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Briefly

KCCB Meeting
The Keep Colorado City Beautiful Committee will meet March 27, 2003 at 6 pm at the Mitchell County Library for the regular monthly meeting. Persons interested in KCCB, the "Home and Garden Show" and the beautification of Colorado City are urged to attend.

One Act Play
Colorado City One Act Play will perform for the public at 7 pm Thursday at CHS Auditorium. No admission charge. Contributions accepted.

Opening Ceremonies
The Mitchell County Girl's Softball Association will be having Opening Ceremonies Saturday, March 29 at noon. Games begin at 9 am. There will be hamburger baskets, sausage on a stick, cotton candy, air castle, and a dunking booth. Please come out and support the Mitchell County Girls Softball Association!

Calvary Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church is hosting March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament March 28 & 29, 2003. All age groups are invited, beginning with elementary age all the way to 30 & up. Entry fee is \$10. Call Sammy Elliott at 728-5502 or Mark King at 728-5938. A hot dog supper will be provided for everyone.

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Department of Health will be having an Immunization Clinic Tuesday, April 1 from 10-12 and 1:30-3 at the Wallace Center in Colorado City. Please bring your child's immunization record to the clinic. For more information, please call 915-754-4945.

Prayer List
The First Baptist Church would like to have the name of your relative or friend currently serving in the United States Military to add to their prayer list. Please call the church office at 728-3442 to have your service man or woman added to the list.

Relay for Life
Relay for Life team captain meeting Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 5:30 pm at the C.C. Thompson Room. Team shirt sizes must be turned in. If unable to attend the meeting, you may turn into Amy Merket at City National Bank lobby or drop off at the motor bank.

Golden Age Club
The Westbrook Golden Age Club will meet Tuesday, April 1 at 6 pm with a potluck supper. Potential members and visitors are always welcome.

Varmint Hunt
The Second Annual Double C Varmint Hunt will be held Saturday, April 5. For more information call 728-3854 or 338-6821.

Around Town

Happy 15th birthday **Kenneth Scott** (Mar. 29)... Happy 20th anniversary **Robert & Mary Margaret Cox** (Mar. 26)... Happy birthday **Joanna Martinez** (Mar. 25)... Happy birthday **Derek Martinez** (Mar. 27)... Congratulations to **Miranda McGill & David Sevier** on their engagement...

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THE CMS DARE TO CARE RALLY set for Thursday, March 27, will feature Lisa Dalzell, Miss Texas 2002, as part of her speaking tour promoting the Texas Cares for Children Program. Dalzell's schedule while visiting Colorado City includes a noon luncheon with all service clubs, a visit to Kelly Elementary at 1:15 p.m. and Hutchinson at 2:15 p.m. to give a short speech and perform.

Miss Texas will speak at Dare to Care Rally

The third annual Colorado Middle School Dare To Care Rally is set for Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at the Colorado Middle School Auditorium.

This rally is an annual event to honor those in our community who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

This year's rally will feature an appearance by Lisa Dalzell, Miss Texas 2002.

Students have created display boards in honor of local veterans of the U.S.

Armed Services.

A barbecue dinner will be served prior to the rally from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Veterans and their spouses are invited to attend the dinner free of charge.

Local residents are also invited to attend the dinner and the rally. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased for \$5 at the door.

Entertainment for the night will also include Andy Johnson, entertaining on his trumpet, and students from CISD will also perform.

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County OKs job for sports complex

By Jay Ermis

The Mitchell County Commissioners Court has set a May 1 deadline to fill a full-time position serving dual roles.

Commissioners Ed Roach, Carl Guelker, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston approved the posting of the job notice for the new sports complex during their Tuesday, March 25, meeting.

The county will begin accepting applications when the job description and notice are posted at the courthouse.

Applications will be accepted through April 18.

Windi Fuller, executive director of the Mitchell County Economic Development Board, said the position is currently recognized as the Mitchell County facility and parks maintenance personnel.

She said the job title could change since the person hired will be in charge of the sports complex and work in the community service department.

The position will be funded by the county and the 32nd

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Hospital work moves closer to final stages

By Carl Graham

During the regular scheduled meeting Tuesday night of the Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors, the board was told that the new hospital should be completed and ready to be moved into by late May to early June at the latest.

Don Hamilton, vice-president of The Wallace Company that is overseeing the project planning, said the project is moving along quite well and he is here

to oversee the final stages to make sure the project is completed with as few problems as possible.

"As a best guess this schedule could speed up or slow down based on equipment getting here," said Hamilton. "There are some owner decisions the hospital needs to make and that's what we are doing now is getting these decisions made so that we can get the equipment here and get the hospital opened."

See HOSPITAL, page 5

Contract talks closed

An existing contract between the city and City Manager Steve Shutt has apparently closed the door on any new contract talks.

And Shutt's removing the contract talks from the proposed agenda for Tuesday night's called City Council meeting may have ended any additional discussion.

City Attorney Jeanie Fuller said following the March 26 meeting that Shutt has withdrawn his request for a new contract.

Last week, Shutt called a special meeting of the City Council for Tuesday, March 25, to discuss several items.

The initial agenda included

new contract talks between Shutt and the City Council. Those talks have been delayed for several weeks.

The agenda also included action on a proposed ordinance prohibiting smoking in a certain areas of the city.

The council approved the ordinance by a 6-1 vote.

Mayor Bob Reily and council members Sammy Contreras, Verta Hardegree, Alex Rocha, Blaine Lemons and Justin Harris approved the ordinance.

Council member Faye-Ross Gonzales opposed it.

Prior to the agenda being posted for Tuesday night's called meeting, Shutt removed

the contract talks.

The city manager sets the agenda for the City Council, according to the City Charter, and controls what subjects are brought before the council.

Following the meeting, Shutt said the contract item was dropped from the agenda for "no particular reason. I just removed it from there."

"I don't know if it will be brought up again," Shutt said. "Right now, it's on hold."

Fuller said, "There has been some discussions about the council wanting a new contract" with Shutt.

Fuller said that after review-
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Ballots set for May elections

Colorado City voters will decide three contested races during the May 3 city elections.

The Loraine and Westbrook independent school districts will have trustee elections.

The Colorado Independent School District and the Loraine City Council will not have elections.

Early voting in person starts April 16 and continues through April 29.

In the Colorado City election, Bob Reily and Justin Harris have filed for mayor.

Reily is completing his first two-year term as mayor. Harris represents District 2 on the City Council.

Mary Haggerton and Bob McNeal will seek the District 2 position.

Incumbent council member Alex Rocha seeks a new term as the District 5 representative against Brigada Hiser.

Early voting for the City Council election will be held during office hours in the office of city secretary Elizabeth Turner.

CISD Business Manager Dobbie Williams said no trustee election will be held since the two incumbents who filed for re-election have no opposition.

Trustee Elizabeth Hernandez filed for re-election for Place 4 and board of trustee president Charles Walker filed for re-election to Place 6. Both are three-year terms.

Loraine City Secretary Connie Harshaw said no city election will be held since only two

candidates filed for the open positions.

There are five members of the City Council.

Bill Scarber filed for mayor and Shirley Kendall filed for re-election as a council member. Neither has opposition.

