

Go Wolves! Pluck the Hawks!

Bale Count
Tues., Nov. 16, 2004
Mit. Co. Gin.....1303
Producer's Coop.....1160
Loraine Coop.....410

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Answerline

Q. What is the average annual rainfall for Mitchell County?

A. According to the Texas Almanac the average annual rainfall in Mitchell County is 19.8 inches. There are several reports by individuals so far this year of receiving over 37 inches.

Briefly

Pep Rally & Victory Line
There will be a CHS community wide Pep Rally Saturday, November 20 at 2 p.m. at Wolf Stadium. Come cheer the Wolves on to a regional title. Help form a victory line that will stretch from Lone Wolf Cellular to the interstate and cheer the football players on as they leave for the game at 3:45.

CC Wolves Gloves
The CHS Band Boosters have black knit gloves with red Colorado City Wolves imprinting and paw prints for sale for only \$10 each. See Amy Market at City National Bank or call Melody Stubblefield at 728-8031.

Krispy Kreme Donuts
Project Celebration will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts Saturday, November 20 at Alco from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also at the football field at 2 p.m.

Project Celebration
A brief Project Celebration meeting will be held Thursday, November 18 at CHS immediately following the Financial Aid Workshop. Call Barbie Lelek for more information.

C-City Opry
The C-City Opry will be at the Loraine Senior Citizens Center to hold a benefit in their honor, Friday, November 19, 2004 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$5.

Christmas Trees
This year's Festival of Trees is in need of artificial trees. If you have a tree you would like to donate, please call the Chamber at 728-3403.

Thanksgiving Meal
Emmanuel Baptist Church (corner of 4th & Pine) would like to offer Thanksgiving meals to the elderly and shut-ins November 20, 2004. Call in orders are welcome by calling 728-4050 after 1:30 p.m. or 728-9135 after 5 p.m. and delivery will be available.

Financial Aid Workshop
CHS seniors and parents are invited to a college financial aid workshop night Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 6 p.m. in the CHS cafeteria.

KCCB Meeting
Keep Colorado City Beautiful will meet Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3rd and Chestnut. Please note the change of date from the fourth Thursday to the third Thursday. This change is for the holidays.

Deaths

**Billingsley,
Shepherd**

Around Town

Happy 50th birthday **Jug Boyd**...
Happy 6th birthday **Donndrie Fowler-Jones** (Nov. 18)...
Happy birthday **Dough Boy**...
Happy 10th birthday **Leslie Davila** (Nov. 17)...
Ask **Wes Chambliss** how to eat a tamale...
What makes **Chris Alvarez** scream...
Happy belated birthday **Jason Rodriguez** (Nov. 16)...
Happy birthday **Jennifer Rios** (Nov. 18)...
Joan Pierce enjoying a football game...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2064.66'
Full at 2,070.30'
Down 5.64'
Lake Champion.....2038.64'
Full at 2,083'
Down 44.36'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004



BEFORE THE RAINS, Producers Coop Manager Ray Ritchey stands in the sun next to a bale of cotton near the gin in Colorado City. The outlook on the cotton harvest looked favorable until torrential rains hit the area late last week.

Rain dampens cotton harvest

Last week, the manager of a local gin talked favorably about conditions for the county's cotton harvest.

Then the rains came. Torrential rains that started late last week have continued, putting a damper on what appeared to be a better harvest than last year.

"It's definitely put a halt on the harvest until we can get some dry weather," said Ray Ritchey, manager of Producers Coop in Colorado City.

The rainfall, which has been higher than normal throughout the year, helped set the stage for a good cotton harvest.

Prior to this most recent rainfall, some cotton farmers had

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Chinese cotton official visits

In 1972, former President Nixon normalized relations with the People's Republic of China.

In 2004, U.S.-Chinese relations extend to Colorado City.

A top official representing the Chinese cotton industry visited the town Wednesday, Nov. 10, which included a stop at Hutchinson Elementary School.

Wang Jian Hong, vice secretary general of the China Cotton Association, visited as a guest of the National Cotton Council.

Local farmer Woody Anderson currently serves as NCC chairman. He visited China last

month to promote U.S. cotton interests.

Wang was also accompanied by Rick King of Lubbock, who is the Texas representative to the NCC.

"Their cotton industry is really in their infancy," Anderson said. "Even so, they produce 26 to 36 million bales of cotton, which is one-third of the world's production."

Anderson said one reason for his trip to China was to thank the country for purchasing six million bales of cotton from the United States.

King said, "In one sense, See CHINESE, pg. 2

TXU to 'mothball' Morgan Creek units

C-City native discusses plant's future

Long-term ramifications are uncertain regarding TXU Power's decision Friday, Nov. 12 to deactivate two units at Morgan Creek Steam Electric Station in Lake Colorado City.

TXU officials announced the decision to "mothball" two natural gas-fired electric generating units at Morgan Creek.

This means the units would not be dismantled. However, they would be declared inactive, allowing TXU to gain savings through operational adjustments.

Among the adjustments are staffing reductions.

TXU spokesperson Rand LaVonn declined Monday to confirm reports that as many as 10 employees at Morgan Creek

would be affected by staff reductions.

He confirmed that a total of 75 employees could be affected at Morgan Creek and at two other TXU plants in Dallas and Fannin counties.

TXU is projecting to save approximately \$14 million annually from these actions.

Employees affected by the staff reductions will be offered severance benefits, counseling and outplacement assistance, including the possibility of transfers to other TXU plants, LaVonn said.

In West Texas, TXU has other power plants near Odessa, Sweetwater and Graham.

Richard Wistrand, TXU Power senior vice president of Fossil Generation, is a native of Colorado City and was involved in making the decision.

"It's something I personally struggled with," he said Tuesday. "I was born and raised in Colorado City, and I began

See TXU, pg. 4

Contest deadline nears

Thirty-six people will win holiday hams this month, thanks to sponsoring local businesses.

The deadline for submitting your coupons is 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22.

Thirty-six lucky winners will be drawn on Monday, Nov. 22.

All you have to do to enter is complete the coupons on pages 8-9 of today's Record, cut them out, and take them to the participating merchants.

The holiday ham give-away is an opportunity for businesses to say thanks to local customers

for their patronage.

This is the 11th year local merchants and the Colorado City Record have sponsored the ham give-away.

Merchants participating this year are: Subway, Lone Wolf Video, Lone Wolf Trading Post, Championship Ford, First National Bank, Myers Auto Parts, Wendy's Whimsey, Lone Wolf Cellular, First Bank of West Texas, First Service Insurance, Fuller Foods, Ramage Appliance, Perkins' Apothecary & Mercantile, Indian Summer.

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Holiday dinners planned

Preparations continue for the annual Thanksgiving dinner at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

It will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25.

Those wanting a meal delivered can call the church at 728-3252 and request one by giving an address. They can also call Ronnie Arispe at 728-3962 or 242-1619.

Juanita Arispe, one of the coordinators for the event, said the dinner will be served at the church hall, 2005 Walnut Street, and also will be delivered to anyone who requests it.

She said between 350 and 400 meals were served last year. It is open to anyone in the community.

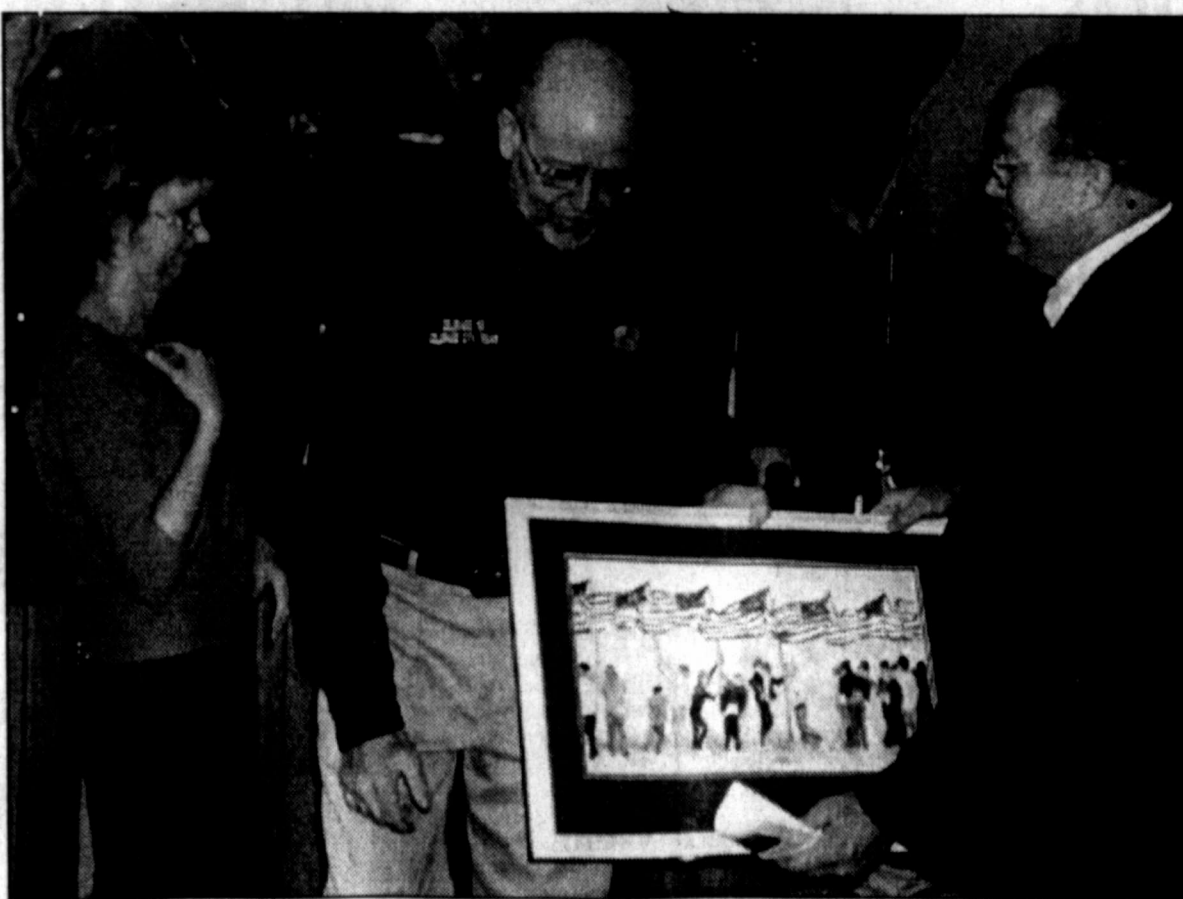
Arispe said anyone is welcome to help with the volunteer effort, including food donations as well as helping deliver the food on Thanksgiving Day.

As in previous years, the turkey and ham dinner is sponsored by the CCD confirmation classes at St. Ann's and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Loraine.

Arispe said the event is a good way to show CCD confirmation students the virtues of helping others.

"We delivered a bunch to the prison last year, as well as to the hospital to people who were stuck at work for Thanksgiving," she said.

"We are doing more and more deliveries each year, and we want to make sure the food is still hot when it gets there," Arispe added.



A SPECIAL PRESENTATION was made to Colorado Middle School Principal Mark Merrell, right, during the Veterans' Day ceremony Thursday, Nov. 11 at the CMS auditorium. Merrell received the original artwork of Leola Anderson depicting CMS students holding up U.S. flags. The presentation was made by Anderson's son Les, center, and Mary Kay Williamson, left, special education teacher at CMS.

Veterans' program honors heroes

Mitchell County honored its fallen heroes, and its current ones, during the annual Veterans' Day program Thursday, Nov. 11.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Bill Libby, a history professor at McMurry University and an Army chaplain who served in Vietnam.

Libby said he has known many young people from Mitchell County during the course of his college work.

"I'm always impressed with the students," he said. "A program like this is not common in

other schools in our country."

The program was organized by Mark Merrell and Colorado Middle School. Students from other schools in Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook also participate in the program.

