Rankin is jumping toward the diving board at the City Pool, but he is actually perfectly executing a Half-Gainer. He was one of many enjoying the refreshing, cool water on a hot day.

CISD

FROM PAGE 1A

$3,000 above base pay mandated by the state, and with bonuses given at Christmas, local teachers get about $3,500 above base.

The state has increased its required base by about $560, so CISD will keep paying the same above-base salary and will add the $560 to that. First-year teachers' salaries will now start at $31,080, compared to $30,540 before the increase.

Other professional personnel who currently receive stipends will also see an increase on their paychecks. Next year, the elementary counselor will see an increase to $5,000 per year on the stipend, but he/she will also be responsible for duties from pre-k to 4th grade, instead of pre-k to 2nd grade.

Board members approved increasing the amount of money contributed toward health insurance premiums for CISD personnel. Last year, CISD paid $265 of employees' insurance premiums. That amount will increase to $300 for the 2015-16 school year.

Spencer said the contributions help attract quality personnel to the district and help retain the quality staff that already works for CISD. "I think it is a great benefit for all our employees," he said Monday night.

The increase in contributions will cost the district about $58,000.

Cafeteria personnel will also see an increase in their paychecks. First year cafeteria workers will make $8.75 per hour, up from $8.49 last year. Cafeteria personnel with 20 years under their belt will make $13.33 per hour, an increase of 39 cents per hour from last year's pay.

Each year, the cafeteria director goes over information to make sure CISD's meal prices are in line with what is required by the state. White said that increases to meal prices at Colorado Middle School would be required for the upcoming school year.

The board approved the necessary increases, and student meals will cost $2.10, a small increase from $2. Also, staff meals will cost $3.50 instead of $3.

Fuller Foods was awarded the bid to supply bread, milk and juice to CISD. The local supermarket submitted one of three bids. The other two were from Gandy's and Borden.

White said that while milk costs a bit more from Fuller Foods, the savings on juice more than makes up what they pay for milk.

A construction update was given regarding the new campus by Compass Builders' Charlie Price. Last week's concrete paving pour had to be canceled after Tuesday's heavy rains. The pour has been rescheduled for 4 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Price said that lots of inside work is ongoing, such as installation of light fixtures and painting. He said that seats were scheduled to be installed in the new gym soon, air conditioners are being connected and the maple for the gym floors will be allowed to acclimate so they can be installed in three to four weeks.

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SPORTS

State tournament to begin in Colorado City Monday

Players, coaches and fans for 14 teams will be headed to Colorado City to compete in the Texas Teenage League's State Junior League Baseball Tournament. The tournament is set to be held at the Mitchell County Sports Complex Monday through Friday, July 20-24.

Teams coming to town include the DeLeon Bearcats, Stephenville Optimist Mets, Stephenville Mongooses, Lovelady Lions, Grapeland Sandies, Copperas Cove Brewers, Dublin Astros, Ballinger Elite, Winters Royals, Ennis Rangers, Ennis Cubs and the Roscoe Plowboys, along with a team from Brownwood. The Colorado City Braves will also be competing in the tournament for baseball players ages 13-15.

Play will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, July 20th. While games will be held mostly all day, there will be a break during the hottest part of the day and games will resume in the evening.

The championship game is set to be played Friday, July 24th.

Admission to the tournament will be $5 for adults and $3 for students ages 5 to 17. Adult four-day passes cost $15 and student passes are $12. All admission funds go to Texas Teenage League.

A full concession stand will be available, providing food, drinks and snacks to baseball fans.

Michelle Potter, league secretary, said that teams will be drawn on Sunday, July 19th in order to fill the bracket. A state league representative will attend the meeting when names are drawn to oversee the procedures.

Potter said the local league is looking for volunteers to help with traffic, parking and the gate. Anyone interested should contact Michelle Potter at 325-650-1559 or Mindy Hale at 325-242-2127.



3RD PLACE—Colorado City's 6th grade girls placed 3rd at the Southwest Hoops tournament this past weekend in Lubbock. Pictured are (back row l-r) Morgan Munoz, Emmaly Rivera, Krysta Stephens, Alina Hernandez, Mia Monroe, Coach Marcus Monroe; front row, Kayla Casares, Madison Sims and Lina Rivera. *Photo courtesy of Marcus Monroe.*

Kayaking class set July 25th

With water levels on the rise at Lake Colorado City, there's no time like the present to go out and take part in some of the programs that are going on at the state park. Superintendent Kyle O'Haver will hold a basic kayaking class on Saturday, July 25th.

The class will be two hours in duration and will begin at 9 a.m. that morning. Basic skills for kayaking and canoeing will be taught to all those participating. Anyone wishing to join in must call the park ahead of time, as seating is limited.