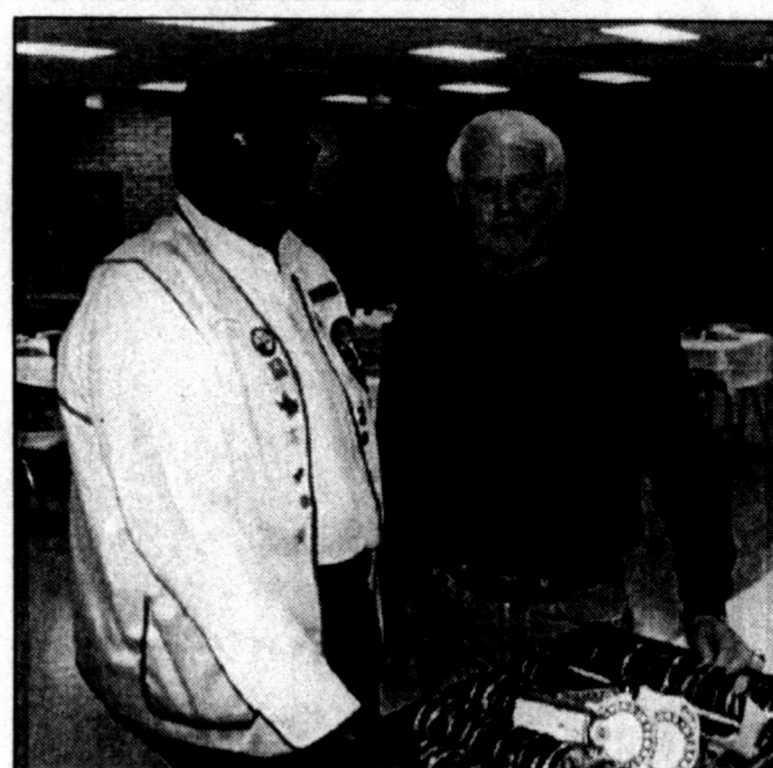
Catarino Martinez did not seek a new term as mayor.

John Ladd created a vacancy on the City Council when he moved to Colorado City.

Harshaw said a council member will be appointed if no one seeks the position.

Westbrook City Secretary Pansy Fernandez said city elections are held on even-numbered years.

Incumbents Rancee Dawson and Scott Morton and newcomer
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COLORADO CITY LIONS CLUB Liontamer David Woods (left) congratulates fellow Lion, Hollis Gainey, on his selection to the Big Country Hall of Fame. Gainey will be inducted on May 12 at the Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene.

Gainey joins elite in hall of fame

Former Colorado City Wolf Hollis Gainey is among the five selected to the second class of the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame that will be inducted during an induction ceremony and dinner banquet on May 12 at the Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene.

Others named to the elite group include John Kimbrough of Haskell, Abilene's David Parks and Bob Estes and long-time AISD swim coach Bev Ball.

This year a sixth inductee, Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, will be inducted posthumously. He was a star athlete from Sweetwater who went on to play football at Hardin-Simmons and 12 years with the Chicago Bears. He was named All-Pro eight times while there.

Gainey is the second former Wolf to be honored in as many years. Former Wolf standout and an All-Pro selection Don Maynard was among the group selected in last year's inaugural group of selectees. He is also a member of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

Gainey, a high school friend of Maynards, is also a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, won the 100
See GAINNEY, page 2

Real History, Real Heroes featured

The Colorado Middle School students' annual Real History-Real Heroes insert is featured in this edition of the Colorado City Record.

Stories are compiled by middle school students as they pay tribute to Mitchell County residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and residents currently serving in the military.

They will be recognized during the middle school's Dare To Care Rally set for March 27 in the auditorium.

A story listing residents currently serving in the military can be found on page 2.

Rural transit negotiations continue

Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo is negotiating with four rural transit districts to provide transportation service for senior citizens and disabled residents.

Mayo told county commissioners Ed Roach, Carl Guelker, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston during their Tuesday, March 25, meeting that "I am negotiating with area transit providers to see who can offer us the best program for Mitchell County."

Commissioners tabled any action on the service.
Mayo said the four are the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, the Concho Valley Council of Governments in San Angelo, South Plains Community Action Association
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MITCHELL COUNTY RESIDENTS traveling state Highway 208 North near Buford can get a glimpse of the sign of the times, currently U.S. troops fighting in Iraq to help the liberate the Iraqis from President Saddam Hussein.

Rally to honor servicemen

With war raging in Iraq, at least seven of the 66 Mitchell County residents serving in the military are stationed in the Middle East.

They will be recognized for their contributions during the

third annual Colorado Middle School's Real History-Real Heroes Dare To Care Rally starting with a dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the school's cafeteria.

The program starts at 7 in

the auditorium.

Mitchell County residents known to be currently serving in the Middle East are:

Zack Anderson, Iraq; Julio Garcia, Kuwait; Mario Rodriguez, Afghanistan; Buddy Dean Wilson, Iraq; Keith Rich, Kuwait; Jon Espinoza, Kuwait; and Josh Myers, Iraq.

Former resident George Ramsey is stationed in Saudi Arabia.

Other residents serving in the military as of March 19 are:

Joe Alvarez, Jeremy Alvarez, Jeff Anzaldua, David Botts, Josh Brewer, Ellen Brockett, Donald Burnett, Christopher Castro, Lonnie Clary, Johnny Free.

Also, Amador Gamez Jr., Julio Garcia Jr., Albert Garza, Rodney Green, Ray Hawley, Heath Hayes, Kim Hazle, Deric Hazle, Ramon Holguin, Jon Jones, John Ladd, Charles Lamb, Steven Laporte.

Also, George Clayton Lee, Johnny Lopez, Rita Luera, Ken Lyons, Paul Lyons, Roscoe Magers, Angie Martinez, Mark Martinez, Ruben Matos Jr.

Also, West McCullum, Ricky Molina, Chris Morris, Michael Martin, Bradley Nichols, Ronnie Parham, Jeremy Polich, Jerry Querido, Kassi Redwine, David Wayne Rich, Keith Rich, Bryan Rivera, David Rivera, Jacob Rivera, Pete Rivera, Nicklus Rivera.

Also, Mario Rodriguez, Ben Steadman, Daniel Otis Sterns, Brian H. Taylor, J.D. Wheeler,

Benjamin Wilkinson, Benjamin Williamson, Lee Williamson, Raymond Williamson and Jeffrey Yon.

If Mitchell County residents know the mailing addresses of military personnel, they are asked to drop them by the Colorado City Record office at 257 E. 2nd St.

Home, garden show to feature area merchants

Keep Colorado City Beautiful 2nd Annual Home and Garden Show is set for Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 from noon until 5 p.m. at the Railhead Trade Days building in downtown Colorado City.

The event will feature seminars on landscaping, home maintenance, yard care, and decorating ideas.

Local and area merchants will display products including outdoor furniture, garage doors, kitchenware, tile and flooring, siding, yard decorations, spa and metal buildings, landscaping ideas and all types of plants and flowers.

The show will include a "Bridal Event" held in the C.C. Thompson Room. The event is Saturday, April 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Any merchant who would like to participate in the show but has not been contacted, may call Cecilia Scott at 915-728-8870 or Marilyn Brookshear at 915-728-2895 to obtain booth registration information.

Former Colorado City resident among grand jury indictments

A former Colorado City woman is among three people indicted by the January term Mitchell County grand jury.

Michele Dippel Wells, 40, of Coahoma, was indicted on a theft charge Thursday, March 20.

ELECTIONS

FROM PAGE 1

ers Roberta Fiscus and Jeremy Reyes will seek two at-large positions up for election on the Westbrook ISD board of trustees.

Business Manager Teresa Matlock said there are seven trustees. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.

Early voting runs April 16-29 in the administration office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Debbie Finley, early voting clerk for the Loraine ISD, said three candidates will seek two at-large trustee positions.

Incumbent George Martin will seek a new three-year term. Don Epperson and Ricky Bailey also have filed.

There are seven trustees. The top two vote-getters will be elected to three-year terms.

Early voting runs April 16-29 in the superintendent's office from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Candidate filing for the Mitchell County Hospital District's board of directors election continues through April 2.

Hospital board chairman Larry Johnson and director Kenneth Rogers have filed for new two-year terms.

Directors John Martinez and Kent Boyd have not filed.

There are seven members on the board.

Karen Holman, administrative secretary at Mitchell County Hospital, said early voting runs April 16-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hospital lobby.

The grand jury also indicted Jaime David Garcia, 17, of Colorado City and Phillip Curtis Young, a Dallas-area resident.

