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Answerline

Q. When are the Lone Wolf Relays?
A. The Lone Wolf Relays will be held March 30th with the district meet the following week, April 6th.

Briefs

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization and flu clinic for children with no insurance, Medicaid or under-insured and adults with no insurance on Wed., Mar. 1st from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Education Center at the corner of 4th and Chestnut in Colorado City. To make an appointment, call 325-754-4945.

Howl Nite
Howl Nite at the Magic Kingdom 2017 will be held Mon., Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each from Ann Bazany at high school. Children 3 and younger do not need a ticket. If there are seats remaining, tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 each.

Dance
A Mitchell County Senior Citizens dance will be held Thurs., Feb. 23rd, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Colorado City Civic Center. There will be live music featuring Travis and Kevin, \$5.00 per person. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Baseball
The Texas Teenage Youth Baseball League will have a meeting this Thursday to make plans to move forward with the league. Signup information and other details will be released after the meeting. Watch the Record for more information.

Book Fair
A book fair will be held in the LISD Library starting Mon., Feb. 27th through Fri., Mar. 3rd during school hours. Family Night is set for Thurs., Mar. 2nd starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Obituaries

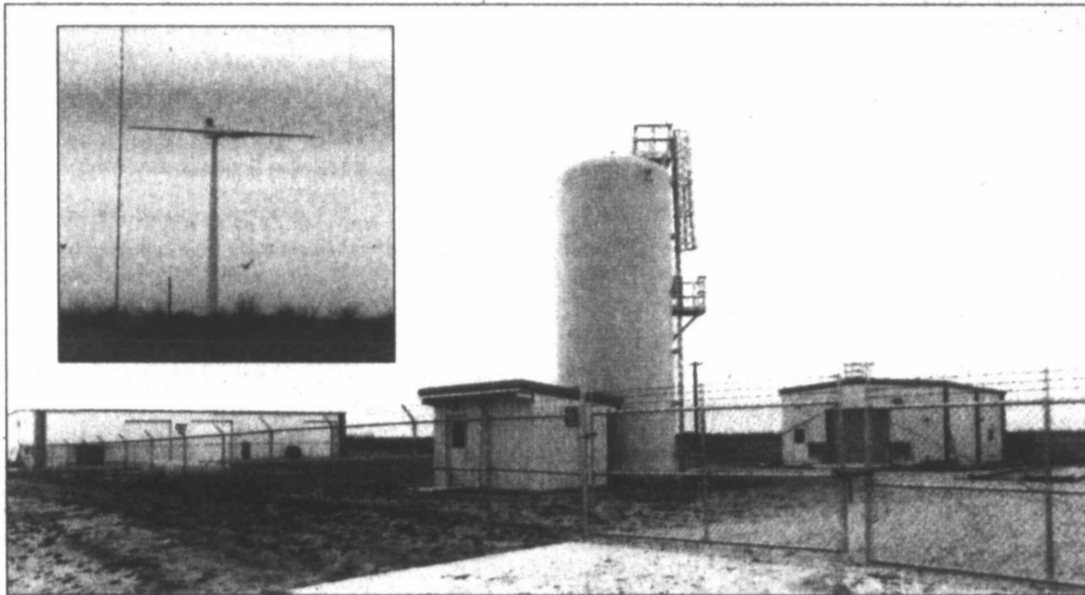
Dean Alexander
Sweetwater
Mae Montague
Colorado City

Around Town

Demacio Rodriguez, got cake??... Happy belated birthday Kody Wood (Feb. 23rd)... Happy birthday Rita Williams, Monica Pratt (Feb. 24th)... Veronica Boone looking for a t-shirt... Happy birthday Jan Monroe, Jazz Henderson, Janet Miles, Trina Williams (Feb. 25th)... Happy birthday Wendell Mayes Jr. (Feb. 26th)... Happy birthday Ivy Johnson Jr., Bill Monroe, Sherrie Gonzales and Sherika Johnson (Feb. 27th)... Happy birthday Dwayne Jones (Feb. 28th)...



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DESALINATION PLANT—According to county officials, construction of the desalination plant near Westbrook is almost complete, and the plant should be producing water next week. Personnel from Corix Utilities has assisted with review of the final design and provided some consultation on the operation and startup of the plant.

Plant construction nears end

Construction of the desalination plant near Westbrook is almost completed. While water sales are not quite ready to get underway, Board of Economic Development Director Sue Young said everyone is working toward the goal to have the plant producing water by the end of

the month.

Mitchell County Commissioners gave their approval to begin construction of the plant in October of 2010. The first step was for the BOED to make state and federal grant applications to help with funding to build the facility.

The BOED, working closely with the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District, hired a hydrology firm to hold a feasibility study to determine the quantity of brackish water available for the project. The firm found that

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Banquet tickets on sale now

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing a luau for the 108th annual chamber banquet. Anyone planning to attend needs to be aware that the deadline to RSVP is Thursday, February 23rd at 5

p.m. The banquet is set for Friday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. at the civic center, located at 157 West 2nd Street. Tickets cost \$20 each and can be purchased from any chamber board member.

Board members are: Janna Ratliff, Audra Hoback, John Chaney, Sherry Dockrey, Jerry Shields, Richy Womack, Kody Wood, Joni Lacefield, and Starla Casares.

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Pancake supper is Friday

The 86th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper will be held Friday, February 24th, and everyone is encouraged to come enjoy some delicious pancakes while raising money for the Kiwanis Club charities.

Members of the local club will

serve all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and drinks from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the dining area of the new Wallace Senior Citizens Center, formerly the CMS Cafeteria. The facility is located on the west side of the building

at 312 E. 12th Street in Colorado City.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$14 for kids 12 and under. All proceeds benefit the club and the youth of Mitchell County.

Mark those calendars and make plans now to attend.

Conaway visits Colorado City

U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway and his aide, Evan Thomas, made time to stop by the Record office for a visit as he traveled between speaking engagements in Odessa and at Abilene Christian University Tuesday. He addressed several issues that are important to citizens in this area.

President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to dismantle the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, and Conaway said he is confident that the bi-lateral agreements will be better for agriculture than the TPP. He stressed the importance of being able to export what is produced here in the U.S.

"We export about 30% of what we grow," he said. "With cotton it's close to 80 and wheat it's 75%, so we've got to have these export markets. Trade is a big deal for production and agriculture."

A hot topic of the Trump presidency is, of course, the wall being built on the border between the U.S. and Mexico. Conaway said the U.S. has been building the wall for some time, as infrastructure has been put into place. Conaway took a trip to McAllen recently and met with a sector chief there who told him there are many resources that he needs to effectively deal with border

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Scales coming to city landfill

A full council met Tuesday, February 21st and discussed City of Colorado City business. Thanks to approval from the council, the city landfill is getting scales to help be more exact when it comes to charging for refuse being dumped at the facility.

City Manager David Hoover has been looking into the possibility of purchasing and installing scales at the landfill for a long time. He was unable to attend the meeting Tuesday night, but Director of Operations Michelle Guelker said Hoover recommended the purchase of the used scales.

Councilman Andrew Fuller recused himself from voting on the issue, as he was the one who

initially told Hoover about the scales that were available. Cost of the scales is \$8,000, and city officials estimate that it will take about \$2,000 to transport them to the landfill and get them installed.

In an effort to cut costs, city employees will construct the pad, pour cement and perform the necessary electrical work to get the scales working.

Newly-appointed councilman Tim Boyd expressed his concern about the costs associated with the purchase and installation. Boyd said he's skeptical that the city can get the job completed for a total of \$10,000.

"We have to consider the cost of this stuff. I mean, we can't afford it," he said.
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WCTCOG, center honors Dockrey

Colorado City is home to many exceptional events and places, made exceptional by extraordinary people. One of those exceptional places is the Wallace Senior Citizen Center and it is a wonderful place thanks, in part, to its director, Cherie Dockrey.

Dockrey was the recipient of two awards last week, and personnel from the West Central Texas Council of Governments and the Area Agency on Aging came to the center last Wednesday to make the presentation. The center is partially supported through the two agencies.

Carla Thompson, monitor for the Area Agency on Aging, showed up with a cake, and Michelle Parker, Director of Community Programs for WCTCOG, made the award presentation just before the noon meal was served at the center.

Thompson is a monitor for a 19-county area, and she checks

in on centers to ensure things are in compliance with the Older Americans Act. Dockrey has been director of the local center for three years. When it began, the director's position was a temporary one, and because of the lack of available funds, Dockrey did the job without getting a paycheck for two years.

Dockrey's involvement with the center actually began with her volunteering to deliver meals. The service is a huge part of what the center does. When she started taking a more active role in the center, she found there are a lot of guidelines and regulations to learn in order to remain in compliance.

She's a self-described jack of all trades. She said she's done some plumbing, moved furniture, and completed many other tasks, all with the help of her husband, Alan.

"I get way more back from See DOCKREY, page 5



IT TAKES A VILLAGE... to make the Wallace Senior Citizen Center into one of the most successful senior centers in the area. Personnel from WCTCOG and the Area Agency on Aging came to the center to present awards to Director Cherie Dockrey and share a cake with those attending. Volunteers and staff members pictured are: (back row, l-r) Winnie Putman, Billie Powell, Gladys Hayes, James Williams, Don Fox; (front row) Tania Brown, Jimmie Tidwell, Lillie Funderburg, Michelle Parker, Cherie Dockrey, Connie Hemphill, Lupe Contreras and Emma Hopper.



THE PARTY IS ON... Cherie Dockrey was honored with two awards and a cake last week for her work as director of the Wallace Senior Citizen Center. Her bosses and colleagues from the West Central Texas Council of Governments and Area Agency on Aging supplied the cake and were present for the awards.

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LOCAL NEWS

Matters of the heart: can you handle the pressure?

