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LORAINE

Wind farm adds more turbines

More wind turbines are going up at Third Planet Windpower's Loraine wind farm.

Thirty three additional turbines will be constructed on existing infrastructure to join the 67 operational turbines already on site.

"We're really proud to be a part of Mitchell County," Cliff Clement, Third Planet Windpower land vice president said.

"Without Mitchell County, the city of Loraine and all the area landowners who are part of the project, there is no way the project could have been built," he said.

"We started off in 2006 as an upstart developing company, then transitioned to a construction and operations company," Clement said. "In two and a half years we went from basically an expense

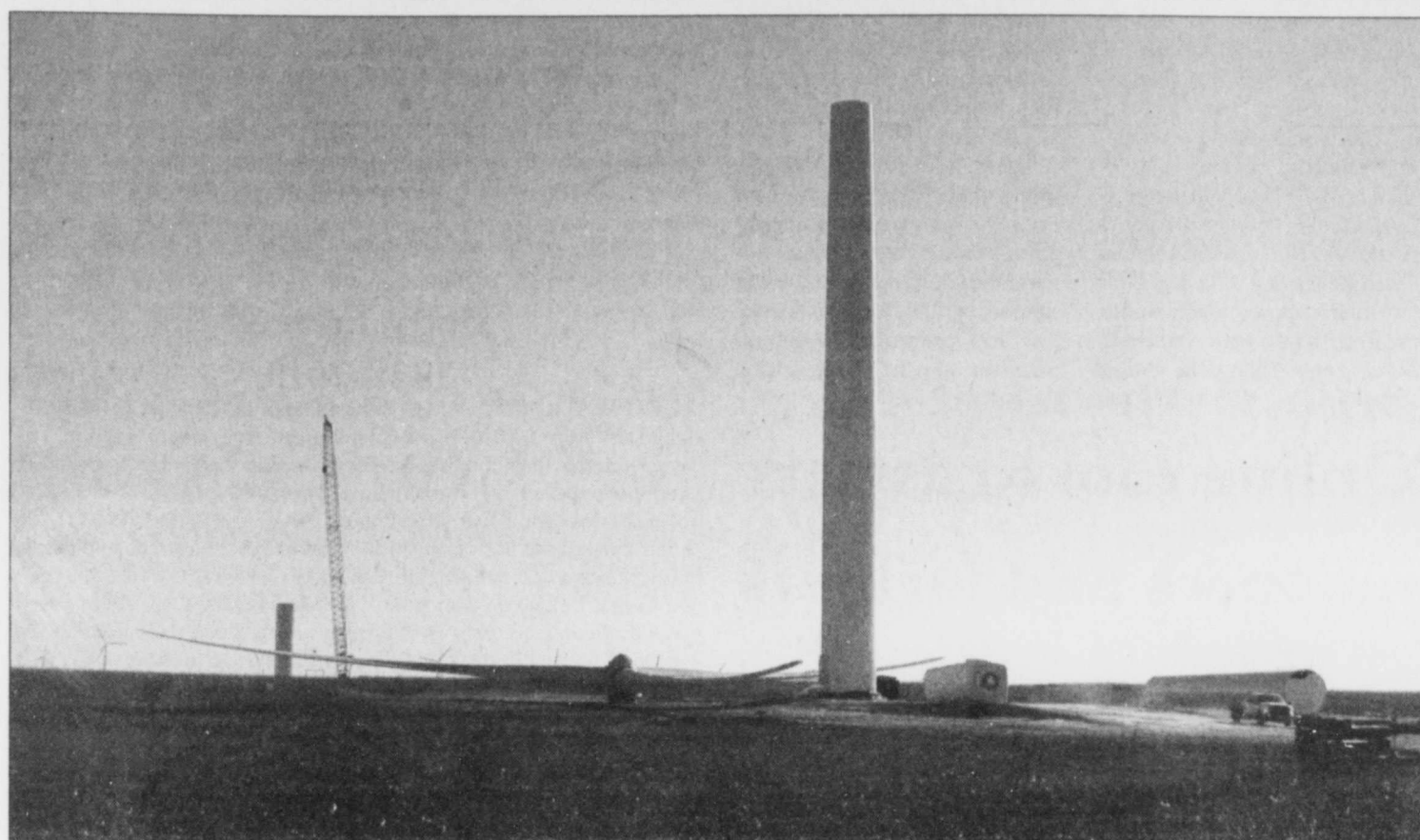
type company as a development company to a revenue generating company."

A pretty impressive accomplishment for a company started by a small group of wind developers, who went westward looking for a place to develop wind power.

"What's more impressive is in less than 1000 days we had developed, constructed and operated a 100 megawatt wind farm in Loraine. That's an amazing accomplishment," Clement said. "There are not that many wind companies that do it in that short of a period. We appreciate Mitchell County's help."

Construction on the Loraine wind farm began in 2008 and the first turbine went online generating power in 2009.

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NEW TURBINES ARE springing up near Loraine at the Third Planet wind farm. Thirty-three additional turbines will be placed on existing infrastructure, bringing the farm's total to 100 turbines. Photo courtesy of Third Planet Windpower, LLC.

City council takes recess on interlocal agreement

Opinions were sharply divided at the city council meeting Tuesday evening to determine whether the city would approve an interlocal agreement on the desalination project.

The contention focused on the lack of preparation time for the council to review the project materials and the agreement, as well as the lack of a feasibility study.

Such a study was not yet in

place, although Board of Economic Development felt there might be a possibility of having an abbreviated feasibility study in place as soon as Wednesday, according to Keith Hiser, who was in communication with the BOED.

City Manager Pete Kampfer thought the county might be looking at advancing the grant application without the interlocal

agreement.

However, the grant writer had requested the interlocal agreement be part of the grant application package, according to Hiser.

The application deadline for the TDRA (Texas Department of Rural Affairs) grant is Friday, December 17th, giving the council no time to call another meeting before the deadline passes.

The only options before the

council, if they chose not to approve the agreement, were to table the agreement until their next meeting or recess until the following business day to give council members an opportunity to discuss the materials presented at Tuesday's meeting.

"The options are fairly narrow" Kampfer said.

Mayor Carol Sue Dakan, who would be out of town Wednesday

and Thursday due to doctors' appointments in Dallas, was in favor of tabling the agreement until a meeting could be called on Monday, December 20.

Unclear whether the interlocal agreement was required to accompany the TDRA application, Hiser favored going with a basic agreement.

"At this point, we can only agree to look into building a plant," he

said, adding the risk they council took in tabling the agreement was losing the grant (and the project) if the agreement was necessary for the application process. "We take a chance we lose this grant."

"I have 11 questions (about the agreement) as well as questions about how it impacts our CCN (Certificate of Conveyance and Necessity)," Dakan said, asking

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County road designation fails to reach resolution

The legal status of a portion of CR 428 is still unresolved following a meeting of the county commissioners Monday, December 13.

County attorney Ty Wood presented information surrounding the status of a 4500 foot section of road which branches off CR 428 and ends at the Forbes Ranch.

The road was originally part of a school bus route that looped both east-west and north-south.

John Gray contends the portion, which has not been maintained for 30 years, but is still visible on county maps, is part of the county road system and

should be maintained.

The portion under contention is the only access to Gray's father-in-law's ranch.

Bill Preston, county commissioner for Precinct 4, contends the road was closed by the commissioners court in February 1975. Furthermore, the road has not been maintained for 30 years, making it an abandoned road and out of the county's jurisdiction.

Both Gray and Preston, along with Wood and County Clerk Debby Carlock, have spent hours researching the issue in court records.

Based on that research, Wood

said the road could be considered part of the county road system based on the ambiguity of the legal description.

"The issue is whether the portion, regardless of maintenance, is part of the county road system," Wood said. "There are issues because the minutes didn't use road numbers. The petition refers to it as 'the old county road that goes through the middle line of the Ward Patton place.'"

Gray insisted the road ran north and south as well as east and west and the only portion closed was the north south road, leaving the east-west route (up to

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THE QUESTION OF whether this section of old County Road 428 is still considered part of the county road system remains undecided after the commissioners' meeting on Monday, December 13.

Jazz band jingles Friday

The Colorado City Jazz Band will hold its annual Christmas Concert at the Opera House this Friday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

This year's theme, Jazzy Jingle will include familiar favorites such as "Baby, It's Cold Outside" and "Jingle Bells."

The evening's entertainment will also include singers and short skits. The Colorado City Combo will also perform.

Tickets are \$10 with all proceeds going to fund electrical improvements, such as a light board and sound system. Tickets may be purchased at the City National Bank.

CISD leads Sweetwater ISD in joint educational co-op

Colorado Independent School District will launch a cooperative DAEP and AEP program with Sweetwater beginning next year.

Monday, December 13, the CISD school board of trustees authorized Superintendent Reggy Spencer to move forward with the pilot program, which will increase the Alternative Education Program at Wallace to 80 students and add a Disciplined Alternative Education Program at

the administration building with a maximum of 25 students.

"We will be the fiscal agent/leader of a co-op of schools," Spencer said.

Sweetwater ISD had dissolved their Hobbs program and asked to partner with CISD. As part of the co-op, Sweetwater will provide a portable building with two classrooms and two bathrooms, which will be set up at Wallace for the AEP portion of the pro-

gram.

"The only remodeling at Wallace will be the plumbing and bringing in the portable building," Spencer said.

The plans allow CISD to accommodate 80 students at Wallace.

The administration building will be remodeled to include three classrooms and two bathrooms for the 20-25 DAEP students. Spencer expects to participate in

the program.

