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ANSWERLINE

Q. What are the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' special plans for this year's Christmas parade ?

A. According to the Chamber of Commerce officials, a special attraction has been added to this year's parade! Watch for the shopping carts toward the end of the parade.

BRIEFS

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Mission's annual free Thanksgiving dinner will be held Thursday, November 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Mission is located at the corner of Third and Chestnut.

Blood Drive

The Tumbleweed Lioness Club Blood Drive for November has been cancelled by United Blood Services because they are not yet reinstated to perform blood drives. Meeks Blood Bank is overbooked for the rest of the year. The next blood drive has been set for February by United Blood Services.

Las Vegas Trip

Las Vegas trip tickets are going fast. If they are sold out, the drawing will take place in the middle of December. Contact Lioness Club members at 728-2215, 728-3653, 728-3254 or 728-8610. *(run until mid December)*

GED Classes

GED classes are offered Monday nights at 6 p.m. at the Wallace Center.

Youth Center

Hours for the Youth Center are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m.-12 midnight. There are concession stands and games. All kids and parents are invited. Contact 728-3403.

Heart of West Texas Museum

The Heart of West Texas Museum will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays from Wednesday, November 23 through Monday, November 28. The Museum will be open by appointment. Call 728-8000, 728-8741 or 728-2555.

Hamburger Supper

There will be a hamburger supper Saturday, November 26 from 5-8 p.m. at the C.C. Thompson Room. Tickets are available from the Chamber of Commerce or any Atlanta-bound member. Tickets are $3 in advance or $5 at the door.

Golf Booster Club

There will be a Wolf Golf Booster Club meeting Wednesday, November 30, 5:30 p.m. at Wolf Creek. Please attend.

Mitchell County Goat Club

The Mitchell County Goat Club will meet Thursday, December 1 at Colorado High School's Ag Building. Bring your goats. We will trim hooves and work on showmanship.

DEATHS

Boon, Robertson, Bell, Martinez

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AROUND TOWN

Happy 25th birthday, DAVID SANCHEZ..... Happy 17th birthday, MELISSA MOLINA..... Happy birthday, BILLIE FAYE CONARD..DEBBIE MASSINGILL winning a ham...Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving..... .....DALE and MARK SHEETS ready for a holiday....



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Christmas parade is Saturday, 4 p.m.

In an effort to help Colorado City merchants kick off the biggest shopping weekend of the year, the Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Christmas parade Saturday, November 26 at 4 p.m.

The parade begins at the Round Top, progresses through downtown on Second Street and ends at the Mitchell County Courthouse.

The Chamber has announced that there are currently 52 entries for this year's annual Mitchell County Christmas Parade.

The parade plans include a surprise entry made up of some Chamber board members doing some very "un"usual things - you'll be sorry if you miss it!

This year's float prizes have been increased from the previous years' awards. First place will win $200, second place will be awarded $125 and third place will receive $75.

Also this year seventeen young ladies, kindergarten through the fifth grade, have entered the Little Miss Merry Christmas Pageant.

The winner of the pageant will be crowned Little Miss Merry Christmas November 26 at the end of the parade route and during the lighting ceremony at the courthouse.

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In addition, she will also win a free photo session and 8x10 from Harley Bynum Photography of Snyder.

The courthouse lighting ceremony, planned for Saturday evening, will include entertainment and free refreshments including coffee, wassail, hot chocolate and cookies.

Carolers will also be on hand to sing the Christmas classics.

The Chamber will be sponsoring a photo session with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 3, 1994 during the Noon Lions Club annual chili supper at the Civic Center.

You may have your child's picture made with Mr. and Mrs. Claus for $2–quite a bargain over mall prices!

The chili supper hours are from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.



MEMBERS OF COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL'S horticultural class decorated Kiwanis Park for Christmas with a $150 budget. The end result is a beautiful display of Christmas spirit. Students Krystal Wood, Nan Hatty Bassham, Tia Bassham and Kelly Burns pitch in to decorate the fountain.

Criminal michief charges filed

Colorado City Police officers arrested and charged three juveniles ages 12 to 15 for criminal mischief Saturday evening at about 8:30 p.m.

Officer Brian Martinez observed the youths near the railroad tressel on Concho Street breaking out street lights.

The lights have an approximated value of $75 to $100 each.

Although the boys attempted to flee, they were apprehended and taken into custody.

Police Chief David Montgomery said that the same problem with broken out street lights had occurred the week before.

All three youths have previous juvenile records and two are currently on probation.

Montgomery said the department contacted Gerry Randall, the county's juvenile probation officer, who determined that it was in the offenders' best interest if they were placed on detention.

Because the county does not have its own juvenile detention center it currently has contracts with youth detention centers in Sweetwater and Abilene to hold Mitchell County's youth offenders.

However, during the night in question, Montgomery said the youths had to be released back to the custody of their parents because both facilities were filled to their maximum capacities.

"This is the first time we can recall that we've needed to place

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Eradication ballots to go out this week

Mitchell County farmers and landlords who receive a share of the cotton crop will be receiving ballots this week to vote on the referendum to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Central Rolling Plains.

These ballots will allow producers to vote on three things including the establishment of the Central Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone as an official zone in the statewide eradication effort; elect a representative to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors; and establish the maximum assessment farmers are willing to pay to have an eradication program in this area.

Ballots are being mailed to producers by the Mitchell County ASCS office and should be returned to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Office in Abilene.

All ballots must be postmarked by midnight on December 1.

Anyone who is eligible to vote but does not receive a ballot may vote at the office of the Mitchell County Extension Agent before December 1.

All producers in the proposed zone are encouraged to vote for this program in an effort to help farmers destroy the boll weevil and increase economic benefits for the local area.

CHS principal is named

The Colorado ISD Board of Trustees voted Monday night to hire Jim Igleheart of Mart, Texas as the new Colorado High School principal.

Igleheart has had five years experience as the principal of Mart High School, where he initiated a building program that will include a new library, computer laboratory and new classrooms.

He also introduced distance learning to the high school, which has enabled students to take advantage of satellite television learning.

CISD Superintendent Russell Merket said he was impressed with Igleheart's resume and interview.

"His passing rate on the TAAS test is excellent," Merket said.

Igleheart's previous experience also includes working as a special

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Ginning slowly continues

This year's cotton ginning is slower than in previous years and farmers are hoping for a frost this week to speed up the process.

Elroy Boedecker of the Co-op Gin said that at the moment the cotton plants were too green and needed to be dry.

"A frost would really help us out," he said.

He added that currently the gin is behind because the plants are not dry enough and that only one-fourth of the cotton has been ginned.

"This same time last year we were half way through," he said.

Boedecker said the Co-op has only ginned approximately 2,300 bales of cotton so far this year.

The average frost date for Mitchell County is November 25 and farmers have their fingers crossed that one will occur before this week is out.

"We're optimistic that things will get better," Boedecker said.

Loraine park is vandalized



THIS URN WAS one of the fixtures destroyed by vandals at Friendship Park this weekend.

The Mitchell County Sheriff's Department is currently questioning four suspects about the recent vandalism of Friendship Park in Loraine.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said the park was vandalized between Thursday night and Friday morning.

The vandals involved kicked in the sides of the gazebo, toppled all of the concrete benches and destroyed all of the concrete urns.

Loraine Police Chief Edgar Haltom said he expected that the culprits would be apprehended soon.

"I think the people who did this will eventually be caught, because this has really made everybody mad," he said. "Hopefully someone will slip up and start talking."

Several Loraine citizens said they were angry at what happened.

One citizen said, "It took almost three years to complete the park and it took someone else less than an hour to destroy it."