Garcia has been charged with arson. He remains in Mitchell County Jail. His bond has been set at \$12,000.

Young has been charged with possession of marijuana. He also has five prior convictions -- four involving drugs and a fifth on robbery by firearm.

Four occurred in Tarrant County and the fifth in Johnson County.

He is in the county jail. His bond has been set at \$25,000.

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said Wells' indictment completes an investigation that took more than two months by Chief Deputy Mike Redwine.

Wells was arrested and charged with forgery in late January in a related case. She posted bond and was indicted by a Mitchell County grand jury.

Wells, a bookkeeper, was arrested Saturday, March 22, in Big Spring in Howard County.

She was free Sunday, March 23, after posting a \$7,500 bond.

The indictment stated that from Nov. 17, 2000, through Aug. 26, 2002, Wells unlawfully acquired money totaling more than \$20,000 but less than

\$100,000 from Leona Browne of Colorado City.

Garcia was indicted on an arson charge, stemming from a Feb. 12 incident at 804 E. 6th St.

He was arrested March 9 in the 300 block of East 2nd Street by Colorado City police officers Jeff Mitchell and Richard Perez and charged with arson of a vehicle.

Sara Sanderson, 17, also was arrested with Garcia and charged with hindering apprehension. She had posted bond.

District Attorney Mark Edwards' office refused to prosecute her case and would not present it to the grand jury.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Shane Johnson stopped Phillip Young's 18-wheel vehicle Feb. 12 while driving through Colorado City.

Officers found suitcases containing marijuana in the truck cab.

Young was indicted with possessing marijuana in an amount of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds.

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GAINEY

FROM PAGE 1

and 220-yard dashes at the state high school track meet in 1954 and 1955. He was also a member of the University of Texas relay team that set three world records.

Since retiring from the Lubbock Independent School District, where he was the Assistant Athletic Director, Gainey has been kept busy since his move back to Colorado City in June of 2000.

He is a member of the Mitchell County Hospital Board and is a member of the Colorado City Lions Club.

He says his selection to this year's crop of athletes is more of an honor than his selection to the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame that came in 1998.

"I consider this quite an honor," said Gainey. "When you take in consideration that nominees come from all athletics, not just football, track or golf, and covers a 19-county area, it really starts to sink in. To me it's like coming home. I am glad I wasn't on the selection committee. You could put all the names of those nominated into a hat and draw five names out and each one would be just as deserving."

David Parks starred at Abilene High before becoming a standout receiver at Texas Tech where he made All-American. He later played professionally for the San Francisco 49ers and the New Orleans Saints.

John Kimbrough starred at Haskell before taking his talents to Texas A&M where he was an All-American football player.

Bob Estes is now a successful professional golfer after a successful high school and college career.

Bev Ball set records while a swimming coach at Abilene High School that are still standing. A volleyball tournament, the Bev Ball Classic, is held each year in her honor.

For additional information and reservations for the Hall of Fame banquet, call TSTC West Texas campus, Abilene Center at 915-672-7091. For information concerning the TSTC Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Classic which raises money for the Chuck Moser and TSTC scholarship funds call Nancy Paup at 915-734-3644.

Cost of the buffet dinner and program which will held at 7 p.m. on the night of May 12 will be \$15. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m.

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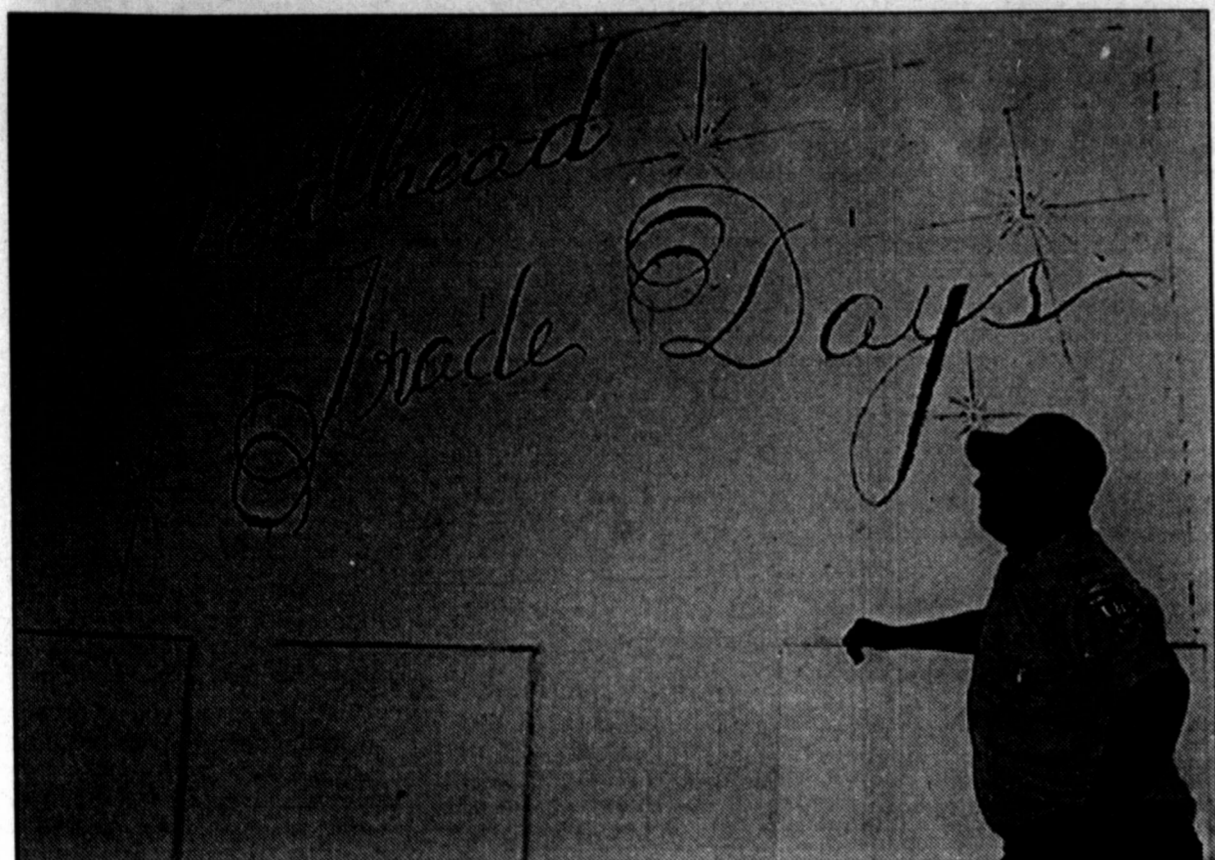
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EAGLE SCOUT TRAVIS HEUPEL of Colorado City painted a Railhead Trade Days mural on the east wall of the Railhead Building as part of his project to become an Eagle Scout. He is assistant scoutmaster of Troop 100 in Colorado City and continues his efforts in Boy Scouting through the high adventure crew.

Colorado City Eagle Scout continues to set high goals

It may not happen any time soon.

But one day, you may see Travis Heupel's name among the list of credits at the end of an animated Disney film.

Working as a Disney cartoon designer ranks high among his numerous goals.

For now, the 18-year-old Colorado High School senior is working toward achieving many of his other goals, especially where Boy Scouting is concerned.

Heupel reached a prestigious plateau in the Boy Scout program when he received an Eagle Scout award Feb. 16.

He received his Eagle Scout badge after earning six primary merit badges and 28 merit badges overall.

The main merit badges were Tenderfoot, first- and second-class, Star, Life and then Eagle Scout. He earned those at six-month intervals.

He also was required to complete 40 hours of community service, including one Eagle Scout project that turned into two.

Heupel decided to paint the roping arena in Big Spring. The project included painting signs, fencing and piping.

His paperwork did not reach Boy Scout officials in time.