By Jennifer Hale,
RN MCHD Cardiac
Rehabilitation Manager

When it comes to heart attacks, there is usually more than one factor at hand that leads to an actual heart attack or stroke. It is important to maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly, and know your family history, to name a few. One other important component of maintaining heart health is a healthy blood pressure. According to American Heart Association (AHA) about 85 million Americans have high blood pressure. That equals to about one in every three adults over age 20 have high blood pressure. High blood pressure (HBP) is known as the "silent killer" because often times there are no obvious symptoms and if left untreated, it can quietly damage blood vessels and eventually contribute to a heart attack, stroke or other health problems. The best defense is a great offense. In this case, the best way to know if you have HBP is to have your blood pressure checked.

To start, know your numbers. Please refer to the chart to see where you measure up. Systolic blood pressure (top number) indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls during heartbeats. Diastolic blood pressure (bottom number) indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting

against your artery walls while the heart is resting between beats. If you find yourself with a normal blood pressure (BP), congratulations! Keep up with what you are doing and stick with heart-healthy habits incorporated with a balanced diet and regular exercise. The prehypertension or early stage HBP range means that you are more than likely to develop HBP unless you take steps to control it. Hypertension Stage 1 is when you are likely to receive suggested lifestyle changes from your physician and possible blood pressure medication. Hypertension Stage 2 requires more intense lifestyle changes in conjunction with blood pressure medication(s) to control blood pressure. Hypertensive crisis is an emergency situation. If you find yourself in this area of the chart, seek help by either calling 9-1-1 or getting to the nearest hospital for further evaluation. The only person that can diagnose HBP is your family physician.

With HBP there are risk factors you can control and those you cannot control. Factors out of your control include family history, age, gender and race. If your parents or close relative have HBP, you are at higher risk for developing HBP. The older you are, the less elasticity there is in our blood vessels that may lead to HBP. Men are at higher risk for developing HBP and women

age 65 and older are more likely to develop HBP. Studies have indicated that African-Americans develop HBP earlier, more often and more severe than other racial backgrounds. Risk factors that you can control include lack of physical activity, unhealthy diet, being overweight or obese, drinking too much alcohol, smoking and tobacco use and stress. These are all lifestyle choices that can contribute to HBP.

How do you fight HBP? There is no cure for HBP, but there are ways to manage this condition. Make changes that matter such as eat a balance low salt diet, limit alcohol consumption, enjoy regular physical activity, maintain a healthy weight, and take medication as prescribed by your doctor. Maintaining blood pressure is a lifelong commitment. Adopting the changes listed can reduce your high blood pressure, enhance the effectiveness of blood pressure medications and lower your risk for heart attack, stroke,

heart failure, kidney damage, vision loss and sexual dysfunction. American Heart Association reports that "while heart disease is still the number-one killer in the United States and around the world, death rates have decreased significantly, thanks in part to earlier and better treatment of high blood pressure." (American Heart Association, 2016).

Don't just take my word for it, educate yourself and advocate for yourself. Go to www.heart.org for current and factual information about heart attack, stroke and other heart related diseases. Find resources such as recipes, suggested dietary guidelines and self-tests to see where your heart health measures up. Know your numbers, know the risk factors and fight for your health!

"Information contained in this article is intended to inform and educate on subjects pertinent to health, but should not be a substitute for consultation with your personal physician."

Blood Pressure Category	Systolic mm Hg (upper #)	and	Diastolic mm Hg (lower #)
Normal	less than 120	and	less than 80
Prehypertension	120 - 139	or	80 - 89
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 1	140 - 159	or	90 - 99
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 2	160 or higher	or	100 or higher
(Emergency care needed)	Higher than 180	or	Higher than 110

All Saint's serving pancakes Feb. 28th

The congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church are holding a Strove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28th, and everyone is welcome to attend. The meal will be free of charge and dona-

tions will be accepted. The doors to the church will open at 6 p.m. that evening and pancakes, bacon, sausage and drinks will be served until 7:30 p.m.

Strove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Father Jared Houze will hold Ash Wednesday services the following day, March 1st, at All Saints at noon and at St. Stephens Episcopal in Sweetwater at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to celebrate both events, so mark your calendars. See you then!

OBITUARIES

Dean Alexander 1930-2017

SWEETWATER - Dean Alexander, 86, formerly of Roscoe and Newton, Kansas, died Tuesday, February 7th at his residence at Hoyt Place in Sweetwater. In accordance with his wishes, Dean was cremated. Family visitation was held at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater on Friday, February 17 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. A memorial service was held Saturday, February 18th at 2:00 P.M. at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater with Matthew Lang of Newton, Kansas officiating.



Dean was born in Roscoe to the late Bill and Johnnie Alexander on October 8, 1930. After graduating from Highland High School in 1948, he attended Arlington College where he played football from 1948 to 1950 then joined the Marines, where he was named Honor Man in his platoon and served in the Korean War. On August 5, 1951 he married Doris Lee Harvey and lived in Roscoe most of their life. She preceded him in death on May 24, 1986.

As a third generation farmer, he had a love for the land and the plants and cows that it supplied. He was an avid game player that included dominoes or cards, and always had a joke to tell.

Dean was also preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Johnnie Alexander and one grandchild, Damon Earl Chancellor. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, Mike and wife Melinda of Colorado City, Kim and wife Marsha of Roscoe, Lee Ann Chancellor and husband David of Laramie, Wyoming; and 1 brother, Stanley Alexander of Austin. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mccoyfh.com.

Mae P. Montague "Celebration of Life"

Please join the Montague/Chaney families for a "Celebration of Life" Memorial Service for Mae P. Montague "The Pie Lady" on Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church on Chestnut St in Colorado City. A reception will follow and, yes, it will be PIES!!!



ADDING TO THE ROLES - Ann Marie Molina (left) received a pin for bringing a new member into the Colorado City Lions Club during the Lions Centennial year. The pin was presented during the weekly meeting on Friday by Lion President Luis Aguilar.



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LOCAL NEWS

February sales tax numbers remain dismal

Area Sales Tax Rebates						
City	Feb. '17	Feb. '16	+/-	Year '17	Year '16	+/-
Abilene	\$4,350,460.92	\$4,539,151.36	-4.15%	\$7,505,249.40	\$7,542,556.30	-0.49%
Big Spring	\$810,038.32	\$902,620.20	-10.25%	\$1,492,846.80	\$1,560,140.23	-4.31%
Colorado City	\$56,314.73	\$68,200.69	-17.42%	\$101,045.96	\$120,194.90	-15.93%
Lamesa	\$145,639.71	\$159,081.86	-8.44%	\$257,733.08	\$276,555.06	-6.80%
Loraine	\$3,037.10	\$2,741.81	10.76%	\$4,503.05	\$4,409.01	2.13%
Lubbock	\$7,211,448.47	\$7,077,561.13	1.89%	\$12,513,007.41	\$11,963,927.79	4.58%
Mitchell Co.	\$22,509.40	\$30,738.84	-26.77%	\$43,799.65	\$55,190.49	-20.63%
Post	\$91,779.68	\$91,028.54	0.82%	\$178,495.03	\$161,714.78	10.37%
Roby	\$3,822.76	\$4,075.94	-6.21%	\$6,926.38	\$6,814.99	1.63%
Rotan	\$21,833.01	\$21,403.75	2.00%	\$36,331.66	\$35,364.21	2.73%
Snyder	\$275,343.38	\$272,728.78	0.95%	\$485,232.03	\$474,754.32	2.20%
Sweetwater	\$326,776.63	\$375,064.43	-12.87%	\$609,239.04	\$671,773.95	-9.30%
Westbrook	\$0.00	\$2,121.36	-100.00%	\$0.00	\$4,430.45	-100.00%

Have you ever heard of "a perfect storm"? Well, that's just what the City of Colorado City continues to suffer from in the way of reduced sales tax rebates. Lower oil prices, combined with the loss of a hotel and retail business shows in the form of large decreases in sales and, therefore, sales tax rebates.

In the Area Sales Tax Rebates chart attached, citizens looking down the column that shows changes in percentages from last year to this year can easily see that Mitchell County and the City of Colorado City are victims of a depressed economy in the area. While most places have seen some decreases or even small increases, Colorado City's 2017 payments are already down by nearly 16% and the county's rebates are down by over 20%.

Bringing in a new business would be a boom for Colorado City, but there's no sales taxes being generated by the empty building for now.

Decreased oilfield activity tells the whole tale for the county. About 40% of Mitchell County's tax base consists of mineral values. Decreased activity and decreased mineral values means one thing: less money for the county. February's rebates was down by more than \$8,000 from the February 2016 payment.

All entities in the area have felt the pinch, and the city and county have responded by cutting their budgets. With oil inching up to \$53 per barrel, there is hope that oilfield activity will be picking up soon.

The fire that caused the loss of Days Inn a couple of years ago was devastating to the city, because the hotel was #2 in the city's tax base and brought in a lot of sales tax rebate money. While new hotels and motels have been constructed and opened, rooms are not being rented at the rate as they were just a couple of years ago.

When Days Inn was still in operation, management saw many nights where all rooms were full, thanks to work crews in the area. As the price of oil fell, oil service businesses and other auxiliary businesses pulled crews and laid off workers. The residual effect has been that the newly-constructed hotels and motels aren't getting enough rooms rented to make up for the loss of the Days Inn.

It's also painfully obvious that the old Alco building is still sitting empty. According to city officials, Colorado City's Alco was a money-maker and was closed only as a casualty of bankruptcy. City Manager David Hoover said he and his staff are aggressively pursuing the option of bringing in a small manufacturing business which would provide jobs and add to the city's

Loraine has been the bright spot in the county. February's rebates amounted to almost \$3,000 more than the rebate received at this time last year. Overall, the city's economy is holding steady with a slight growth of 2%.

Snyder continues to see slight increases in sales tax allocations. This month's payment was about the same as the February 2016 payment, and the city has received \$10,477 more in 2017 than at this time in 2016.

Rotan sales are holding steady as well. The city has recorded payments within \$1,000 of last year's amounts, and the allocations are up by nearly 3% in 2017.

According to a press release issued by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, sales tax allocations were down by about one percent for the state.