The new co-op is expected to save the school district \$100,000 through member schools' startup fees.

"If other schools besides Sweetwater participate, it could save the school district up to \$150,000," Spencer said.

Currently, CISD spends \$350,000 for its DAEP and AEP programs, according to Spencer. "Cutting costs is our number

one goal," he said.

Deeper cuts may be in the district's future if the current state legislature is unable to balance the budget.

"If the state legislature can't balance the budget, they'll cut education," Spencer said. "They could possibly withhold our July and August payments."

That specter was a motivating force behind the district's signing a state wide resolution asking

legislators not to cut educational funding.

"We have the money (to make the shortfall)," Spencer said, "but some districts don't have the money. We're looking at a bleak future."

His fear is the legislature will try to deplete school districts' fund balance. School budgets are designed around state and federal funding. Any changes, shortfalls

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Around Town

Happy 12th birthday Jalessa Williams (Dec. 14)... Ray Ellis & Byrle Chapman delivering flowers to the Record for the bass club (thank you)... Brenda Hammond coming through with a picture... Happy birthday, Darla Turner (Dec. 17)... Bill Crockett finding a way to "try" to win... JoAnn Zeck finishing up some Christmas shopping...

Answerline

Q. When is the Mitchell County Junior Livestock Show?
A. The local stock show is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 13, 14 & 15.

Obituaries

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Holiday Closure

Westbrook City Hall will be closed Dec. 22-31 for Christmas holidays and vacation.

Christmas Party

The Mitchell Co. 4-H will hold their annual Christmas party Mon., Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Members with last names A-L should bring lights and desserts and those with M-Z should bring ornaments and condiments to go with chili. Everyone should bring a warm jacket

or blanket for the hayride.

Conservation Poster

Deadline for the Conservation Poster Contest is set for Dec. 20. Bring your posters to the NRCS Office at the G-Kell Building, 2302 N. Hwy. 208, Colorado City. Winning posters will advance to the area contest.

Deadline Change

Windbreak trees will be sold until Jan. 10, 2011. The deadline has

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been extended, please note the new date. Prices of trees range from \$1.70 each to \$5 each. To place an order or to get a list of available trees come by the Mitchell SWCD/NRCS Office at the G-Kell Building, 2302 N. Hwy. 208. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Youth Basketball

Sign-ups for Mitchell Co. Youth Basketball will be held at D&B Antiques, 132 E. 2nd, from Dec.

16 through Dec. 24. The league is open to kids pre-k through 6th grade. A \$35 playing fee must be paid at time of sign-up.

Boys & Girls Club

Many Boys and Girls Clubs are looking for car donations in any condition. Cars are sold at auction, and the funds generated help support their many programs. People wishing to donate or find out more information should call 800-246-0493.

LOCAL NEWS

CISD signs education resolution

Lawmakers must make education a priority this legislative session if they are to find a solution to the broken school finance system and properly fund public schools in Texas.

Colorado Independent School District adopted a resolution on December 13, 2010 in an effort to raise awareness of the growing financial crisis public school districts are facing. The resolution adoption encourages state legislators to work with local school board members and other stakeholders with an attitude of the highest priority.

With this resolution adoption Colorado ISD joins over 250 other school districts across Texas that have done the same as part of the "Make Education a Priority" campaign launched by the Aledo ISD Board of Trustees.

The campaign aims to unite school districts to support and

share with our legislators an attitude of making education a sincere priority during the 2011 82nd Legislative Session. The campaign calls for a commitment to fix the broken system of school finance and to properly fund education.

One of the main causes of the current school finance crisis is the 2006 legislation (House Bill 1) that has proven to fall short of properly funding Texas public schools. The state cut property taxes by one third and did not establish a new stream of revenue to completely make up the difference.

Currently, more than half of the school districts in Texas are being forced to use dollars from their fund balances for daily operating expenditures - a practice that is neither financially sound nor sustainable over a long-term. In addition, teaching positions

are being eliminated, salaries reduced and local educational programs removed to meet reduced budgets.

In 2007 and 2009, legislators were unsuccessful in addressing school funding shortcomings. With a budget deficit approaching \$25 billion, legislative leadership must work with the education community to find a creative solution that does not incur significant cost.

"Until education becomes a real priority, serious solutions to school finance will never be found," says Bobby J. Rigues, Aledo ISD Board Vice-President.

"We are asking our legislators for their support and commitment to work with stakeholders to begin fixing the broken school funding system in Texas

together, we can. This issue has grown since 2006. We are now at the door step of 2011. We cannot wait until 2013."

The campaign hopes to secure as many resolutions as possible leading up to the 82nd Legislative Session in January 2011, when board members and superintendents from across the state will be invited to deliver the resolutions and letters of support from legislators and communities to the Texas Capitol in Austin.

More information may be found at the Make Education a Priority website: www.school-priority.com. A list of school districts adopting the resolution and supporting statements by legislators and educational organizations can also be found within the website.

Online tool to assist ranchers and farmers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced recently that the Department has established an online tool that can link retiring farmers who have expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts with beginning farmers or ranchers who are interested in bringing the land into production. The new online resource, TIP Net, is a website provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), producers with land for sale or lease are introduced to qualified beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who want to buy or rent land for their operations.

"The interest in TIP during the first six months of implementation has far exceeded our expectations," said Vilsack. "This tool should make TIP even more effective in facilitating the transition of land to our

next generation of farmers."

TIP provides up to two additional Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments to a retired or retiring owner or operator with an expiring CRP contract. To qualify, the landowner must sell or lease the CRP land to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher so the new operator can convert some or all of the land to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

As of Nov. 30, TIP participation included 372 contracts on more than 52,000 acres, with nearly \$5 million obligated for TIP annual rental payments.

For beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, see **TOOL** page 5

Opry will perform Dec. 16th

The C-City Opry is giving the citizens of Mitchell County and the surrounding area a special way to enjoy the Christmas season.

C-City Opry will hold its Christmas show December 16 at 7 p.m. in the Colorado City Opera House, located at 337 Walnut.

Little Hannah Howard from Lubbock will be performing, along with a big line up. Doors open at 6 p.m., and tickets are available at the door. Tickets can be reserved by calling 325-737-2163.

OBITUARIES

Manuel Moreno

1948-2010

COLORADO CITY - Mr. Manuel Moreno, age 62, of Colorado City, died Friday, December 10, 2010, in a local care center. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 13, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Udegbuma officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Moreno was born January 23, 1948, in Colorado City to Manuel Moreno Sr. and Carolina Rivera Moreno. He was a retired construction worker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He is survived by daughters, Michelle Moreno of Big Spring and Lori Kelly and husband, Jim of North Richland Hills; a twin brother, John Moreno and wife, Alice of Abilene; sisters, Manuela Castaneda and husband, Javier of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Mary Molina and husband Robert of Colorado City; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held Sunday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at Kiker Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Betty Frizzell

1938-2010

COLORADO CITY - Mrs. Betty Frizzell, age 72, died Tuesday evening, December 7, 2010, in a local hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday, December 10, at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with Dr. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Frizzell was born January 20, 1938 in Roscoe to O. H. and Estelle Harper Bryant and had lived in Colorado City all of her life. She married Gerald Frizzell on March 16, 1958 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on December 17, 1997. She was an X-Ray technician for the Mitchell County Hospital for many years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Frank and wife, Julie Frizzell of Lamesa; two daughters, Paula and husband, Rick Rogers of Dayton, OH and Kristy Frizzell of Colorado City; five grandchildren, Marsha Morris, Chance Frizzell, Sarah Batchelor, Nolan Frizzell and Stephanie Zant; three great-grandchildren, Ethan Morris, Grace Zant and Landon Morris.

Valerie Redwine

1950-2010

COLORADO CITY - Mrs. Valerie Redwine, age 60, died Sunday morning, December 12, 2010, in a local care center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Redwine was born August 22, 1950 in Pecos to Melvin and Alene Forbes Bearden and had been a longtime resident of Mitchell County. She married Mike Redwine on August 20, 1983 in Colorado City. She was the former business manager of the Mitchell County Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Redwine of Colorado City; three daughters, Kelly Smith, Ashley Redwine and Jennifer Redwine, all of Colorado City; one brother, David Bearden of OK; four sisters, Dorothy Rodriguez and Rhonda Lelek, both of Snyder, Sharon Dill of Brownfield and Susie Wilkinson of Abilene; five grandchildren, Kayleigh McKay, Brettney Humphrey, Gauge Redwine, Zen Clanton and Zephyr Clanton; and one great-grandchild, Kamdyn McKay.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Becky Gumm.



Wildlife department to hold 2 drawings for lifetime licenses

Texas Parks and Wildlife will hold two drawings for lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

The Lifetime Super Combo License gives the winner the right to hunt and fish in Texas without the need to ever buy another state license or stamp.

Entries are \$5 each and there is no limit on the number of times one can enter. Entries for the

drawings are available wherever Texas hunting and fishing licenses are sold or may be purchased on line at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/licenses/online_sales. Online purchases require a per transaction \$5 internet processing convenience fee. Entries may also be purchased by calling toll free 1-800-895-4248.

Drawings will be held December 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Enter by December 27, 2010 to be eligible for both drawings. Entries for the June 30, 2011 drawing must be purchased by June 27, 2011.

All proceeds from the Lifetime License Drawing fees go directly to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for on-the-ground conservation efforts in Texas.

The contest is limited to Texas residents only. Entries may be purchased on behalf of other Texas residents and winners may transfer the prize to a friend or family member.