Heupel was given a three-month extension to find and complete a second project.

The project involved the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Railhead Building.

In late 2002, Heupel painted several signs advertising the Railhead Trade Days and painted a Railhead Trade Days mural on the building's east wall.

Heupel started his Scout career with the Cub Scouts in 1992 in Spokane, Wash. He was 7 years old.

He became a Boy Scout when he was 12. He was a member of troops 100 and 430 in Spokane.

He has been a member of Troop 100 in Colorado City for five years.

"I have achieved my goals by reaching the different levels of Scouting," Heupel said. "I achieved more merit badges, then began teaching other Scouts."

"For achieving different goals, I earned more merit badges."

Heupel plans to add to his achievements in Boy Scouting in addition to his career goals.

He is currently assistant scoutmaster of Troop 100, while his dad, Perry, is scoutmaster.

"My dad was a big influence in my Scouting career," he said. "He told to get into Scouting when I was little and then achieve high goals when I moved to the Boy Scouts."

Heupel plans to organize his own troop by recruiting other Colorado City youngsters and teaching them.

"I would like to see more boys become involved in Scouting," he said, "and to where we can do more for the community."

"Scouting is a lot of fun and you learn a lot more than people realize. It helped me learn about camping and how to live in the wilderness and take care of yourself and other Scouts."

His goal is to have the community help "get more boys interested in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts."

Heupel said his Boy Scouting career may help him earn a scholarship to help pay his way through college to become a high school counselor in addition to working as an animated cartoon designer.

In addition to being a member of the Buffalo Star Chapter of the elite Order of the Arrow, Heupel is working on his High Adventure Crew merit badges.

The adventure crew allows him to stay active in another phase of Scouting.

"The adventure crew meets twice a month and discusses where we want to go camping," Heupel said. "You plan with others how to get the troop you were in more active in Scouting and you help other Scout troops reach their goals."

Heupel plans to become a counselor, but his interest in painting and artwork also has him pursuing a career as a Disney cartoon designer.

He has been painting for five years and is a student in Carolyn Walker's art class at Colorado High School.

He plans to paint a mural using a West Texas theme at Truck Town off Interstate 20.

"My best friend, Zach Smith, got me interested in drawing," Heupel said.

In his art class, Heupel started painting with watercolors, then moved to water base, acrylic and now oil painting.

"I like to spend my time on an 11- by 18-inch canvas, it's the biggest they make," he said. "I am doing a West Texas landscape that takes me at least four class periods."

For more information about the Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, phone 728-8874, or e-mail travisheupel@yahoo.com

McAdams named Corps commander

Will McAdams, a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School, has added to his list of achievements at Texas A&M University.

He was named corps commander for the 2003-04 school year, becoming the highest-ranking cadet in the 2,000-member Corps of Cadets.

McAdams, a junior political

science major, was selected from 27 candidates by a board of military officers and current cadet leaders.

He currently serves as sergeant major of the corps. His duties as corps commander will include help shaping corps policy and head the corps' interaction with the university.

The Texas A&M group is

the largest military officer training institution outside the U.S. armed service academies.

McAdams is seeking commission as a second lieutenant in the Army after graduation.

At Colorado High School, McAdams was captain of the football team, president of the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society and class president four years.

He is also a member of the Ross Volunteer Company, which serves as an honor guard to the governor.

McAdams plans to run for student senate at Texas A&M in addition to serving as corps commander.

Deadline approaching to file tax rendition

The State Comptroller's office reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2003. Appraisal districts use the information to set property values.

Business owners and operators are required by law to file an annual property tax rendition, but any property owner - including homeowners, farmers and ranchers - may render their property with county ap-

praisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

The comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on January 1, 2003.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, email the comptroller's property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information. In Austin, call 512-305-9999.

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POLICE REPORT

• On Monday, March 17, 2003, at about 10:11 a.m., Jeremy McGuire, 26-year-old male, 1636 Austin Street reports Burglary. The offense occurred on or about Thursday, March 6, 2003. A VHS VCR and a DeWalt tool belt and tools were stolen from the residence. There was no forced entry. Loss is estimated at about \$400. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Torres.

• On Monday, March 17, 2003, at about 1:27 p.m., Dianna Palmer, 40-year-old female, 130 W 6th Street reports Assault-Family Violence. Palmer reports that a person that she knows, who is a member or former member of her household assaulted her by hitting her while at her residence on Sunday, March 16, 2003. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for prosecution. Investigating Officer: Torres.

• On Wednesday, March 19, 2003, and Friday, March 21, 2003, Jerry Alberts, 1845 Vine Street reports Forgeries. Several of his checks had been stolen and forged and passed to several local businesses by a person that he knows. Loss is estimated at \$600. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officers: Mitchell and Torres.

• On Friday, March 21, 2003, at about 1:48 am, Jesse Perez, 37-year-old male, 533 Cypress Street was arrested at that location for Deadly Conduct. Officers were called to the scene because a male was waving a pistol at persons. A handgun was recovered as evidence. There were no shots fired and no one was injured. Perez was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

• On Friday, March 21, 2003, at about 1:55 pm, a 14-year-old male juvenile of Colorado City was taken into custody at the AEP facility, 1100 Hickory Street for Disrupting Classes. He was turned over to the Juvenile Probation Officer and subsequently remanded into custody at the Post Juvenile Detention Facility pending further hearings the week of March 24, 2003. Reporting Officer: Torres.

• On Saturday, March 22, 2003, at about 12:10 a.m., Officers were called to the Mitchell County Hospital Emergency Room for a disturbance. Della Ausbie, 38-year-old female, 124 College Circle reports Assault-Bodily Injury. The altercation had occurred at Collum's Restaurant, 989 E. I-20 about 30 minutes before the call. Ausbie reports that a person that she knows picked her up and threw her to the ground. Alcohol is a factor. This case will be filed with the County Attorney for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Tom Taylor.

• On Saturday, March 22, 2003, at about 4 p.m., Officer Mitchell located two children, a 7-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl found abandoned, walking alone on Business Loop I-20 near Sherman Street. When questioned, the children said that they were looking for their mother. The children, reported to be in unkept condition, were taken to the Police Department and subsequently turned over to Child Protective Services. The mother identified as Betty Clark, 35-year-old female, 1510 Westpoint, came to the Police Station around 5:13 p.m., questioning why the Police had her children. She was later arrested for Abandoning or Endangering a Child and transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Investigation is continuing. Arresting Officer: Mitchell.

• On Sunday, March 23, 2003, at about 2:00 p.m., Penny Gassiot, 46-year-old female, 943 Hickory Street reports Theft. Sometime this date a chrome Ford pickup bumper was stolen from under her carport. Loss is estimated at \$400. Investigating Officer: Heine.

Stocking banks on lake condition

By Lacey Hampton

Texas Parks and Wildlife Fisheries Biologists are hoping to restock Lake Colorado City this spring.

TPWD Biologists are continually monitoring the lake for toxicity and golden algae cell counts since the large fish kill in 2001.

Lake residents reported a foaming that forms at the edge of the water in the mornings. According to TPWD Fisheries Biologist Bryan VanZee, this is caused by the golden algae being present in the lake.

According to the Texas Department of Health, anecdotal evidence has shown, "no human health risks associated with golden algae."

"We need a rather large rain to help lower the toxicity of the water. This would be very beneficial to put water back into the reservoir and to also help detour the golden algae and let the green algae out compete it," said VanZee.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials can not guarantee when the kills will end and how far they might spread. There is no known cost-effective way to kill the algae or detoxify waters during blooms.

Golden algae caused a significant fish kill in Lake Colorado City in October 2001. This bloom resulted in almost total devastation of the fish in the lake. A few game

fish were collected living in the lake late in the summer of 2002.

Since October 2001, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist have been conducting bi-weekly tests.

The water remained slightly toxic throughout the summer. No fish from TPWD hatcheries were stocked last summer as a result of these tests.