OBITUARIES

Helen Boon

1924-1994

Services for Helen Boon, 70, of Paducah were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church, Paducah, with Rev. Roy Canada, interim pastor, officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Siegler Funeral Home, Paducah.

Mrs. Boon died Thursday in Valley Fair Lodge. She was born January 2, 1924 in Shawnee, Okla. and moved to Cottle County at an early age. She had also lived in Sweetwater before returning to Paducah. She married V.R. "Pete" Boon on February 18, 1946. He died February 25, 1984.

Mrs. Boon was an avid golfer, a member of the Paducah Country Club and a former member of Beta Sigma Pi. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Boon of Colorado City; two daughters, Cathy Gallaway of Sweetwater and Nancy Lowery of Clarksville; a brother, Douglas Tatum of Abilene, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ronald Skinner, Roger Holley, Charles Walker, Richard Cranford, Jerald Matney and Tim Porter.

Ruthie Dell Robertson

1919-1994

Services for Ruthie Dell Robertson, 75, of Colorado City were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with Dr. Travis Monday officiating. Burial was in Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Robertson died November 20, 1994 at Mitchell County Hospital. She was born April 13, 1919 in Pecos. She married Lon Robertson May 5, 1939 in Merkel.

Mrs. Robertson had lived in Mtichell County since 1945. She was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lon Robertson of Colorado City; a son, Lonnie Robertson of Arlington and his wife, Connie; a daughter, Peggy Smith of Crane and her husband, Jerry; four granddaughters, one grandson, one great granddaughter and one great grandson.

Frances Marguerita Beights Bell

1921-1994

Services for Frances Marguerita Beights Bell, 73, of Abilene were held Thursday, November 17 at Elmwood Memorial Park and St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene with Dr. David Hamblin, Rev. Ava Berry, Rev. Beverly Carnes and Rev. H.F. Meier officiating. Services were under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bell died November 14, 1994 at Hendrick Medical Center. She was born July 30, 1921 in Mitchell County, the daughter of Frank Wyatt and Jewell Eugenia Hildebrand Beights. She was a graduate of Colorado High School and attended McMurry College. She married J. Ivan Bell in San Antonio in 1946 and they operated the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company in Evansville, Ind. from 1946 until 1959, when they moved to Abilene.

Mrs. Bell became the secretary at Aldersgate United Methodist Church and served there for 11 years. Her professional career included service with King Peanut Company, McMurry University Office of Development, State Farm Insurance Agency Manager's Office and office manager for Stalcup Building Maintenance and American Building Maintenance.

Mrs. Bell held memberships in Girl Scouts of America, American Business Women's Association, Soroptimist, Altrusa International, Abilene Women's Club and Family Outreach.

She was a lifelong active United Methodist laywoman and a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, where she served on the administrative board, was a Sunday school teacher and a member of United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, J. Ivan Bell, in 1966; a sister, Avilene Hallmark Rothwell and a brother, Ira Lawson Beights.

Survivors include a son, J. Ivan Bell II of Kaneahe, Hawaii; two daughters, Judy Marie Holloway of Granbury and Sandy Bell Hammon of Richardson; stepdaughter Betsy Story of Austin; two brothers, Voyd Henry Beights of San Diego, Calif. and Rex Virgil Beights of Southland; five grandchlidren, Scot Story of Mohave, Calif., Melinda Elizabeth Holloway, a student at Southern Methodist University, Wesley Ivan Holloway of Granbury, Michelle Nicole Bell and William Porter Bell, both of Keneahe, Hawaii.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 525 Beech, Abilene, Texas 79601; Family Outreach of Abilene, 400 Oak, Abilene, Texas 79602 or Hospice of Abilene, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas

Roman V. Martinez



Services for Roman V. Martinez, Sr., 68, of Colorado City were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial was in Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc.

Mr. Martinez died November 20, 1994 at his residence. He lived in Colorado City most of his life. On September 17, 1947 he married Mercedes Guerrero in Colorado City. He operated an independent Roustabout Service and was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mercedes Martinez of Colorado City; his mother, Sabastina Martinez of Colorado City; eight daughters, Ramona Madrid of Snyder, Mercedes Martinez of Colorado City, Yolanda Jennings of Grand Prairie, Janie Vanderpool of Snyder, Lupe Martinez of Colorado City, Julie Martinez, Joann Martinez and Nora Martinez, all of Grand Prairie; nine sons, Pedro Martinez of Snyder, Paul Martinez and Jose Martinez, both of San Angelo, Roman Martinez of Odessa, Phillip Martinez of Colorado City, Mike Martinez of Snyder, Adolf Martinez of Colorado City, Robert Martinez of Big Spring and Fidesio Martinez of Colorado City; six sisters, Benita Davila of Colorado City, Irene Gomez of Sweetwater, Romana Bogardine of Euless, Maria Martinez of Las Vegas, Nev. Bruna Franco of California and Christina Ceballos of Sweetwater; five brothers, Emmitt Martinez of Snyder, Manuel Martinez of Waxahachie, Juan Martinez of Snyder, Rufino Martinez of Colorado City and Jose Martinez of San Angelo; 46 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

The Villa Restaurant will be closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day so our employees may spend this special holiday with their families!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!
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Miss Merry Christmas Candidates



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Ebony Walthall



Kathryn Kelly



Theresa Cobb



Veronica Quiroz



Heather Wadley



Courtney Pharis

Wish trees help welfare board

The Mitchell County Child Welfare Board is asking once again for your help in making Christmas a little brighter for Mitchell County children in foster care.

From November 21 to December 12 "Wish Trees" will be located in all Mitchell County bank lobbies. Each tree will be decorated with stars that have the Christmas wish of a boy or girl written on them.

The Welfare Board is asking that you choose a boy or girl star from a tree and purchase the gift that has been wished for or send your money donation to the Mitchell County Child Welfare Board, c/o Earline Sellier, 332 Chestnut Street, Colorado City.

The Board is grateful for any and all help received from Mitchell County citizens. These donations help to make the holidays a little more special for the boys and girls involved.

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education instructor at Mart High School.

Merket added that as a special education teacher, Igleheart helped establish a model which enabled 15 of 28 special education students to become successful in a regular classroom environment.

He also helped five special education students successfully complete the TAAS test, one of whom went on to master all three parts of the test and is currently an engineering student at Texas A&M.

Board President Larry Blassingame said he felt Igleheart would be able to successfully handle the principal's position at the high school.

"He seems like the type who will be able to confront any new situation," he said.

According to Merket, Igleheart decided to leave his current job because he wanted to work with a more progressive high school that already had certain programs in place.

"[Igleheart] spoke highly of our new block schedule and computer labs," he said.

From 1964 to 1984 Igleheart served as an officer in the United States Army and flew helicopters in the Vietnam War, serving two tours.

While he was in the service he received numerous awards and citations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor.

MISCHIEF

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youngsters and not been able to," he added.

According to Montgomery the only other choice the department had was to release the boys to their parent's custody.

"By state law, the only other alternative we had was to contact the juveniles' parents and release them to their care and then refer the case to juvenile court," he said.

Montgomery added that Mitchell County is not the only county that is faced with the problem of placing juvenile offenders when needed.

"We're not the only one facing this problem," he said. "Places like Abilene no doubt face the same situation."

CISD SCHOOL BOARD

Called board meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on November 21.

ROLL CALL: CISD Superintendent Russell Merket; Board President Larry Blassingame, and Trustees Roxie Strain; Diana Garza, Jesse Munoz and Tony Turner.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approved the adjustment of the salary schedule to reflect the new high school principal's salary of $44,500 at 217 days;
- approved unanimously the hiring of Jim Igleheart as the new principal for Colorado High School.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Called Board meeting held at 9 a.m. on November 22.