Winners are not exempted from the Federal Duck Stamp requirement.

CMA joins Blue Santa

The Christian Motorcycle Association Wings of Grace is asking all Colorado City motorcyclists to join up and go on a Blue Santa toy run.

The association will assemble at the parking lot of Fuller Foods under the store sign at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 18.

Anyone interested is asked to bring an unwrapped toy and ride to support the Colorado City Police Department. For more information, contact Danny Bell at 728-8855.

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LOCAL NEWS

Kiwaniannes raffle table, playhouse

Kiwaniannes will raffle off a hand made playhouse, complete with furniture, as well as a picnic table and benches to help raise funds for Toys4MCKids. Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5 and may be purchased at the City National Bank or Chamber of Commerce. The drawing for the prizes will be held on Thursday, December 23.

"The proceeds go to help fill in the places for gifts not received for Toys4MCKids to get age appropriate gifts," Jan Lemons said.

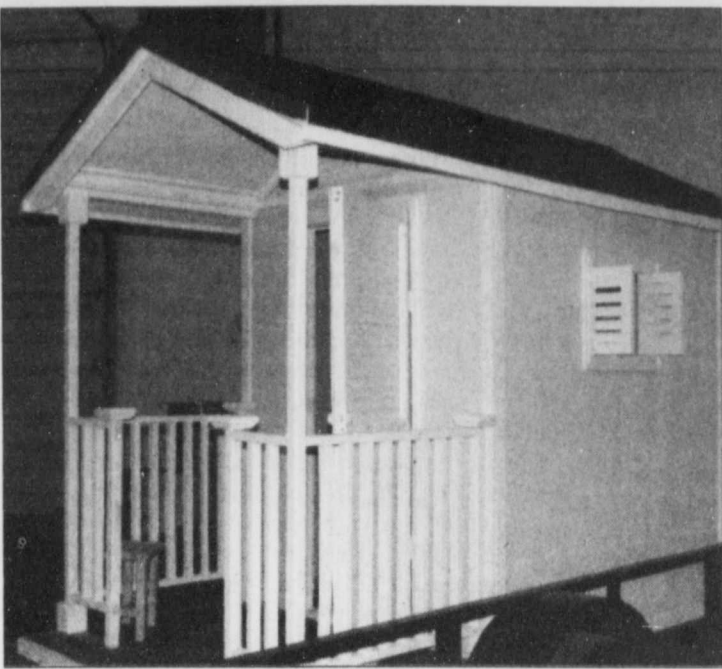
Texas Department of Criminal Justice supported the Ki-

waniannes again by designing, building and painting the playhouse and picnic table.

The playhouse and table are on display at the City National Bank.

Toys4MCKids participants can pick up their toys and food boxes at the Community Mission on Saturday, December 18.

"We are so appreciative of the community," Lemons said. "Every year they respond better than the year before. With the car show and new fundraising ideas, the response is just overwhelming. It's always more than expected. People just give more and more."



CHRISTMAS DREAM PLAYHOUSE -- A drawing for a hand-made child's playhouse will be held December 23. Proceeds benefit Toys4MCKids.

Lunar eclipse to occur on December 21

A total lunar eclipse will occur on Tuesday, December 21.

Amateur astronomers can view the eclipse at midnight during the winter solstice, i.e. the first day of winter.

A lunar eclipse occurs as the moon passes behind the earth, which causes the earth to block the sun's rays from hitting the moon.

Lunar eclipses occur only during full moons and can last for a few hours.

Although there are at least two lunar eclipses yearly, total eclipses are rarer. The last total lunar eclipse occurred on February 21, 2008.

Blue Santa to deliver gifts Christmas Eve

Blue Santa is still collecting toys and donations to provide gifts for needy Colorado City families.

Gifts may be donated through the Colorado City Police Department at the dispatcher's window until December 17th.

Gift cards for teenagers will also be appreciated.

The Blue Santa program is working in conjunction with the Community Mission and Toys4MCKids to adequately cover the number of families in Mitchell County that might otherwise do without Christmas gifts.

Blue Santa and his helpers will deliver the gifts on Christmas Eve.

Steps to overcome holiday stress

by Larry Fitzgerald
www.plainviewchurchofchristtoday.com

A recent survey showed that 41% of Americans interviewed found the Christmas season somewhat to very stressful. The sad thing is that the same survey found that this was about the same amount of stress that people feel when they have job interviews or go to the dentist -- or even when they get a speeding ticket!

Does Christ have anything to say to us in the midst of this season of hurry and rush? I believe he does.

When you think about it, there are at least 4 main causes of holiday stress.

#1. Fantasy.

Yes, that's right ... fantasy. What I mean by that is when we drive ourselves over the brink, trying to make our holidays into something out of Currier and Ives.

#2 Another cause of stress can be families.

We might be wishing that some of our kin were estranged because no matter what the occasion, they are always acting up.

#3. A third category of holiday stress is finance.

In making our holidays perfect for family and friends, lured by the ads and the sparkle, we might spend too much money and misuse our credit cards.

#4. Time.

While we're busy spending money, decorating our homes, cooking and preparing food, hosting guests, attending parties, visiting relatives and friends, and much else, we bump into the fourth holiday stressor ... time, or lack of it.

However, there are some answers. Here are ...

Five suggestions for reducing your holiday stress.

#1. Eliminate! Cross out everything that takes away from the real joy of the holidays.

#2. Make a plan. Decide what's most important and what is of lesser importance. And do the most important things first. And while you're at it, schedule some time for yourself - to rest (compare with Exodus 20:8-10).

#3. Respect your budget. This is important. Romans 13:8a says: "Let no debt remain out-

standing" (NIV).

#4. Put your most significant relationships first (Matthew 6:33).

For Christians our priority should be: Christ - spending personal time with Him and worshipping Him at church. Spouse - make a date night in December. Family and friends - Don't neglect them for what seem like other obligations. You'll regret it later in life, and you honor Christ by honoring your family.

#5. Focus on those who are in need. Do you really want to make a holiday that you never forget -- that your kids and grandkids will always remember? Then, remember the poor and the less fortunate. The Bible says: "happy is he who is gracious to the poor" (Proverbs 14:21, NASB).

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his property) in the system.

The 1965 map shows both a north-south and east-west segment of CR 428, plus all cattle guards.

After the February 1975 minutes, the next set of maps does not show the north-south portion of CR 428, but still includes the east-west segment. The same segment is still visible on the most current county maps.

Although the original landowners, Ward Patton and Jewell Wimberly as well as most of the petition signers are dead, Preston did speak with both Leroy Cornutt, now deceased, and Billy Cornutt. "Their intention was to close the entire road," Preston said.

Preston has remained adamant that the disputed section is not part of the county road system.

"My objection is based on the minutes and the petition. I feel we're not respecting what the court at that time did," he said.

Preston was also concerned about the legality and expense of maintaining the road section.

Wood said legally it could be argued either way. "Legally you can just as well come in and say it is a portion of the county road

system and not be breaking the law."

"There is no disagreement they intended to close a portion of the road," Wood said. The disagreement comes in the ambiguity of the description. "It shows the importance of detail in documentation."

Even though the road has not been maintained for 30 years, the state does not consider it neglected or abandoned. According to state statutes abandonment requires a fence across the road for at least 20 years.

"One of the most complicated and biggest legal issues to be considered are county roads," Wood said.

No action was taken by the court, although Gray had requested they make a decision "and not drag this out."

"I'm going to do something thinking before deciding to take action," Preston said.

Stalled in the commissioner's court, Gray is uncertain about his next step. "My next step will probably be to seek legal advice and go from there," he said.

"There's no clear answer," Wood said. "It's a question of maintenance, not of access."

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH The Class of 1953

The 1953 graduating class of Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth has reunions every six months. "It all started after our 25th reunion," says Barbara Larson Anderson, who keeps an up to date list of every one of the 254 graduates. "We have a computer program that has everybody's maiden and married names, their addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and what they've been doing the past 57 years."

The class has gone on cruises and meets in a different city every fall. "We've held our reunions in big and small towns all over the state and beyond," says Barbara. "Usually we have our spring gatherings around the metroplex, since that's where so many of our class members live."

The sports teams at AHHS are called Yellow Jackets. So it seems perfectly logical to call the reunions "swarms."

Ina Gooding Ericson, who has been in the travel agency business, says the reason the reunions started twice a year is because everybody discovered they liked each other and found the visits extremely satisfactory. "There's no competition, no one-up-manship, we're not trying to impress anybody, we just have a good time. We find out what everybody's doing and keep up with each other's kids."

Many of the men in the class are engineers and got their start working at Consolidated, the airplane-building factory in the west end of Fort Worth, later known as General Dynamics (GD for short).

Arlington Heights High School serves much of the west side, from the Monticello Addition to Westover Hills, Ridglea and the residences around the Rivercrest Country Club, or roughly from IS 20 to White Settlement Road. Camp Bowie is the main drag for students at AHHS.

Buddy Martin, who has hosted the group at his place between Fort Worth and Weatherford, never misses a swarm. "I have all kinds of people I go to church with and work with, and friends I have coffee with almost daily, but this group is very special to me. I look forward to seeing everybody."

The group looks good, mainly because many of them are still working and either own their own businesses or have enough clout at their jobs to do pretty much what they want to do. They have no trouble taking time off for travel. This fall, the group met at Permelia Yeager's blackberry farm near Burnet and toured Longhorn Caverns, a winery and rode on the Vanishing Texas River Cruise.