Golden algae is always in the lake just not in the quantities to be toxic to the fish, the cooler temperatures cause the green algae to become dormant which gives the golden algae room to grow.

Golden algae becomes a problem when it out competes green algae for available nutrients (like phosphorous and nitrogen) and blooms.

During "blooming" the

golden algae uses up all available nutrients usually used up by the green algae when trying to reproduce.

The golden algae forms a compound when reproducing that attaches to the gills of the fish allowing water to enter causing the fish to suffocate.

Humans and other mammals, as well as birds, are not affected by the toxin golden algae produces because the same mechanisms in our bodies that prevent dehydration insulate us from the toxin.

Golden algae bloomed again in Lake Colorado City last November. Fisheries Biologist from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department noticed dead and dying fish on the shoreline while conducting a routine sampling of the water.

The water sample was

analyzed with a bio-assay, (tests conducted with live organisms to determine toxicity). The water was found once again to be toxic to the fish. Many fish that had not been killed during the first kill were dying.

"Drought conditions and cool temperatures have made the environment better for the golden algae to bloom," said VanZee. "When it rains and with warmer temperatures this summer, we hope the green algae will out compete the golden algae."

"Since the toxicity remained high, whatever fish we would have stocked last summer would have died too," said VanZee. "We are hoping to get a break so we can restock. We intend to stock again with channel catfish, large mouth bass, and sunfish."

TxDOT announces meetings to go over transportation projects

Texas Department of Transportation officials have announced that the Abilene District will be hosting two public meetings to discuss the 2004-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The first meeting will be held April 1, 2003, in the Snyder Jr. High School Auditorium, 3301 El Paso Street in Snyder. The second meeting will be April 17, 2003 in the Anson High School Auditorium, 1431 Commercial Street in Anson. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the same information being presented at each location.

Area conducted by the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for interested individuals and groups to offer their views, concerns and comments on the goals, objectives and impacts of the TIP.

Persons wishing to present testimony at either of the meetings, will need to complete the response cards that will be available at the registration table. Instead of, or in addition to speaking at the meetings, attendees may choose to provide written statements and/or exhibits. All comments should be submitted to Mr. William L. Hale, P.E., District Engineer, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150, by April 28, 2003, (ten days after the close of the final meeting).

The TIP is a three-year program that includes a priority list of all transportation projects that will be carried out during the three-year period. Areas affected by the program are Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties. The TIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented and the resources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the program.

Project within the Abilene Urban Area will not be discussed. There will be a separate meeting for the Abilene Urban

Group seeks volunteers for menudo cook-off

The First Annual Tex-Mex Menudo Cook-Off is set for May 9 and 10 at Ruddick Park.

According to event director Cristela Castillo, volunteers are needed for the day of the cook-off and to help with the preparations.

Enter your favorite recipes in the cook-off in three categories: menudo, fajitas and salsa. Entry fee is \$50 per team and each team is limited to three members. Teams provide their own materials. Prizes will be given for first, second, and third places.

First place in the Menudo contest wins \$500. First place winners in the fajitas and salsa contests will each receive \$250.

A dance is planned for Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the East Riley pavilion at Ruddick Park.

Sign-ups for the salsa dance contest will be held during the cook-off. The contest will be Saturday at 5 p.m.

A concert featuring Los Palominos will be Saturday night at the amphitheater.

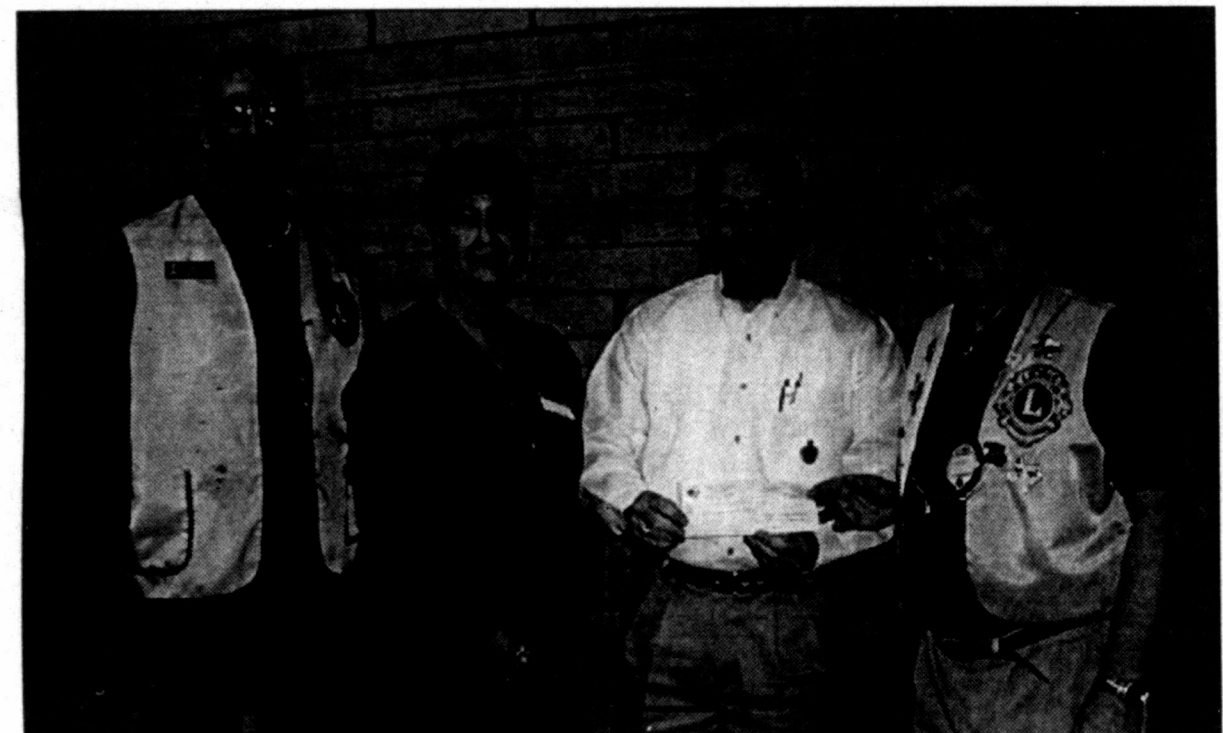
"This is the first Menudo Cook-off; we plan to have it annually," said Castillo. "The purpose is to bring in people into the city to spend their money here."

Coaches and teams are needed for the men's softball tournament. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Teams are limited to 15 players.

Applications for the cook-off contests and softball tournament must be turned in by April 30.

Applications are being taken for vendor booth rental at \$50 each.

For more information on teams or booth rental call: Cristela Castillo at Mi Ranchito 728-5591 or 728- 2234 or cell 338-2475.



THE COLORADO CITY LIONS CLUB has donated \$5,000 to furnish a room at the new Mitchell County Hospital currently under construction. Club president Ed Blake, right, presents the check to Dr. Dee Roach, chief of staff at Mitchell County Hospital and president of the hospital's charitable foundation. At left is Keith Hiser, incoming club president, and Karen Holman, hospital administrative secretary.

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Mud Bog slated for April 6

The Mitchell County 4-H Club will be hosting the first annual "Mudbog." All vehicles suited for mudding are invited to enter.

The event will be held Sun., Apr. 6, at the rodeo grounds, beginning at noon.

There will be a \$20 fee for all contest participants. No nitrous or blower vehicles are allowed to enter.

Gate admission is \$2 per child and \$5 per adult. For more information, contact Blaine Lemons at 728-8488.