Libby said that America's current war in Iraq strikes a chord with him personally.

He referred to a favorite student of his from McMurry who played football but also received training to become a translator for the military.

That student is now serving his country in Baghdad.

"These are the boys of West Texas," Libby said. "And don't forget the daughters as well, who are serving our country so well."

He said the veterans of past wars, as well as those fighting in current conflicts, provide some of the best education for young people.

"Students, never forget that these people are your teachers," Libby said. "Learn from them the meaning of life."

Libby also recalled his own service, including one instance

See VETERANS, pg. 6

Wolves to play Saturday

The Colorado Wolves will take another step Saturday, Nov. 20 in its 2004 playoff run.

After dispatching of Bangs last week, the Wolves (9-2) will battle the Wall Hawks (9-2) in the Region I semifinals for Division I Class 2A. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

FULL COVERAGE IN SPORTS

The winner advances to the Region I finals on Thanksgiving weekend against the winner of the other semifinal between Shallowater and Henrietta.

Advance tickets for the game are not available locally, but they can be purchased at the gate.

Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for students, according to the CHS office.

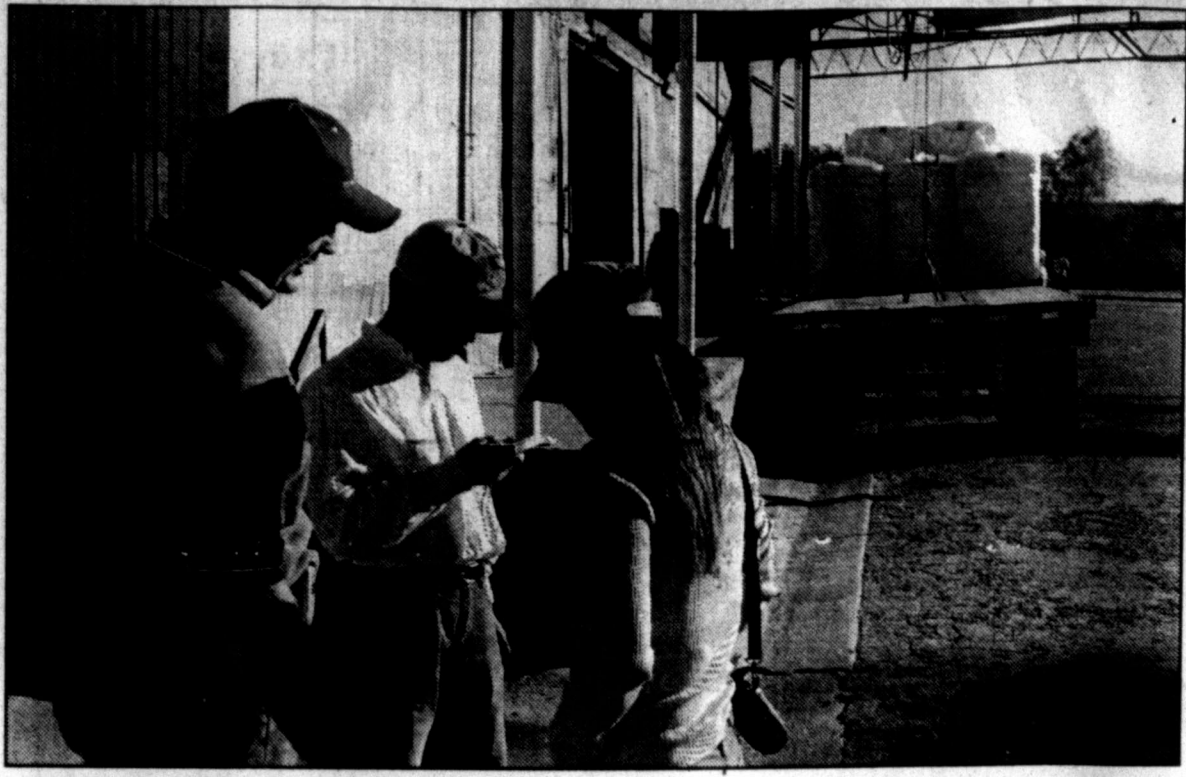
Also, a city-wide Pep Rally is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at Wolf Stadium.

Fans will be asked to form a victory line that stretches from Lone Wolf Cellular on Hickory Street to Interstate 20 to cheer on the players when they depart for Abilene at 3:45 p.m.

On Page 11 of today's Record, a "Beat Wall" color banner is featured. Put this banner on your business or home window to show your support for the Wolves.

If the Wolves advance to the Region I finals, they will be among the final eight teams in the Division I Class 2A playoffs.

local news



NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL CHAIRMAN Woody Anderson, left, explains how the Producer's Coop Gin in Colorado City operates to Wang Jian Hong, center, a top official for China's cotton industry. Wang visited Mitchell County on Wednesday, Nov. 10 as part of his tour of the American cotton industry. At the right is interpreter Wu Hui Juan.

CHINESE

FROM PAGE 1

they are a competitor in the cotton industry, but they're also a big customer for cotton in the United States."

Anderson believes that fostering a good relationship with Chinese officials such as Wang serves the best interests of American cotton farming.

"There are some trade issues that we still have to work through, and we will work through those," Anderson said.

King said he has heard concerns from some U.S. cotton farmers about China possibly flooding the cotton market and driving down overall prices.

But Anderson noted that with the decline of the U.S. textiles industry, China will likely become a more frequent customer because of that country's increasing textile needs.

Wang has toured several states during his U.S. visit, including New York, Tennessee and North Carolina. He has visits planned for Arizona and California before returning to China.

Wang said he was impressed with the cotton production he has seen during his short time in Texas.

"I noticed that your cotton

crops are in very good condition," he said through an interpreter.

Like here in Texas, Wang said the weather in China plays a key role in determining the success of the cotton crop.

"Fortunately, the weather this year has been very good in our cotton-growing areas," he noted.

The visit to Hutchinson was arranged by Anderson's wife Susan, known as "Coach A" at the school.

Students asked Wang about the Great Wall of China, his own experience in elementary school, and how to say certain words in Chinese.

Wang taught the students how to say "hello," "thank you" and "goodbye" in Chinese.

Students also questioned Wang's interpreter, Wu Hui Juan. She said this was her first time in the United States and was excited about the opportunity to speak the English language.

"I first started learning English when I was 8 years old," she noted.

Anderson said he planned to take Wang on a short tour of Colorado City prior to Wang's departure.

BRIEFLY

Thanksgiving Meal

There will be a Thanksgiving meal at the Roscoe Community Center Thursday, November 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and an evening meal from 5-7 p.m. Come and enjoy turkey and dressing, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, apple cobbler, and tea or coffee, \$6 per plate. All funds raised will go to pay expenses of the Community Center. Carry-out will be available.

Cat's Meow

The "Cat's Meow" art exhibit will be on display through November 30 in the Hesperian Room of the Mitchell County Library. The exhibit is free and everyone is welcome to come view the paintings.

Historical Commission

The Mitchell County Historical Commission will meet November 23, 2004 at 6 p.m. at the Heart of West Texas Museum for the regular monthly meeting. The Commission will not meet in December.

Immunization Clinic

Texas Dept. of Health will have a children's immunization clinic Tuesday, December 7 from 10-12 and 1:30-3 at the Wallace Center. For more information call 325-754-4945.

Christmas Baskets

Community Mission is taking applications for Christmas baskets. Deadline for applications to be turned in is December 15.

Westbrook Calendars

The Westbrook Honor Society and Gifted and Talented students are selling Westbrook School-Community calendars for \$5 each. Please call Mrs. Redwine at the school library at 644-2311 for your calendar. Only a few are left.

HARVEST

FROM PAGE 1

begun harvesting, Ritchey said.

The early numbers showed an average harvest of 500 to 600 pounds per acre, which he said was considerably better than the 400 pounds per acre during the same time last year.

Last week, Producers Coop reported a bale count of 1160 while Mitchell County Gin had ginned 1303 while the Loraine Coop had just started and ginned 410 bales.

But the rain has put everything on hold, with farmers and ginners wondering if the rainfall is too much of a good thing.

"We haven't see this in 20 years," Ritchey said.

The forecast for the remainder of the week also called for more of the same.

Cotton farmers depend on dry weather to complete their harvest.

An early freeze, which usually occurs around the middle of November, also helps the process along.

"The harvest gets up to full speed after an early frost," Ritchey said.

But since the weather prediction business is a dicey one,

Ritchey said there's no way to know for sure what the future holds for this harvest.

"It's anybody's guess," he said. "Everybody's got their fingers crossed."

POLICE REPORT

• On Monday, November 8, 2004 at about 9:43 a.m. a parent reported that on Friday November 5, 2004 her 14 year-old son had runaway. The juvenile is on Juvenile Probation. Officer Perez apprehended the juvenile on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at about 5:47 p.m. at a residence in the 1400 block of Westpoint Avenue. The juvenile was transferred into the custody of juvenile probation and transferred to a detention facility. Charges of Harboring a Runaway will be filed against another individual in County Court.

• On Monday, November 8, 2004 at about 8:55 p.m. Joann Vasquez, 31 year-old female, 203 Crockett Street, Loraine, Texas was arrested in the 200 block of Manuel Street for a warrant from Cleveland County, OK charging her with Failure to Appear - False Declaration of Ownership. She was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Tom Taylor

• On Friday, November 12, 2004 at about 10:35 p.m. Starla Santana, 24 year-old female, 1620 Dallas Street reported Burglary of Habitation. The residence had been unattended for the previous 24 hours. No sign of forced entry could be located. The only item stolen was a 27" Zenith color television that belonged to a relative. Estimated Loss: \$356.13. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Perez

• On Sunday, November 14, 2004 at about 5:40 p.m. Jody Wilfong, 36 year-old female, P.O. Box 736 Colorado City was arrested at Fuller Foods for Theft less than \$50.00. The alleged stolen property, razors, valued at about \$3.79 was recovered. She was released by citation to appear in Municipal Court. Arresting Officer: Perez

• On Monday, November 8, 2004 at about 10:15 a.m. a collision occurred on the Mitchell County Courthouse Annex parking lot. A gray 2002 Chevrolet pickup driven by Edward Roach, 80 year-old male, CR 121 Colorado City, Texas was backing from the Annex and collided with a car coming into the parking lot. The other vehicle was a black 2000 Kia 4-door driven by Tera Williams, 35 year-old female, 719 S. Main Street Loraine, Texas. There were no injuries and damage was minor. Investigating Officer: Pat Taylor

CONTEST

FROM PAGE 1

Also, Wood's Boots, Maz's Place, Dandy's Diner, Matlock, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Walnut Phillips 66, Dairy Queen, City National Bank, CC Quality Meats, Heartfelt Treasures, Summer's Restaurant, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, Parks Chevron, McD's, Auto Mart, Garcia's, Gas 'N' Grub, B&B One Stop, Colorado Floral & Gifts, The Medicine Place, City Discount Drug and Hidalgo's Mexican Restaurant.

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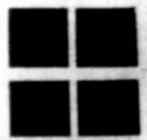
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local news

C-City welcome signage may be added to Interstate 20

Highway signage welcoming visitors to Colorado City may be in the future, the City Council learned Monday, Nov. 9.

Roy Dill of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Big Spring presented the possibility to council members.

Dill attended at the invitation of City Manager Paul Catoe and Mayor Bob Reily. They visited Dill in Big Spring recently to discuss the possibility of adding the signage.

Grant funds from TxDOT may be available for the signage as well as for landscaping improvements along the highway, Dill said.

He recommended that Colorado City put together a master landscaping plan, which Big Spring is currently doing for its city.

"It helps when applying for grants with TxDOT," Dill said. "They prefer you come to them with a plan and a consistent theme, rather than submitting requests that are unrelated to each other."

Reily asked Dill if the city's current Beautification Action Team (BAT) would be the type of committee to address a master landscaping plan.