"The cities of Houston, Midland and San Antonio saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. February's rebate payment for the City of Midland totaled \$5,481,160.04, a decrease of over 17% from what the city received this time last year. So far, allocations are down by over \$1 million for the year in Midland.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AWARD — Wallace Senior Center Director Cherie Dockrey (2nd from left) received the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award for her dedicated service to the center and for advocating for all senior citizens. Michelle Parker (left) from the West Central Texas Council of Governments presented the award to Dockrey and her staff, Lupe Contreras and Connie Hemphill.

Library food for fines program slow this year

According to Librarian Brigada Hiser, participation in the Food for Fines program has been quite slow this year. She said it's been unusually slow, and she's not sure of the reason.

"In years past, we've collected quite a bit of food for the mission. Even people who didn't need fines forgiven would bring items, but it's just been really slow this year," Hiser said Tuesday.

The annual Food for Fines program is well underway at the Mitchell County Public Library, benefiting local families in the community. All food collected will be donated to the Community Mission in Colorado City.

The good news is there's still time to help. The program will continue until February 28th.

Small canned goods or boxed

items will be worth 50 cents, and the larger canned or boxed items will be valued at \$1. There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can be cleared, but bills for lost or damaged library items are not eligible for the Food for Fines program. Fines do not include printing charges, damaged item charges, replacement charges, lost or missing items, or other service charges.

The materials must be returned in good condition for your fines to be cleared. The library does not accept home-canned items, cans that are past their expiration date or are dented, rusted or damaged.

For any questions or if you need more information, please call the Mitchell County Public Library at 728-3968.

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Colorado City

To the citizens of District 1, Colorado City: I would like to address this letter first to the citizens of District 1 and secondly to the remainder of the citizens of Colorado City.

My name is Traven Berrie and I am seeking the seat of Council member for District 1 in the upcoming City Council election. I am a former employee of the City of Colorado City, serving the community for 8 years as a police officer; 5 of those years as the Patrol Sergeant. I am very grateful for being allowed to serve such a fine community. I wish to continue my service to this great community by asking for your vote to serve as your District 1 council member.

First and foremost, I am a taxpayer and citizen of District 1. My wife, Melissa, and I both work to provide for our family and have seen our property valuations increase every year. While a city council member cannot control the valuations on property, they do control the City's tax rate. While taxes are a necessary evil to be able to provide City services, I can assure you that I will not vote for a tax increase, or additional tax burden, that I myself am not willing to pay.

Secondly, I believe in growth of the City. I believe in the aggressive pursuit of new businesses and services. New businesses not only provide additional options, they add to the tax base, increasing revenues for the City, whether through property or sales taxes or water and sewer services, thus decreasing the burden on you. It's a win-win in my book.

Thirdly, I want to make sure that your local public servants are providing our community with the absolute best service. If they require better equipment, additional personnel or advanced training to better serve you, then those are things that need to be considered in the budget. However, if there are shortfalls in any department, then those problems need to be addressed and remedied swiftly.

Finally, I believe in accountability, accountability in budget and accountability of services that you ultimately pay for. My family operates on a budget. I don't have the ability to tell my employer that I have levied a higher wage because I need additional funds to operate my family because there were "budget over-runs" or "unforeseen expenses". I simply must make due.

With the understanding that there have been budget shortfalls due to a loss in sales tax revenue, it is still imperative that those in charge of their respective budgets be held accountable for every cent spent and that unnecessary spending be cut until revenues allow for those expenditures.

I appreciate any support from any citizen. If you are citizen of District 1, especially thank you for your considerations and votes. I am not a politician. I am a taxpayer. I proudly served and protected the community for 8 years. I wish to continue to serve and protect YOUR tax dollars.

Respectfully,
Traven Berrie

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Civil Asset Forfeiture explained by *Lonestar Voice*

By Teresa Beckmeyer
Lonestar Voice

In a meeting with law enforcement officers from around the country, President Trump cracked a controversial "joke" in which he said he could "end the career" of an unnamed Texas State Senator, presumably for his (or her?) fight to reform Civil Asset Forfeiture.

Whether Trump meant it or not, he has significantly increased interest in the issue in Austin and around the country. But what is Civil Asset Forfeiture?

From the United States Justice Department: "The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program encompasses the seizure and forfeiture of assets that represent the proceeds of, or were used to facilitate federal crimes. The primary mission of the Program is to employ asset forfeiture powers in a manner that enhances public safety and security. This is accomplished by removing the proceeds of crime and other assets relied upon by criminals and their associates to perpetuate their criminal activity against our society. Asset forfeiture has the power to disrupt or dismantle criminal organizations that would continue to function if we only convicted and incarcerated specific individuals."

Plainly, it is the practice of law enforcement agencies to seize property they believe to be used in criminal activity, particularly in an effort to combat trafficking.

Proponents argue it cripples the ability of drug and human traffickers to move products and large sums of money to support their criminal enterprises.

But the program is opposed by many on the Left and the Right. Groups on the Left argue the program unfairly targets racial minorities. Groups on the Right argue it violates the Fourth Amendment

because there is no requirement for conviction. The police can seize citizens' property simply on suspicion.

The Fourth Amendment reads: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

But over the last few years, several high profile cases have brought attention to the absurd side of the system.

State of Texas v. \$6,037 is the name of a court case out of Tenaha, Texas in which the State brought charges against a stack of cash. Indeed, the owner of the money was not charged with any crimes, but the case was brought against the property. Law enforcement agencies are using Civil Asset Forfeiture rules to seize property because inanimate objects do not have Constitutional protections such as humans do.

Ron Henderson was pulled over in Tenaha, and though he had no drugs in his vehicle, the police claimed reasonable suspicion to seize his cash because he was driving from Houston to Linden. The department says Houston is a place known to be a place where drugs are acquired, and Linden is known to be a place to where drugs are deposited.

Henderson was told he could choose to surrender his cash, or face felony charges for "money laundering" and "child endangerment" because there were children in the car, as he was suspected of carrying drugs. It bears repeating, the officers found no drugs in the car. If he chose not to surrender the cash, the charges would land him in jail, and the children would be taken to foster care. He surrendered

the cash.

In 2015, the Sourovelis family in Philadelphia had their home seized when police arrested their son on a \$40 drug charge. When they complied and went to the court to plead their case before a judge, they found no judge in the room, rather a prosecutor demanding their signature on some paperwork.

In 2012, Mandrel Stuart was driving with \$17,550 in cash to purchase equipment and supplies for his barbecue restaurant in Virginia. He was pulled over for his tinted windows, and though he was not issued a citation or charged with any crimes, his money was confiscated by the officer. Eventually the money was restored to him, but not until after he had lost his business.

In 2011, Baltimore church leaders, Jose Sorto and Victor Guzman, were carrying \$28,500 in offerings to buy land to plant a church in El Salvador. They were pulled over in Virginia for speeding. Guzman told the officer about the cash, presented documents of its purpose, and consented to a search of the vehicle, believing he had done nothing wrong. The officer did not issue a citation, but the money was seized. The money was returned after an attorney volunteered his services and had to prove that the money was not involved in criminal activity.

In 2010, Vincent Costello and his girlfriend were travelling through South Carolina with \$32,000 in cash for renovations on a house they had purchased in Florida. They were pulled over for a cracked windshield. Again, no citation was issued, and no charges were filed, but again, the money was seized — including all the change in Costello's pocket. After hiring an attorney, and being forced to settle with the government for half the money, he only got \$7,000 back. Throughout the country, there is almost no requirement, restriction, or limitation on how these funds are used.

Consider a Citizen-Police Review Board hearing in Columbia, MO, where Chief Ken Burton said, "There's some limitations on it — actually, there's not really on the forfeiture stuff." He went on, "We usually base it on something that

would be nice to have... We try not to use it for things we need to depend on... It's kind of like pennies from heaven. It gets you a toy or something that you need."

The Houston Chronicle reported on a 2005 case where civil asset forfeiture funds were used to buy over \$300 in liquor and \$139 for a margarita machine for a party sponsored by the Montgomery County District Attorney. Of the \$64 million of assets seized by the City of Philadelphia, \$0 was spent on drug-free community education. Rather, all of it was used to pad the city's budget and pay prosecutor and police salaries. When President Obama nominated Loretta Lynch for Attorney General, there was backlash from the Left and Right over her support for this controversial program. In Texas, Republican Sen. Konni Burton has authored legislation to reform this system for the second session in a row.

She held a press conference on Wednesday with Democratic Sen. Juan Hinojosa, Republican Rep. Matt Krause and Matt Schaefer, and Democratic Reps. Senfronia Thompson and Terry Canales. Each member of this bipartisan group of legislators has legislation this session to reform Civil Asset Forfeiture in some manner.

The Chief of Mansfield Police Department appeared in dress uniform at the end of the conference to make his displeasure known. Sen. Burton addressed his concerns very frankly and reassured him that she supports law enforcement but that she believes strongly in people's rights to due process and property.

This session, she has authored SB 380 which replaces civil asset forfeiture with "criminal asset forfeiture" whereby an individual must be arrested on felony, misdemeanor, or other charges before his or her property could be seized, and he or she must be convicted to finally forfeit the property. And if the individual were to be acquitted or found not guilty of wrongdoing, the property would be restored to the owner.

Under current rules, a person might go to collect their property after trial, and find that it has already been disposed of by the law enforcement agency. And

while poor citizens have the right to a court-appointed attorney for criminal proceedings, they do not have that right for civil proceedings, so they will have to find and pay their own attorneys. Many who cannot afford this choose to surrender. If SB 380 passes, the state would be liable for the value of those goods if they are disposed or damaged after a person is cleared of wrongdoing in criminal proceedings.

Another problem with Civil Asset Forfeiture in Texas that Burton addresses in her bill is reporting. According to her office, right now there are minimal reporting requirements. Law enforcement agencies and district attorneys have to submit to the Attorney General's office how much money they are getting from forfeitures, but they are not required to specify how the money was obtained (drug activity, murder, etc.) or how they spent it. But even with these minimal standards of reporting, the Attorney General cannot really enforce it. In fact, in an interim hearing in the House last year, the AG's office testified that 500 offices did not file their reports.

SB 380 requires agencies report the number of forfeiture cases, the number of items seized, the market value of those items, and the number of occurrences of each type of offense — such as, whether they were tied to murder, drugs, or traffic violations. Her bill also establishes a person's right to challenge the validity of the seizure, even before a criminal trial.