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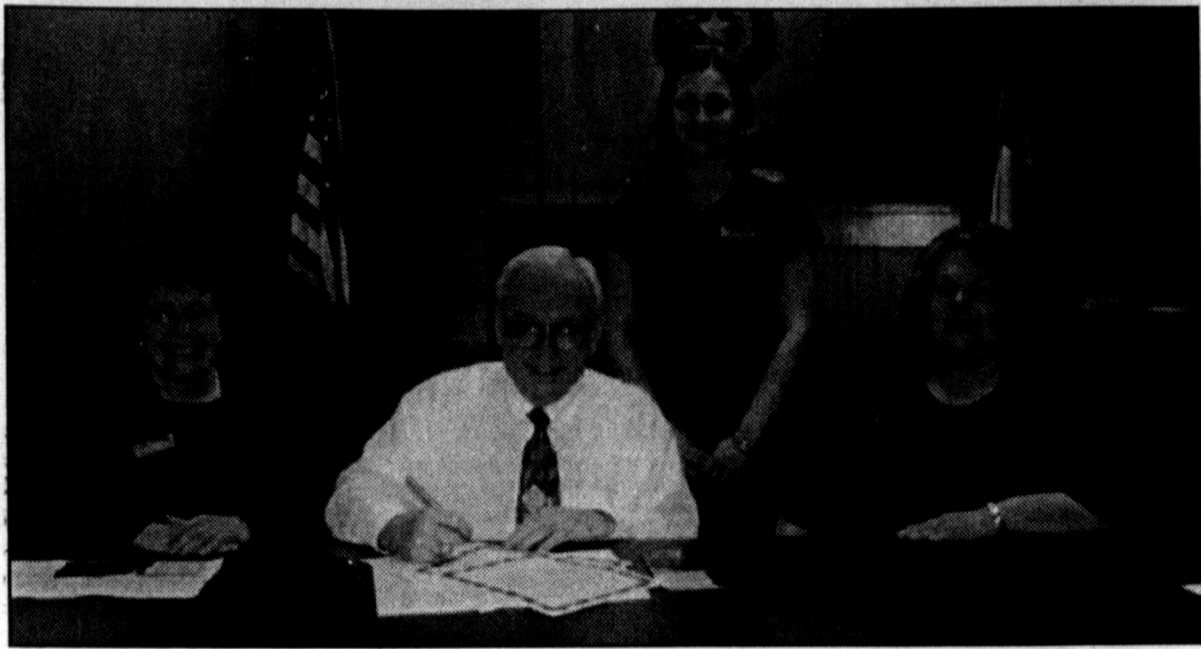
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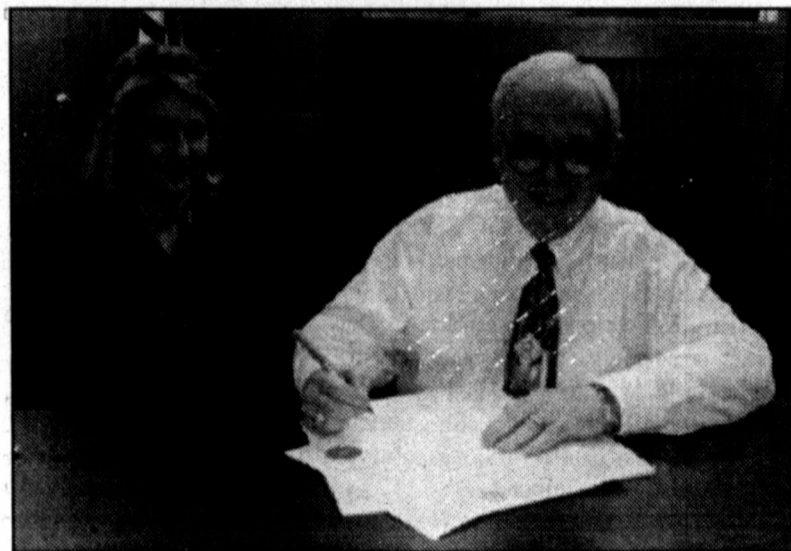
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APRIL HAS BEEN DESIGNATED as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Mitchell County. County Judge Ray Mayo signs the proclamation Tuesday, March 25, during a Commissioners Court meeting. At left is Beth Hall of Sweetwater, chairman of the board of directors of Gateway Family Services Inc. in Snyder; standing, Tiffany Rule of Colorado City, sexual assault victims advocate; and Lyndia Allen of Snyder, Gateway's executive director. "The safety of Texans tomorrow depends on our vigilance against sexual assault today," Mayo said in his proclamation.



MITCHELL COUNTY JUDGE Ray Mayo signs a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. He signed it Tuesday, March 25. At left is Susan Wallis of Colorado City, president of the board of directors of the Tri-County Children's Advocacy Center in Sweetwater. "Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people," Mayo said in his proclamation.

Clean up scheduled for Apr. 5

Keep Colorado City Beautiful wants to help residents of Colorado City clear out and clean up their houses and yards. On Saturday, April 5, in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off", citizens have the opportunity to make a difference in the looks of this community.

That Saturday, the city will open the landfill from 8 am until 4 pm. Residents who have the equipment and are able may take their trash free of charge that day.

Volunteers working with KCCB will help citizens of the city haul off unwanted appliances like washers, dryers, stoves, and non-refrigerated air conditioners. These helpers will also take limbs and yard waste to the city's chipper or landfill.

Mitchell County and Colorado City will each provide two dump trucks and one front-end loader. Volunteers from KCCB will go with these trucks and tractors to load trash for the landfill. These workers will not pick up tires, batteries, oil, paint or other contaminants. Nor, will they take refrigerators or refrigerated air conditioners.

KCCB encourages citizens to improve the appearance of their dwellings and surrounding property. The organization promises to help those who do not have the necessary equipment or the physical capability to do the needed work.

Residents need to know, however, that volunteers will pick up trash or other items from places where the caller owns or occupies the property. KCCB workers will not clean up the neighbor's yard, unless the neighbor makes the request.

To ask for assistance from KCCB in this clean up effort, residents of the city should call or go by the Chamber of Commerce office, 157 West 2nd Street, 728-3403. The last day requests will be received is Wednesday, April 2nd.

Anyone who would like to help make a difference in Colorado City on Saturday, April 5, should contact Chuck Fisher at 728-8646. Or volunteers can join at 8 am on the parking lot across from First Baptist Church on the corner of Chestnut and 3rd.

HOSPITAL

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Hamilton said he will be working towards getting the site work completed in a timely manner.

"The site work is only about 25 percent complete at this time," said Hamilton. "Those are issues we need to tackle and that is what we will start work on tomorrow. Doors and hardware inside and outside are 95 percent complete, electrical work is about 85 percent, drywall work is 95 percent complete, paint is 75 percent finished, floors are about 50 percent, the mechanical system should be started up in two weeks and at that time the air conditioning and heating systems will be on. Windows on the inside are 95 percent complete and on the outside they are 100 percent complete."

Several items were tabled until a later time due to three members of the board being absent. They were John Martinez, Bobbie Banks and Kenneth Rogers.

Those items were the consideration of dependent insurance per ICON and no action taken on an agreement with Critical

Air Transport Service as the sole provider for emergency air medical services.

The board did approve the payment of \$400 per month in RN Scholarship money to help defer the costs of Mitchell County Hospital employees Rachel Rangel and Frankie Riney who will be attending school to become Registered Nurses.

Also approved was bids on three separate properties for taxes. Those properties were 712 Oak Street for \$200, three lots at 200 East Cemetery Road in Loraine for \$450, and six tracks of land on East Market Avenue in Loraine for a bid of \$1,015.

Interim Hospital Administrator Linda Mize told the board that for the past five-month period net revenue is up by \$379,150 while expenses are down by \$173,000. Considering the plight that the hospital was in at this time last year she said she felt the hospital is headed in the right direction and thanked the doctors and nurses for their hard work.

Jason Cooper, local EMT Director, discussed with the board several opportunities the local EMS Service has in regards to additional service they can provide. He stated that the Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater has discussed use of our service due to the Sweetwater EMS/Fire Department not being able to provide ambulance transport services outside the city without a substantial increase in cost. He stated it would be a win/win situation for both parties involved.