"If you already have a committee in place, that would be fine," Dill said.

Keith Hiser, a member of BAT, said the team planned to meet soon to discuss long-term plans, which would fit in with the master planning suggested by Dill.

"We would be willing to make resources available for you, including our landscape architect located in Abilene," Dill said.

Hiser invited Dill to attend a future BAT meeting to discuss how to get this effort started.

Dill also mentioned a future TxDOT project, already approved, that will add a retaining wall on Texas Highway 163

tying into the railroad overpass columns.

This area is located off of 2nd Street in Colorado City.

In other business, the city is considering refinancing \$5.895 million in water and sewer bonds that were issued 10 years ago.

Depending on whether the city can obtain bond insurance, the annual savings through the refinancing is between \$75,000 and \$90,000, said Vince Viaille of First Southwest Company.

If Colorado City is able to get bond insurance, it could improve the city's bond rating to "AAA," which is the top rating.

A high bond rating would allow the city to secure better interest rates in regards to financing, City Finance Officer Connie Ponko said.

She said Colorado City has been able to obtain bond insurance in the past when its finances weren't as strong.

Council members authorized Viaille to go forward with preparations for the refinancing of these bonds.

A vote on final approval for the refinancing won't come until Dec. 14. If interest rates change and have a negative effect on the projected savings, the council can still reject the refinancing.

First Southwest is working on a contingency basis for the city, meaning the company will receive fees only if the refinancing receives final approval.

Also, the council began the process of shopping for a street sweeper for the city.

Russ Joiner of STM Equipment in Arlington, Texas, presented information on a refurbished sweeper that the city could purchase for \$45,000.

"It is virtually a new unit, with all of the wear-and-tear parts replaced, except for the engine and transmission," Joiner said.

Catoe asked Joiner if he had information on the number of miles and the number of hours already put on the machine. Joiner said he did not have that information with him but would get it for Catoe.

Catoe said a street sweeper is being considered because city streets are often dirty and unsightly.

The lack of a street sweeper has also promoted the growth of vegetation in the streets, which ultimately will result in the need for street repairs.

"It's more than just aesthetics," Catoe said. "It's also for maintaining the streets."

The council will hear from another vendor next month before making a decision.

Festival of Trees planned

Calling all businesses, churches, and residents to participate in this year's Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

This year's festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5. This is to coincide with the Christmas parade, which will be held Dec. 4.

The Festival of Trees will be held at the Railhead Building.

The Festival of Trees is an opportunity for businesses, clubs, churches and individuals to decorate a tree and show their Christmas spirit.

Businesses could use items from their stores to promote sales, clubs could encourage new members, churches could promote the "reason for the season."

Anyone interested in decorating a tree should call the Chamber at 728-3403.



GUEST SPEAKER Bill Libby shares stories from his duty in Vietnam during the annual Veterans' Day ceremony held Thursday, Nov. 11 at Colorado Middle School auditorium.

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City adds to Housing Board

The Colorado City Council recently made appointments to the city's Housing Authority Board.

Robert Bracy, Keith Cranfill and Pearl Jefferson were appointed to two-year terms.

Kerry Cain and Mamie Lou New were appointed to one-year terms.

The council also accepted the resignations of previous members Claudine Chaney, Linda Baum and Earline Sellers.

The new appointments also help fill previous vacancies on the board, which is expected to begin meeting again in January.

NEW SERVICE

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Editor's Note...

Random Thoughts

By Henry Martinez

With the weather taking a dreary turn, the Random Thoughts desk has Creedence Clearwater Revival playing in the background while wondering, "Who'll stop the rain?"

There's one sure-fire sign that playoff football is under way. The games get a lot harder.

The Colorado Wolves got a taste of this last Saturday in a 35-28 victory over Bangs, a win not totally secured until the final minute. The Wolves return to Shotwell Stadium on Saturday for a meeting with Wall in the Region I semifinals for Division I Class 2A.

It only gets harder. But the rewards also get sweeter.

I'm sure the TXU decision to mothball two units at Morgan Creek is unsettling on some level to our community.

I worked at a big corporation for seven years and listened to closed-door discussions about plant closures and staff reductions on more than one occasion.

Non-disclosure agreements signed by corporate employees keep these discussions secret from the people most directly impacted by these discussions. The people only know after a final decision's been made.

I know this world well, and it's not always fair. The best you can hope is for the decision-makers to have compassion and empathy for the people and the communities they ultimately impact.

I'm sure everyone wants Morgan Creek to remain a part of the Mitchell County family for another 50 years.

But if it doesn't work out that way -- thanks for the memories.

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To all the citizens of Mitchell County....

With Thanksgiving upon us, it is a time to give thanks. My family and I would like to personally thank all of you for your support, influence and vote.

I look forward for the opportunity to serve you four more years. During this upcoming term, remember my door is always open.

Thank you again and may each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Patrick Toombs and family

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OBITUARIES

James L. Billingsley

1930-2004

James L. Billingsley, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, November 12, 2004, at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center, following a sudden illness. Funeral services were held Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Joel Miller officiating.

He was born October 28, 1930, in Sprenburg, Dawson County, Texas to Jess L. Billingsley and Edith Russell Billingsley. He married Tommie Smith on June 8, 1951 in Ackerly. He was a lifetime resident of Dawson, Martin and Howard counties. Mr. Billingsley served six years on the Grady ISD school board, on the Board of Martin County Hospital, and farmed for 40 years, retiring in 1990. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Korea. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Tommie Billingsley of Big Spring; one daughter, Jaynie Gamble and her husband Michel of Colorado City; two sons, Jay Billingsley of Abilene and Michael Billingsley and his wife Sandra of Boerne; two brothers, Ed Billingsley and his wife Nancy of Ackerly and Robert Billingsley and his wife Freeda of San Angelo; one sister, Madelin Mickelson of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Mandy Gamble of Colorado City, Logan Gamble of San Angelo, and Abby Billingsley and Caleb Billingsley, both of Boerne; two great-grandchildren, Hannah Hobdy and Jetly Hobdy; and a number of nieces, nephews, and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Dianne Billingsley in 1970 and one brother, Larry Billingsley.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Floyd Shepherd Jr.

1925-2004

Floyd Shepherd Jr., 79, died Monday, November 15. A memorial service is scheduled for Monday, November 22 at Floral Haven Chapel at 3 pm in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

"Shep" was retired from the geophysical department of Cities Service Oil Company where he worked for 36 years. He was born in Colorado City on February 13, 1925. He had been a resident of Broken Arrow since 1971.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Cary; a son, Don Shepherd and his wife Maycla of Huntsville; a daughter, Lou Anne Shepherd of Antigo, Wisconsin; a son, Kirk Shepherd and his wife, Cathy of Chicago, Illinois; four grandsons and one great-grandson, as well as a sister, Nona Myrick and her husband, Lonnie of Woodville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Floyd Shepherd, Jr. to Grace Hospice, PO Box 33234, Tulsa, OK 74153.

Program Development Group sets meeting

The Mitchell Soil & Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held at the C.C. Thompson Room in Colorado City. This meeting will be on November 23, 2004 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from local farmers and ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The information from the Program Development Group meeting will help the Local

Work Group, led by Steve Shrode, District Conservationist, to address county based funding for the FY2005 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stakeholder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was

established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to projects which provide significant environmental benefit.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center of office in Colorado City at 325-728-3473. Service center loca-

tions and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



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RAILHEAD TRADE DAYS was deemed a success by organizers, even with the rain and drizzle over the past weekend. Vendors set up to offer a variety of arts and crafts for the public. The next Railhead Trade Days event is scheduled for the third weekend of March.

Cap Rock, PUC on course for administrative hearing

Midland-based Cap Rock Energy has requested a state hearing to review two notices of violation from the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Cap Rock received the notices in late September. The notices were presented by the PUC staff and await final approval from the commission.

The PUC staff is recommending fines and customer refunds in excess of \$1.3 million.

The notices cite overcharges and unauthorized fees made by the company to its customers.

Cap Rock is requesting a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearing.

The staff's recommendation is based on changes made to the Public Utility Regulatory Act passed in September 2003.

Cap Rock maintains that the

charges were made in accordance with Cap Rock's tariff as adopted by its board and in compliance with Texas law at the time.

The change in regulatory authority, from the Cap Rock Board of Directors to the PUC, took place in September 2003.

"We recognize that Cap Rock Energy -- in transitioning from between regulatory authorities -- presents new challenges for state regulators," said Will West, vice president and chief strategic officer for Cap Rock.

"Therefore, we believe a hearing before an administrative law judge is the appropriate venue for this matter," he added.

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said the hearing is a normal part of the process

when the parties are unable to agree on a settlement.

"The goal is always to reach a settlement before it goes to a hearing," he said.

The date of the hearing has not been set. Hadley said the administrative judge's recommendation would then go to the Public Utility Commissioners, who would make a final ruling on the case.

Cap Rock, which provides electric distribution services to 28 counties, has service divisions in Colorado City, Stanton, Brady and Celeste.

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Nov. 17th	DR. LANOARD BAYOUTH, Cardiologist, will be seeing patients at the Specialty Clinic beginning at 1 p.m. Call 1-800-291-5455 for appointment.
By Appt. Wednesday	Dr. Lufkin Moses, D.O., General Surgeon will be seeing patients at the hospital every Wednesday. Call Dr. Moses' clinic in Sweetwater for an appointment - 235-3800.
	Sandip V. Mathur, M.D., Gastroenterologist. Dr. Mathur will be seeing his patients in the Specialty Clinic. For appointments, call his office in Abilene at (325) 692-3777.
By Appt. Tuesday	Dr. John Gregg, General and Vascular Surgeon. Seeing patients at the hospital by appointment. Call 235-3099 to make an appointment.

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Wallace Center News

By Arlye Morton
Wallace Senior Center Director

Everyone is invited to join us at the Wallace Center for lunch. Menus for the next two weeks are listed below.

The lunch menu for Thurs-

day, Nov. 18, consists of pork chops, gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, biscuits, peaches and cream.

On the menu for Tuesday, Nov. 23 is beef stew, carrot and raisin salad, garlic bread, and butterscotch pudding.

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We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our church family at First Assembly of God Church for all of the faithfulness and gifts of love and support given last month and over the past 15 years. We love you & God bless!

Pastor Mike Foster and family

GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9530 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, dated November 25, 1997, Atmos Energy Corporation (successor to TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission) was ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas to file a prudency review every three years to demonstrate that its gas costs are reasonable and necessary. On September 24, 2004, Atmos Energy Corporation, in order to comply with the requirements set forth in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, filed the required gas cost prudency review for the period of November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2003. All residential and commercial sales customers of Atmos Energy Corporation formerly served by TXU Gas Company are potentially affected by this proceeding.

Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at (214) 875-6738. A copy of Atmos Energy Corporation's filing is available for inspection during normal business hours, at the Company's business office located at 300 S. St. Paul, 8th Floor, Dallas, Texas, 75201. Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding should contact the Railroad Commission of Texas, Office of General Counsel, Docket Services, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is December 10, 2004.

En el 24 de septiembre, 2004, Atmos Energy Corporation (sucesor a TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission), para cumplir con los requisitos propuestos en el Sumario de Causa Núm. 8664 de Utilidades de Gas, solicitó ante la Comisión de Ferrocarril de Texas (Railroad Commission of Texas) el requerido repase de prudencia del costo del gas por el periodo del 1 de noviembre, 2000 hasta el 31 de octubre, 2003. Todos los clientes residenciales y comerciales de venta de Atmos Energy Corporation, y anteriormente servidos por TXU Gas Company, son afectados potencialmente por este procedimiento. Personas quienes quieren intervenir en este procedimiento deben ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Ferrocarril de Texas, Oficina del Consejo General, Docket Services, P.O. 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. La fecha de vencimiento para intervenir en este procedimiento es el 10 de diciembre, 2004. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a esta solicitud, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al (214) 875-6738.

local news

MARKET REPORT

Receipts: 501
Market was steady to \$2 to \$3 higher on lightweight calves to \$500. Heavier weight cattle were under pressure from lower fed cattle prices and futures. Market lower this week. Bred cows \$20 to \$25 higher on a very active market. Packer cows and bulls steady to \$1 to \$2 higher.