In the early fifties, life was fairly simple. There was an innocence that the class refers to often. War was put aside for a while. The country had five years of peacetime before the Korean disturbance started and Americans loved that peace. They didn't want to think about war. "We just wanted to wear our white bucks and comb our hair in duck tails," says class member Joe Johnson of Luling. Not much to worry about.



...Goodwill to men

By Monte Wike

We recently did some shopping in Abilene. I was impressed in several places by how kind people are at this season. People held the door open for us, and I held the doors open for others. The cashier at another store was determined to make everyone smile. Others waiting in line chatted like old friends.

Another impressive sight was people unselfishly buying gifts for others. The sale prices were an enticement, but they had bags of gifts. They were spreading the cheer and love of this Christmas time.

We have shared cards and Christmas letters with our friends and have gotten back the nicest replies and updates for a year. Many have sent family pictures, others testimonies of failing health or serious surgery, but there was not one gripe or complaint in any of them.

The stories of Mary and Joseph,

the baby lying in a manger, the attentive shepherds, the herald angels, the wise men and star, the old parents of John the Baptist, are not the complete Christmas story. The most familiar verse in the Bible, John 3:16, gives the reason behind all of these wonderful details. It is because of God's great, never-ending love for all the world or worldly people, that He sent His Son.

Love is the best gift of the season. It is expressed in so many ways and is always sincere and well-received. The people who donate toys and food for those in need may never know the people that their gifts reach, but the love will radiate wherever those gifts go.

A group of us went caroling after a Christmas party the other night. People opened their doors and stood there in the cold to hear the message in song. Without fail they were surprised and thankful for even that small effort. And we got to see friends that we did

not know where they lived.

Love is transferable. It does not need to be, nor can it be bottled up and preserved. When it is bottled up it rankles and dies, turning into bitterness and hatred. When it is opened and shared, it not only multiplies but blesses both the sender and receiver.

One of the gifts the angels promised, along with peace on earth, was goodwill to men. Nothing fancy, noting complicated or impossible, just enjoyable and effective.

Goodwill cannot be wrapped in fancy paper or tied with glistening ribbon. It is a simple thing of doing the most good for everyone you can. You may need to go see that neighbor or family member that you had words with, share a smile with someone lacking one at the moment, send a note, make a call, or bake some cookies. Goodwill is an action verb. So is love from the God of goodwill.

A Christmas to remember

By AppleJack Adams

Growing up, we kids always heard Christmas stories from when my great-grandparents came over from the old country. With them, they brought lots of old world customs from Germany and incorporated them into the harsh living of a Texas farmer/rancher in the late 1800s. Always resourceful, they may not have had much, but they made sure Christmas was taken care of.

Old Saint Nick always brought the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve, when all the little ones were asleep. They'd wake up to a fresh cut evergreen, fragrantly scenting the home. Candles were lit and carefully placed in the tree, fresh fruit and ribboned bows added to the effect. Each child was the recipient of one gift, usually homemade, to be found under the tree.

Adhering to tradition, the family loaded up in the wagon to attend Christmas morning Mass always held at 5 a.m. Gifts weren't opened until you came

back from Mass and then a big breakfast was in order.

Well, here's where the AppleJack story takes a little turn. It was told one Christmas that great-great-grandmother Annie sent her husband Johnny into town on the 24th to procure a tree. Being the dutiful husband, he set out in the wagon. Somewhere along the line he ran into Fritz, their neighbor and very well-to-do farmer, who lived just down the road. Fritz and his wife had a beautiful lane leading up to their home, lined with evergreens on both sides; an extravagance for sure in those times.

Anyhow, Johnny and Fritz made their way to the local tavern, where Johnny shared the Christmas spirit in abundance with Fritz, if you know what I mean. Johnny and Fritz spent quite some time together that Christmas Eve, apparently neither returned home until the wee hours of Christmas morn with their evergreens in tow.

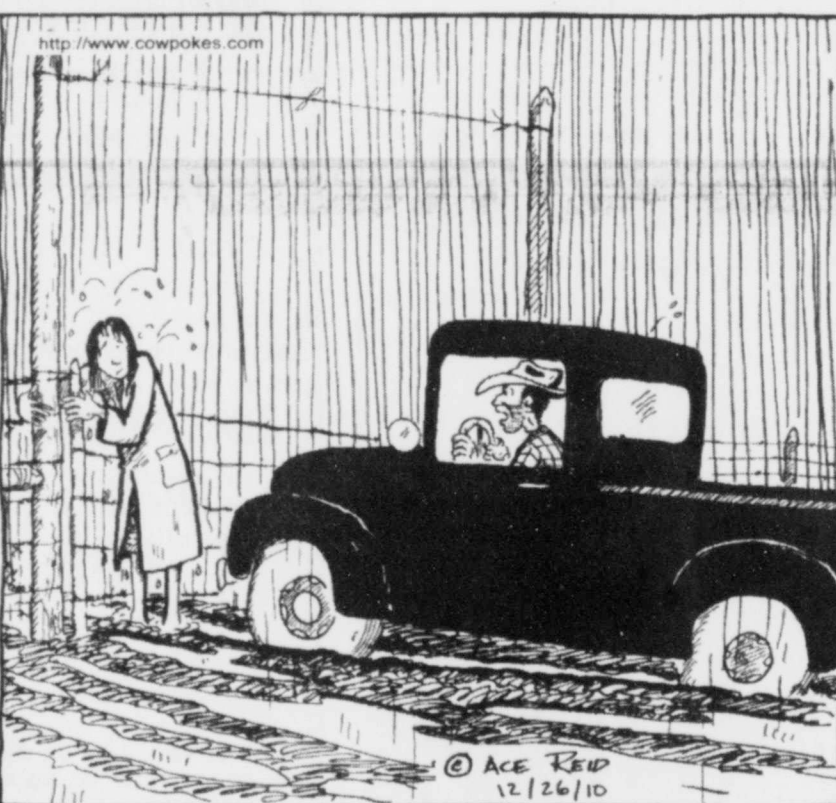
Annie was quite surprised with the

quality of the tree she received. It was, from all accounts, thick and lush and oversized. It was certainly a fresh cut tree and produced the desired aromatic effect.

After the kids were roused and dressed and the requisite oohing and aahing over the tree had taken place, Annie got everyone loaded into the wagon to head out to Mass. As Johnny drove the wagon down the road and they approached Fritz's place, the lane of evergreens came to view. Beautiful trees, all thick and full, all the same height appeared. All the same height that is, except for two trees right smack dab in the middle of the line; two trees with their tops cut plumb off.

It has been passed down that Annie looked at Johnny and shaking her head simply said, "Oh, Johnny, you didn't!" I don't believe the subject of where that tree came from was ever brought up between the two of them, but my grandmother and her sisters all passed the story down with a chuckle ever time it was told.

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POLICE REPORT

On December 5, a subject in the 300 block of Austin stated that an unknown person(s) had poured paint on a bridge they had built at Lone Wolf Creek. The case is under investigation.

On December 6, a subject in the 700 block of Cypress was attempting to retrieve items from a family member. The family member began assaulting the victim. Affidavit has been filed.

On December 6, there was a report of burglary of a habitation in the 1700 block of Locust. The case is under investigation.

On December 7, the department re-

ceived a report of an unattended young child in the 100 block of W. 10th Street. On arrival, officers found an unattended infant with no parents around. The child was transported to the police department and CPS was notified.

On December 7, an 18-year-old female was arrested in the 900 block of Chestnut for an outstanding warrant. The subject was transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 8, a subject was served a criminal trespass warrant in the 800 block of E. 8th regarding an earlier report.

On December 8, a subject reported coming home to an open window and missing items in the 1600 block of Locust. The case is under investigation.

On December 8, theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 100 block of E. 2nd. The case is under investigation.

On December 8, a 21-year-old male was arrested in the 1500 block of CR 102 for being verbally abusive to a family member in front of an officer. He was transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 9, a 20-year-old male

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LOCAL NEWS



THE NEWLY FORMED BOSS A group from CHS collected toys for the Kiwanianne's toy drive recently. Pictured here with the CISD Superintendent are some members of BOSS A: (back, l-r) Rankin Bullard, Adolf Martinez, Cason Smith, Xavien Lenard, Reggy Spencer, Nate Jackson, Gustavo Silva; (front) Teen Gomez, Krystee Barnett, Danielle Harris and Hailey Maxwell. Photo courtesy of Brenda Hammond.

CITY

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the council to table the motion until she could attend.

"I want what's best for the city," she said, adding she was worried about Colorado City having to share the burden for paying for cost overruns. "What is the cost to the city? I'm not going to vote on something that might cost the city money without reading and understanding it," Dakan said.

The consensus of the council was the agreement was a simple agreement to join forces with the county in considering the construction of a desalination plant.

"What we need at this point is something that can be a part of the TDRA package that says we're willing to work together," Hiser said, pointing out that if the feasibility study failed, or the grant fell through, there was little likelihood of the project getting off the ground, in which case the interlocal agreement would be void.

After a lengthy discussion, the council voted for a continuance until the following business day, Wednesday, December 15 at 5 p.m. on the matter with a four

to 1 vote in favor. Dakan cast the dissenting vote.

City Hall will be closed December 23, 24 and 31st for the holidays.

TOOLS

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disadvantaged farmers or ranchers who cannot qualify for conventional credit, FSA offers financing as well. FSA makes direct loans and guaranteed loans made by conventional farm lenders to finance the purchase and operation of a farm. Each fiscal year, the agency targets a significant portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loan funds to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. In the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2010, FSA made or guaranteed 18,700 loans totaling \$1.975 billion to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. In addition to the funding reserves, FSA operates a special "down payment" loan program to assist socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers in purchasing a farm. Like TIP, this program can help retiring farm-

WIND

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The company originally planned a 250 megawatt project consisting of 167 GE 1.5 megawatt turbines. Tumbling energy prices have slowed the vision, but not ended it.