Mitchell County Chief of Staff Dr. Dee Roach told the board that during a recent inspection of the hospital facilities the inspection team could find no deficiencies. He said he contributed it to a caring staff of doctors and nurses and to their hard work.

The board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Judicial District's probation department.

County Judge Ray Mayo said job description details are still being developed since the job involves the sports complex and community service department.

Commissioners voted to set the annual salary at \$21,500 plus benefits.

Fuller said filling the position by May 1 will be beneficial since "the irrigation system will be going in by the first of May. We will have someone on board at the same time."

"The ground temperature should be warm enough in June to where we can seed or spread grasses."

"We're planning on sodding the field. For seeding, the soil temperature needs to be at least 60 degrees."

Fuller said they are considering using TIF 319, a hybrid grass.

"It is tolerant of the West Texas weather, heat and drought," Fuller said. "We are looking at it right now."

Fuller said she initially allowed 15 to 20 hours per week for the sports complex job, but the county started looking at a full-time position when the community service department learned it was losing its state funding because of state budget cutbacks.

The department will continue to be state-mandated but without state funds.

Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher counties are in the 32nd Judicial District.

Clayton Young is the district's chief probation officer. Jeff Potter is Mitchell County's probation officer. There is another full-time officer in Nolan County.

Young said at the meeting that his department is losing 54 percent of state funds.

He was uncertain what amount his department would contribute to the salary.

Mayo said the county will be acquiring two buildings from the Mitchell County Hospital District when the new hospital opens, including the Family Medical Associates building on Chestnut Street and the hospital's specialty clinic on Walnut Street.

The county will acquire the buildings in exchange for work it is doing at the new hospital site.

Mayo said the county will save \$850 per month in rent when it utilizes the two buildings.

Mayo said plans include having the economic development board and the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District move into the Walnut facility.

He expects the Chestnut building to house the mental health-mental retardation and probation offices.



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Lupe Salazar, Carmen Salazar to Hayden Payne, Warranty Deed.

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Teresa Gale Affiant to Public, Timothy Green, Affidavit.

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Willis James Duvall Jr., failure to identify, March 19, 2003, plea of guilty, \$201 court costs, 26 days jail sentence.

Lonnie Mack Lawson, failure to comply with duties, March 19, 2003, plea of guilty, \$400 fine, \$211 court costs, 40 days suspended/18 months, 80 hours community service.

Darrell Shadrack Hackler, theft, March 19, 2003, plea of guilty, \$250 fine, \$191 court costs, 60 days suspended/6 months, \$40 per month probation fee, 80 hours community service.

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Sonora School Kids Help Victims of 9-11

By Tumbleweed Smith



This is an event that happened a year and a half ago. But the story is new to me and I thought I would share it.

When school kids in Sonora heard about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, they wanted to help.

They heard about an effort in San Angelo to fill shoe boxes with items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and lip ice. The students filled 500 shoe boxes with those items and took them to a mall in San Angelo for shipment to New York City.

Some of the students used red, white and blue yarn to resemble American flags. Others put words of encouragement on the outside of their boxes.

When the firefighters in New York City received the boxes, they were touched. Sonora had sent more than any other city.

The firemen wanted to repay the students in Sonora, so a New York City fireman, Frank Riboni, flew down to personally thank the youngsters. At the same time he was expressing his gratitude, he was also asking for more boxes. He said the need was tremendous.

The school kids were a little surprised by the request. They had worked hard to get the 500 boxes ready. There was some hesitation because among other things, school officials didn't know how the boxes were going to be shipped to New York because the San Angelo Mall drive had ended.

The students went to work getting the boxes ready. They were to take them to the office of the Main Street coordinator, Ann Kay, who was working with the teachers. The kids brought in 800 boxes.

Kingdom Trucking of Sonora took the boxes to New York at no cost.

Some of those boxes contained Texas pecans. They made quite a hit with the members of the New York City Fire Department. They scrambled to get them and cracked them open with their walkie-talkies.

On subsequent visits to Sonora, Frank Riboni was accompanied by New York City EMS fire captain Rosey Valdez. They took part in a flag ceremony and presented the students with some meaningful items including a crude cross made of melted steel that was once part of the World Trade Center. They gave Sonora school kids a fireman's helmet and a shirt worn by Rosey on 9-11. They gave them fire department patches, parking permits and passes to go anywhere at ground zero.

The items are being displayed in a shadow box frame. The youngsters in Sonora were unbelievably generous. They felt like they were helping people who needed help. They really did something. Something that they will remember the rest of their lives.

This story probably happened several times in numerous communities, but this happened in Sonora, Texas.

The items from the firemen serve as a tribute to a community that cares.

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By Ace Reid



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Students to display entries

Colorado Middle School students will give a preview of their National History Day projects at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, in the school cafeteria.

Program coordinator Dana Stockton said parents and Colorado City residents can view projects students are entering in national history competition Thursday, April 3, at McMurry University in Abilene.

At least 110 students completed history projects on a team and individual basis.

Skits and other projects were developed around the theme of "Rights and Responsibilities" and they will be presented and displayed in the cafeteria.

Stockton said, "All students had to research their own information for the projects."

Patti Pharris, seventh-grade Texas history teacher, and Steven Summers, sixth-grade social studies teacher, helped students organize projects after school.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TX Dexter's "Pistol Packin"</p> <p>5 TXism "he's bricks shy of a load"</p> <p>6 Gulf movement</p> <p>7 great TX base-baller Speaker</p> <p>8 Parker Co. seat</p> <p>16 TX McGill was in film "Shallow"</p> <p>17 Gov. Sam Houston refused to swear to the Confederacy in 1861</p> <p>21 TXism "couldn't beat with a stick"</p> <p>22 "A-Rod's" offensive tool (2 wds.)</p> <p>23 camel-like beasts</p> <p>24 TXism "let out of the bag"</p> <p>29 milk</p> <p>30 observed</p> <p>31 TX gunfighter Thompson (init.)</p> <p>32 TX frontier scout Carson</p> <p>34 TX actor Busey</p> <p>35 Houston or Dallas activity pool</p> <p>36 TX Farms is largest wildflower grower in the nation</p> <p>37 NFL commentator Collinsworth</p> <p>38 TXism: "no hill stepper"</p> <p>39 TXism: "he couldn't into a snow bank" recorded</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Rangers reliever from '92-'97</p> <p>2 TXism: "exciting as the IRS office"</p> <p>3 mean math?</p> <p>4 TXism: "quick as Texas rattler"</p> <p>9 TXism: "dropped it like a bad"</p> <p>10 Jack in film "Big Bad John"</p> <p>11 Dallas mayor (init.) (1953-61)</p> <p>12 Santa TX</p> <p>13 girl watchers?</p> <p>14 TX Jeannie C.</p> <p>15 TX Jimmy of 10-down</p> <p>18 western neighbor (postal abbr.)</p> <p>19 TX Jay Presson Allen wrote screenplay for this musical this Erik & TX Dabney appeared in "Midway"</p> <p>22 TXism: "goes together like candy store"</p> <p>24 TX puzzle (abbr.)</p> <p>25 TXism: "a fine do you do"</p> <p>30 Gulf "sheet"</p> <p>33 jeans bran</p> <p>34 TXism "reaper"</p> <p>35 duplicated</p> <p>37 actor in "Houseboat" with TX Hyer</p> <p>38 TXism: "alarm chill" (mild)</p> <p>40 Scandinavians</p> <p>41 TXism: "keep on your"</p> <p>44 TX Orbison ballad</p> <p>47 TXism: "that dander up"</p> <p>49 trooper's gun?</p>
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Cross Texas will perform Saturday.

RALLY

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Wendy Scott, wife of retired U.S. Army veteran Kyle Scott of Colorado City, has made and donated a red white and blue quilt to be given away the day of the rally.