There is no program fee for this class but entrance fees to the park are required. Personal flotation devices are available at the park, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own lifejacket if possible. Likewise, kayaks and canoes will be provided, or those participating can bring their own.

There is no cost for the program however you will still need to pay daily entrance fees of $4 per adult and children 12 and under are free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no charge.

For any additional information please call the Lake Colorado City State Park office at (325) 728-3931.



WATER FUN – Lake Colorado City State Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver and his daughter Sibley enjoy a little kayaking once in a while. O'Haver will provide a basic kayaking class on Saturday, July 25th. It's free and everyone is welcome. Call the park to reserve a spot. *Photo courtesy of Kyle O'Haver.*

Good luck to all the Texas Teenage League teams that will be playing in the State Tournament next week in Colorado City!

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GARAGE SALE
Sat., July 18
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GARAGE SALE
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RESIDENTIAL

NEW! 1620 Locust - Very nice, well maintained cottage style home. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath with living room and den/dining area and an eat-in kitchen. Has lot of closets for storage and a detached garage. This is a charming house and will not last long. Priced to sell at $80,000.
NEW! 1202 E. 10th - Neat and well-built older home, built in 1940. It is spacious and has a large eat-in kitchen with stainless stell appliances. Large 1/2 acre corner lot with trees and garden area in back. Close to the new K-8 school and the high school. Has a master bath with a walk-in shower. On the corner of 10th and Eastover St. Priced to sell at $82,500.
NEW! 737 Waco St - Small 3 bedroom, 1 bath could be a cute starter home or an investment property for a handyman or fixer upper. It has a storage building and a carport and large shade trees. Backyard has a chain link fence. $30,000
NEW! 1220 E. 17th- 3-2-2 with wood burning stove, large shop/garage and separate storeroom in back. Across from CHS. $129,500
NEW! Between E. 20th and E. 21st- 6 Lots located between E. 20th and E. 21st. Zoned R-1 for single family residential. Lots are partially cleaned off on 20th St. side $30,000.
REDUCED! 2696 LCR 252- UNDER CONTRACT!
NEW! 806 LCR 315- Just updated 2 bed, 2 bath home on deeded lake property. Detached outbuilding has 3 rooms, could be turned into guest quarters. $79,000.
REDUCED! 606 Reeves Loraine- 2008 Laredo single-wide M. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, laundry room, carport and on 2 lots in Loraine. $45,000.
603 S. Main St. Loraine- SOLD!
REDUCED! 100 Blk of E. 21st - 3 Duplexes all currently full. Each unit has 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, carport and storage area. $380,000.
REDUCED! 520 E. 7th- SOLD!
7808 CR 395, Snyder, TX- Open floor plan with 2 living areas, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath.

COMMERCIAL

I-20 Frontage - 221.73 acres I-20 frontage. Great potential for variety of commercial uses. $10,000 per acre.

LAND

52.96 acres long I-20 and going deep to 18th St. Land is zoned for commercial to residential. Call for specifics. $650,000.

MOBILE HOMES

Mobile home for sale: 80x14 with furniture. $8,500 Leave message. (214) 886-1008.

RENTALS

3 Bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A. (325) 320-8058

House for Rent: Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. $650/ month and $350/deposit. No pets. 728-8404

Houses for rent: 1110 Nicolasa; 1114 Nicolasa; 2658 FM 1229 South of Colorado City and about 3 miles out; 2818 S. 163; and one COMMERCIAL building for rent 1709 Westpoint. (940) 644-5500 Ask for Anna or LeeAnn.

926 Marshall, $750 per month, all appliances, washer and dryer. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. (325) 728-9103

1 Bedroom Apartment. $495/ Month with $99 security deposit. Call Gill at (325) 728-8254.

For lease: Office space 1928 Austin St., Colorado City, TX. Call (325) 242-0609.

For Rent: 2 Bedroom with major appliances. Call 242-0582.

One room cabin. Country quiet, screened porch, fully furnished, all utilities paid. Weekly/monthly. (325) 868-0254