"The downward spiral favored the board changing or downsizing the project. Instead we built out all the infrastructure for the entire 250 megawatt project," Clement said.

Third Planet constructed 67 turbines and built out 167 pads, along with all the necessary infrastructure such as roads, collection lines, "everything in anticipation of building out the project to full size," Clement said. "We can't thank the Loraine community enough for their patience and understanding."

Clement credits the project's success to Walt Kamp and Jim Kutey, who spearheaded the project and an excellent management team: John Hartzog, com-

mercial operations overseer; Pam Daniels, support specialist; Mike Abbot, assistant manager and Carl Durham, assistant production manager.

The new turbines being installed are the CE 1.5xle, with longer, bigger blades than the 1.5sle, which required some additional "beefing up" of the pads.

The size of the blade is the most notable difference. The 1.5xle has a 40 meter length as opposed to the 1.5sle's 37 meter blade. "It gives us a much bigger sweep to capture the wind," Clement said.

Clement expects the construction of the new turbines to be completed by February 15 and will provide 150 megawatts of electrical power.

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Local author releases newest Christmas romance novel

Romance writer Marion Kelley Bullock has released her newest book *The Christmas Bride*.

Published by Desert Breeze Publishing Company, *The Christmas Bride* hit electronic bookstores December 1.

Bullock novel, only available in e-book format, is set in the 1800s and features stagecoaches, adventure and an independent streak in the heroine Sue Ellen Grayson who travels to Ft. Clark, Texas to inform her capricious sister's fiancé she's decided not to marry him after all — one month before the wedding.

"In some books the characters fall into place. In this book it

didn't. I had lots of trouble getting Sue Ellen straightened out. When it came together she really was a heroine," Bullock said.

"The inspiration wasn't mine," Bullock said. "It had to do with writing an anthology with three other people."

In 2007, three other writers in the American Christian Fiction Writers organization approached Bullock about putting out an anthology about Christmas brides of the Rio Grande.

Although the publisher liked the idea, the individual proposals weren't accepted.

"I decided to write my novel anyway," Bullock said.

Originally a novella in length, *The Christmas Bride* sat on the shelf while Bullock worked on another manuscript.

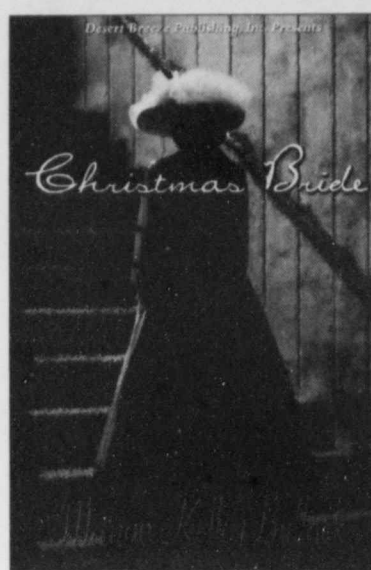
Once *The Christmas Stranger*, released last year, was finished, Bullock began reworking *The Christmas Bride*.

"I got hooked on it by doing the research. Imagine traveling by stage coach," she said. "Some seats just had a little strap to lean against."

One of her more fascinating characters in the book is the Buffalo Soldier who rides on the stage coach with Sue Ellen.

Part of her fascination with the Buffalo Soldiers came from a visit years ago to Ft. Clark, where the soldiers were stationed. "It was really interesting, like going back in time," Bullock said.

"I did an awful lot of research



for this book. An awful lot I didn't use, but that's the way it is," she said.

"The internet is wonderful. I used to go sit in the library and

read everything. Now I can do it at home. I just call it up on the internet. I was able to find out all about the Buffalo Soldier," she said.

Bullock loves e-book publishing and e-book reading, preferring it over traditional paperback format. "Not everybody likes to read that way, but I absolutely love it. I love to read while eating breakfast. E-books make it easier," Bullock said.

Bullock's next book, *The Claymore Legacy*, will be available January 1. *The Claymore Legacy* is a historical romance set in "Clear Fork," which is strikingly similar to Mitchell County, from which Bullock draws her inspiration.

She has also written *Secrets of Old Santa Fe* and the Christmas Stranger, which was the

November best seller for Desert Breeze. "It's just now getting acclaim" she said. She researched post mistresses in Missouri for the book. "They hired women because they could work out of their homes and didn't expect much pay." Christmas Stranger, set in the 1800s in Missouri, also made the # romance best seller list at Christianbooks.com recently.

He Wants Me Dead, a contemporary romantic suspense, will be released sometime in June or July.

Bullock's novels can be purchased from her website: marionkelleybullock.com; at amazon.com and kindle.com, or at christianbooks.com.

She and her husband, John, have four children and reside in Colorado City.

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Few coaches can boast of taking a high school football team to the state championship.

Jerry Reynolds is one.

Reynolds attended the reunion of the 1960 Denver City state 2A championship football team in September, where he and the only other surviving coach were recognized at a special banquet.

"All but seven players attended," Reynolds said. "There were only two of us still alive that coached the team. That was kinda sad."

The coaches and players received numerous mementos from the Booster Club, including the original 1960 football banquet programs and footballs with the winning season schedules.

"I've never been a part of another state winning team," Reynolds said. "During district no other school scored against the Mustangs until the last game with Bellville. We did well."

Reynolds was just starting out in coaching when he and his wife, Wilma, moved to Denver City.

"At that time he was very young and wore a flattop," Wilma said. "The twins (Burt and Bill Gravitt, who would later be inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame) looked older. On a track trip, the waiter gave the bill to the twins instead of Jerry."

"That's when I decided to let my hair grow out," Jerry said.

Reynolds remembered legendary Don Orr, head coach of the Mustangs.

"Don was more conservative and seldom threw the ball," Reynolds said. "To win state he had to throw. The kid who caught the pass to win the championship hadn't caught a pass all year."

While meeting the players again was a thrill for Reynolds, meeting some of his former tracksters was also a thrill.

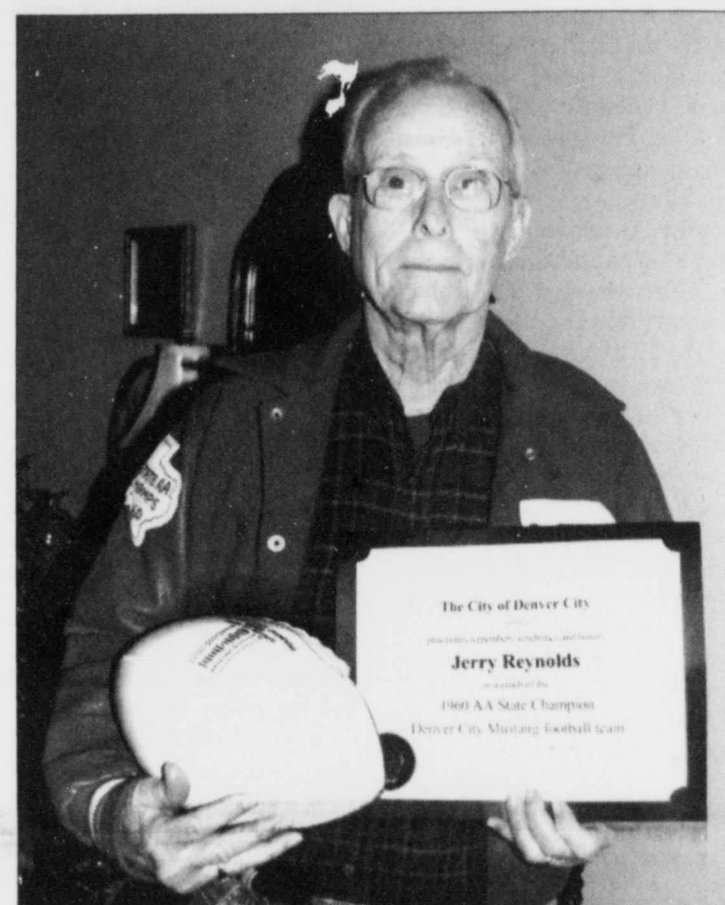
One youngster he coached throughout all four years of high school is now a lawyer in Houston.

"That makes you feel good, too," he said, "to see how successful they are."

After 10 years of coaching at Lubbock and Andrews, the Reynolds returned to Wilma's hometown, Colorado City where Reynolds became principal, serving at Hutchinson Elementary, the high school and middle school.

"I organized the middle school," Jerry said.

"We brought in the 6th grade



COACHING HAS PERKS -- Jerry Reynolds was recently honored at a reunion of the Denver City 1960 state championship football team. As one of the coaches, Reynolds received a certificate of recognition and a football with the season schedule.

and geared it more towards those kids," Jerry said, adding the main difference between a middle school and a junior high is a junior high is composed of 7th and 8th grades and is "a little high school."

Jerry was instrumental in

switching from junior high to middle school.

"We moved over on Friday and started on Monday," he said. "Kids carried their desks over there."

"We were ready to recruit a bunch of boys and had a girl come up and ask 'why can't we help?' She did more work than three boys," Reynolds said. "We gave t-shirts for those who helped. She wore hers proudly."

West Texas is a small world. High school track rivals end up becoming next door neighbors.