ROLL CALL: Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo; Commissioners Precinct 1, Ed Roach; Precinct 2, Carl Guelker; Precinct 3, Buddy Hertenberger; Precinct 4, Bill Preston; County Auditor Georgie Griffin and Deputy County Clerk Debby Carlock.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of the payroll;
- approval of payment of bills;
- approval of longevity pay;
- approval of the 1995 payroll schedule and 28 day work period;
- approval on the bid from Hutchins Ford Sales for a new 1995 sheriff's car for $15,717.50 with a trade in;
- approval of various bonds for eight officials beginning new terms in office:
  - Glenda Haltom, JP Precincts 1&4 - $1,000
  - Carl Guelker, Commisioner Precinct 2 - $3,000
  - Bill Preston, Commissioner Precinct 4 - $3,000
  - Ray Mayo, County Judge - $10,000
  - Ann Hallmark, County Treasurer - $10,000
  - Debby Carlock, County Clerk - $10,000
  - Sharon Hammond, District Clerk - $5,000
  - Georgie Griffith, County Auditor - $25,000

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LIFESTYLES

Wallace Center Bazaar planned for Dec. 3rd

The Wallace Center Senior Citizens will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Colorado City Civic Center December 3 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. or until everything is sold.

This year, the bazaar is being held in conjunction with the Lions Club Chili Feed. Serving hours will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

In addition, Santa Claus will be at the Civic Center to visit with the children.

Everyone is invited to come and eat chili and visit the bazaar. There will be hand-crafted items made by the senior citizens, as well as homemade baked goods.

Many hours have been devoted to making the crafts; there are quilted angels and snowmen, crocheted items, jewelry, dolls, placemats, napkins, wall hangings and much more.

There will also be an opportunity to register for the Christmas quilt, which will be given away on December 15 at the Christmas dinner.

All proceeds will benefit the Senior Citizen Nutrition program.



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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Watlington

Watlingtons are honored on fiftieth anniversary

A surprise 50th anniversary celebration was held for Raymond and Joan Mann Watlington on November 19 at The Shack in Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watlington and Mrs. and Mrs. Larry Don Watlington hosted the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Watlington were married November 23, 1944 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann of Colorado City. They farmed and ranched in Mitchell County. Mr. Watlington is a World War II Naval Air Corps veteran.

Twenty guests attended the celebration, including their two grandsons and their families and Mrs. Arma Watlington, mother of Mr. Watlington.

Mitchell County AARP elected new 1995 officers

The Mitchell County Chapter 1461 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) met November 15, 11 a.m. at the Wallace Center. Lucile Owens called the meeting to order.

C.J. Smith of Snyder, district director, gave the invocation. He was visiting the Mitchell County AARP chapter and encouraged members to attend a workshop in Abilene December 4.

Officers for 1995 were elected—Lucile Owens, president; Faye Spivey, vice president; Etta Lee Gibson, secretary and Geneva Killian, Treasurer.

After the members had lunch with the Wallace senior citizens, a program on recycling was given by Mrs. Shutt.

There were 12 members and one visitor present.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Brown

Browns to celebrate anniversary

Roy Lee and Ethel Marie Wallace Brown will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at First Assembly of God, Waco.

They were married December 2 at Payne Community Baptist Church, Colorado City.

The couple's five children will host the celebration. They are Reca Janene Barber of Waco, Julia Mae Hitchcock of Woodson, Anita Loy Butler of Waco, Tina Cheryl Jackson of Huffman and Kim Marie Fudge of Hallsburg. They also have 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown lived in Wastella in 1945. They then moved to Colorado City, where they lived until 1966, when they moved to Waco, where they now make their home.

They are members of the First Assembly of God.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Admissions

November 18; Robert Cosby, Westbrook, Medical. J.C. Brown, Observation. Rosa Inez Hock, Observation. Marissa Lara, Medical. Alice Huff, Day Surgery. **November 19;** Dominique Rivera, Medical. **November 21;** Lon Robertson, Observation. Pat McKinney, Observation. Carrolyne Potts, Medical. Frances Faye Martin, Medical. Wilda Holman, Medical.

Dismissals

November 18; Lorene Warren, Observation. Lashonda Ridge, Observation. Alice Huff, Day Surgery. Amy Hodges, Snyder, OBS. Sylvia Davila, OBS. **November 19;** Ezra Melendez, Medical. **November 20;** Marissa Lara, Medical. O.J. Ingram, Coahoma, Medical. **November 21;** Emma McCollum, Medical.



Mr. and Mrs. William Shawn Daniel

Mikle, Daniel united

Misty Elaine Mikle and William Shawn Daniel of Westbrook were married in a private double-ring ceremony at 8:30 a.m. November 20, 1994 at the United Pentecostal Church.

The bride is the daughter of Patsy Daniel and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Daniel of Westbrook.

Given in marriage by the groom's father, the bride wore a fuscia evening dress and carried a bouquet of fuscia silk flowers.

Community Mission

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TxDOT AWARD WINNERS FROM MITCHELL COUNTY attending the safety awards banquet were (l to r): Ben Godina, nine years; Ronnie Bell, 17 years; George Lee, five years and Jim Redwine, nine years.

Twelve local TxDOT workers earn safe driving awards

Twelve Mitchell County Maintenance Section employees were among 172 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) workers in the Abilene district who recently earned safe driving awards. The Mitchell County employees had achieved a combined total of 180 years of safe driving.

Mitchell County employees earning awards were Emilio Martinez and Deacon Magill Jr., 22 years; Steve Edwards, 20 years; Raymond Molina, 19 years; Steve Graham, 18 years; Ronnie Bell, 17 years; Alfonso Vasquez, 16 years; Chico Ruiz, 13 years; Lena Marcom, 10 years; Jim Redwine and Ben Godina, nine years and George Lee Jr., five years.

The highest award in the Abilene district was presented to Tom Jones, a mechanic in the Jones County Maintenance Section. He had completed 31 years of driving without an accident.

To be eligible for an award, employees must have completed a minimum of four years of accident-free driving.

An awards banquet to recognize the district achievers was held at the Stonewall County Activity Center in Aspermont. There, honorees received a Certificate of Appreciation or a plaque if their safe driving record was 25 years or more.

The combined total of safe driving years for all district employees was 2446 years.

Presenting the awards were Maribel P. Jaso, Abilene District Engineer; Daffney Henry, assistant executive director, Human Resource Management, TxDOT and Jerral Wyer, occupational safety, TxDOT.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Ballots have just gone out that will allow cotton farmers in the Central Rolling Plains to vote on a program which will eliminate the boll weevil from our cotton fields forever.

As a cotton producer in Mitchell County, I urge my neighbors to vote FOR establishing an eradication zone and FOR the proposed maximum assessment to pay for an eradication program.

There are worlds of information available that prove success after success with similar eradication programs in states like Georgia, California, Arizona and the Carolinas. Eradication helped farmers in those areas increase yields, lower production costs and just make more money.

Let's face it; not too many folks in this area have made a lot of money farming cotton these past few years.

Other results of eradication programs have been increased land values and more money circulating throughout communities. Every year we allow the weevil to remain in our fields means fewer dollars to be spent in our towns, whether it's lost dollars trying to control the pest or lost dollars from damage to our cotton crop.

We have a chance here to do something to help ourselves. But this won't happen if farmers and landowners don't vote yes for this program.

We've heard that the other cotton-producing states and other areas of Texas want to have eradication programs. If we miss this chance we may not get another.