STEEPS	
300-400 lbs.	\$115.00-\$138.00
400-500	\$117.00-\$129.00
500-600	\$106.00-\$127.00
600-700	\$88.00-\$104.00
700 & up	\$92.00-\$97.00
HEIFERS	
300-400 lbs.	\$100.00-\$126.00
400-500	\$103.00-\$121.00
500-600	\$102.00-\$111.00
600-700	\$93.00-\$102.50
700 & up	\$81.00-\$91.00
BRED COWS	
LONGHORNS	\$425.00-\$620.00
PAIRS	\$850.00-\$1190
PACKER COWS	\$45.00-\$56.50
PACKER BULLS	\$62.50-\$70.00



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PUBLIC RECORDS

... FROM THE MITCHELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK

Nell Ochiltree to William M. Ochiltree, Mineral Deed.

James Priddy, Linda Vaughan to Lone Wolf Land Company, Special W.D.

Charles Junot Atchison to Sharon Peck, Royalty Deed.

Bright & Company LTD., HGG Inc. Gen. Pte., Clay V. N. Bright, Pres., to Kohler-Stephens LTD., United Petroleum Dev. Pte., LTD., Commodore Pte., Assignment of Oil and Gas.

Bright & Company LTD., HGG Inc. Gen. Pte., Clay V. N. Bright, Partner to Bright & Company RP LTD. Ass. Off. Roy. Infr.

Carovin Foster Terry to Terry Cincio LP, Special W.D.

David Lawrence Glass Ind. Co-Executor, James Lynn Glass Ind. Co-Executor, James David Glass Estate (deceased) to Alice Glass Staggs, James Wesley Glass, James Glass Walker, James Lynn Glass, Correction Distribution.

David Lawrence Glass Ind. Co-Executor, James Lynn Glass Ind. Co-Executor, Willie Key Glass Estate (deceased) to James Lynn Glass, Correction Distribution.

Darry Cain, Betty H. Cain, T. Edward Riney, Mary R. Riney to Donald Burnett, Sharon Burnett, Warranty Deed.

Mary Ester Molina aka Mary B. Ross to Angela M. Velasquez TTEE, Beneficial Texas Inc., Mortgage.

Mary Ester Molina aka Mary B. Ross to Public, Homestead Designation.

Mary Ester Molina aka Mary B. Ross to Public, Affidavit.

Greentree Servicing, George Dummer to Don G. Struble, Rosemary Ann Struble, Warranty Deed.

Samuel Chris Itin Mgr., Lone Wolf Resources LLC to LWR, Abandonment of Assumed.

Lone Wolf Resources LLC, Samuel Chris Itin Mgr., to LWR, Assumed Name.

Samuel Chris Itin Mgr., Lone Wolf Resources LLC to Lone Wolf, Abandonment of Assumed Name.

Douglas Don Narrell Co. TTEE, Clara Beth Taylor Co. TTEE, Margaret Kate Narrell Estate Trust to Carolyn Davis Crawford Co. TTEE, Walter Davis Co. TTEE, Judy Davis Etheredge Trust, Warranty Deed.

T.L. Rees Sr. Affiant to Public, Margaret Kate Narrell Trust, Affidavit of Nonproduction.

Douglas Don Narrell to Public, W.L. Narrell aka, Sue Narrell Nebrigg aka, Jackie Narrell aka, Garland Narrell aka, Douglas Don Narrell, William L. Narrell, Virginia Sue Narrell, Jack R. Narrell, James G. Narrell, Affidavit of Identity.

J.B. Philbrick, Iris Irvin to Homer Philbrick, deceased, June Philbrick, deceased, Affidavit Heirship.

J.B. Philbrick to Steven W. Komppa, Tracy K. Komppa, Warranty Deed.

Steven W. Komppa, Tracy K. Komppa to Bill Crockett TTEE, First Bank of West Texas Lorraine, TX., Deed of Trust.

Textstar Bank Midland, C. Jeff Hansard, Exec. VP to Hank Oil & Gas Inc., Release of Lien/DT.

Bank of New York TTEE, Glenn E. Mitchell Vice Pres., Metropolitan Asset Funding Inc., Owen Federal Savings Bank FSB, C.C. Power of Attorney.

Joseph Hillery Dir., Bank of New York TTEE, Owen Federal Bank FSB Atty in Fact to Michael Towne, Notice Purchaser Deed.

Bank of New York TTEE, Joseph Hillery Dir., Owen Federal Bank FSB Atty in Fact to Michael Towne, Special W.D.

First National Bank, Sweetwater, Mary Carr AVP to Gretchen A. Maddox, J. Dalton Maddox, Release of Lien/DT.

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First National Bank, Sweetwater, Mary Carr AVP to Joe Price Maddox, Release of Lien/DT.

Peggy Barnes Maddox, Release of Lien/DT.

First National Bank Sweetwater, Mary Carr AVP to Joe Price Maddox, J. Dalton Maddox, Peggy Barnes Maddox, Gretchen Maddox, Release of Lien/DT.

Lone Star Land Bank FLCA, Billy Hallman, Vice-Pres. to Nathan C. Hoyle, Cheryl J. Hoyle, Release of Lien/DT.

City of Colorado City, Bob Reilly, Mayor, Colorado ISD, Mitchell Co. Ed. Dist., Charles Walker, Pres. Board of TTEES, County of Mitchell, Ray Mayo, County Judge to Producers Coop Gin, Tax Deed.

Russell Phillips, Mona Phillips to Thomas Dean Jameson, Warranty Deed.

Thomas Dean Jameson to City National Bank, Colo. City, Royce D. Clay TTEE, Deed of Trust.

City National Bank, Colo. City, Royce D. Clay Pres. to Russell Phillips, Mona Phillips, Release of Lien/DT.

D Bar Ranch and Livestock LTD, Stanley Adams III Pres. to City of Westbrook, Warranty Deed.

First National Bank of Colorado City, Mark Waldrup Pres., Sherman H. Merritt, Lupe Adelmire Merritt to Bill J. Helwig Sub. TTEE, Appointment Sub. TTEE.

Bill J. Helwig Sub. TTEE to First National Bank of Colorado City, Sub. Trustee Deed.

Bill J. Helwig Sub. TTEE to First National Bank of Colorado City, TX, Public, Affidavit as to Foreclose.

Bill J. Helwig Sub. TTEE to Public, First National Bank of Colorado City, Affidavit of Fact.

Floyd Ritchey Estate, Floyd L. Ritchey Partner to Mitchell County Historical Commission, Quitclaim Deed.

J.W. Arnold to Tommie Jean Arnold, Agreement for Community.

Ramiro Fuentes, Glenda F. Fuentes, Nationwide Homes to Community Home Loan Inc., Nationwide Homes, Allan B. Polunsky TTEE, Mechanics Lien.

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Susan Dian Bumpass, Susan Dian Kirschbaum fka to Joe Larry Kirschbaum, Warranty Deed.

Bobby J. Watkins TTEE, Jo Ruth Watkins TTEE to Bobby J. & Jo Ruth Watkins Revocable Living, Trust Agreement.

Jo Watkins to Public, Bobby J. Watkins, B.J. Watkins aka, Same Name Affidavit.

Jo Ruth Watkins TTEE, Bobby J. & Jo Ruth Watkins Revocable Trust to Johnny Christian, Leslie Christian, Warranty Deed.

Johnny Christian, Leslie Christian to G. Tommy Bastian TTEE, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Mers, Deed of Trust.

First National Bank of Colorado City, Mark A. Waldrup Pres. to William C. Prewitt Jr., Sandra Jo Prewitt, Cash Warranty Deed.

ARRESTS
JoAnne Vasquez, 31, CCPD, Norman, OK, FTA, 11-8-04.
Armando Rodriguez Diaz, 50, MCSO, court commit (DWI B), 11-12-04.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT
Matthew Steele Russell, 11-9-2004, driving while intoxicated.
Brian Keith Williamson, 11-9-2004, boating while intoxicated.

COUNTY COURT ACTION
Armando Rodriguez Diaz, DWI, November 10, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 33 days jail sentence.

Santiago Espinoza Jr., DWI, November 10, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days suspended/6 months, \$50 per month probation fees, must attend DWI school.

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT
State of Texas vs. 1996 Dodge Stratus \$61,900 U.S. Currency, Notice of Seizure & Intended Forfeiture, 10-29.

VETERANS

FROM PAGE 1

when he was preparing to jump from a plane with paratroopers in his unit.

A soldier asked Libby why he was there with the soldiers in the role as a chaplain.

"He told me, 'Chaplain, you didn't have to come.' I told him, 'I belong where you are,'" Libby said. "I knew we were going into a place where soldiers were going to die."

He then recalled a moment last year when he met a soldier from that same unit.

"I helped put him in a chopper after he was wounded," Libby recalled. "It was a special moment to see him again."

Students from Mitchell County schools did their part in the program, honoring numerous veterans who served bravely for America.

The program was held at Colorado Middle School. The threat of bad weather moved the program from its original location at the Mitchell County Courthouse lawn.

Jim Baum served as master of ceremonies, and Merrell received special recognition for his role in coordinating the annual event.

A special Veterans' Day insert, featuring articles on Mitchell County veterans written by CMS students, was published with last week's edition of the Record.

Jerry Traylor runs marathons on crutches

By Tumbleweed Smith

I met a remarkable man this week. His name is Jerry Traylor and he lives in Arizona. He is a professional speaker who spends a lot of time in Texas talking to school kids, prisoners, athletes and community leaders.

I heard him on two different occasions and both speeches were completely different. After his remarks to some federal prisoners, nearly every inmate in the audience stood in line to shake his hand. At a luncheon speech, he got a standing ovation.

"I got into the speaking business by accident in the late seventies," says Jerry. "It seems I was doing some things that astounded people and they wanted me to tell them about it. So I did. I never intended to be a speaker."

Jerry was born with cerebral palsy. As a child he had a severe speech impediment. "My mother kept telling me to speak clearly. I worked at it."

Growing up, he had to do chores right along with the other kids. Jerry had 14 operations by the time he was 14 years old. As a six year old he was in the hospital 11 months and missed a full year of school. He was a C student in high school, and never felt he had to try because people would cater to him. He entered college and became a social butterfly and dropped out. He eventually went back and got his business degree in 2000 at the age of 46.

When Jerry was 24 he ran his first three mile race in 36 minutes and 41 seconds. A few months later he decided to do a marathon. That took seven hours and 17 minutes. He started jogging in marathons as a hobby and kept improving until he could do 26 miles in just over five hours.

He walked up an old mining trail, sometimes blocked by boulders, that goes straight up Pikes Peak. His ascent from 6,000 feet to 14,000 feet took six hours and 36 minutes. He did it twice more, improving his time each trip.

Jerry says the most important thing in making a speech is to know your audience and to show genuine concern for your audience. "It's like giving a pat on the back to the people sitting in front of you."

He tells his audiences to learn to do incredible things even in your imperfection. I asked him to tell about some of the outstanding things he has accomplished. He replied, "I once ate a dozen burritos at one sitting" Jerry is a funny man. "I have several parks named after me," he says. "But they spell my name wrong. They spell it trailer."

He has run in 35 marathons, danced in 16 dance marathons and jogged across America. All on crutches. Already established in his speaking career, he spent seven and a half months walking across the country. From the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco to the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City. Thirty-five hundred miles. From the Pacific to the Atlantic. He covered 18 miles a day, making a mile in nine and a half minutes. "Most walking paces are about 15-20 minutes a mile. So I generally think I ran across America." He made 250 speeches along the way.