Reynolds lives in the same block with tracksters Ben Sparks, Bob Reily, Ronny Conner and Hollis Gainey.

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Thank you...

A heartfelt thank you from Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce to everyone who made all the "Light the Night" Christmas festivities possible. This event is a terrific example of the wonderful things that can be accomplished when a community works together. Merry Christmas!

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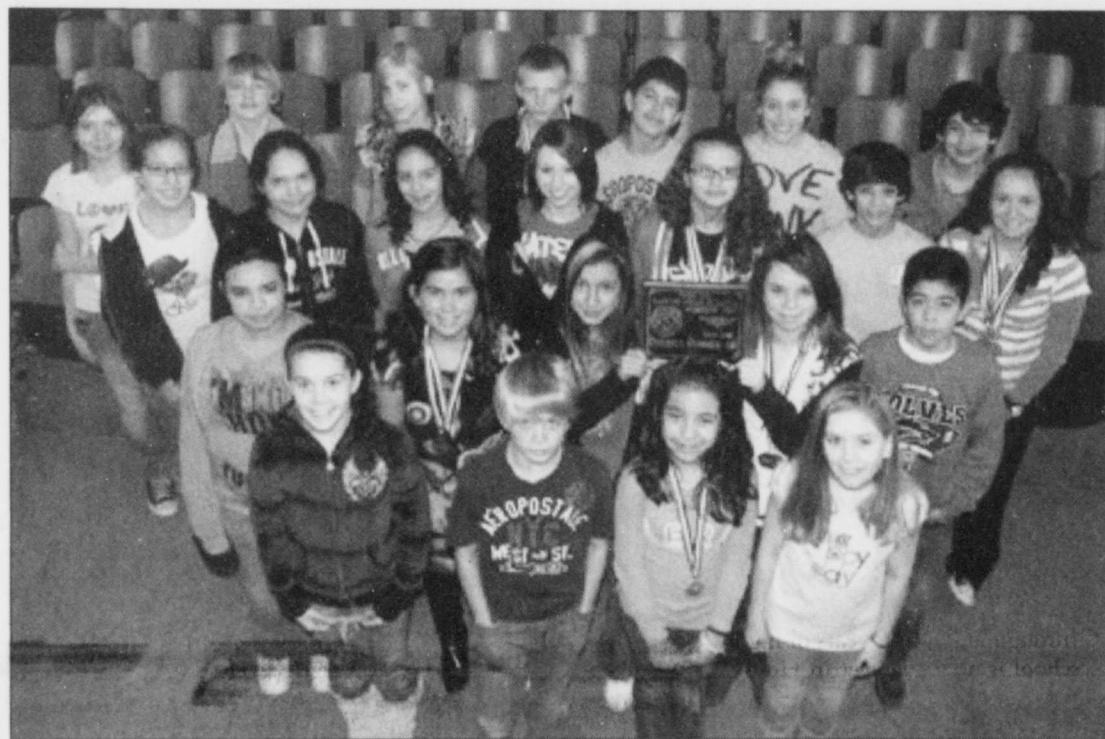
SCHOOL NEWS

CMS brings home UIL wins

The Colorado Middle School won 2nd place overall at the UIL meet at Forsan, bringing home the plaque for District 3-AA Runner Up 2010. Ninety-five students competed, earning a total of 595 points in the South Zone Academic meet.



SIXTH GRADE UIL participants were: (starting at front) Koby Miller, Maryetta Polanco, Stephanie Beltran, Candon Jones, Don Guazo, Jennifer Roman, Makaylah Rivera, Maci Hopper, Avery Powell, Jennifer Rivera, M'Leah Alexander, Krysa Boyce, Jordan Smith, Nanna Silva, Tommy James, Selvy Lee, Rebecca Diaz, Conner Hickson, Robert Parras, Jacob King, Monica Hart, Emmaleigh Cook, Amor Carrillo, Skylar Givans, Darian Espinoza, Johnathan Casares, Baylie Lindsey, Olean Pineda, and Justin Trawick.



SEVENTH GRADE UIL participants for 2010 were: (first row) Ramsey Alvarez, Dylan Meguire, Nadia Davila, Erica David; (second row) Hannah Sosa, Brittany Muñoz, Delaney Hernandez, Sierra Salazar, Erik Flores; (third row) Iris Vasquez, Ellie Gonzales, Madie Gutierrez, Cameron Oakley, Madison Du-Casse, Mark Muñoz, Marissa Parras; (fourth row) Hailey Hulme, Ethan Smith, Megean Cloutier, Eric Pool, Andrew Burrola, Taly Messick, and Zach Luera.



EIGHTH GRADE UIL participants were: Delani Meguire, Jessica David, Jeremiah Williams, Heather Ruth, Hailey Dunn, Raine Rudderick, Serena Paschall, Bri Molina, Chloe Garrett, Brittany Edmiston, Mason Maddox, Lisa Mann, Ashley Comstock, Johnathan Blassingame, Desiree Martinez, Jordan Garcez, Manuel Bueno, Kaysi Sims, Jaci Smith, Perry Donnell, Taegen Harris, Cassie Sutton, Ezra Palmer, Emanuel Ventura, Dillon Gainey, Thomas Rivera, Mikaela Madrid, Jasmine Jones, Johnathan Jackson, Cheyenne Alford, and Adam Pineda.

"They did a tremendous job and represented the school in a tremendous way," Mark Merrell principal said.

CMS beat Coahoma and Stanton, which historically dominates in UIL according to Merrell.

CMS entered the competition with 150 points from students competing earlier in One Act Play, Rediwriting, Spelling and Editorial Writing.

Middle school students participating in One Act Play earned the Junior High One Act Play District 3AA South Zone 3rd Place Play 2010. This was the first time CMS had competed in One Act Play after several years absence from the competition.

"We're quite happy," Beverly Adams, sponsor said.

Merrell plans to start UIL preparation earlier next year.

"I believe our students can be just as good as anyone in the state if given an opportunity," he said. "We're proud of each one who went out of their way to compete."

Students who won first place in their events were Marissa Parras, Art; Brittany Muñoz, Calculator Applications; Darian Espinoza, Dictionary; Raine Rudderick, Editorial Writing, Ready Writing and Modern Oratory; Monica Hart, Listening; Kefier Holman, Mathematics; Eric Pool, Number Sense; Taegen Harris, Impromptu Speaking and Sierra Salazar, Social Studies.

Team participants Canden Jones, Stephanie Beltran, Makaylah Rivera, Maryetta Polanco and Emaleigh Cook won third place in Music Memory.

Team participants Marissa Parras, Ethan Smith, Kefier Holman and Nadia Davila won first place in Art.

See CMS, page 12

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SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Dec. 20-22

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Wednesday - honey bun, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch Menu Dec. 20-22

Monday - pizza, green beans, apple slices, milk.
Tuesday - beef mac, glazed carrots, half slice bread, pears, milk.
Wednesday - grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Dec. 20-21

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Dec. 20-21

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

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Dec. 20-21

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, French toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School

Breakfast Menu Dec. 20-21

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

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

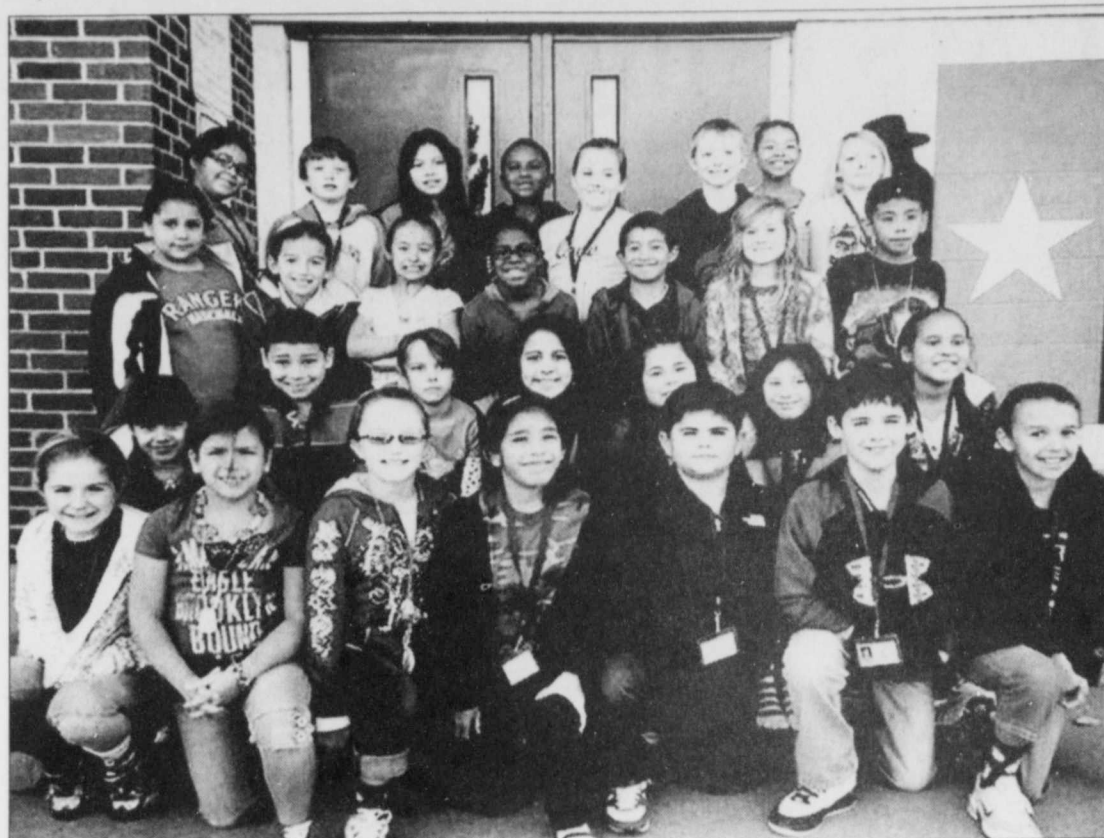
CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Dec. 20-21

Monday - pizza, fries, California blend veggies with cheese, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - sack lunch.