We also might miss out on the chance for any federal assistance. I would hate for us to have to compete with everyone else growing cotton if we're the only ones with boll weevils.

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Sincerely,
Manuel Munoz, Jr.
Colorado City

To Whom It May Concern:

Did your child come home from school on November 16 or 17 with a new grey over-jacket with a striped hood, of flannel-type material? If he or she did, it did not belong to him or her, but you already know that.

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If you as a parent are honest, you will make him or her return this overcoat to the office. No questions will be asked. If it does not get returned, I hope they enjoy it.

There's a saying, "What's not yours will never be yours completely." They cannot wear it for fear of being noticed. My child attends Hutchinson, just like yours, and mine knows what his jacket looks like.

It is not the first time this has happened. It happened three times last year. It also happened to my daughter while she was in middle school. I know it's happening in all the schools. It's a shame that our children can't wear anything nice to school for fear that it will get "taken."

My child will wear only sweatshirts to school during the winter from now on so that he will not have to remove them in the school. What are we as parents teaching our children?

I guess you can tell I'm very upset.

Janie Garcia
Colorado City

P.S. I know this will probably get no results, as I will not get the garment back, but at least I let "you" know how I feel. "Happy Thanksgiving."

Arts & Crafts Show

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department Arts & Craft Show will be held Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Blackwell Fire Station. Booths are $15 each. Stew and cornbread, chili and beans and homemade fried pies will be served. For information, contact Joyce Roland, Box 326, Blackwell, Texas 79506, 282-3551.

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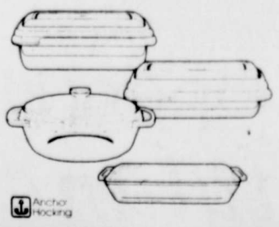


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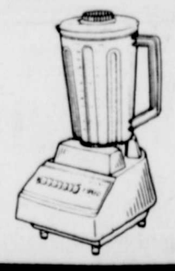


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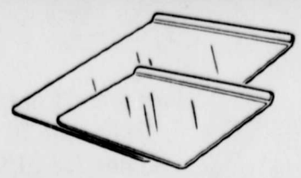
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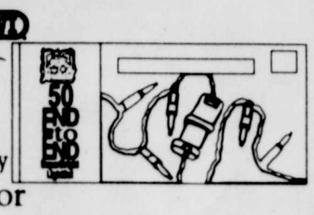
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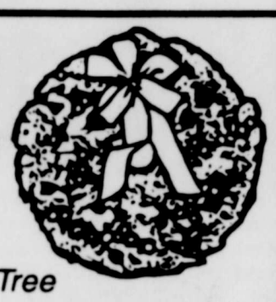
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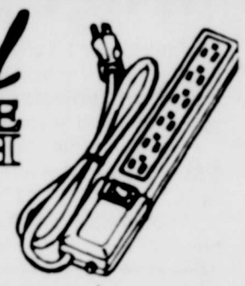
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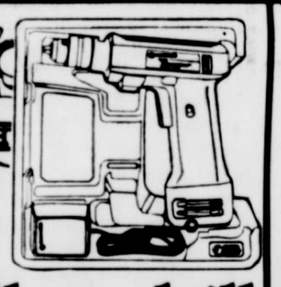
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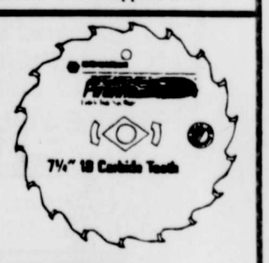
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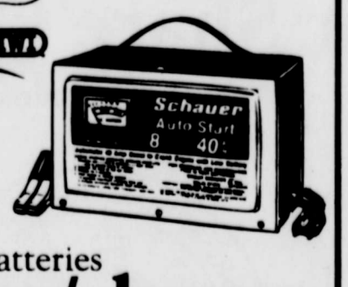
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BAND AREA QUALIFIERS from Colorado ISD who will compete January 7 in Howe are Cade Hammond (l) and Cory Carlock.

Scholarship applicants are sought

America's National Teenager Scholarship Program, celebrating its 24th year as a national scholarship competition, is seeking girls between 13 and 18 years old to enter the West Texas Scholarship Program and compete for college scholarships and thousands of dollars worth of cash prizes.

The finals will be held Saturday, May 27 at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview. Over $70,000 in scholarships will be awarded on stage during the final program.

The senior and junior division award winners will receive college scholarships and a trip to TCU to compete for the Texas State Title.

State winners will receive a trip to the famous Opryland theme park in Nashville, Tenn. in August, where they will compete for national prizes including $10,000 and $5,000 scholarships, trips to Hawaii and tours of the United States.

Teenagers wishing to enter the competition should write to Mrs. Terri Marcus-Lager, State Director, America's National Teenager, 2557 Meadowlake, Abilene, Texas 79606 or telephone (915) 692-4840.



COLORADO ISD BAND STUDENTS who qualified for the Association of Texas Small School Bands in a competition Saturday, November 19 at Abilene Wylie are (l to r): Stephen Hill, Jerry Melendez, Michael Flores, Cade Hammond, Cory Carlock, Shane Kelley, Melissa Rivera, Haley Griffin, Alyssa Finley, Shelley Galey and Terri Cawthron. Hill, Kelly and Melendez are first alternates. More than 600 students representing all regional schools tried out.

Rotan theatre to present *Gift of the Magi* production

Theatre on the Brazos in Rotan is proud to present O. Henry's *Gift of the Magi* as their Christmas dinner theatre production. The play will be held in the Rotan Community Center on December 2, 3 and 4. Adaptation, music and lyrics are by Peter Ekstrom.

The dinner theatre will be December 2 and 3 with productions beginning at 7 p.m. On December 4 there will be dessert only and the production will begin at 2 p.m.

The cost of the dinner theatre is $12 and the dessert only production is $6.

The dinner menu is chicken cordon bleu, passion potatoes, green bean almondine, garden salad, hot rolls, tea and coffee, holiday delight dessert.

For reservations, call the box office at the Theatre on the Brazos, 735-2341, between 3 and 5 p.m. The after-hours number is 735-2302. The reservation deadline is November 28.

Calculator workshop set at TSTC

The Mathematics Department at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater will host a one-day graphing calculator workshop on December 9 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Dickson Center Multipurpose Room.

Featured guest presenter is Dr. Frank Demana from Ohio State University. Dr. Demana has co-authored several high school and college-level mathematics textbooks. Hands-on experience will be provided using both the TI-82 and TI-85 graphing calculators.

The morning session will cover several topics relating to college algebra. The afternoon session will address trigonometric topics ranging from graphing of trigonometric functions to the laws of cosines.

TI-92 and TI-85 loaner calculators will be available for use during the workshop. There is a $20 registration fee.

For additional information and to pre-register, contact Natile Woodrow, TSTC Sweetwater, (915) 235-7445 prior to December 2.

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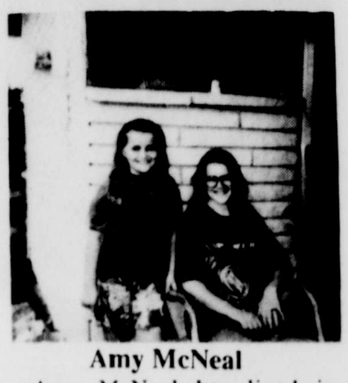
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SCHOOL NEWS

"I Can" students continued



Amy McNeal

Amy McNeal has lived in Colorado City for 15 years and likes it here "because I know everyone here and know where everything is."

The daughter of Robert and Cheryl McNeal, Amy enjoys football and hockey, mint chocolate chip ice cream, poker and heavy metal music.