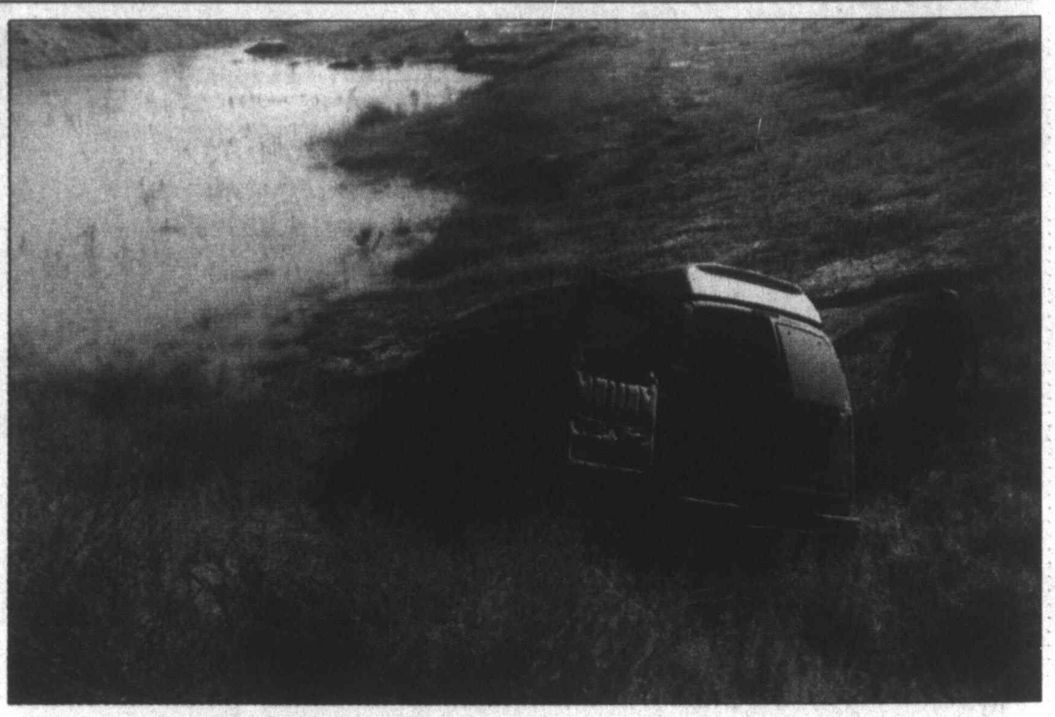
Nice large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,100 sq. ft. Quiet/Private community on Lake Colorado City. $775/month. Pet fee, No inside smoking. Call (702) 281-2284.

FREE SIGN WITH GARAGE SALE PAYMENT! Call 728-3413.

LOCAL NEWS



DANGER FROM ABOVE - Bricks have been falling from the top of the Baker Hotel, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians and those parking their cars in front of it. Code Enforcement Officer Misty Rich will use the fire department's ladder truck to remove the loose bricks this week.



DISASTER AVOIDED – A local citizen lost control of his van and careened through a yard and into property on E. 10th Street owned by Colorado ISD before coming to a stop. The disabled man, who lives in the Colorado City Seniors Apartments, was not injured. *Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney.*

City of Loraine of hold special election to fill seats

The City of Loraine will hold a special election in August to elect two council members to serve on the city council there. There's still time to file, as the filing deadline is August 12th.

Two Loraine citizens, Shelly Diaz and Lewis Muñoz, have filed to run for the at-large seats. Anyone wishing to serve on the council can file at City Hall until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12th.

Early voting will be held at City Hall located at 111 S. Main in Loraine. Early Voting Clerk Jamie Muñoz will be overseeing voting between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on Monday, August 17th and ending Tuesday, August 25th.

For those wishing to vote by mail, applications for ballots must be received no later than the close of business on August 12th.

Recently, the council has been conducting city business, including major repairs to the town's lift station and looking into hiring a police officer. It is imperative that the two seats on the council are filled so that a full board can make the decisions facing Loraine.

On a positive note, sales tax payments have been higher for several months, adding funds to the city's budget.

If you've ever wanted to take your turn serving your community, the time is now in Loraine. Contact Muñoz at City Hall for more information, 325-737-2222.

No injuries reported in 10th Street accident

A man living in the Colorado City Seniors Apartments lost control of his van last Thursday, careened through a yard near the complex and ended up in the dirt pit across 10th Street from the new school campus. Luckily, the man's vehicle stopped short of going into the water, and he was not injured in the accident.

The call came in around 5:40 last Thursday evening notifying emergency personnel of the accident. Personnel from the Colorado City Police Department, the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department and Mitchell County EMS responded to the call.

Kevin James, age 68, was driving his handicap-equipped van out of the apartment complex. He reported that the knob on the steering wheel malfunctioned, causing him to not be able to control the vehicle.

James crossed 10th Street, traveled through the yard of Eddie and Ann Gregory and ended up on school property just west of the Gregory's house. EMS personnel checked the man but did not have to transport him to the hospital, as he was not injured.

Social network sites had many citizens speculating that the area was dangerous due to dirt being removed from the property leaving a large hole. However, law enforcement officials have said that the condition of the property had nothing to do with the accident, and the accident report confirms that it was malfunction of the vehicle that caused the wreck.

Though it is not necessary, Colorado ISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer said that the district will be putting up a pipe fence along the 10th Street side of the property. When construction of the new CISD campus is finished, a sheet metal fence will be put up along the eastern property line that is adjacent to the Gregory's property as well.

"As far as I know, we've followed every law and regulation," Spencer said after a school board meeting Monday night. "We will go above and beyond what's required."

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