Christmas Break Westbrook ISD

Christmas Break Loraine ISD



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY 3rd and 4th graders competed in the District UIL Contest recently. The school's team placed 3rd overall. Pictured are: (back row, l-r) Syrrah Tenorio, Teagan Terrell, Mazzy Gonzales, Markis Monroe, Janci Johnson, Reid Harris, Akirah Rivera, Kristina Parker; (third row) Lilly Parras, Emily Ducasse, Gabby Schwoerer, Keandrea Emerson, Josiah Silva, Harlee Haag, Alex Pineda; (second row) Mariah Garcia, Zack Garcia, Taylor Wood, Marissa Reyna, Lia Espinoza, Victoria Melendez, Malishia Payne; (first row) Hadley Redwine 2nd Place Oral Reading; Ashlin Alvarez 2nd Place Ready Writing; Savannah Shiller, 3rd Place Ready Writing; Destyni Espinoza, 1st Place Spelling; Jacob Munoz, 3rd Place Oral Reading; Jett Johnson, 4th Place Number Sense; and Shelby Ortiz, 3rd Place Ready Writing. Photo courtesy of Kitten Arthur.



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY HAD lots of 5th graders participating in the District UIL Contest recently. Students participating and showing off their crazy Christmas socks are: (back row, l-r) Alexa Garza, Serena Gutierrez, Muranda Garcia, Adrian Matos, Cody Vining; (third row) Chloe Castillo, José Vargas, Kyria Emerson, McKinna Komppa, Deanna Woodell, Daniel Meguire; (second row) Ted Rich, 2nd Place Listening Skills; Miriam Hernandez, 4th Place Listening Skills; Nate Johnson, Alyssa Molina, 6th Place Dictionary Skills; Calvin Spencer, 6th Place Maps, Graphs, & Charts; Kaitlyn Kimball, 1st Place Spelling (perfect paper); Ramzi Martinez, 4th Place Spelling; (front row) Bradon Upshaw, 1st Place Number Sense and 4th Place Maps, Graphs, and Charts; Preslie Smithie, 3rd Place Oral Reading; Jadyn Griffith, 2nd Place Oral Reading; Clancy White, 3rd Place Art Smart; Ashlei Burrola, 4th Place Ready Writing; Lexi Haag, 4th Place Social Studies and 6th Place Spelling; and Sara Roach, 6th Place Number Sense. Photo courtesy of Kitten Arthur.



STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Leonard Williams and Jacyn Griffith. Samme Herrera is not pictured. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Hutchinson students of the week are named

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Samme Herrera, Leonard Williams and Jacyn Griffith.

Samme, daughter of Don Herrera and Juana Garcia, is a third

grader in Mrs. Jones' class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Bear and reading is her favorite subject. She says going on field trips is her favorite thing about her school.

Leonard, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lindsey's class, is the son of Leonard and Rita Williams. He has a boxer named Sugar, and science is his favorite subject. When asked about his favorite thing at Hutchinson, he said, "It's the best school ever!"

Jacyn, daughter of Mike and Kaci Griffith, is a fifth grader in Mrs. White's class. She has a dog named Cocoa, and math is her favorite subject. She says the Hutchinson play day is her favorite thing about her school.

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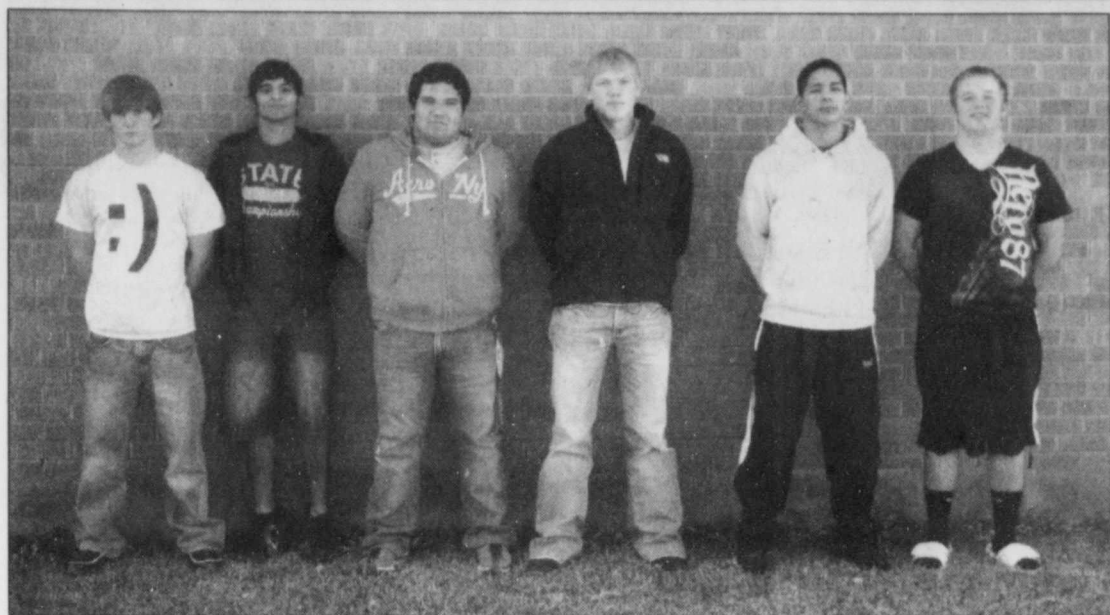
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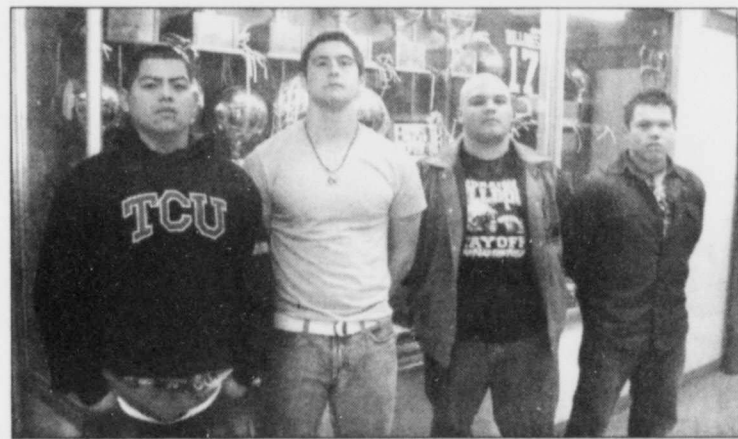
SPORTS



WESTBROOK HAD SEVERAL Wildcats named to the District 7A All-District Football team. From left, Richard Nelson, running back; Kyle Beights, wide receiver; J.R. Jaimes, punter; Michael Bray, quarterback; Joel Gaona, linebacker and special teams; and Tyler Morris, defensive lineman. Photo courtesy of Eilene Martin.



SEVERAL LORAINE BULLDOGS were named to the All-District football team for District 7A. They were: (l-r) Toby Garza, kicker; Jacob Benivamondez, spreadback; Carlos Lopez, center; Andy Limones, tight end; and Rafael Acevedo, running back and defensive lineman. Photo courtesy of Evon Harbour.



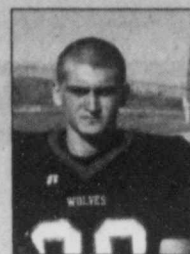
THE SECOND TEAM picks for the District 7A All-District football team from Loraine were: (l-r) Matthew Sanchez, defensive end; Brandon Gibson, fullback and linebacker; Nick Kaucher, tight end; and Damian Garcia, nose guard. Photo courtesy of Evon Harbour.



J.C. Johnson



Nick Reyna



Rafael Gonzalez



Ryan Rivera

Wolves receive All-State honors

Four Colorado City Wolves, two seniors and two juniors, received honorable mention All-State honors Monday.

The Associated Press Class 2A All-State teams were announced Monday and seniors J.C. Johnson (linebacker) and Nick Reyna (defensive back), along with juniors Rafael

Gonzalez (defensive line) and Ryan Rivera (offensive line) were all on the honorable mention list.

Crane's linebacker Dalton Degraffenreid was the only other District 2 player listed on the All-State team, and he also received honorable mention honors.

Bulldogs place third at tournament

By Aimee Adams

The Loraine Bulldogs varsity

basketball team recently earned 3rd place in a tournament held in

8th grade boys win

The Colorado Middle School 8th grade boys' basketball team is on a roll. The team beat the Forsan Buffaloes convincingly, 46-21 in a contest in Forsan on Monday.

Dillon Gainey and Jonathan Jackson both scored in double digits, scoring 12 and 10 points respectively. David Sanchez pitched in 8, and Nick Palacios

scored 6. Jeremiah Williams, Alex Salinas, Perry Donnell, Jacob Garcia and Don Glen Herrera, each added 2 points for the Wolves.

The 8th grade Wolves remain undefeated for the season with a 4-0 record. After a break during the holidays, the team will participate in a tournament in Roscoe on January 6, 8.

Water Valley.