I asked him if he considered his walk across America his most spectacular accomplishment. He said, "What I do everyday is more spectacular because I'm changing lives."

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societypage



MEMBERS OF THE Mitchell County Retired Teachers Association prepare new books that will be given to Mitchell County youngsters as part of its yearly book drive. The books will be placed in the Christmas toy sacks that will be distributed during the annual Colorado City toy drive. The association has purchased 154 books.

B&PW Club learns process of running community newspaper

The Colorado City Business and Professional Women held their regular monthly meeting at the Civic Center on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 6 p.m. with the public relations committee hosting the meeting.

For the program, Shirley Delaney introduced Sheila Plagens from the Colorado City Record. Sheila gave a very informative report of how a newspaper is run. She said that 60% of advertising and 40% of news is what is needed to make a profitable newspaper. They have to pick and choose what is to be printed. It depends on the importance of the news and the "timeliness" of an article. Everyone enjoyed the program and understood more about the process of putting out a good newspaper.

After a short intermission, the business meeting was called

to order with BPW president Shirley Scott presiding. Committee reports were given. After the first of the year, the club will meet on the first Tuesday of the month for regular meetings at the Civic Center.

Woman of the year chairwoman, Christine Cooley, announced that Shirley Delaney had been selected for BPW Woman of the year and presented her with a certificate and a pin.

National Business Women's Week chair, Bobbie Banks gave a report of the events of the week and of the success of all the projects that were done.

Finance chair, Shirley Delaney reported the BPW Club will have the kitchen at the Mitchell County Livestock Show in January. This is our largest fundraiser of the year.

Young careerist chair, Donna Barlow, announced that the club would have a Christmas program for the December meeting. Everyone is to bring canned foods or staples for a Christmas basket to be given to the Community Mission or a needy family.

Members welcomed new member Faye Lee and she was presented a membership pin by Shirley Delaney.

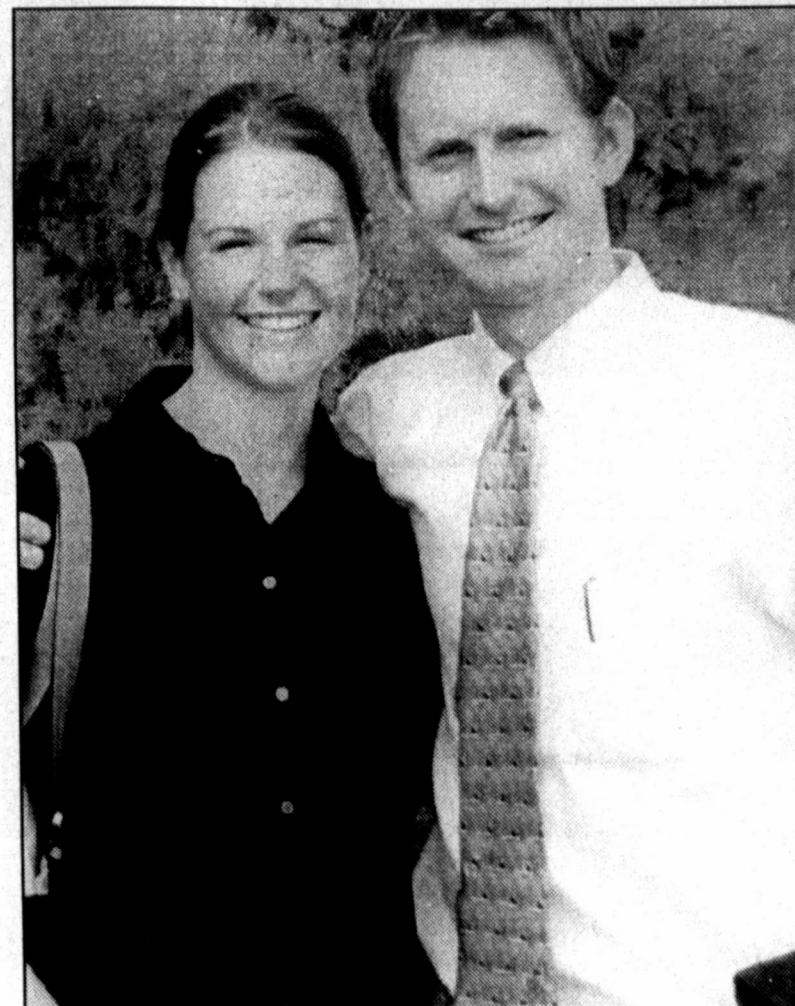
Guests were Mrs. Plagens and Cheryl Johnson. Members present were President Scott, Cooley, Delaney, Banks, Nancy Crow, Margaret Conaway, Virginia Dearen, Barlow, Sue Womack, Lovess Curlee, Pauline Light, Lee and Mildred Free.

Plainview church welcomes new minister to community

Plainview Church of Christ in the Plainview Community of Colorado City would like to introduce you to our new minister, John Mark Davidson and his wife, Tara. John Mark and Tara are graduates of Texas A&M University at College Station. Their degrees are in Elementary Education. However, John Mark has come to Abilene Christian University in Abilene to earn his Masters of Divinity Degree. He wants to follow in his fathers and grandfathers footsteps and become a missionary. His father and grandfather were missionaries in Thailand for many years.

When John Mark was just a baby his family moved to Thailand. He grew up there attending school at the International School of Bangkok. When he completed his high school education, he wanted to come back to the states to attend college. His family also came back. His father, Kelly Davidson is now over the program "Aggies" for Christ" at College Station. His grandfather, Bob Davidson started the organization several years ago when he retired from the mission field.

We are delighted to have John Mark and Tara here with us. The Lord willing they will be here for the next three years while John Mark completes his education. He will be here each Sunday morning. We look forward to John Mark's teaching from the word of our Lord. We'd like to invite you to come and hear him, as well. We are located 3.5 miles south on Hwy. 163 from Colorado City.



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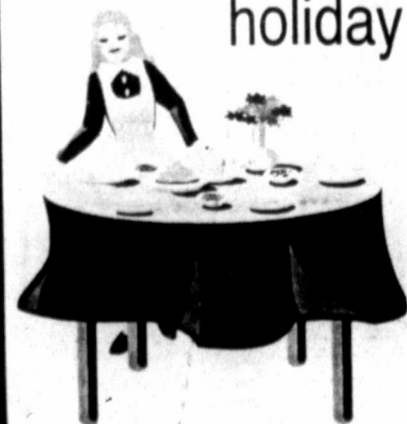
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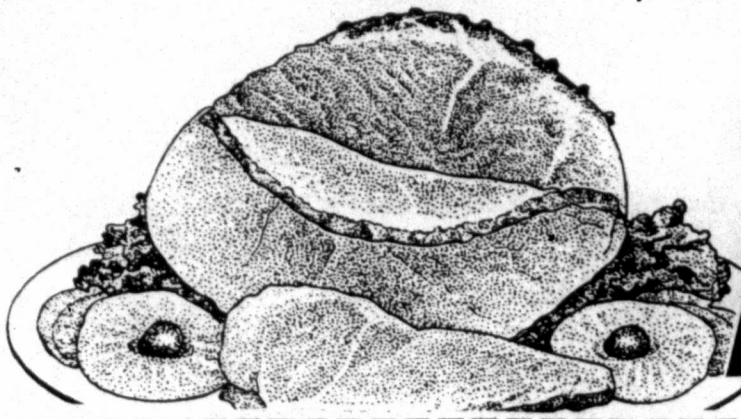
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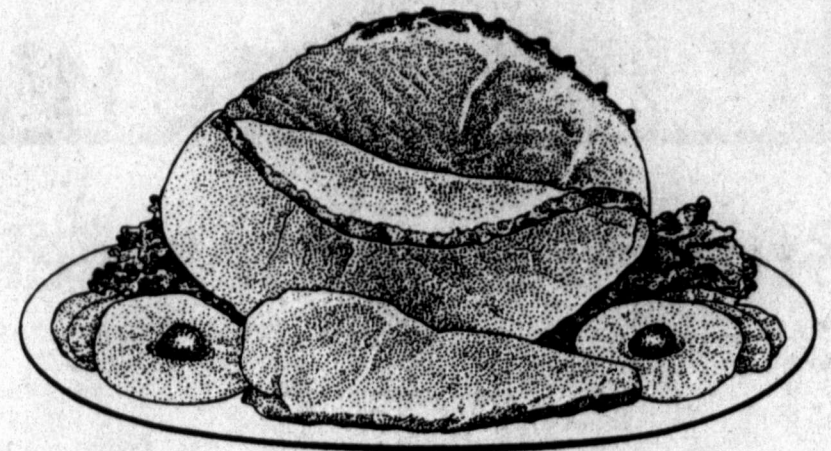


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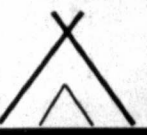
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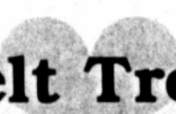
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schoolnews

Students of the week named

Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Daisy Vasquez, Darian Lendermon, Neal Denson.

Daisy is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. Her parents are Torie Ramoz and Mike Vasquez. She loves to play softball, her favorite subject is reading and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is that everybody is nice.

Darian is a fourth grader in

Mrs. Godina's class. Her parents are Misty and Sam Lendermon. She loves to play soccer and she has a pet dog named Rocky. Her favorite subject is PE and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is the Heritage Park.

Neal is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. His parents are Shirley and Don Denson. He has two cats named Charlie and Simon. His favorite subject is PE and his favorite thing about

Hutchinson are the teachers.

A student from each grade level is chosen weekly as the student of the week, and a picture is placed in the newspaper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teachers. The student receives a "dog tag" necklace

imprinted with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are Daisy Vasquez, Darian Lendermon and Neal Denson. Behind these students is a display made by the third graders in Mrs. Free's class illustrating the "If I Were President" theme which teaches students about politics and the electoral process.

Fall festival raised funds in W'brook

The Westbrook School Fall Festival was held Saturday, November 13. This year's theme, stage set-up and costumes for the coronation, sponsored by the senior class, was "The Beauty and the Beast".

Announcers for the program were Jordan Johnson, Daley Seeker and Codi Waldrep. Ushers for the event were Andrew Magers, Candice Hale, Chris Molina and Tonya Saleem. Passing out of the programs and providing stage help were Sarah Sewers and Malarie Bradbury. Jordan Truelove and Justin Cantu assisted with spotlighting.

Crown Bearers:

Pre-Kindergarten - Alexus Haag and Nate Johnson.

Kindergarten - Baylee Whisenhunt and Bradyn Lamb.

1st grade - Shannon Morris

and Zane Clemmer

2nd grade - Sarah Andrews and Ethan Smith

3rd grade - Madison Rice and Makena King.

4th grade - Alexis Nobles and Cutter Rees.

5th grade - Chelsea Martinez and Jonathan Ramirez

6th grade - Tabitha Threalt and Michael Bray.

7th grade - Milina Funderburg and Eli Farrell.

8th grade - Laremi King and Brandon Smoker.

9th grade - Rachel Gonzales and Colton Nobles.

10th grade - Misti Gaston and Jonathan Beard

11th grade - Stacie Dese and Trey Chavez.

12th grade - Sykesia Thurman and Jared Matlock.

Superintendent Todd Burleson crowned Sykesia Thur-

man (Beauty) queen and Jared Matlock (Beast) king.

King Matlock crowned winners of the other divisions. They were 3rd grade, Madison Rice and Makena King; 5th grade, Chelsea Martinez and Jonathan Martinez; 7th grade, Milina Funderburg and Eli Farrell.

This year's fall festival raised a total of \$8,220.