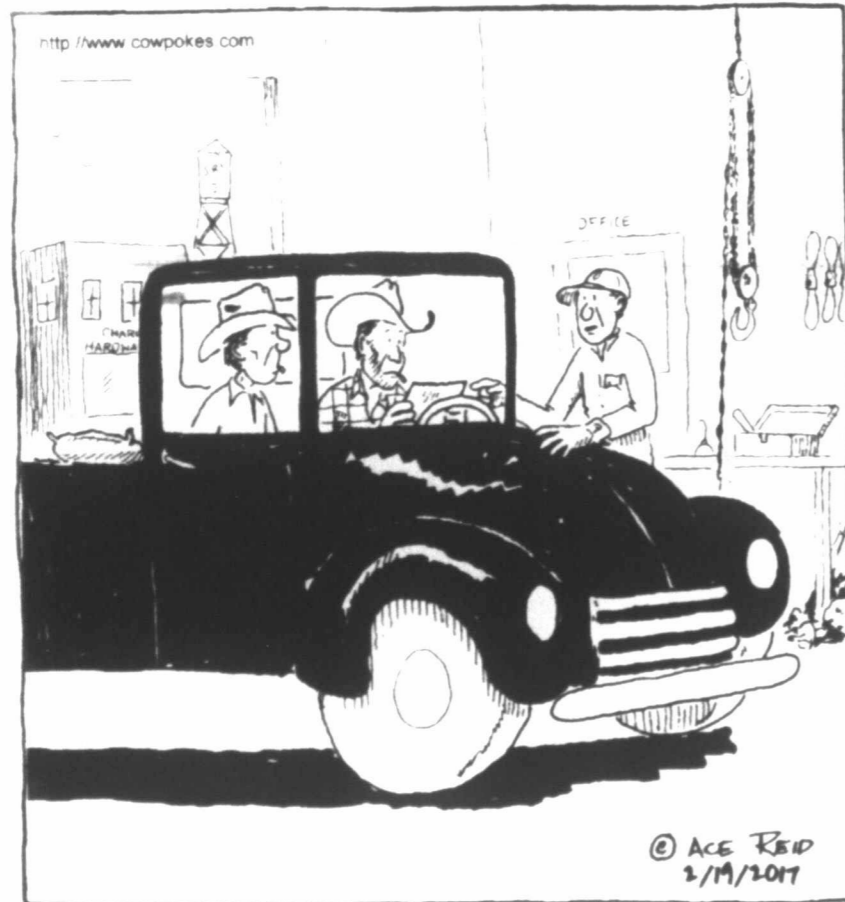
SB 380 also specifically addresses the concerns raised in the Sourovelis case: a person's property cannot be seized just because someone else used it to commit a crime.

Burton's office expressed optimism that the momentum they've seen in the last week and a half will lead to real legislative action in some form before this session ends.

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Cornutt is victim in forgery case

Last week, one of the names listed in Public Records under the "Filed in County Court" heading didn't belong there. The filing was incorrect, and though it came from the Mitchell County Courthouse records, the record is being set straight.

Mark Cornutt was the victim of forgery, and it was his name that was included in the Public Records erroneously. The filing listed his name and the offense of Theft by Check.

According to a letter from Colorado City Police Lieutenant Kelsey Rivera, Cornutt reported being a victim of forgery on February 17th. In his witness statement, Cornutt said that five checks from an old account at FirstBank & Trust had been written and passed at Gas 'n' Grub by someone other than him or his wife, Zula.

Cornutt went on to detail the check numbers and amounts and stated that he did not give anyone permission to sign his

name on the checks. He also said he was never contacted by anyone concerning the "hot" checks, including the business nor the County Attorney's office and was unaware the checks had been stolen until his name appeared in the Record.

Rivera said police are unsure how many other checks are still missing, and some may have been passed in multiple jurisdictions. The case is under investigation.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Randy Anderson, Co Commissioner, Western Surety Co, Paul T. Brufat, VP, to Mitchell Co Treasurer, Public Official Bond.

Lu M. Webb, Deceased, Gail K. Morton, Ind Exec, Lu M. Webb, Deceased Estate, to Thomas Lamar Webb, John L. Webb, Independent Executors.

Aimbank, Millie Rush, Sr VP, to Ron McClung, CPA LLC, Release of Lien/DT.
City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay, Pres, to Robert R. Parras, Belinda Parras, Release of Lien/DT.

Belinda Parras, Robert R. Parras, to City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay, TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Cheryl Cordero, for Dana L. Henderson, Revenue Officer, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, to Trifecta Water Transfer, LLC, Federal Tax Lien.

Frost Bank, David Moore, VP, to Rivercrest Royalties, LLC, Release of Lien/DT.

Baldridge Resources, LP, Edgar Earl Baldridge, III, E Earl Baldridge, III, aka, Earl Baldridge, aka, Baldridge Oil and Gas, LLC GP, to Dan J. Guarino, TTEE, Frost Bank FBO, Jack R. Herndon, Sr VP, Deed of Trust.

Mitchell County Hospital District, Mitchell County, Lone Wolf Ground Water District, Lorraine City of Lorraine Independent School District, Sue Young, Mgr BOED, Irene Graham, Mayor, Ray Mayo, County Judge, Robbie Dewberry, Joe Lujan, Pres Board of TTEES, to Raye Ellen Jordan, Tax Resale Deed.

Denzil Fulton, to Gilbert Cuadra, Warranty Deed.

Gilbert Cuadra, to Denzil Fulton, TTEE/Lender, Deed of Trust.

Kenneth Rich, to Lone Wolf Water Well Service, dba, Assumed Name.

Martha Jones, Invid/Ind Admin, William O. Jones Estate, Deceased, to Joe Allen Jones, Warranty Deed.

Lubbock County Hospital District, University Medical Center, dba, Celina Franco, Deputy Barbara Suscy, District Clerk, to Bobby Edmondson, Rhonda Edmondson, Abstract of Judgment.

City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay, to Robert R. Parras, Belinda Parras, Release of Lien/DT.

Glenda Juanita Blalock, Deceased, to Charles Robert Blalock, In Co-Exec, Amber Maritza Blalock, Ind Co-Exec, CC Probate.

Bitter End Royalties, LP, Bitter End, LLC Gen Ptnr, Benny D. Duncan, Mgr, to Kimbell Royalty Holdings, LLC; Duncan Management, LLC, Auth Agent, Benny D. Duncan, Mgr, Conveyance of.

Benny D. Duncan, Mgr, Eagle Management, LLC Gen Ptnr, Eagle Minerals, LP, to Benny D. Duncan, Mgr, Duncan Management, LLC Auth Agent, Kimbell Royalty Holdings, LLC, Conveyance of.

Robro Royalty Ptnrs, Ltd, RRP 2010 Ltd, dba, Robro Royalty Mgmt, LLC, Gen Ptnr, David C. Vaughn, Mgr, to Benny D. Duncan, Mgr, Duncan Management, LLC, Auth Agent, Kimbell Royalty Holdings, LLC, Conveyance of.

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David Melcher, Brenda Melcher, to EJ Lemaster, Darlene Lemaster, Release of Lien/DT.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc "MERS" NNEE, Arcola Freeman, VP, LRS Financial Network, Inc, HNB Mortgage, dba, to Jimmie D. Waltz, Debbie Waltz, Release of Lien/DT.

Endeavor Energy Resources, LP, Damon Burton, CFO, Endeavor Petroleum, LLC, Gen Ptnr, to Wells Fargo Bank, NA Admin Agent, Thomas K. Martin, Dir/Sr Portfolio Mgr, Restated Deed of.

Farm Credit Services of America, PCA, to Paul Bernard Hayes, Jr, Termination Financing, Reta Lou Cooper, to Gary M. Pieper, Frances M. Pieper, Warranty Deed.

DCP Midstream, LP, DCP Midstream Holdings, LLC Gen Ptnr, Stacey A. Metcalfe, Sec/ Auth Person, to Public, Amendment to.

Jeffrey A. Hart, Ashley R. Hart, to Pacific Union Financial, LLC, Michael Burns, Atty/ TTEE, Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) Beneficiary, Deed of Trust.

Ashley R. Hart, Jeffrey A. Hart, to Public, Homestead Designation.

Jeanie Talley, Admin, Janie Elizabeth Pharis Wright, Deceased Estate, to Allen Pharis, Administrative Deed.

Jeanie Talley, to Allen Pharis, Deed Without Warranty.

Jeanie Talley, Admin, Janie Elizabeth Pharis Wright, Deceased Estate, to Allen Pharis, Bill of Sale.

City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D. Clay, Pres, to Pinnacle Agriculture Distribution Inc, Michael Cleveland, Director Credit, Beverly Gates, Gen Counsel, Subordination Agreement.

Phoenix Crude Oil Co, Rita L. Ellett, Pres/ Sec, to Prosperity Bank, Medina Silberio Banking Center Pres, 5th Amendment.

Sairang Hospitality, LLC, Avinash J. Patel, Mgr, to First National Bank Sonora, TX, Sonora Bank, dba, Modification of Deed of.

Avinash J. Patel, Mgr, Sairang Hospitality, LLC, to First National Bank Sonora, TX, Sonora Bank, dba, Modification of Deed of.

Donnie H. Dunn, Linda L. Dunn, to Logan Rance Dunn, Kaitlyn Jane Dunn, Warranty Deed.

Logan Rance Dunn, Kaitlyn Jane Dunn, to Donnie H. Dunn, Beneficiary, Linda L. Dunn, Beneficiary, David Cotton, TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Donnie H. Dunn, to Logan Rance Dunn, Mineral Deed.

Lynette Rich, to A Lil' Style Boutique, dba, Assumed Name.

Allen Pharis, to Nelda R. Linscomb, Special W/D.

Allen Pharis, to Nelda R. Linscomb, Bill of Sale.

Shawn Prince, Lori Prince, to Joseph Anthony Molina, Warranty Deed.