The first game of the tournament pitted Loraine against Menard. The Bulldogs never led but stayed close to their opponents.

At one point in the fourth quarter, the 'Dogs were down by 12 points, but they fought hard and won in overtime, 40-36.

Top Dog Scorer was Carlos Lopez with 13 points, Brandon Gibson had 10 points, Toby Garza scored 9 and Jacob Benivamondez and Nate Martinez scored 4 each.

The Bulldogs fell to Iraan in the second game, 70-28. Iraan went on to take first place in the tournament. Gibson again led his team offensively, scoring 13 points.

In the third game, the Bulldogs faced Westbrook in a close game. Loraine managed a 37-33 win over the Wildcats.

Top scorer was Garza with 11 points. Joe Iglehart and Gibson each scored 8 points and Martinez scored 6. Lopez pitched in 4 points.



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Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff
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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGARET T. LATIMER, DECEASED:

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DATED this 9th day of December, 2010.
Dan Raymond Latimer, Don Curtis Latimer, and John Baxter Latimer

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LORRAINE NEWS

CISD

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or cuts hamper the ability of districts to make payroll, repairs or improvements. "Rich districts will be okay. We're not a rich district," he said.

Spencer said CISD had the money to cover the approximately \$1.2 million cut he expects for this year but not the following year.

A third level appeal of employee complaint was abated before the board met Monday evening, resulting in no action on the part of the school board.

"Some employees filed a level 3

grievance, because they were not satisfied with the other two levels," Spencer said. "They dropped the appeal before the board meeting. All the parties are working together to try to solve the issue."

A grievance appeal process begins with complaints being brought to the employee's supervisor or principal. If the issue is not resolved to the employee's satisfaction, the complaint can be taken to level 2 and request a hearing with the superintendent. The school board hears and rules on level 3 appeals.

POLICE

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was arrested on a no driver's license warrant in the 500 block of Hickory. He was transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 9, credit card abuse was reported in the 100 block of 3rd Street. The case is under investigation.

On December 9, a 26-year-old female was arrested in the 1700 block of Elm for no driver's license. She was transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 9, a subject intentionally drove away from the 500 block of W. 1-20 without paying for gas. The 33-year-old male was apprehended and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 9, a 30-year-old male was arrested for a warrant in the 700 block of Oak. He was transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 9, a 44-year-old male was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. The subject caused injury to the victim during a confrontation

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Students who participated were:

Sixth Grade
M'Leah Alexander 5th Oral Reading; Stephanie Beltran, Krysa Boyce, Amor Carrillo, Jonathan Casares, Bryanna Cloutier, Emaleigh Cook, Darian Espinoza 4th Number Sense; Skyler Given, Don Guazo, 3rd Dictionary, 4th Spelling; Monica Hart, 3rd Ready Writing, 4th Social Studies; Conner Hickson, Maci Hopper 2nd Dictionary; Tommy James, Candan Jones, Jacob King, Selvy Lee 6th Maps, Graphs & Charts, Baylie Lindsey 4th Ready Writing; Jazmine Mendoza, Koby Miller, Robert Parras, Olean Pineda 3rd Mathematics; Eddie Pool, Avery Powell, Jennifer Rivera, Makaylah Rivera, Jennifer Roman 4th Oral Reading; Nanna Silva, Jordan Smith and Justin Trawick 5th Calculator Applications, 2nd Mathematics.

Seventh Grade
Ramsey Alvarez, 4th Dictionary, 5th Modern Oratory; Vanessa Atkins, Andrew Burrola, 6th Number Sense; Tyler Calacas, Megaen, Cloutier, Erica David, Nadia Davila, 5th Oral Reading; Madison Ducasse, 2nd Dictionary, 2nd Spelling; Erik Flores, Brandon Gonzales, Sabashtan Gonzales, Delani Hernandez, Kefier Holman, 6th Listening; Hailey Hulme, 5th Maps, Graphs & Charts; Zack Luera, Tony Martinez, Dylan McGuire, Lexi Mendoza, Talyn Messick, 4th Oral Reading; Alexis Muñoz, Brittany Muñoz, 2nd Science; Mark Muñoz, 6th Calculator Applications; Seth Myers, Cameron Oakley, 6th Modern Oratory, 4th Social Studies; Marissa Parras, 2nd Mathematics, 4th Spelling; Eric Pool, 3rd Mathematics; Brittany Rivera, Sierra Salazar, 3rd Dictionary; Ethan Smith, Hannah Sosa and Iris Vasquez.

Eighth grade
Cheyenne Alford, Jonathan Blassingame, 4th Social Studies; Ashley Comstock, Jessica David, 2nd Calculator Applications, 3rd Impromptu Speaking; Perry Donnell, 5th Number Sense; Hailey Dunn, Dillon Gainey, Chloe Garrett, 4th Spelling; Jordan Garcez, 4th Calculator Applications; Madie Gutierrez, Taegen Harris, 2nd Dictionary; Jonathan Jackson, Jasmine Jones, Mason Maddox, 3rd Modern Oratory, 5th Oral Reading; Mikaela Madrid, Lisa Mann, 6th Impromptu Speaking; Desiree Martinez, 6th Dictionary; Delanie McGuire, Makayla Molina, Katlynn Northcutt, Ezra Palmer, Serena Paschall, Adam Pineda, 2nd Number Sense; Thomas Rivera, Rainne Rudnick, Heather Ruth, David Sanchez, Kaysi Sims, Jaci Smith, 4th Editorial Writing; Cassie Sutton, Emanuel Ventura and Jeremiah Williams.

By Aimee Jackson

Lorraine Correspondent

Mr. Duffy Galloway wants to make sure that everyone knows they are invited to come out to the Local Lorraine County Stock Show on Dec. 18th.

Barns open at 8 a.m., show starts at 1 p.m. The show barn is located just southwest of the football field. There will be a concession stand selling lots of yummy treats and FFA students have worked hard to collect wonderful door prizes. Make sure you sign up for a chance to win.

The Lorraine Senior Center wants everyone to know that they will be closed Christmas Eve and New Years Eve for lunch services during the holidays.

Make sure you come and join the Lorraine Elementary students as they present their Christmas Program in the school cafeteria. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th.

This last Sunday, worshippers at the Lorraine United Methodist Church were treated to special music and song provided by Lillie Funderburg. She sang "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" and "Away in the Manger."

Both songs were also represented with sign language, courtesy of Raylean Brown.

The Lorraine Senior Center hosted Bingo on December the 6th and 10th. Bobby Richardson, Charlene Hayes, Sharon Mayberry and Charles Dunn were all seen playing. As always, they had a great time.

Visitors at the Senior Center this last week included Loree Mussick from Midland, Ryan and Mary Eime, Sharon Hammond, Jennifer Rivera, Ann Hallmark, Sue Crow, Tricia Denson, James and Tommie Williams, Glenda Haltom, Jeanette Brazee and Keri Harris, sister and niece of Paula Alberts.

Memorials made to the Senior Center this month have been made in the names of Brad Hughes, Laura Linam, Bonnie Summers, Dee Dee Rice, Virgie Goodlett, Jimmy Ruth,

Vera Farr, JA Sadler, Tim Hamilton, James Stewart, Peggy Griffin, Jerry Rankin, and Fannie Weston.

On December 22nd, the Lorraine Senior Center will host "Tinkling Brass" a trumpet duet performed by Sam Crenshaw and his granddaughter Meagan Montalvo. It is set to start at 11:15 a.m., and everyone is invited.

Jennifer at the Senior Center wants to take time to remind everyone that people come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When someone comes into our lives for a reason, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed or they have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide support or assistance, to aid you spiritually, emotionally and even physically. So, if there is a family or an individual at this time of the year that needs help in any way, please remember there is a reason and we should all open our hearts.

What a great message from Jennifer!

The First Baptist Church of Lorraine held their annual holiday meal Sunday.

Shady and Debby Mitchell, along with Brother Dale Hartley, gave a mini concert which was well received. The beautiful music was, as always, very entertaining and enjoyed by all. Brother Dale then gave a short sermon followed by a wonderful meal and fellowship.

This Sunday, December 19th, starting at 5 p.m. Santa will be at the Green's Park for children who wish to take pictures with him, and they can give him their Santa letters in person. Community members will be handing out gift sacks to the children filled with fruit and candy canes.

The Santa Wagon (a horse drawn wagon with 1200 lights) will be giving rides for a cash donation.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy hot apple cider, hot chocolate, homemade cookies, and caroling with the community.

Man Goes "TOAD-AL" at High School Reunion

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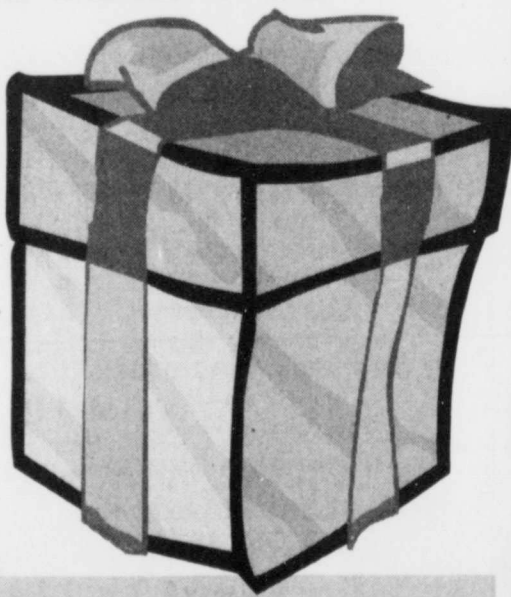
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