Amy would like to become a marine biologist. Her favorite university is Notre Dame.

Amy's favorite city outside Texas is Chicago; San Angelo is her favorite Texas city. The most interesting place she says she has been is Canada's Grand Falls. Her dream vacation is a trip to Ireland.

Her favorite saying is, "It is better to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and relieve all doubt."



Joseph Chambliss

Joseph Wesley Chambliss is a four-year resident of Colorado City. He says he likes living here because the people are nice.

The son of Jack and Debbie Chambliss, his favorite subject in school is science.

He enjoys drawing, playing Zelda, country music, steak, vanilla ice cream and he wishes he knew how to weld.

Joseph plans to become a successful farmer.

The most interesting place he has been is NASA. Detroit is his favorite city outside of Texas and Plainview is his favorite Texas city.

His dream vacation is a fishing trip in Canada.

If he could change anything about the world it would be to stop the pollution.



Crystal Costabile

Crystal Costabile, daughter of Frank and Mary Lou Costabile, has lived in Colorado City for 14 years. She likes living here because "everyone knows everyone."

Crystal's favorite spectator sport is basketball; she would like to play basketball well.

She likes vanilla ice cream, the color navy blue, cats and her dream vacation would be a trip to Australia. Crystal considers Colorado to be the most interesting place she has been.

Her favorite Texas city is Dallas and Atlantic City is her favorite city outside of Texas.

She would like to become a designer or interior decorator someday. One of her goals for this year is to make good grades.



Krisha Castillo

Krisha Nikole Castillo has lived in Colorado City for 16 years. She says she likes living here "because the people are nice." She is the daughter of Ernest and Rogena Castillo.

Krisha enjoys football, country music, strawberry ice cream, Garcia's Restaurant and the color hunter green. English is her favorite subject in school.

She would like to become a child psychologist and someday have her own clinic.

Krisha's favorite city outside of Texas is Hobbs, N.M. Her favorite Texas city is Corpus Christi. She says the most interesting place she has been is Alabama.

If there were one thing she could change about the world it would be to stop racism.



Lance Dockrey

Lance Dockrey has lived in Colorado City for 16 years and likes it here "because everybody knows everybody."

The son of Jim and Christy Dockrey, Lance would like to become a professional athlete. His favorite sport is baseball.

Lance enjoys contemporary Christian music, the color blue, German sausage, strawberry ice cream and his favorite subject in school is math.

The most interesting place Lance has been is the Sonora Caverns. His favorite city outside of Texas is Santa Fe, N.M. and College Station is his favorite city in Texas. Lance's dream vacation would be a trip to the Bahamas.

His ambition in life is to be happy.



Adam Molina

Adam Molina, son of Yolanda Apolinar Molina, has lived in Colorado City for 14 years. He says he likes living here because the town is safe.

Adam's favorite sport is basketball, Spanish is his favorite subject in school and his favorite book is *Tom Sawyer*. He enjoys listening to classical music.

He likes the game Monopoly, pizza, the color dark green, sherbet, and his favorite saying is, "Practice makes perfect."

If there were one thing Adam could change about the world he would stop pollution. If he could improve something about himself he says he would listen.

Adam says the most interesting place he has been is Houston. His dream vacation would be a trip to the Bahamas.

He would like to become a coach.

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1994 8-3A ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM MEMBERS (l to r): Jason Castillo, 2nd team defense; Daniel Silva, 1st team offensive and defense; Ty Henderson, 2nd team offense; Ryan Costabile, honorable mention; Travis Lynch, 2nd team offense; Lynn Boyd, Zack Love, Joe Ross Jameson (bottom center), all honorable mention.



MEMBERS OF THE VARSITY LADY WOLVES volley ball team that made All-District are (back row l-r) Jeanette Ceballos, Marie Rivera, Krissy Crawford, Bethany Bridgford, (front row) Freda McKnight and Christina Mendoza.

Bass population is good at O.H. Ivie

Recent electrofishing samples at O.H. Ivie indicate that the largemouth bass population is in relatively good condition and the bass are still growing well.

The recently-constructed O.H. Ivie Reservoir is currently considered one of the top bass lakes in the state and is providing some of the best bass fishing in West Texas in years. Concern over thin fish and a possible lack of sufficient bait fish for good bass growth led to the survey; however, the samples indicate the current conditions are still good and there is adequate forage at this time.

Largemouth bass in O.H. Ivie are reaching almost 16 inches in length during their third year while the average growth rate for the area is close to 14 inches at the same age.

While growth rates have slowed slightly from those immediately after opening, they appear to be stabilizing. A good spawn of shad this year may be responsible for improved growth over 1993.

The samples also indicated a higher percentage of bass over 12 inches in length (64 percent vs. 36 in 1993) and more bass over 18 inches were collected than in any previous year.

However, the lake does not appear to have a good supply of small forage. Few small sunfish were collected and the majority of shad collected were over 8 inches long, indicating the bass population may be reaching the carrying capacity of the lake and lack of forage could limit bass growth in the future.

Texas Parks and Wildlife crews will continue to monitor this important fishery to determine if any future changes in management strategy will be beneficial.

For more information, contact Bobby Farquhar, Fisheries Biologist, GPWD, Inland Fisheries, District 1-C, 4002 N. Chadbourne, San Angelo, TX 76903, (915) 655-9413.

All-district volleyball team is announced

Colorado High School Lady Wolves Volleyball Team members Bethany Bridgford and Krissy Crawford have made the first team in All-District Volleyball.

Jeanette Ceballos made the All-District second team.

Honorable mention went to Christina Mendoza, Marie Rivera and Freda McKnight.

Optimist basketball final signup is Dec. 1

The Colorado City Optimist Club has announced they will have one final basketball sign-up Thursday, December 1 at the First National Bank's community room from 5-6:30 p.m.

Students in Mitchell County from Kindergarten through sixth grade who wish to play but who missed the first sign-up date need to be at this scheduled sign-up.

The cost of the program is $15 for the first child and $10 for each child thereafter per family. Play will begin in January but there is a limited number of children the club can handle per age group and it will be based on a first come basis.

For more information contact Optimist President Sareesa Proctor, 728-2032; Vice President Teresa Matlock, 728-8996 or Secretary/Treasurer Bonnie Wright, 728-5920.

Basketball results

Frosh, 63; Abilene 42

The Colorado City freshman basketball team defeated Abilene 63-42 on November 21 in Wolf Gym.

Points were scored by Mica Merrell, 25; Bettina Bridgford, 17; Belinda Miles, eight; Barbara Rivera, six; Jana Redwine, five and Ashley Turner, two.

The team's season record is 2-0.

The next game will be November 28, 6 p.m. at Abilene High.

Frosh, 53; S'water 46

The Colorado City freshman basketball team played Sweetwater on Friday, November 18, winning 53-46.

Points were scored by Jana Redwine, 16; Bettina Bridgford, 12; Mica Merrell, 11; Barbara Rivera, seven, Belinda Miles, four and Amanda Thompson, one.

Women vets to be honored November 29

The Eighth Annual Women's Veterans Day will be held at the Big Spring VA Medical Center on Tuesday, November 29 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This observance is intended to focus attention on the significant contribution of women in the armed forces. Because of their traditional roles as non-combatants, the heroism of military women in war has been overlooked.

This year's Women's Veterans Day is designed to inform the woman veteran of her rights as a veteran and to provide an opportunity for registration in the Women's Primary Care Clinic.

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Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has a new name under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) reorganization; however, the same work continues, according to George Ellis, FmHA Acting State Director for Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD).