Winners of the various drawings held during the carnival were: Bill Beck, \$25 C.C. Quality Meat certificate; Jim Hill, 10 free movie rentals from Lone Wolf Videos; Lonnie Starnes, sports variety pack; Verla and Paul Johnson, overnight stay at Courtyard Marriott; Russell Whitesides, Greenlee Circuit Tester; Linda Daniels, holiday meal basket; Ernestina Gonzales, \$25 meal at Pawpaw's Cafe, \$20 gas Lone Wolf Trading Post and Westbrook Wildcat stadium seat; Betty Vigil, football crock pot; Evon Harbour, \$50 Walmart gift card; Robert Hill, 5 CD home stereo home system; Dr. Roach, ham; Tristan Owens, stuffed saber tooth tiger; Janell Rich, \$50 gift certificate from Fuller's; Michael Morton, big brown stuffed bear.

CMS perfect attendance

Colorado Middle School has released the perfect attendance list for the 2004-2005 school year.

Sixth grade - Amanda Arispe, Sarah Beddingfield, Brooke Bruington, Jonathan Castaneda, Tony Castillo, Thomas Emerson, Alexandria Espinosa, Kyler Free, Erin Graham, Michael Hernandez, Elizabeth Hickson, Kaylee Hill, J.C. Johnson, Ema Leanos, Michelle Lopez, Ava Macedo, Christopher Madrid, Tiffany Martinez, Hosie McVey, Andrew Munoz, Mathew Neff, Olivia Ornelas, Kimberly Pfeuffer, Landon Pfeuffer, Andrew Pineda, Tyler Plagens, Imelda Ramirez, Nicholas Reyna, Tracy Russell, Joe Salazar, Courtney Sutton, Valeria Vera, Bradee Williams, Isaac Yanez.

Seventh grade - William Cash, Andrea Castillo, Denis Colin, Brianna Coronado, Lindsey Flores, Marissa Flores, Bonnie Garza, Brianna Godina, Alec Goodney, Stormy Haggerton, Jordan Hammond, Wesley Hernandez, Kandace Johnson, Marissa Lara, Samantha Macon, Jacob Martinez, Ruth McVey, Ramzi Messick, Coleton Mitchell, Adrianna Munoz, Conner Pina, Adrian Rios, Lisa Salazar, Henry Sosa, Carissa Sutton, Edgar Ventura, Ricky Ventura, Laura Warren, Breshanae White.

Eighth grade - Tisha Arredondo, Amber Campos, David Colin, Lance Espinosa, Corey Foster, Ryan Gainey, Rosendo Gonzales, Breanna Green, Cheyenne Guelker, Serena Guerrero, Samantha Herrera, Kimberly Hickson, Stevie Jernigan, Christina Leanos, Abigail Lloyd, Richard Luera, Kari Matlock, Priscilla Matos, Nathan McCright, Kendra Merket, Lauren Munoz, Corey Owens, Eugene Pena, Ashton Raschke, Carmen Rivera, Mary Elena Rodriguez, Marie Ruth, Sam Shrode, Diesha Smith, Courtney Vanderslice, Kayla Vasquez, Chris Vondra, Clint White, Gabriel Yanez.



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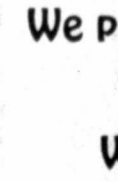
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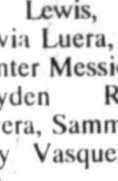
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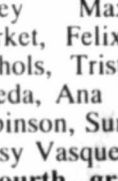
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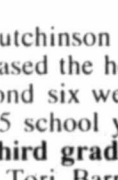

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KELLEY HAS CLASS... Students in Mrs. Shrode's Head Start class proudly display their placemats they made while learning about Thanksgiving. Mrs. Shrode's students are: Jay Patel, Gabriel Rivera, Tracy Smith, McKaila Davidson, Victoria Melendez, Jayli Hawkins, Keegan Eades, Isaac Pina, Shawl Diaz, William Smith, Syrrah Tenorio, Dylan Calecas, R.T. Bishop and Antonio Rubio.

Perfect attendance listed for CHS

Colorado High School has released the perfect attendance list for the second six weeks of the 2004-2005 school year.

Ninth grade - Mario Atkinson, Ricardo Atkinson, Michael Conley, Israel Davila, Catherine Dolan, Armando Flores, Carina Flores, Kolby Free,

Xavier Garcia, Billy Gonzalez, Ryan Graham, Nicholas Hanks, Jessica Hernandez, Lachessa Johnson, Kelly Lindsay, Julian Leija, Alyssa Martinez, Lucas Martinez, Sara Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Latesha McDuffie, Jonathan Miles, Orlando Moreno, Mindy Pina, Zulema Ramirez, Simon Reyna, Greg Rodriguez, Nathan Slater,

Sarah Smith, Brien Toombs, Shelbi Turner, Krisha Vasquez, Isabel Ventura, Krystal Ventura, Tom Ventura.

Tenth grade - Cecilia Barrera, Charles Beddingfield, Tanner Cox, Nick Edwards, Stephanie Freeman, Jose Gonzalez, Kim Harris, Kim Henderson, Roxanne Hernandez.

Brittany Hill, K'Leigh Jackson, Shante Kreis, Megan Lopez, Angela Matos, Robert McGuire, Kelly Morris, Paige

Newby, Lana Perez, Stuart Ponko, Zachary Rangel, Erick Roman, Brittany Selvera, Kasandra Shoals, Jerrod Ward, Chase Wylie.

Eleventh grade - BJ Barnett, Logan Boyd, Ruben Cantu, Michael Chambers, Sagan Everett, Mario Flores, Latoya Jackson, Kinsey Kirchner, James Marsh, Brik McGuffin, Denise Molina, Henry Reyna, Nathan Smith, Krista Stubblefield, Megan Tolle, Virginia Tovar, Sara Warren.

Twelfth grade - Lauren Anderson, Tony Campos, Bryan Castillo, Jeremy Crawford, Ryan Denson, Megan Drummond, Jason Espinoza, Kaleb Free, Tristan Hanks, Timothy Jones, Shasta Kreis, Eric Martinez, Whitney Merket, Perla Nunez, Veronica Quiroz, Carl Ramsey, Nikki Thomson, Jon Ventura, Trey Wood.



NOVEMBER STUDENTS of the Month in Westbrook are: (back row, l-r) Michael Bray, Tabitha Threatt, Vicenta Librido, Chris Molina; (front row) Ben Brown, Esperanza Jaimes, Kohl Rich and Ian Hale.

CHS announces honor rolls

Colorado High School has released the honor rolls for the second six weeks of the 2004-2005 school year.

A Honor Roll

Ninth grade - Marina Arispe, J.D. Clay, Catherine Dolan, Valerie Martinez, James Smith, Sarah Smith.

Tenth grade - Tanner Cox, Shante Kreis, Kelly Morris, Zane Whitesides.

Eleventh grade - Michael Chambers, Sagan Everett, Felicia Forbes, Jodi Owens, Tiffany Owens, Roland Rivera, Krista Stubblefield.

Twelfth grade - Joni Clay, Megan Drummond, Kaleb Free, Shasta Kreis, Lilliana Reyes, Tiffany Thomson.

A-B Honor Roll

Ninth grade - Robert Arispe, Alyssa Arredondo, Nidia Bueno, Cheyenne Cearley, Brittany Davila, Chelsea Duncan, Kolby Free, Celena Gonzales, Tia Huff, Courtney Kaucher, Lindsey Kelly, Julian Leija, Alyssa Martinez, Zulema Ramirez, Izak Santana, Crystal Stewart, Brien Toombs, Shelbi Turner, Cody Upshaw, Christa Valdivia, Krisha Vasquez, Krystal Ventura, Matthew Wilson.

Tenth grade - Michelle Arispe, Lee Beddingfield, Nicholas Edwards, Stephanie Freeman, Kimberly Henderson, Roxanne Hernandez, K'Leigh Jackson, Axel Lewis, Rafael Martinez, Kirby Matlock, Lana

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Westbrook Early Release
Westbrook ISD will have an early release on Tuesday, November 23. Classes will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Thanksgiving holidays will be Wednesday-Friday. Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, November 29.

Jump Rope for Heart
Hutchinson Elementary students will be participating in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart. They will be jumping rope during class on Wednesday, November 17. Some students will also be collecting donations from the community. All students collecting will have an official American Heart Association envelope. Thanks for supporting AHA.

Perez, Baillie Redwine, Erick Roman, Angel Sosa.

Eleventh grade - Frankie Arguijo, Timmy Atkins, Kimberly Bell, Frances Carlos, Naneka Collins, Brittney Farquhar, Mario Flores, Nolan Frizzell, Calli Haltom, Cody Hubbard, Kinsey Kirchner, Brik McGuffin, Jeanny Moore, Courtney Pharis, Henry Reyna, Edgar Roman, Kenneth Scott, Elida Sosa, Megan Tolle, Virginia Tovar.

Twelfth grade - Logan Anselmi, Thomasa Bocanegra, Jamie Bonner, Diana Bueno, Michael Davila, Amy Eades, Jason Espinoza, Jose Espinoza, Ann Jeanette Franco, Felicia Franco, Jeremy Gonzalez, Floyd Hebert, Terah Lelek, Whitney Merket, Theresa Molina, Perla Nunez, Katherine Olson, Ryan Proctor, Carl Ramsey, Jennifer Redwine, Leticia Reyes, Heather Sturdivant, Jon Ventura, Trey Wood.

Honor rolls released for Hutchinson

Hutchinson Elementary has released the honor rolls for the second six weeks of the 2004-2005 school year.

Third grade - Adrian Ausbie, Tori Barrera, Rankin Bullard, Allison Burrola, Mary Campbell, Maricela Espinoza, Taylor Griffith, Alexis Lopez, Sierra Luera, Sarena Lujan, Haley Maxwell, Heather Merket, Felix Munoz, Jessica Nichols, Tristan Owens, Alex Pineda, Ana Ramirez, Marissa Robinson, Summer Valenzuela, Daisy Vasquez.

Fourth grade - Christian Cantu, Corbin Castillo, Raegan Costabile, Destyne Gaona, Vanna George, Jake Johnson, Anna Lara, Jordan Leija, Corbin Lewis, Marinea Lopez, Olivia Luera, Brandon McFall, Hunter Messick, Whitney Ortiz, Hayden Redwine, Aaron Rivera, Sammi Thomson, Brittany Vasquez, Sean Williamson.

Fifth grade - Heather Bar-

ra, Juan Beltran, Dylan Billingsley, Bethany Blassingame, Alyssa Bonner, Megan Bullard, Ashli Cooper, Damian Davila, Derek Gainey, Tyler Hammond, Jessica Hampton, Taylor Harris, Marisela Hernandez, Tara Higgins, Kalea Hubbard, Miranda Reyna, Jason Rodriguez, K'Leigh Wallis.

A-B Honor Roll

Third grade - Gracie Aguilar, Harlene Blythe, Tanner Brington, Manuel Bueno, John Campos, Laura Chaney, Emelia Franco, Douglas Garcia, Gabrielle Gonzales, Rene Hernandez, Jacob Hill, Ashlyn Kildow, Samantha Meeks, Marissa Molina, Michael Molina, Brandon Nava, Alicia Orozco, Nick Perez, Latysa Richardson, Isabel Salazar, R.J. Silva, Bailey Sprague, Josh Sutton, Cody Tolle, Draven Valverde.

Fourth grade - Arden Alvarez, Crystal Alvarez, Koe Alvarez, Alfredo Bueno, Zach

Chambliss, Shelby Cogburn, Leslie Davila, Joshua Diaz, Daniel Dillon, Shea Duncan, Amber Espinoza, Kristine Gaona, Elsa Garcia, Robbie Gonzales, Aaron Griner, Cody Haltom, Joshua Hulme, Jordan Lenderman, Cortney Martinez, Erica McCright, Christian Melendez, Jacqueline Mendoza, Micah Minkina, Brent Morris, Stephen Potter, Hope Sanchez, Gustavo Silva, Alyssa Stanford, Jonathon Stiles, Bethany Toombs, Sebastian Turner, Jason Vidal, Jordan Williams, Kenadee Williams.