Joseph Anthony Molina, to Interline Mortgage Services, LLC, Allan B. Polunsky, TTEE, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems (MERS) Nominee, Deed of Trust.

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Alfredo Pineda, Criminal Trespass, 2/14/17

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DOCKREY

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here (the center) than what I give," Dockrey said. "You get a lot of love back."

Before the presentations were made, Dockrey enjoyed showing everyone the new digs at the center's new location. The Wallace Senior Citizens now meet at what was formerly the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria. They also have use of what was once the library, and the extra space has afforded them a place to put in a pool table and several pieces of exercise equipment.

"We are so happy to be able to partner with the school district here (Colorado ISD)," Dockrey said. "We'd never be able to pay for all this if it weren't for the school district."

Seniors especially enjoy using the Zaaz machines. They are a low-impact full body machines that use vibration to help improve balance and mobility. A new program, Walk Across Texas, encourages people to walk laps which are recorded and prizes are presented to those that walk the most.

While waiting to eat, seniors often play games such as Farkle and there's usually a jigsaw puzzle on one of the tables too. There are books and magazines in the

library which are available to be taken home at no charge, and Dockrey said she's always taking donations for more books, magazines, exercise machines and just about anything you can think of.

Donations are critical to being able to offer various activities at the center. Dockrey said she's very frugal with the center's budget.

"I take being in charge of the money seriously. I don't want to spend it frivolously," she said.

Those attending the center often take part in Bingo on and first and third Thursdays of the month, and there's usually a musical program on the first Tuesday of the month. The center is open and serving meals every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Dockrey estimates that between 30 and 40 people come to the center each week.

Dockrey is implementing other activities to give those attending a variety of things to do. Many of the attendees have enjoyed making centerpieces for the center's tables, and Dockrey said she's needing craft supplies to continue the program.

While meal delivery is available, Dockrey encourages those

who are able to come out to the center. Higher attendance means more funding, and more funding is always needed. Dockrey estimates that over 200 meals are delivered per week and between 130 and 160 people come to the center each week.

When it came time for the award presentations, Parker said the Wallace Center was one of four sites to receive the Perfect Monitoring Award, meaning the center had 100% compliance of the hundreds of regulations.

Dockrey also received the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award for her dedicated service and for advocating for all senior citizens. Because she is humble, Dockrey called her staff and volunteers up to the stage to help receive the awards. She knows it takes everyone's participation to make the center exceptional, and the Wallace Senior Citizen Center is certainly extraordinary.

Donations of all types are certainly welcome. For more information, call the center at 728-1089.

CONAWAY

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The legislator said the sector chief said he needs some infrastructure, but he also needs more people, helicopters, drones, cameras and sensors, and more to help complete the virtual wall. The needs of each sector are different as the topography of the border changes in each sector.

"There are places along the Rio Grande that you absolutely have to have a wall and they have it. There are other places where that's not the most cost-effective way to gain operational control," Conaway said.

He went on to say, "Operating in our own best interest should never be something America has to apologize for. It's in our best interest to know what's coming and going into our country and who is coming and going into our country. We just don't have to be mean and angry and hateful."

Conaway said there's a bill proposed right now that will ask what each sector needs in order to gain control, and the first step is getting the bill passed. As of right now, there's no estimate of how much everything will cost.

In talking about immigration,

the recent uproar about the vetting process was discussed. Conaway said that absolutely nothing has changed in the process. "The ruckus is misplaced," Conaway said.

He said the executive orders that deal with blocking immigrants from seven countries have sound reasoning. "Those are seven failed states," Conaway said. "There's no infrastructure to ask about folks in those countries... They don't have functioning governments. There's nobody to ask. There's nobody keeping records of who's the good guys and who's the bad guys. If I'm president and I make a mistake, I want to err on the side of keeping us safe."

Congressman Conaway said he expects a repeal/repair bill to deal with the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare, sometime in March. He said it's especially important to him because he and his wife are on an ACA insurance plan.

The replacement bill is being worked on right now, but changes are still to come depending on what the president offers. "We've not seen what President Trump is going to propose. He said over the weekend he's going to propose

his healthcare plan, so we'll have to see how those mesh together," Conaway said.

As he promised in a town hall meeting in Colorado City last year, Conaway, as chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, has looked at every aspect of SNAP, the federal government's food stamp program. He's been in 17 full committee and subcommittee hearings on the program and is looking at what works and what needs to be revamped.

The committee has looked into what SNAP purchases are being made, and they found that a top purchase was sodas. Certain committee members contend that, as a nutritional program, SNAP money shouldn't be used for such purchases, but SNAP recipients aren't more likely to purchase sodas than other sectors of the population.

Conaway said he's looking more toward incentives, such as discounts on fresh fruits and vegetables and other higher nutritional food. In looking at the program from every aspect, the committee has learned it is important to the grocery industry that the program be easy to use and straight forward to cut down on hassles in the check-out lines.

The debate is ongoing as to how to address what's known as the "welfare cliff". The cliff comes at the point of cut-off. Conaway said that many workers can't afford to take on extra hours or promotions because the advantages gained don't offset the penalties they face in loss of benefits.

Before leaving Colorado City, Conaway and Record Publisher Sheila Plagens had a talk about Trump's choice for Secretary of Education. Plagens expressed her concern for what seems like an unfriendly atmosphere for public school districts. The two discussed potential problems at the state level, and Conaway shared similar concerns of his own.

DESAL

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there was approximately four million acre feet of water in the western and northern parts of the county, and water levels could produce enough water to sustain a working amount for the plant for the next 50 to 60 years.

The county received a \$2.2 million dollar grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture to cover part of the cost of the project. Young said that the project was initially estimated to cost \$8 million, but the cost has been scaled back many times over the last few years.

The grant stipulated that the plant contract with a licensed water provider, and Mike Hemphill, owner of Mitchell County Utilities, was approached. Hemphill and BOED officials were able to come to an agreement, and the utility company that provided water to the residents around Lake Colorado City and Westbrook ISD contracted to buy water from the desalination plant.

Mitchell County Utilities was purchased by Corix Utilities, and the new company has been working with the county and BOED to continue them to meet the requirements of the grant.

According to Darrin Barker, General Manager of Corix, officials from the company think their company could be a good fit for a larger role in the desalination plant. What that role will be has yet to be decided, and the county will ultimately have to make that decision when it comes time.

Barker said Corix is a utility company with broad experience in all aspects of wet utility operations. There have been some preliminary discussions between the BOED and Corix, and both sides have said there are opportunities for a partnership that would be beneficial for everyone. While conversations along those lines will continue, Corix officials keep their priorities straight.

"As we consider the options with the County and (BOED), we are mindful that we are also committed to our customers in Mitchell County and will do things in a way that makes sense for our customers also," Barker

said in an email Tuesday morning.

So far, officials from Corix have been helpful in the process of getting the plant ready to produce fresh water from the mineral-laden water coming out of the wells. The utility company has assisted in reviewing the final design of the plant and provided consultation on the operation and startup of the plant.

Young said that most of the actual buildings on the site just north of Westbrook have been constructed by Lone Wolf Resources, the general contractor for the project. Of course, some parts of the project, such as electrical work and the evaporation ponds, were subcontracted by LWR.

The county contracted with General Dynamics for the wind turbine that will power the plant, and the Reverse Osmosis system was purchased from Bob Johnson & Associates and installed by Xylem. Lauren Engineering provided and continues to provide engineering services for the project.

Young said provisions of the grant were very specific as to what would be required in the construction and operation of the plant. Sometimes those requirements made construction difficult and slow, but most of the hurdles are past now.

"Things are going well. It's going to be a good thing," Young said Tuesday.

TICKETS

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Nominations have been turned in for Citizen of the Year, the Agriculture Award, and three Outstanding Educator awards, one for each school district in the county. The winners will be kept secret until the night of the banquet.

The civic center will be decorated in colorful luau décor, and the evening promises to be full of fun. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP by calling the chamber at 325-728-3403 by Thursday, February 23rd.

Filing deadline passes; elections to be held

The deadline to file for a place on the ballot has passed and candidates for the upcoming May elections are set for three entities in the county.

According to Administrative Assistant Debbie Finley, Loraine ISD may not have to hold an election in May. Unless someone has submitted an application for a write-in candidate, the school board will probably cancel the election during the meeting Thursday evening.

The possibility of canceling the election is possible because only the incumbents, Joe Lujan, John Chaney and Dewayne

Smith, have filed for re-election.

Two contested races in the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees means there will definitely be a school board election in Colorado City on May 6th. Challenger Cliff Shiller will face incumbent John Martinez for the chance to represent the citizens of Place 2.

Veronica Boone is the only candidate to file for Place 1, but there's another contested race for the board. Challenger Jamie Alvarez has filed to run against incumbent Shane Johnson for the Place 5 seat.

Several have filed and there

will be a contested race for the city council of the City of Colorado City. Traven Berried has filed to run against District 1 incumbent Sammy Contreras. Recently-appointed District 2 councilman Charles Rice will be on the ballot to keep his seat on the council, as will Timothy Boyd in District 5. Jim Baum is the only applicant to run for mayor.

The elections will be held Saturday, May 6th, and early voting will begin Monday, April 24th. The last day to register to vote in the elections will be Thursday, April 6th.