Congress passed a bill authorizing the reorganization late in September, and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy issued orders making the changes on October 20, 1994.

"The entire USDA was reorganized in an effort to provide better service to the public while reducing the number of agencies required to do the same work," Ellis said.

"Over the next five years, savings to the taxpayers will total $3.6 billion through the elimination of 14 separate USDA agencies and staff reductions of up to 11,000 nationwide," he said.

Ellis said the FmHA and the Rural Development Administration (RDA) have been abolished. Most of the loan and grant programs of these two agencies will now fall under the RECD title.

The farm lending, rural housing, water and waste disposal, community facility and business and industry programs formerly administered by FmHA or RDA will still be available at the newly-named RECD offices.

The farm loan programs will eventually become part of the new Consolidated Farm Service Agency, which was created under reorganization.

"For the time being, people wanting these important services should go to the local office that probably will still have a Farmers Home Administration sign out front," Ellis said. "As additional changes are made, we will be letting the communities know about them."

Market Report

All classes of cattle were $1 - $2 higher, all light calves were $1 - $2 higher and all packer cows and bulls were $1 - $2 higher on a run of 800 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction.

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The year was 1942. Loraine, Texas was a small but progressive rural town led by energetic businessmen. They decided their live-wire community needed a Lions Club. The neighboring Colorado City Lions were asked to sponsor the Loraine club and presto, in July of '42, in the Loraine school gymnasium, a large crowd was on hand for chartering ceremonies.

That night more than 50 Loraine men became part of the International Lions organization. Dr. Bruce Johnson was their first president and the membership roll was a veritable "Who's Who" of the community. The Lions included such leaders as Woodrow Pratt, August and Otto Hackfeld, Glen Coon, K.L. Taylor, J. Wylie Walker, J.B. Mahon, J.W. King, Jimmy Boone, Jack Coffee, Gilbert Parrish and the great fundraiser, Ray Preston.

The blue ribbon group was made up of a postmaster, druggist, car dealer, bank president, newspaper publisher, school superintendent, numerous other business leaders and those with agricultural interests. The Lions quickly assumed the role of leadership, serving as a virtual chamber of commerce, charitable organization and civic club.

By the mid 1950s, Loraine's population had grown to 1041 citizens and the Lions were busy on many fronts. Herbert Mearse was a member of the club for more than 40 years and he says the Lions were involved in a variety of activities. For instance, the town needed a baseball field for its youth and the Lions were instrumental in acquiring the property.

In fact, Woodrow Pratt, who was the last surviving charter member of the Loriane Lions, recalled in a 1990 interview, "We would contribute whenever something came before the club about a need in the community."

A check of the records shows that included the Boy Scouts, Crippled Children's Camp, organizing parades, Christmas candy for school children and the Lions specialty, eyeglasses for needy children. The funds for the projects were made available through monthly dues plus mop and broom sales, lightbulb sales and an annual pancake supper.

Oldtimers remember the Loraine Lions were an enthusiastic bunch. There was a time if members didn't get to the meeting a little early they wouldn't find a place to sit. Some salesmen even learned to time their calls so they would arrive in Loraine on the day the Lions met so they could attend their luncheons. (Admittedly, more for the good food fixed by the Methodist women than for the otherwise fine fellowship.)

The Lions took great pride in their meeting place...it was their own building. For years Loraine could boast that it was the only Lions Club in Texas with its own building. That went back to 1947 when the club decided to build a structure, according to a resoution, "to be used as a meeting place and as a community center."

Unfortunately, the club didn't have enough money to finish the project, so Lion Otto Hackfeld picked up the tab. The club then authorized its officers to repay Hackfeld. "There is not sufficient money in the treasury," the resolution stated, "of said club to pay Otto Hackfeld in full and Mr. Hackfeld is willing to accept notes for the balance."

The building was eventually paid off with a 6% annual interest rate. (Over the years, the building served not only the Lions, but also the community for such purposes as a voting place and to feed families when there were deaths in the community.)

Loraine was thriving and so were the Lions. The success they enjoyed prompted the club to sponsor another club in nearby Hermleigh. Oldtimers remember the tireless leadership of Dr. Bruce Johnson. ("He was a big booster of Loraine," recalled Pratt.) Others, like Ray Preston, who served 36 years as the club's secretary and Ronald Bruce, who put in some 27 years as treasurer, as well as other men, were driving forces in the club. Ah, those were the good old days.

Unfortunately, like many small West Texas communities with an ag-based economy, the good times were not to last. Loraine's population went into a decline and by 1990 was just over 800. Businesses had closed, many other men had retired or passed away and the Lions Club membership dwindled proportionately.

With only some 18 members still on the rolls, the club stumbled into its 50th anniversary supper in 1992. The fact the club stayed together that long was a surprise to some members. Meetings were being attended by only six to eight diligent Lions.

"I was afraid we weren't going to make it to that point," recalls Wayne Oliver, a past president and club member for over 20 years.

Several days after the anniversary dinner, the Lions addressed a critical question: whether to continue or disband. D.C. Fowler was one of a handful of men at the meeting. A club member for "about 15 years," he "wanted to keep it going." So did Wayne Oliver. Understandably, the few remaining members were reluctant to throw in the towel.

The club president at the time was Loraine banker Bill Crockett. "Everybody wanted [to continue], but our numbers were so few," he said apologetically. "Our biggest money-maker was our pancake supper and we flat didn't have enough people to man all the stations."

Actually, Crockett said, the club had to get a former member, Howard Tartt, to come back for one last supper and administer his special recipe for the pancake mix. Tartt cheerfully performed the task.

After the supper, the Lions decided to hold another meeting to decide the club's fate. "We took two votes," Crockett recalls. "One we voted to keep it open and we decided to rebound and reload. The next meeting or two we could only come up with eight in attendance. We took a second vote and we decided to go ahead and quit."

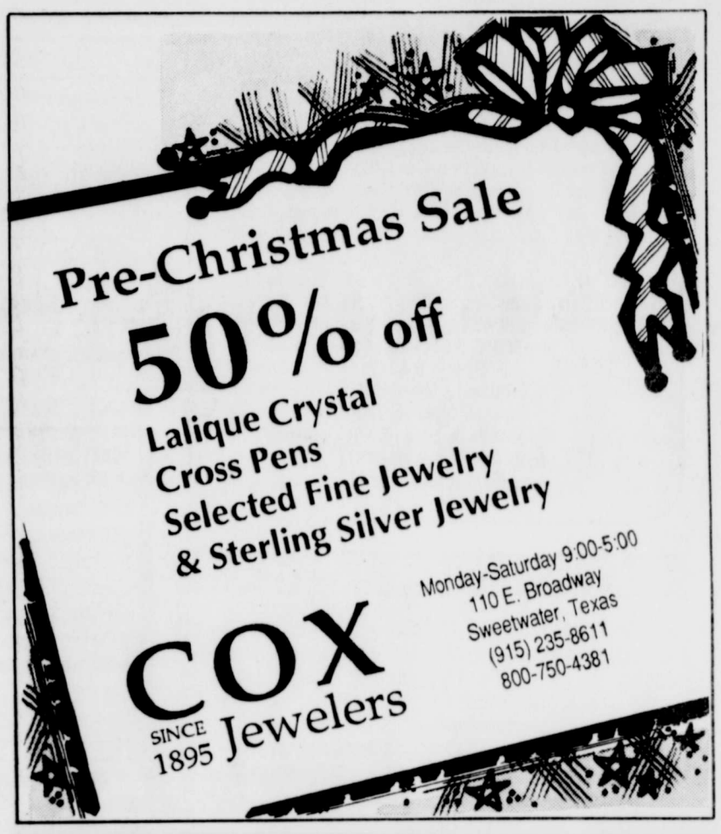
The demise of the Loraine Lions is easy to define. Hubert Meadows, a club member for approximately 20 years, noted the loss of men like Ray Preston, Dr. Bruce Johnson, Glen Coon and Woodrow Pratt. "When the older members who started the club began to die off," Meadows said, "That's when the club kind of began to die."