Fifth grade - Kristi Barnett, Christopher Beltran, Juan Carrillo, Haley Cogburn, Neal Denson, Jadrian Dominguez, David Dunn, Alexia Espinoza, Stephen Flores, Frankie Gaona, Angenette Gonzales, Matthew Guerra, Jeffrey Hickson, Johnny Hughes, Benny Jones, Casie Lemons, Tylor Lorenz, Will McKinney, Lauren Meeks, Aaron Mendoza, Kaley Molina, Ann Marie Morrison, Mat Potter, Emily Rivera, Ryan Rivera, Alex Salazar, Ross Salmon, Kendra Tillis, Sydney Upshaw, Sebastian Villalon, Monseis Ybarra.

SCHOOL MENUS

Loraine School Breakfast Menu Nov. 22-26
Monday - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - Pizza, juice, milk.

Loraine School Lunch Menu Nov. 22-26
Monday - Pizza pockets, corn, salad, dressing, chips, pears, milk.
Tuesday - Barbeque on bun, tator tots, chili beans, ketchup, shape-up, milk.

Westbrook School Breakfast Menu Nov. 15-19
Monday - Assorted cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - Sausage-n-blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook School Lunch Menu Nov. 15-19
Monday - Cheesburgers, vegetable fixings, french fries, peaches, milk.
Tuesday - Barbeque rib on bun, chips, corn, pear halves, milk.

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Wolves take bi-district title



2004 Colorado Wolves Bi-District Champions

The door has been kicked in! The Colorado Wolves ended four years of frustration Saturday night by defeating the Bangs Dragons 35-28 in a hard-earned bi-district contest.

The Wolves dreams for a state title were kept alive this season after ending their season at the bi-district level the past four years. The last year to advance to the regional round of the playoffs was in 1998.

Junior quarterback Brik McGuffin, who led the Wolves by completing ten of fourteen passes for 216 yards, said it was good to get the curse removed.

"It was nice to finally get over the bi-district hump," said McGuffin. "That door was nailed down pretty good, but we managed to get it kicked in."

Head Wolves coach Frank Johnson said that Bangs was a much better team than their 4-7 record indicates.

"Bangs has a much better team than their record indicates," Johnson said. "These kids have steadily improved over the second half of the season. They will be even better next year as they only lose a handful of kids."

The Wolves, winners of District 4-2A, were the beneficiaries of a pass interference call on third and 13 on their opening drive, but were unable to keep the drive going, forcing McGuffin to punt the ball. His 54-yard punt pinned Bangs at their own 11-yard line.

Bangs struggled in their initial drive, using a time-out before running their first play, and then had a delay of game penalty which moved them back to their own eight-yard line.

After Bangs was forced to punt McGuffin went to work, moving the Wolves down field on a five-play, 31-yard drive, culminating with a 14-yard

touchdown pass to Hann Ollison with 4:56 left to go in the first period.

Bangs, however, came right back with an eleven play, 58-yard drive that culminated when Bangs quarterback Travis Snyder took the ball in from the one-yard line on a quarterback keeper.

The Wolves went up 14-7 with 3:53 left to go in the first half after Otis Johnson scored from 11 yards out, using up a lot of the clock in their 8-play, 76-yard drive.

The Wolves scored on their first possession in the third quarter, using another 8-play, 75-yard drive with Johnson taking the ball in from the two-yard line that put the Wolves back up by a touchdown at 21-14 with 5:23 left to in the quarter.

The Wolves took advantage of another Bangs turnover, a fumble by Snyder, as they needed only one play to push the Wolves lead to 28-14 on a

McGuffin to Ollison 37-yard touchdown pass.

The Wolves final score on the night came when Johnson scored on a two-play possession with 8:52 left in the game, taking the ball in from 44 yards out this time. It was the third touchdown on the night for the senior running back.

Bangs, which finished their season at 4-7, will lose only four seniors off this years team.

During the week prior to the Bangs game coach Johnson was a little concerned about the Dragons huge offensive line.

"We were a little worried about their size," Johnson said. "They were a couple of plays where they hammered us pretty good. We hoped that our speed would be the equalizer and it was once we beat them deep a couple of times. I am just glad we came away with a win."

The Wolves, now 9-2 on the season, will face the Wall Hawks in the regional round of the playoffs. That game is scheduled to be held at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene this Saturday night with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff slated.

Class 2A Division 1 Playoff Bracket



STATISTICS

COLORADO WOLVES vs. BANGS DRAGONS, Saturday, November 13
Overall Stats - 11 Games

C-CITY	OPPONENTS	RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG. YDS.
Score	380	159			PER CATCH
First Downs	182	127			
Rushing	317/1505	430/1584			
Passing	146/252/2251/26/11	71/188/1018/7/14			
Total Yards	3756	2502			
Fumbles	19-10	23-12			
Penalties	56-557	70-479			
SCORING	TD'S	POINTS			
Otis Johnson	13	78			
Brian Ollison	12	72			
Brik McGuffin	7	42			
Roland Rivera	6	36			
Isaac Franco	4	24			
Frankie Argujo	7	42			
Brandon Beights	2	12			
Michael Pineda	1	6			
Michael Lucra	1	6			
Chris Martinez	1	6			
Jon Ventura	2				
EXTRAPOINTS					
Brik McGuffin	39-49	39			
Eric Martinez	2				
Timmy Atkins	2				
FIELD GOALS					
Brik McGuffin	3-3	9			
PASSING					
Brik McGuffin	145/249/2248/26/11				
Chris Martinez	1/3/4/0/0				
RECEIVING	REC.	YARDS	AVG. YDS.		
Hann Ollison	40	876	21.9		
Frankie Argujo	36	552	15.333		
Roland Rivera	27	274	10.148		
Isaac Franco	13	195	15		
Brandon Beights	15	210	14		
Eric Martinez	9	106	11.778		
Otis Johnson	3	11	3.666667		
Kenneth Scott	1	23	23		
Tim Atkins	1	6	6		
TOTALS	145	2251	15.524		
RUSHING	ATTS.	YARDS	AVERAGE		
Otis Johnson	113	878	7.7699		
Brik McGuffin	141	489	3.4681		
Chris Martinez	14	133	9.5		
Roland Rivera	31	105	3.3871		
Hann Ollison	10	26	2.6		
Michael Lucra	3	16	5.333333		
Brandon Beights	13	13	1.0		
Michael Pineda	1	1	1		
TOTALS	316	1582	5.0063		
SCORES BY QUARTER	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Colorado	129	110	72	69	380
Opponent	47	14	49	49	159

Wolves face Wall in quarterfinals

The Colorado Wolves will take on the Wall Hawks this Saturday night at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene in the regional quarterfinal round of the playoffs.

The Hawks are a team rich in playoff tradition much like the Bangs Dragons were. The Hawks finished last season with a 9-3 record, losing to Shallowater in the regional round after they had defeated Alpine 28-21 in the bi-district

round of the Division 1 playoffs.

Wall returned only one offensive and two defensive starters from a year ago, losing 17 seniors to graduation.

Head Wall coach Kevin Burns has been getting plenty of mileage, however, from last year's JV team which went undefeated at 9-0.

Head Wolves coach Frank Johnson said that Wall is another team similar to Bangs

in that they like to line up and run right at you.

"Wall is another running team that has big, physical kids," Johnson said. "They just try to run over you. They are another team that has just gotten better each week. Our kids are excited about keeping this season going and we will be ready to play."

Chris Sturm, a 5-10, 160 pound quarterback, started five games there last season, racking up 468 yards of passing offense, completing four touchdowns passes. Senior wide receiver Bryce Leggett was one of his favorite targets, and he was an all-district performer both sides of the football.

Running back Jake Hallmann, a 5-11, 170 pounder, scored three touchdowns last year, but was also the leading tackler on defense with 63.

The offensive line will again outweigh the Wolves. It is anchored by offensive/defensive tackle Jay Moore, a 6-2, 240 pounder. Other members of the line are guard/linebacker Garrett Davidson, guard/defensive end Micky Mathews, and offensive tackle/defensive end Layton Schniers.

The winner of the Wolves Hawks contest will take on the winner of the Shallowater-Henrietta game in the regional final round of the playoffs.

Shallowater is 6-5 while Henrietta is 10-1 on the season, losing only to district 8-2A foe Holliday who is state-ranked.

Shallowater eliminated the Wolves in the bi-district round of the playoffs the past two years, last year in overtime.

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Lady Bulldogs in rebuilding year Bulldogs hoping for another playoff season

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs have kicked off the 2004-05 basketball season with a couple of scrimmages in which new head girls coach Jeffrey Stockton has described as "very promising."

"We are in kind of a rebuilding year this season," Stockton said. "I think we will be better than anyone may

have expected. We have a lot of work to do, but it's coming around real nicely and I am very, very pleased with the girls. They have worked real hard so far and are striving to do well this year."

Returning lettermen are but a few with seniors April Bailey, Heaven McGrael, and Amanda Aguilar in that group. Gone

are Amanda Walker, Eliza Martinez, and Tabitha Epperson who all started for the Lady Bulldogs. Another former starter, Eliza Garcia, has transferred to Anson.

Newcomers to the team are transfer Erin Coffey and freshman Claudia Barrera who are expected to see plenty of action.

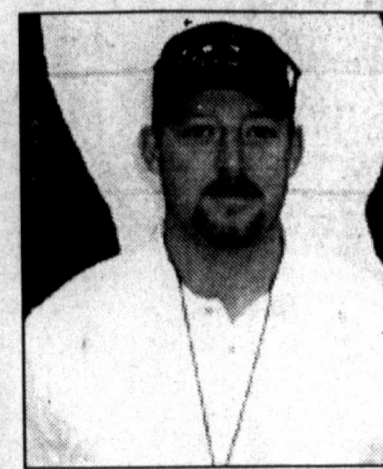
The Lady Bulldogs will be in a new district that will be highly competitive. Members of the district include Hermleigh, Highland, Roby, Trent, Westbrook, Blackwell, and Ira besides the Lady Bulldogs. Only the top two teams in the district will move on into the playoffs.

"I fully expect this district to

be one of the toughest districts in the area," Stockton said. "Highland, Ira, and Westbrook as well as newcomer Roby have proven programs. It should be an interesting season."



Jeff Stockton



Jack Pruitt

"We are using these early scrimmages and game to work on our basic fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, and shooting," Pruitt said. "I am not really all that concerned about wins and losses right now. I want to see who is willing to play together as a team."

Loraine lost all-district and all-big country guard Ryan Lucas as well as lettermen D.J. Vanderpool and Johnny Jimenez. Not returning this season is senior Cameron Smith, a starting post last season.

The Bulldogs do, however, return all-district players

Anthony Esquivel and Michael Walker as well as lettermen Marcus Williams, Steven Wooddell, Nathan Clements, Miguel Acevedo, and Levi Hester.

Freshman Derek Martinez is one of the promising newcomers while other freshmen who played on the district winning junior high team last year are Jake Hester, Joseph Epperson, and Donta Smith.

"I feel like we have a chance of being a good basketball team," Pruitt said. "It may take a while to get there, but we are working on it."



VANE CLEMMER, 1ST GRADER at Westbrook School, harvested his 1st deer south of Westbrook Thursday, November 11 with his dad, Curtis Clemmer.



TYLER PLAGENS harvested his first deer ever during the opening weekend of deer season. Tyler shot the seven-point buck while hunting south of Colorado City.

Loraine Jr. High School Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 8	Trent	Here	6:00
Nov. 15	Blackwell	There	6:00
Nov. 22	Westbrook	Here	6:00
Nov. 29	Hermleigh	There	6:00
Dec. 6	Ira	There	6:00
Jan. 6	Roby	There	6:00
Jan. 10	Highland	Here	6:00
Jan. 13 & 15	Blackwell Tourn	There	TBA
Jan. 17	Westbrook	There	6:00
Jan. 20 & 22	Highland Tourn	There	TBA
Jan. 24	Hermleigh	Here	6:00
Jan. 31	Ira	Here	6:00

Players of the week chosen

Players of the Week for the bi-district playoff game against the Bangs Dragons last Saturday night have been named.