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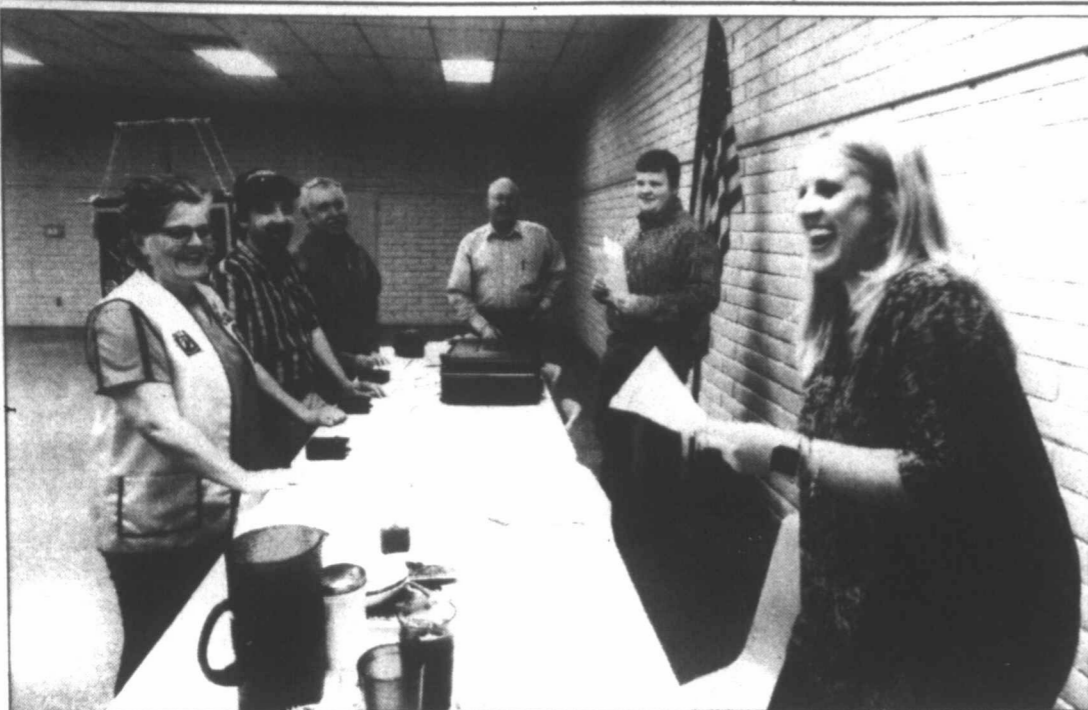
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LOCAL NEWS



QUIZ BOWL FUN! Colorado City Lions (l-r) Janet McCollum, Shane Stevenson and Mike Ratliff competed with each other in a mock version of the 4-H contest Beef Quiz Bowl. The contest was put on by (l-r) Adult Leader David Denison, 4-H competitor Mark Denison and AgriLife Extension Agent Audra Graves.

Lions Club members try their luck at Beef Quiz Bowl

The program at the weekly meeting of the Colorado City Lions Club was somewhat comical as local Lions tried to answer questions about beef cattle in a mock Beef Quiz Bowl held by 4-H adult leader, quiz bowl competitor and extension agent. As one might imagine, most average citizens don't know too much about beef cattle.

Beef Quiz Bowl competitor Mark Denison was present to help with the mock competition, as was his dad, David, the adult leader who volunteers his time to get the team ready. The mock contest was held under the watchful eye of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Audra Graves.

Lions participating in the mock contest were Mike Ratliff, Janet McCollum and Shane Stevenson. Questions were asked ranging from the number of compartments in a cow's stomach to what causes fungal infections in cattle.

Mark is one of three on the local Beef Quiz Bowl team that recently won the district competition. The team, comprised of Mark, Cole Beckmeyer, and Alyssa High, will travel to College Station in June to represent Mitchell County at the state level.

Graves told Lions there is a lot of information to learn in preparation for the contest. When she says a lot, she means a textbook

full. During the contest, team members sit behind buzzers. When they know the answer to a question, they buzz in and wait to be acknowledged. Once their names have been called, they can answer. Each correct answer gets one point and a point is taken away for each incorrect answer.

Competitors have 10 seconds to answer and certain questions come with a chance at a bonus. Contestants can confer with their team for answers to bonus questions, and correct answers are worth two points.

Graves said that there are a few technicalities for team members to remember. For instance, if they shout out an answer before their name is called, a point is taken away. There are some multiple-choice questions, true or false questions and regular informational questions asked during the competition.

Mark has been competing in the Beef Quiz Bowl competition for four years. Preparation for the district contest held in December begins in September. Team members need lots of study time to be prepared for contest. This is the first year a team from Mitchell County has advanced to the state competition.

Graves said this is a busy time for 4-H members, as various other activities are getting started. Archery and rifle teams are starting practice.

Volunteers are always needed to be adult leaders. Graves said it costs \$5 for the background check, and once it has been completed, assignments can be made.

Public Utility Commission ruling

Sharyland customers to be issued refunds according to settlement

Sharyland Utilities, L.P. is to issue refunds, through one of three avenues including through a customer's retail electric provider, and pay a \$425,000 fine under a settlement with Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas that resolves an investigation into alleged violations of 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.214, relating to Retail Delivery Service Provided by Investor Owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities, and Sharyland's Tariff for Retail Delivery Service.

The settlement states that, since the initial assignment of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (ex-Cap Rock) customers onto unbundled delivery rate schedules and the transition to competition and implementation of Sharyland's new tariff in May 2014, Sharyland moved over 1,500 customer accounts from the Small Secondary to the Large Secondary rate schedule.

The settlement states that, "After Commission Staff analyzed the data obtained from Sharyland, Commission Staff concluded that Sharyland incorrectly transitioned 738 of the approximately 1,500 customers from the Small Secondary rate schedule to the Large Secondary rate schedule."

"Additionally, Commission Staff asserts that Sharyland did not timely transition many of the 1,500 customers, transitioning these customers several months after the customer's usage reached or exceeded 3,500 kWh in a billing cycle and the customer's demand exceeded 10 kW in a subsequent billing cycle. Accordingly, Commission Staff concluded that over one thousand customers were impacted

by Sharyland's handling of their transition from the Small Secondary rate schedule to the Large Secondary rate schedule," the settlement states.

The settlement states that, "Due to the different billing determinant used in the two rate schedules (kWh vs. kW), a majority of the transitioned customers received higher retail delivery charges under the Large Secondary rate schedule than they would have received under the Small Secondary rate schedule. While some customers received higher retail delivery charges of only a few dollars, one customer received higher delivery charges of more than \$10,000."

Under the settlement, for service provided from May 2014 through the September 2016 billing period, Sharyland has agreed to refund to the 1,046 impacted customers approximately \$989,292 (including interest on the overbillings incurred by the customer under the incorrect rate schedule). Sharyland warrants that it calculated the refund for each customer by subtracting the amount that should have been billed using the correct rate schedule from the amount that was originally billed using the incorrect rate schedule for each monthly service period. The differences between the two for each monthly service period were then summed to create the total amount to be returned to each customer. The total amount to be refunded excludes additional money that the customer would have owed if the customer had been billed using the correct rate schedule.

Additionally, Sharyland has agreed to provide refunds to

427 of the 1,046 impacted customers that were transitioned from the Small Secondary to the Large Secondary rate schedule consistent with the kWh and kW requirements, but not transitioned in the ensuing month. According to the settlement, "Staff asserts that Sharyland again lacked a consistent procedure in its transition of these 427 customers; some customers were transitioned several months after hitting the kWh and kW requirements. Many of these customers could have received lower bills had they been transitioned in the ensuing month."

According to the settlement, of the 1,046 customers whose rates were affected by Sharyland's transition from the Small Secondary rate schedule to the Large Secondary rate schedule, 416 customers ultimately ended up on the incorrect rate schedule. In addition to issuing refunds, Sharyland has agreed to reclassify these 416 customers to the correct rate schedule.

For service provided after the September 2016 billing period, consistent with the procedure in Section 4.4.3 of Sharyland's tariff for correcting invoices, Sharyland will cancel the original invoices that were sent to the customer's REP and issue a revised invoice to the customer's REP for recent billing periods based on any reclassifications.

Sharyland has initiated the process of reclassifying customers and issuing refunds or revised invoices to REPs and Sharyland agrees that all reclassifications, refunds, and revised invoices will be complete by May 2017.

The settlement remains subject to PUC approval.

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TROOP 226 - Boy Scouts in Troop 226 met Monday night and held elections for leadership positions within the troop. Members and their positions include: (l-r) Adam Hernandez, patrol leader and chaplain's aide; Nate Rivera, instructor; Dominic Espinoza, scribe; Lathan Limones, senior patrol leader; Ethan Bell, quartermaster; Cody Gingrich; Elishah Start; Shammah Stark; and J.C. Rodriguez, patrol leader. Photo courtesy of Bubba Limones.

The City of Colorado City Public Hearing Notice on the City Budget For the 12 Month Period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. The public hearing will be conducted on March 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Bob Reily Early Learning Center which is located at 1111 E. 9th Street, Colorado City, Texas. Upon completion of the public hearing, the City Council shall consider an ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 on April 11th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Bob Reily Early Learning Center which is located at 1111 E. 9th Street, Colorado City, Texas. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at City Hall located at 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The general public is invited to attend and to ask questions or make comments regarding the budget for FY 2017-2018.

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance should contact the City Secretary at City Hall to arrange for special assistance at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting. The City Secretary may be contacted by calling 325-728-3464.

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SCHOOL NEWS



FANTASTIC TEETH – Masons from the Loraine Lodge presented the Fantastic Teeth program to 1st graders at Loraine ISD, with help from school nurse Becky Benivamondez (far left, standing). Masons presenting the program were: (l-r) Dan Smith, Gary Young and Ronald Bewlay. Krystal Acevedo (far right) is the 1st grade teacher. Students receiving toothbrush kits were: (back row, l-r) Lori Anderson, Meskete Ellis, Caleb Epperson, Nezhiah Roberts, Quinton Smith, Gabriel Perez, Aamina Carrillo; (front row) Athena Lozano, Molly Mcfadden, Evelyn Martinez, Anthony Aguilar, Anthony Peterson, Stephen Hargus, and Isaac Samia. *Photo courtesy of Benivamondez.*

Loraine 1st graders enjoy Fantastic Teeth program

The Loraine Masonic Lodge presented the Fantastic Teeth program to 1st graders at Loraine ISD. As part of the program, students received free prevent tooth decay kits through the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club.

The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club project focuses on preventing suffering from toothaches, reducing missed school days due to dental problems, and cutting costs for dental treatment.

Prevent tooth decay kits contain: a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, healthy teeth sticker, two-minute timer (optimal brushing time). Tips for Healthy Teeth educational info for parents in both Spanish and English,

and a summary of MHS services.