That same opinion was shared by others, including Ronald Bruce. "We had some younger guys, but they just quit coming. [The club] just sort of died on the vine."

When the final vote was taken on whether to continue or disband, members recall it was something like four or five votes to two or three to discontinue. Wayne Oliver checked his record book and told us, "I put down here on this last page, 'Stopped 6/1/93.' " For history's sake, that's the day the club ceased to function.

Meanwhile, the Lions have given their building to the city. Despite the unhappy ending, the story of the rise and fall of the Loraine Lions is a success story. For more than 50 years they served their community and mankind.

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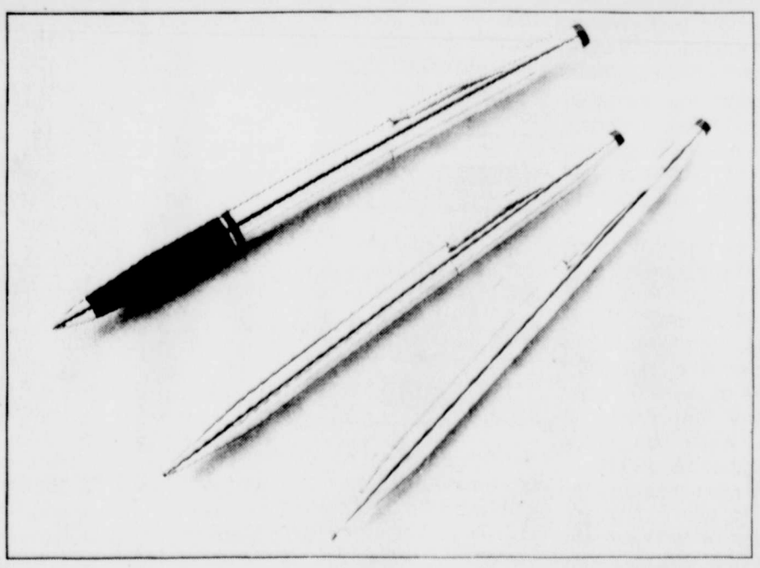
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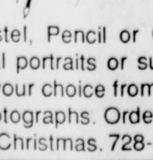
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LORAINE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

BY BESSIE ANN VAUGHN

How delicious the tender turkey, along with a mouthful of savory dressing... Suddenly it dawned on me that no one had said the blessing.

A familiar voice said, "Thank you, Lord, for friends and neighbors we have known, and to this day hold dear.

"Thank you for our work and wonder for life's battles fought and won. For all the beauty in the world to see from dawn to setting sun.

"Please brighten our vision that we might see the way for us to tread. We give thee the praise for all our blessings—in addition to our daily bread.

"Thankfulness should not be a seasonal dress to put on once a year. We should wear it as a daily garment day after day, year after year!"

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with abundant holiday cheer!

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The Loraine Nursing Home director reports that Julia Kahler and Edith Wilkerson are both in the Mitchell County Hospital and Inez Webb and Mrs. Parham are ill in the nursing home.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and to their families, as well.

Some residents are looking forward to going out for Thanksgiving dinner with family and the traditional meal will be served in the home as well.

Staff and members have begun to decorate for Christmas, making things festive and cheerful.

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To help celebrate the holiday, Irene Kidd will have Clovis and Jean Hales from Dallas and Annie Belle Long from Loraine with her on Thursday.

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Charlene Walker will have her family with her next Thursday for Thanksgiving. They are Jim, Kristi and Lindsey Kreier from Huntsville, Ricky, Donna, Ashley and Brett from Lubbock and Gary, Teresa, Clint and Keith Gale from Snyder.

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Ruby Lee Small and her daughter Barbara from Snyder went to Waxahachie last weekend to visit her children, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Harvey and their children. Ruby Lee reported a nice trip and a wonderful visit.

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Jean Burroughs and her daughter, Christie Flannagan, along with her son Nathan and Corey Flannagan from Lubbock, plan to be with Sidney and Maxine Compton for Thanksgiving, along with Larry and Maggie Compton of Loraine.

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Homer and Ruth Richburg had a wonderful weekend with Richard and Barbara Blair from Richland Hills, Billy Dale and Wyvonne Blair from Umbarger, along with Bradley Blair, a grandson from Snyder.

Not only was Ruth's birthday celebrated, but an early Thanksgiving as well.

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Chad and Lynette Harmon and son Hunter Daniel of Burnett, Texas, along with Randall and Brenda Bond of Sweetwater, visited with grandparents Bobby and Wanza Graham on Saturday and attended the wedding of Jennifer Graham and Collen Turnage.

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Bill and Ida Epperson will have their family reunion November 24 at the Colorado City State Park dining hall.

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Sunday, November 13, Lela Bowlin's children gave her a birthday surprise by taking her to dine at Collum's plus gifts, cards and phone calls from other family members and friends. Children coming to mom's house were Shug and Pat from Midland and Delmas and Betty from Loraine.

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"Senior Center Highlights"

The Center will be open for meals Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28, 29 and 30. Tuesday will be a make-up meal. Come join us.

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A drawing in the near future will take place for a lovely hand-crafted white hanging lamp with tiny colored lights inside. Chances are $1 per ticket. Proceeds will go toward the Nutritional Center.

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Members having birthdays in November include Delmas Bowlin, Chrystene Hall, Jo Ann Long, Herbert Mearse, Christene Mearse, Valentina Martinez, Lela Bowlin, Blondie Hamilton, Maxine Pierson, Wanza Graham, Ruth Richburg and Billie Shaw.

Blondie Hamilton will make the special cake to center on the party table and guests and honorees alike will enjoy a wonderful turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings on Wednesday, November 30.

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"Spotlight"

This week's spotlight shines on Dorothy Johnson, third child of four, born to L.L. Medlock and Amy Isabella Jones Medlock in Roscoe.

Mr. Medlock was a progressive and prosperous businessman and, along with other enterprises, owned the Medlock Drug in Roscoe.

Dorothy's older sister, Frances Ruth, passed away at 2 1/2 years, leaving a brother, Landrum, Dorothy and sister Annie Jo to grow, have fun and go to school in a small town.

Mr. Medlock was keen on his children learning the value of hard work, so he brought into town from a farm a team of horses and a plow and saw to it that the children worked a 15-acre cotton patch near their home.

They did all the planting, hoeing and picking themselves. Dorothy's brother Landrum went to Texas A&M after high school graduation but her parents thought a girl should stay closer to home; therefore, she went to McMurry, where she studied hard and excelled in English and speech.

The college always chose to send her to social events, clubs and recitals where she met many nice townfolks.

During summers, she worked at her father's drugstore and in 1936 she received a bachelor of science degree.

One day, Dorothy received a call from Dr. Bruce Johnson asking her to make hospital rounds with him in Sweetwater the following day.

She knew his parents, his oldest brother, Dr. Homer Johnson, and his younger brother Dale at McMurry, so she replied that yes, she would go with him.

She found him to be pleasant and very outgoing and it didn't hurt that he drove a new bright yellow Chevy coupe!

They enjoyed each other's company that summer, then Dorothy put in applications to teach at Roby, Westbrook and Merkel.

Bruce reasoned that it would cost him more money to go see her than what she would make, so he thought they should get married.