On offense Otis Johnson, Hann Ollison, Eric Martinez, and Brik McGuffin all share the award this week.

Johnson had 75 yards on 12 carries, scoring three touchdowns and also grabbed a share of the Special Teams award this week with McGuffin who was a perfect five of five on extra point attempts. Ollison had three catches for 105 yards, scoring two touchdowns. Martinez added another four catches for 65 yards. McGuffin had a great night passing, hitting 10 of 14 of his pass attempts for 216 yards as well as rushing for 41 yards on 12 rushing attempts.

Roland Rivera and Ray Ryan share the defensive player of the week awards. Rivera had

seven solo tackles and three assists. Ryan added six solo tackles and five assists.

The Monster Hit Award goes to sophomore Zane Whitesides who put a "slobber knocker" hit on a Bangs runner.

Congratulations to these individuals and to the entire Wolves football team for a job well done.

Now let's move on to the next round as we SHOOT DOWN THE HAWKS!

Wolf football stats

Three Wolves are among the top performers in the Big Country for Class 2-A.

Quarterback Brik McGuffin is in second place behind all-state quarterback Colt McCoy with 145 completions out of 245 attempts for 2,248 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Hann Ollison is in second place among the receivers with 40 receptions for 876 yards and seven touchdowns.

Senior back Otis Johnson is in second place in the rushing department, gaining 878 yards on 113 carries.

Johnson is the leading Wolf scorer this season with 78 points while the runner-up is Ollison with 72 points.

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PICTURED ARE MEMBERS AND SPONSORS of the Loraine group of young mentors. They are top row (l-r) sponsor Delia Olivarez, Ashley Smith and Erin Coffey; front row (l-r) Kenny Esquivel, Annette Davila and Sean Vasquez. Not pictured is Heaven McGrail.

Grant aids mentor/tutor program in Loraine

The Fisher County Rural Abstinence Education Coalition had its beginnings in 1998 when the first federal block grants for abstinence education were handed down to the individual states.

Fisher County Hospital District applied for and was awarded one of these grants through what was the Texas Department of Health (now Department of State Health Services). A program known as Fisher County Abstinence Education began teaching character and abstinence in Fisher county schools.

In 2002, the program's name changed to Fisher County Rural Abstinence Coalition and it received a federal SPRANS (Special Projects of Regional and National Significance) grant, which allowed program members to cover more school districts in the area. Now 17 school districts over an eight county area are being served. Through this grant, Loraine ISD has been

able for the second year to have a mentor/tutor program. The grant allows six Loraine High School students to work on their teaching skills and get paid for it at the same time.

They mentor/tutor students from ages 12 to 18 years of age and are paid \$5 per hour and can work from 6-40 hours per month. These students serve as role models for the others. They also must agree to follow certain terms of the grant. They must live healthy lifestyles, including abstinence from drugs, alcohol, and sexual promiscuity, while maintaining a high grade.

Students work during school only after they have completed their work Monday through Friday. The mentors work with different students at different locations. The students also help counsel other students who may have become involved in a dispute or disagreement. They counsel them on behavior as well as academics.



LORAIN ISD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are back row (l-r) Kristan Ramirez, Michael Walker, Jr.; front row (l-r) Breanna Williams and Madison Edmonds.

Loraine releases honor rolls

Loraine ISD has released the honor rolls for the second six weeks of the 2004-2005 school year.

A Honor Roll

First grade - Kayla Atkinson, Hunter Austin, Breanna Beltran, Isaiah Garcia-Jennings, Oscar Gonzales, Charlie Neeley, Christopher Olivarez, Crystal Olivarez, Brilee Young.

Second grade - Matthew Davila, Dusty Dawson, Madison Edmonds, Madeline Gibson, Bailee Young.

Third grade - Colten Jones.

Fifth grade - Alissa Womack.

Seventh grade - Travis Pruitt.

Eighth grade - Felicia Gibson.

Ninth grade - Kenny Esquivel.

Tenth grade - Annette Davila.

Eleventh grade - Erin Coffey, Heaven McGrail, Lucy Rico, Michael Walker.

Twelfth grade - Amanda Aguilar, April Bailey, Krystal Sanchez.

A-B Honor Roll

Second grade - Katie Barrera, Ben Clements, Christian Davila, Stormy Dawson, Abram Hernandez, Stefani Macias.

Third grade - Colton Chavez, Laura Clements,

Claudia DeLoera, Carson Edmonds, Timothy Garza, Jacob Morris.

Fourth grade - Kylie James, Kacey Neeley.

Fifth grade - Ariel Bailey, Shannon Clements, Damian Garcia, Brandon Gibson, Catelyn Johnston, Dehvan Neeley, Celia Rico.

Sixth grade - Alicia Hernandez, Brittney Hernandez, Raven Limones, Megan Sanchez, Adrian Talamantes.

Seventh grade - Adam Coffey, Anthony Gonzales, Kasandra Jimenez, Alex Lambaren, Justin McGowan, Megan Oliver, Erica Medina, Vanessa Villalon.

Eighth grade - Candace Aguilar, Shelby Austin, Jessica Bradley, Seth Clements, David Huerta, Ector Lopez, Joe Louis Martinez, Carlton Johnston, Jacob Sanchez.

Ninth grade - Derek Austin, Donta Smith, Sean Vasquez.

Tenth grade - Miguel Acevedo, Rebecca Bradley, Zachary Gibson, Levi Hester, Alejandro Lopez, Margarita Medina, Nancy Talamantes.

Eleventh grade - Daniel Austin, Leslie Trevino, Marcus Williams.

Twelfth grade - Nathan Clements, Jodi Eaton, Anthony Esquivel, Ashley Smith, Mosheka Williams.

loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Speaking of web feet. As of Monday evening the recent rainfall was three inches and rising. I'm reminded of the Johnny Cash song *How High is the Water Mama*. We are familiar with wind and sand, not days on end of rain.

Charles Bowen reported that the Mitchell County Retired Teachers met last Tuesday at the Wallace Center. Children's books were prepared for Christmas giving.

Loraine JH sweeps the Hornets

Both the Loraine girl's and boy's basketball teams came away with wins Monday night in games played at Loraine.

The girls won their game 30-27 with Junell Ruth, an eighth grader, putting in 12 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Megan Oliver added 8 points to the Loraine total.

Loraine led 18-10 at the half before Blackwell made the game a close one by outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 16-8 in the final quarter.

The boys defeated Blackwell 41-36 to stay undefeated in district play at 2-0.

Johnny Burns led the Bulldogs with 25 points which include one trey. David Huerta contributed 5 points in the win.

Loraine led 21-14 at the end of the first half before Blackwell closed out the second half outscoring Loraine 22-20.

Loraine coach Rick Lucas said he was proud of the way his team is playing.

"We have gotten off to a good start in district," Lucas said. "We still have a few things we need to work on, but we should make a run for the district title."

Loraine wins season opener

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs opened their basketball season with a huge 58-26 win over the Angelo Christian girls last Friday night.

Senior April Bailey was high point girl with 16 points while Claudia Barrera was also in double figures with 10.

Speaking of Sports

By Carl Graham

How about those Wolves! They knocked down that door last Saturday night at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, but it took a total team effort to get the job done. We hope that we can postpone the boy's basketball season all the way until December.

This week it is time to go Hawk hunting as the Wolves take on the Wall Hawks.

The Bangs Dragons refused to roll over and play dead for the Wolves. They are used to being in post-season play, and despite having only four seniors on the team, played like a veteran team.

The Wolves will get little rest however. They now get ready for the Wall Hawks in the regional round of the playoffs which will be played this Saturday night at Shotwell Stadium.

Basketball has started for the Lady Wolves as well as the Loraine and Westbrook boys and girls teams. We hope they all will have successful years.

Former Loraine basketball player Eliza Garcia is playing basketball for the Anson Lady Tigers, a district foe of the Lady Wolves. She ran at the state cross-country meet this past weekend, finishing 16th in Class 2-A. Congratulations on a job well done!

The Loraine VFD will have the annual Christmas party at the Loraine Senior Center on Saturday, December 4.

We hope to have a pre-opry show at the Loraine Center prior to Shady's opening in Colorado City. More information will follow.

Whitney Merket spent the weekend with her grandmother, Joan Long. The ladies had a great visit. They went to church Sunday and attended the start of the Baptist Revival. After the service they enjoyed a lunch at church.

Visiting with Wanza and Bobbie Graham Sunday morning were Glenda Hemphill, her daughter Haley and grandson Cade of San Angelo. In the afternoon they all went to Brenda Linam's home to celebrate the 6th birthday of Tanner Harmon.

We are pleased to report that Chad and Lenette Harmon have moved here, buying the former Willis Cornutt home. We hope they love Loraine.

We have concerns at this time for Dorothy Johnson. She is in Mitchell County Hospital. We send her our prayers and a get-well message.

The Colorado City Opry will hold a benefit show for the Loraine Senior Citizens on Friday, November 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Come enjoy all the great music. The proceeds will go toward the needs of the center. See your friends and have fun.

Nell Doyle's son-in-law Chester Collier had recent surgery and did well but now at this time he has developed a blood clot. We send him our get-well wishes and prayers.

We send condolences to Lenetta Dubose. Her sister, Audrey Parker from Abilene passed away recently.

I spoke with Elnora Mitchell Monday. She is now at home after having back surgery. She is making progress and feeling some better. She thanks everyone for their prayers and deeds.

Senior Center
Last Monday at the center Keifer Cauble played piano prior to the noon meal.

Vida Mae McAdams played piano for a Veteran's Day program. Several veterans were present.

Friday, Tommy Wright sang along with his nice tapes.

Visiting last week was Nona Serial, Connie and Kenneth Cranfill of Colorado City.

Having lunch Friday with Lenetta and Wayne Dubose were her sister Maudie Webb of Poway, California and her daughter, Beth Webb and grandchildren of San Angelo.

Mary McMullen will give her monthly nutritional report Monday, November 22.

The birthday dinner for all who celebrate birthdays in November will be Wednesday, November 24.

Friday, November 26, the center will be closed for a nice holiday weekend.

RAINY DAY DEALS

NEW CARS NOW ON SALE
DURING OUR RAINY DAY SALE!

2004 Pontiac Bonneville SE Sedan

Stock #256065, Ivory White, Taupe Trim

MSRP \$28,660.00
Dealer Disc. 3,000.00
Factory Rebate 3,500.00
SALE PRICE \$22,160.00

\$22,160
+ TT&L

2004 Pontiac Gran Prix GTP

Stock #345803, Black, Pewter Leather

MSRP \$31,930.00
Dealer Disc. 3,500.00
Factory Rebate 3,500.00
SALE PRICE \$24,930.00

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+ TT&L

2004 Buick LaSabre

Stock #144895, White, Gray Leather

MSRP \$30,140.00
Dealer Disc. 3,500.00
Factory Rebate 3,500.00
SALE PRICE \$23,140.00

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2004 GMC 4 WD EXT. CAB

Stock #247948, Black, Pewter Cloth

MSRP \$35,227.00
Dealer Disc. 4,500.00
Factory Rebate 4,500.00
SALE PRICE \$26,227.00

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2004 GMC SIERRA 2 WD REG. CAB

Stock #223888, Sport Red, Pewter Cloth

MSRP \$27,123.00
Dealer Disc. 4,000.00
Factory Rebate 4,500.00
SALE PRICE \$18,673.00

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2004 CHEVROLET Z-71 CREW CAB 1500

Stock #342322, Sandstone, Tan Leather

MSRP \$39,718.00
Dealer Disc. 5,500.00
Factory Rebate 4,500.00
SALE PRICE \$29,718.00

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