According to Oral Health In America: A Report of the Surgeon General, tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease—five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever. Poor children are affected by this epidemic more frequently than other children, with nearly 12 times more restricted-activity days due to dental issues than children from higher-income families. With more than 1.5 million Texas children living in poverty, there is a great need for preventative dental care.

Dental problems also directly affect success for children, with

more than 51 million school hours lost each year to dental-related illness. Teachers have judged both classroom performance and classroom behavior to be significantly poorer among children in need of dental care. Pain and suffering due to untreated dental disease can also lead to problems in eating and speaking.

Masonic Home and School of Texas (MHS) is a non-profit organization with a history of helping children across Texas for more than 100 years. Contact MHS by calling toll-free 1.877.203.9111; sending an email to info@mhstx.org; or by visiting the website, www.mhstx.org.

SCHOOL MENUS

COLORADO ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 27- March 3

Monday- Sausage kolache, yogurt, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – Cheese omelet wrap, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – Breakfast pizza, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – Waffles, sausage, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – Cinnamon roll, bacon, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

COLORADO ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 27- March 3

Monday- Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberry cup, choice of milk.

Tuesday – Meat and cheese tostadas, Spanish rice, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried beans, lettuce and tomato garnish, rosy applesauce, choice of milk, choice of milk.

Wednesday – Chicken spaghetti, hot roll, garden salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles, choice of milk.

Thursday – Frito pie, baby carrots, Mexicali corn, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, peaches, cookie, choice of milk.

Friday – Hamburger, hamburger garnish, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, apple slices, choice of milk.

LORAIN ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 27- March 3

Monday- Cereal, toast, pancakes, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday –Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – Cereal, toast, egg and cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – Cereal, toast, sausage, egg, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – Cereal, toast, breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LORAIN ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 27- March 3

Monday- Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, milk.

Tuesday – Spaghetti bowl, garden salad, California blend vegetables, sliced peaches, choc/vanilla pudding, milk.

Wednesday – Mexican combo plate, Mexicali corn, Charro beans, salsa, garnish, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Thursday – Texas chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, tiny tomato cup, orange smiles, milk.

Friday – Sloppy Joe's, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 27- March 3

Monday- Pancakes with syrup, bacon, cereal, milk

Tuesday – Cheese toast, mandarin oranges, cereal, milk.

Wednesday – Breakfast burrito bar, toast, cereal, milk.

Thursday – Breakfast pizza, cereal, milk.

Friday – Oatmeal, toast, cereal, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 27- March 3

Monday- Chicken Parmesan, corn, salad, bread stick, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday – Chicken nuggets, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, hot roll, snowball salad, milk.

Wednesday – Soft or crunchy taco with lettuce, tomatoes, grated cheese, ranch style beans, M & M cookie, milk.

Thursday – King ranch chicken casserole, steamed broccoli, corn on cob, hot roll, pudding cup, milk.

Friday – Sloppy Joe's, chips, fresh carrots with ranch, bananas and strawberries, milk.

NEWS FROM COLORADO ELEMENTARY

Administrators at Colorado Elementary School have a bit of information to share with parents this week.

Spring break is coming up soon. Students will not have school from March 13th through March 17th. Classes will resume as normal on March 20th.

Students are asked to wear red and black for school spirit on Fri-

day. A minor change is being made to the car rider pickup lines. In order to keep the car line moving, parents should go around and rejoin the line, rather than pulling forward to wait for older students. School staff recommended parents of 1st and 2nd graders arrive after 3:10 p.m. for pick up.

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Howl Night set for February 27th

It's February, and that means more than Valentine's Day. It means it's time for the annual night of entertainment at Colorado High School, Howl Nite. This year's theme is Howl Nite at the Magic Kingdom, and students are getting ready to put on a good show.

Howl Nite is set to be held Monday, February 27th at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each from Ann Bazany at high school. Children 3 and younger do not need a ticket. If there are seats remaining, tickets will be sold at the door for \$8 each.

The list of nominees will be voted on by the student body, and one male and one female winner per category will be announced the night of the show. The entire list of nominees follows.

Freshman Favorite – Boy

Aston Briseno
Hector Cruz
Josiah Silva

Freshman Favorite – Girl

Harlee Haag
Roxy Roman
Nia Williams

Sophomore Favorite – Boy

Omar Boone
Markis Monroe
Bubba Williams

Sophomore Favorite – Girl

Kasey Casares
Destyni Espinoza
Sydney Quinn

Junior Favorite – Boy

Moises Leanos
Jay Patel
Gabriel Salazar

Junior Favorite – Girl

Chloe Castillo
Sara Roach
Clancy White

Senior Favorite – Boy

Don Guazo

Tommy James
Justin Trawick

Senior Favorite – Girl

Kayla Browne
Diana De Santiago
Jordan Smith

Mr. CHS

Tommy James
Selvy Lee
Rion Maxwell

Miss CHS

M'Leah Alexander
Diana De Santiago
Nanna Silva

King Howl

Johnathan Rankin
Justin Trawick
Javier Ventura

Queen Howl

Amor Carrillo
Kaymey Russell
Kaytlin Sims

Most Likely to Succeed – Boy

Darian Espinoza
Don Guazo
Selvy Lee

Most Likely to Succeed – Girl

M'Leah Alexander
Hazel Gonzales
Jordan Smith

Most Handsome

Moises Leanos
Rion Maxwell
Bubba Williams

Most Beautiful

Chloe Castillo
Kaedan Molina
Jennifer Rivera

Most Athletic – Boy

Omar Boone
Tommy James
Markis Monroe

Most Athletic – Girl

Taylor Epperson
Kaitlyn Kimball
Makaylah Rivera

Most Talented – Boy

Don Guazo
Selvy Lee
Bradon Upshaw

Most Talented – Girl

Taylor Epperson
Lexi Haag
Jordan Smith

Most Academic – Boy

Adam Clifton

Jonathan Casares
Darian Espinoza

Most Academic – Girl

Trinity Douglas
Sydney Quinn
Sara Roach

Friendliest – Boy

Hector Cruz
Jalen Naylor
Javier Ventura

Friendliest – Girl

Jadyn Griffith
Maryetta Polanco
Clancy White

Most Dependable – Boy

Dillon Adkins
Jonathan Casares
Javier Ventura

Most Dependable – Girl

Miriam Aguirre-Hernandez
Trinity Douglas
Destyni Espinoza

Funniest – Boy

Brandon Lujan
Kyle Rivera
Gabriel Salazar

Funniest – Girl

Audrey Beltran
Kasey Casares
Magaly Valenzuela

Best Dressed – Boy

Dillon Adkins
Gavino Silva
Bubba Williams

Best Dressed – Girl

Diana De Santiago
Brooke Oden
Nia Williams

Best Smile – Boy

Hector Cruz
Rion Maxwell
Jacob Muñoz

Best Smile – Girl

Kaedan Molina
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Best All-Around Boy

Omar Boone
Markis Monroe
Justin Trawick

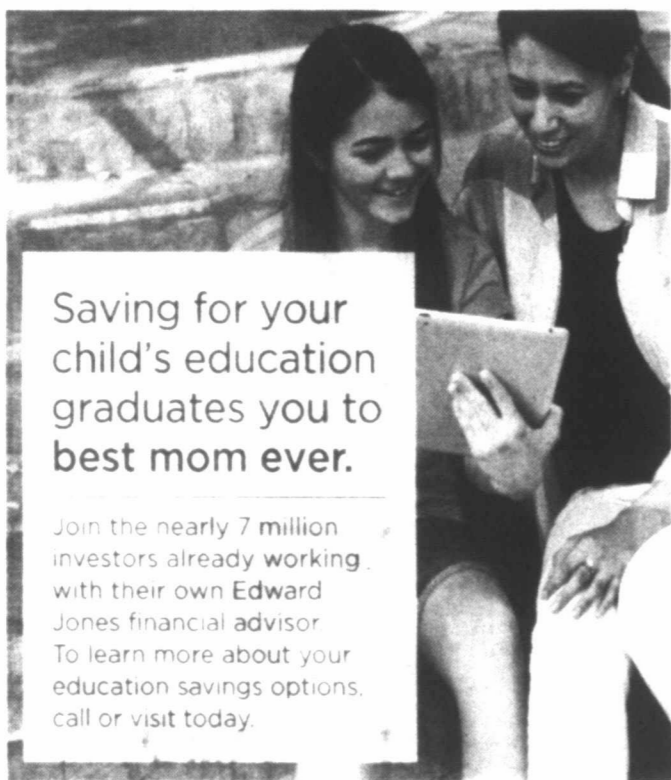
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Relay only track meet to be held Thursday

A non-traditional track meet is planned to be held on Thursday at the Hollis Gainey Track at Wolf Stadium. The meet will stick to a relay-only format, so there won't be any field events or other races.

Athletic Director Dan Gainey said that Colorado City will be

competing against middle school track athletes from Forsan and Coahoma. The schools will come to C-City in time for the meet to begin Thursday afternoon.

The relay-only format will give coaches a chance to evaluate individuals on their track teams.

R.I.O.T. tourney to be held in April

The 4th Annual RIOT Madness Basketball Tournament is coming up in April, so get your teams in order!

The tournament is set to be held on Saturday, April 8th at the Westbrook ISD Gym. Spots are limited to the first 14 teams, so now is the time to make plans to compete.

Cost is \$25 per player, with 7 to 12 players per team. Registration deadline is March 22nd, and only those ages 16 and up are eligible to compete.

Registration forms and more details can be found at www.ccityupc.com. For more information, call Jeremy at 325-207-7004 or Margo at 325-201-4330.