Bruce was living at Loraine, so after a wedding at her family home, the newlyweds moved into the house where Effie Wheeler now lives. It was a two bedroom, one bath long ago when they first moved there.

Dorothy then turned her attention to being a doctor's wife and forgot all about teaching.

The couple paid $75 for bedroom furniture and borrowed a kitchen stove and rug. Today she still has the furniture in a guestroom.

While on their honeymoon, they pooled their money to buy a beautiful hall table and it is now in her present home, the first thing you see upon entering. Dorothy has a special love for it.

She learned to assist her husband in home deliveries and worked hard in the home, also.

Bruce decided Loraine needed a hospital and the couple borrowed money to make it happen. The first few rooms of the hospital thrived so much that it was enlarged several times.

Dorothy helped by sewing bed linens and surgical garments, answering phones, cleaning and in many other ways.

About this time of her life, she started her family, giving birth to Beverly in 1940, then to Kenneth in 1943 and thought them both wonderful.

Dorothy was involved in all school functions along with church. She kept a church nursery for quite some time, also teaching Bible school and Sunday school.

After the children were in high school, the Johnsons enjoyed square dancing and Dorothy was asked to join the Garden Club.

After much study, traveling and practice, she became a Master Life Judge in 1974.

This lady is a superb seamstress and made many of her personal things, along with Beverly's clothes for many years.

Dorothy recalls many interests, and her family and traveling have always been the big ones.

She and her children made trips; she and Bruce made many trips together and since his death, Dorothy and Beverly have made two luxury liner cruises. Dorothy has many beautiful mementos of her travels in her home.

She has for many years opened her home to all kinds of social, school and church functions, and is a special hostess.

She has performed installation ceremonies for clubs and judged all sorts of floral contests, had baby showers, wedding showers—you name it, she has done it, all the while smiling.

We are so fortunate to have this nice lady living in Loraine.

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Fourth Grade News

The fourth grade will be starting a food and toy drive after Thanksgiving. Boxes will be placed throughout the school for non-perishable food items to be donated to a family or families in need.

We also would like to have small new toys suitable for small children. These should be brought to the fourth grade classroom. Donated items should be brought between December 1 and 14.

The fourth grade is also in need of old magazines that have colorful pictures. If you have some to donate, please bring them in any time during the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

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"The Letter from Home"
Author Unknown

(The day after yesterday), 1947

Dear Son,

I'm sure sorry to give you a bad cold but I've already sneezed and coughed on your letter.

Next time I write I'll send you some hoar hound to unclog your nose.

I would send you some of Pa's 'shine but the last time I tried it, it all leaked out of the box before I got to the mail house.

The preacher came out last Friday evening expecting a good supper I figure—but all Pa had in the traps was a skinny coon and a baby civic cat. I dressed them both and boiled them with wild leeks and if I do say so, the smell was worth remembering.

The preacher was really wolfing my stew down until Brother No. 5 told him what all was in it....

I thought the poor man was gonna croak. His face got red and he started coffin and left in a hurry.... I guess I shoulda whipped Brother but I figure the preacher had it coming not letting us know aforehand he was coming to eat.

Brother was so happy—he got all the preacher's leftover vittles. Had I knowed he was coming, I would have added some prairie oysters and chicken feet and maybe picked some poke.

I suppose we'll have a weddin' soon. Pa caught Grady and little sister sparking (just kissin') but it scared Grady so bad he proposed to baby sister on the spot and she accepted right soon like.

You can be proud she will marry well for Grady's got a mule, six dogs and a cabin in the holler. I hear he went to fourth grade. Instead of waiting on a pa and six brothers, baby sister will have a husband and six hound dogs to see about but the dogs will be easier than brothers to care for.

We're already planning Christmas. Your brother Hog said he is gonna surprise Pa with six post holes for Christmas. Ain't he the best? Won't Pa be surprised when he opens that box?

I sure bought some pretty poullets from Mrs. Hestoud—she was selling them 50¢ a piece or six for $4, so I gave her $4 real quick. I'm not dumb. Wonder what she took me for?

I gotta quit, son. Take good care of yourself.

Love, Ma

P.S. Git somebody to write home for you 'cause I never know what you're thinkin'.

Love, Ma again

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Take good care and see you about town.

BIRTHS

James and Stacy Turner of Manhatten, Kans., would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Cody Dawn. She was born November 9, 1994 in the Irwin Hospital at Ft. Riley, Kans. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jug and Lulu Boyd of Colorado City, Randy and Barbara Fountain of Manhatten, Kans. and Jim Turner of Kerrville.

Great grandparents are Don and Bertha Green of Leakey, James and Marianne Turner of Center Point and Joe and Marie Boyd of Colorado City. Great great grandmother is Lula Eckler of Houston.

J.O.Y. class has meeting

The J.O.Y. Sunday school class met November 16 at 5 p.m. at the Golden Corral Cafe in Big Spring.

After the meal was served, a business meeting was called by President Marcil Moody to discuss the Christmas party.

The class also voted to buy a new floral arrangement for the class reunion.

Members present were Wilma Jean McKenney, Bobbie Smith, Gladys Hayes, Pauline Brown, Irene Edwards, Clola Whitesides, Naomi Williamson, Jimmye Sue Mosely and Marcil Moody.

Guests were Mary Lou Henderson and Janell Rich.

Santa photos to be taken at chili supper

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a photo session with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 3, 1994 during the Noon Lions Club annual chili supper at the Civic Center.

You may have your child's picture made with Mr. and Mrs. Claus for $2.00 - quite a bargain over mall prices!

The chili supper hours are from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts would like to thank the generous residents of Mitchell County for your contributions to the "Scouting for Food." Through everyone's efforts, we were able to collect 1683 items for the Community Mission.

We would also like to thank all of the Scouts and Scouters who made the effort to go out and collect the food from the residents of Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook:

Brandi Wemken	Rebecca Bradley	Cecilia Barrera	Juan Molina
Denise Wemken	Justin Russell	Donna Boyd	Logan Boyd
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Ashley Hill	Brittany Hill	Wes Smith	David Smith
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C.J. Hurst	Pat Taylor	Brenda Taylor	Rick Taylor
Bethany Taylor	Keith Montgomery	Nathan Shrode	Justin Russell
Matt Balderas	Armando Balderas	Jodi Owens	Krisha Arispe
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Michael Chambers	Nancy Shrode	Nick Shrode	Rhonda Slater
Nancy Sullivan	Robert Ramage	Judd Ramage	Lanette Ramage
Darin Kline	Carla McCartney	John Morris	Robert Morris
Shane McCartney	George Davila	Luis Davila	Mr. Reed
Christopher Reed	Anthony Esquivel	Deboria Oden	Wesley Oden

A big "Thank You" goes to Shirley Stafford and her helpers at the Community Mission for collecting boxes and helping us sort the food. We would also like to thank *The Record* staff for putting the bags in the newspapers for us so they could be distributed and for publishing the articles about this.

"Thank You" to Jim Baum, also, for putting this over the airways. This was truly a community effort, and if there is anyone that we missed, we apologize and thank you, too.

Most of all, we would like to thank the citizens of Mitchell County for being so generous in your donations to this year's "Scouting for Food." Without you, this effort would not have been possible.

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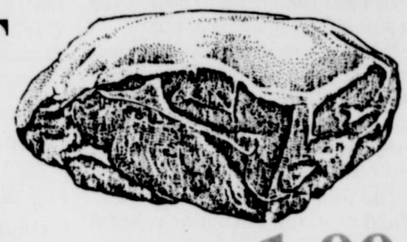
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