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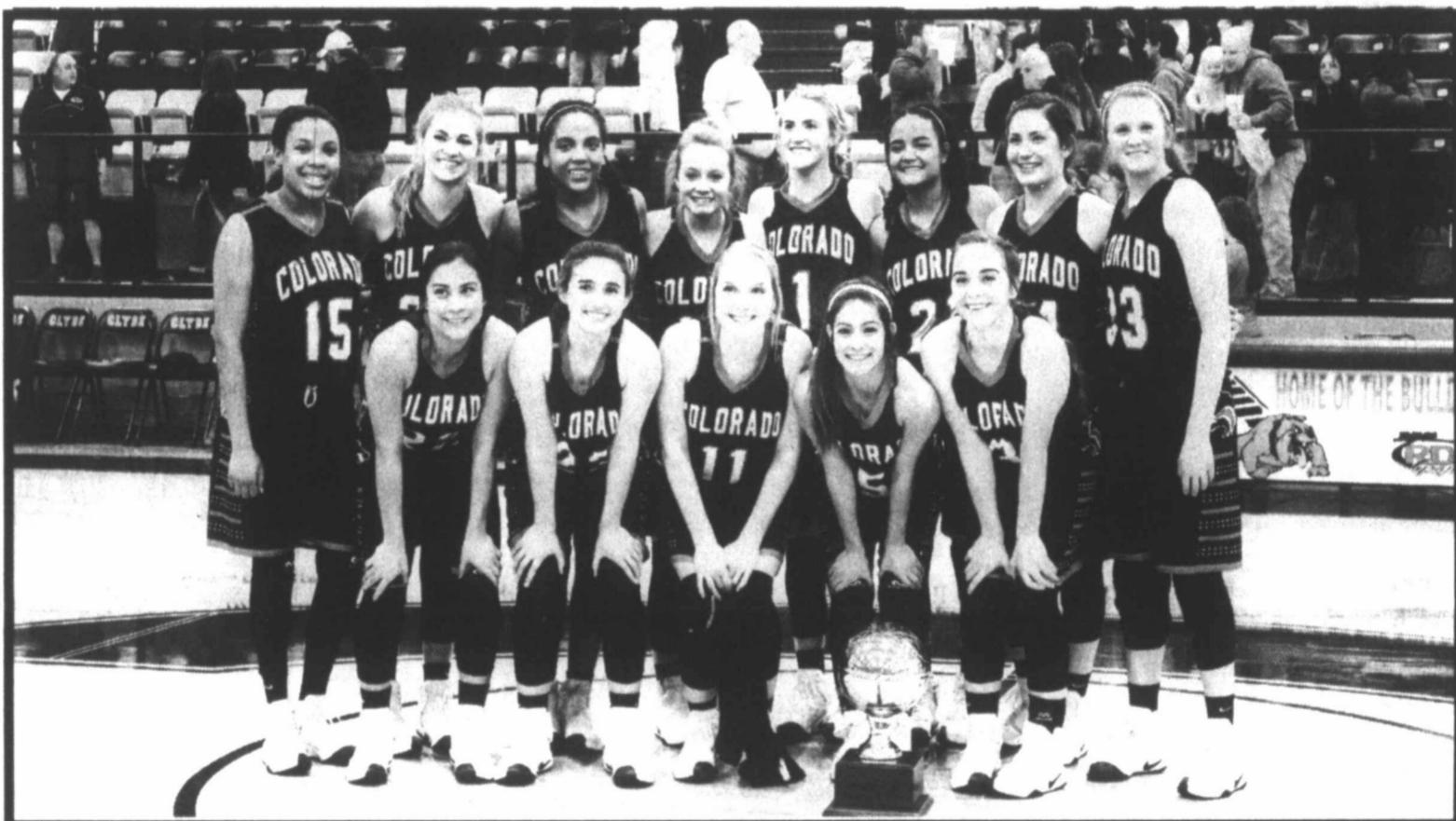
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BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS! The Lady Wolves are bi-district champions after Monday's 52-36 win over Comanche. They are: (back row, l-r) Jalessa Williams, Taylor Smith, Makaylah Rivera, Kaymey Russell, Kaitlin Kimball, Kaci Phariss, Taylor Epperson, Conley Niblett; (front) Alexa Garza, Sara Roach, Jady Griffith, Nanna Silva and Clancy White.

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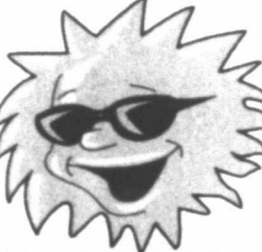
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LOCAL NEWS

Wolves beat Coleman, claim bi-district title

The Colorado City Wolves varsity basketball team beat Coleman Tuesday night to earn the title of bi-district champions. The boys will face Brock in the area round of the playoffs.

It was the Wolves vs. the Bluecats at the high school gym in Merkel Tuesday, February 21st, in a bi-district contest that began and ended with the Wolves leading. A 78-65 victory saw the Wolves claim the bi-district title and advances them to area round of the playoffs.

The Wolves' strategy was to

get an early lead and play hard all the way through, and that's just what they accomplished Tuesday night in Merkel. The first quarter ended with Colorado City ahead by 20 points. They led the Bluecats 26-6.

A scoring rally by Coleman in the second period saw the Bluecats pull within 15 points of the Wolves, but Colorado City still had a decisive 45-31 lead at half-time. The baskets were falling in the third quarter, as the score was 68 Wolves and 50 Coleman at the end of the period.

Coleman scored 15 points in the final frame of the game, while the Wolves only scored 10. However, the early lead made the difference, and the Wolves hung on to get the win.

Omar Boone was at the top of his game on offense, as he scored 32 points for the Wolves. Markis Monroe and Kwentin Malveaux also had outstanding performances on offense.

The area game will be played in Clyde on Thursday, February 23rd. The Wolves will take on Brock at 7 p.m.



LOOKING TO PASS - Nanna Silva (5) looks to pass to a wide open Makaylah Rivera (4) or Clancy White (3) in the Lady Wolves 54-43 loss to the Bowie Lady Rabbits Tuesday night.

Bowie comes from behind to beat Lady Wolves

CISCO - The Colorado High School Lady Wolves learned two valuable lessons in front of a large crowd in the Cisco gymnasium on Tuesday night. First, second-half fouls can be a determining factor in whether a team wins or loses.

And, more importantly, never let a good team hang around. Bad things can happen when you do.

With three Colorado City starters battling foul trouble throughout the second half, the 10th-ranked Bowie Lady Rabbits managed to erase a huge first-half deficit and claim a

tough 54-43 come-from-behind victory in a Region I-3A state quarterfinal showdown. Bowie, which was whistled for just two fouls in the final 16 minutes of play, trailed by as much as 17 points early.

"They're 30-something and one for a reason," said C-City head coach Barry Kimball. "I was hoping we could come out and defend them, and, for the most part, we did. I think, for us, the big thing is that we got into foul trouble and hurt us down the stretch. But I'm proud of my girls. They came out and weren't intimidated and played hard

against a really good team."

"The fouls just hurt us," he added.

As a team, Colorado City was whistled for 12 infractions in the second half - several of which sent the team's big scorers to the bench with four fouls.

In the end, having three starters on the bench for key parts of the second half played a key role in Bowie's ability to put together a 19-4 run in the final eight minutes, and clinch the team a berth in the Region I-3A semifinals against either Wall or Idalou.

The only place the Lady Rabbits appeared headed in the ini-

tial eight minutes of the contest was out. As in, out of the playoffs.

Colorado City dominated the first eight minutes of the game. Sparked by a game-opening three-pointer from Kaitlyn Kimball, the Lady Wolves reeled off a 7-0 run before Bowie managed to scratch out its first points via a pair of free throws. Sara Roach answered the Lady Rabbits' points with C-City's second three-point shot of the frame and sparked an 8-0 run that pushed Colorado City's lead to 15-2 Taylor Smith and Conley Niblett also pushed home shots in the

run.

Roach scored six of her eight points in the opening stanza.

Taylor Epperson capped C-City's first-quarter heroics by hitting a short baseline jumper in the closing seconds. Epperson's sixth point of the first period staked the Lady Wolves to a stunning 21-8 advantage.

Alexa Garza and Kimball both tacked on points in the opening 1:43 of the second and ballooned C-City's lead to 17, at 25-8.

Bowie managed to get its offense untracked from there. The Lady Rabbits outscored Colorado City by a staggering 19-10 run over the final 6 minutes of the first half and pulled to within 35-31 at the half.

Bowie, now 33-1 overall, continued to click on all five cylinders in the third. The Lady Rabbits reeled off a 5-2 run to start the second half and pulled to within 37-36. Kamryn Cantwell buried a short jumper from within the paint at the 3:59 mark of the period to give the Lady Rabbits their first lead of the contest, at 38-37.

Kimball helped the Lady Wolves erase Bowie's lead late in the third. The CHS junior tipped away a ball from Cantwell

and raced the length of the floor for a layup that tied the game at 39-39 with 17 seconds left in the third.

Kimball was one of two CHS players to finish the game in double figures offensively. She scored 11 points in the game.

Epperson led all Lady Wolves in scoring with 12 points - 10 of which came in the first half.

Unfortunately for C-City, the fouls began having an effect. Shortly after Kimball had knotted the game, she was whistled for her fourth foul, sending Addy Cook to the free throw line with 10 seconds left in the third. Cook hit the back end of a two-shot opportunity and send Bowie into the fourth clinging to a 40-39 lead.

The Lady Rabbits never looked back from there. With Kimball, Epperson and Niblett all having four fouls, Bowie opened the fourth quarter with a 10-0 run and stretched its lead to 11, at 50-39, with 4:43 left.

As a team, Bowie outscored Colorado City by a 23-8 in the third and fourth quarters.

Niblett joined Roach in narrowly missing double figures. She tallied eight points in the contest.

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Councilman Marcelo Alvarez asked Madrid if the city has the funds to make the purchase. She said that the funds can be taken from the special landfill fund.

"I think it would be a good investment, Alvarez said and then moved to approve the purchase. Charles Rice seconded the vote to approve was unanimous, with the exception of Fuller's recusal.

During the public comments section of the meeting, Liz Oakley addressed the council. She said she enjoys taking walks with her dogs in the mornings, but the walks haven't been as enjoyable lately due to other dogs running loose and charging at her.

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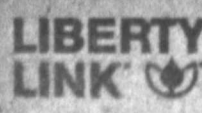
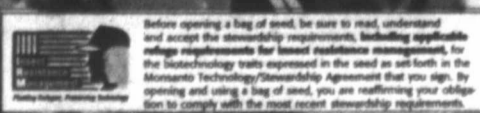
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