Chances for the quilt are being sold at the Colorado City Record office for \$1 each. Funds raised will benefit the Dare to Care Rally.

Dalzell is a 23-year-old graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station. She received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and plans to attend law school in the fall.

As Miss Texas 2002, she earned the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss America 2003, where she placed in the top 10 and won a preliminary interview award.

Through her involvement in the Miss Texas and the Miss America pageants, she has earned more than \$42,500 which will be applied toward

her education.

Dalzell is a flutist, as well as a singer. She has been involved with her platform of "Shaping America's Volunteer Efforts."

Not only does she volunteer her time to community projects but she has been encouraging Texas residents to do the same in their communities.

As Miss Texas 2002, Dalzell travels daily on a statewide speaking tour, promoting the Texas Cares for Children Program to over 2,002 school assemblies as well as speaking about her platform to civic and charitable organizations in addition to corporations.

She will make approximately 400 appearances during her year as Miss Texas.

This program is a combined effort of the National Committee for the

Prevention of Child Abuse and the Miss America Organization.

Dalzell is the founder of the "Hands on Texas" school program. In this program, Dalzell promotes living a healthy lifestyle, saying no to drugs and alcohol, the importance of education, and developing character by respecting others.

Dalzell strives to teach children what and who is a role model, having dreams and goal setting, discovering their goals and being happy with themselves.

Dalzell is the administrator for the Hands on Texas website www.handsontexas.com an online service for youth. She is also a "Help One Student to Succeed" mentor, Action Reach-Out volunteer and Special Olympics volunteer.

Festival auction to aid church program

The Mustard Seed Mission Spring Concert Festival is set for Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., at Ruddick Park.

Festivities will include a silent auction of items donated by local businesses. Bids will be accepted throughout the day.

Items for the silent auction include three historic Big Spring Christmas winter scene prints; and a fireplace log holder donated by Allan's furniture in Big Spring; a gift basket with Circle E candles and gourmet coffee donated by Indian Summer; dinner gift certificates from Garcia's Restaurant; a decorative egg by Mary Christian; gift certificates from The Golden Comb; a barbecue grill built and

donated by Glenn Harkins and Troy Erwin; and western prints from Brady's Sign Art of Midland. Others items donated are CD cases, a pocket watch, beauty sets, antique collectibles, baby blankets, and spring flower arrangements.

Musical performances include "Cross Texas" of Brownwood and the Christian group "7 by 3" of Lubbock.

Local performers include Ken Northcutt, Judy Beasley, Dena Azlin, Lacey Hampton, Gayle Younger, Edith Womack and group.

Children's activities include a clown, Air Castle, and face painting.

The festival concession trailers will be selling barbecue, burgers, corn dogs, funnel cakes, and an old Harkins

family recipe of fried cheesecake.

Proceeds from the festivities as well as love offerings will benefit F.R.O.G. Friends, Mustard Seed Mission's summer church camp outreach program.

The F.R.O.G. (Fully Relying on God) Friends program takes children to summer church camp. The children who are selected to go do not have a stable family, cannot afford to go to camp, or do not attend church throughout the year.

The 2003 camp is June 9-12 at West Texas Baptist Encampment in Floydada.

The camp purpose is to provide children with four fun spirit-filled days of memories that can be taken home to

improve their family life.

The mission sent 30 children last year. It has 76 on the list to attend this year. The mission is still accepting names of children interested in attending.

The mission website is www.mustardseedmission.org. This website includes newsletter archives, parents' page, prayer journal, camp activities, photos, and information on outreach programs.

For information, contact the Mustard Seed Mission c/o Heather Harkins, 5266 LCR 256, Colorado City, Texas 79512 or at 1-888-606-2106. Local contact for festival information is Becky Harkins at 728-9017.

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USDA encourages the Food and Agriculture Community to increase Security Measures

By Keith Hiser
County Executive Director
Mitchell County FSA

The Department of Agriculture is taking steps to assure that employees and representatives throughout the food and agriculture community are alerted and aware of the need for extra precautions during this time. USDA is encouraging state and private authorities to monitor feedlots, stockyards, import and storage areas for chemicals and other hazardous materials.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security elevated the terrorism threat level to orange, which indicates a high risk of attack to U.S. interests both domestically and overseas. As a result of the increased security level, the USDA would like to encourage each of you, whether you are involved in disease diagnosis, animal movement, livestock production or marketing of agricultural products, to be vigilant in your awareness.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has also announced that the foreign animal disease (FAD) surveillance should be increased nationwide, to be particularly aware of any indication that could signal the occurrence of a highly contagious disease or any other unusual or unex-

plained adverse animal health event. No potential FAD cases should be disregarded.

Potential hoaxes should be treated as suspect incursions of a disease until proven otherwise. Specific attention should be directed at livestock and poultry concentration points.

Be particularly alert to these five signs:

1. Sudden, unexplained death loss in the herd or flock.
2. Severe illness affecting a high percentage of the animals.
3. Blistering around an animal's mouth, nose, teats or hooves.
4. Unusual ticks or maggots.
5. Staggering, falling or central nervous system disorders.

If you see something unusual, contact your local law enforcement authorities immediately and notify the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242. (Or, if you reside outside Texas, please contact your state veterinarian's office.)

Also USDA has prepared information outlining simple, yet important steps, which can be taken to prevent or respond to a threat to our food supply. The information is available at www.usda.gov/homelandsecurity/homeland.html.

loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Greetings. Along with you readers, we hope this war will soon be over. Television is bringing the war into our living rooms and we see the horrors of it all too closely.

Our prayers go to our service men and women.

In the rockets red glare, The bombs bursting in air Gave proof through the night That our brave were still there.

Guests in the home of Pres and Billie Powell last Sunday were Mary Layfield, Graham and son Joe of Ft. Smith, AR.

Billie and Mary are old friends and also classmates, graduating at Loraine High School in 1943.

Before Loraine, they both went to school at Lone Star.

I spoke with Loraine Fire Chief Donny Phillips and he reports that the annual auction gets bigger each year with more consignments and gifts.

The auction will again be held at the Co-op Gin. It starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 29.

The sale has cars, tractors, trailers, and all sorts of machinery that will be on the auction block.

Sunday afternoon Betty Chandler took Dorothy Haltom for a ride out in the country around Loraine.

Dorothy showed Betty where a lot of the Loraine folks live.

I received a call from Blondie Hamilton of Westminster, TX, Friday, reporting that she had a great visit with Ida Baird and it really made her day.

Dale Baird and his mother, enroute to a shop in Dallas, made a call to Blondie and they met in the small town of Mellisa.

Blondie said Ida looked very well and they had a enjoyable time while together.

Ladies of the Loraine Baptist Church, with Fielda Blair coordinating, will have a wedding shower Saturday, March 5 at 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall for Krystal Butler of Laredo and the prospective groom, David Barrera of Laredo.

We still have concerns for Elba Mae Evans, and we add Duel Blair to our list. We send them our well wishes and prayers.

Brad and Penny Henderson visited with Doris and Theran Saturday and Sunday. They were enroute to the Scottish Rites Hospital in Dallas for Morgan's yearly check-up.

Attending church at Loraine Methodist Sunday, along with her parents, George and Brenda Martin, was their daughter Sheila and her children.

Wayne Childs was also a visitor Sunday at the Methodist Church. He was very welcomed.

Visiting with Juanice Butler and Doris and Harry Dockery Sunday were Truitt and Betty Butler of Katy, Texas.

While Truitt Butler was in Loraine, he also visited with Theran and Doris Henderson.

Stan Long visited his dad, Narl Long Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Flaten of Oklahoma and their three children visited with Narl and Joan Long.

From the Loraine Ex-Students Association newsletter, these excerpts were taken from "Looking Back": The Mitchell County Newspaper was the last newspaper in Loraine. It was owned and operated by J.W. King. He was a self-taught printer and linotype operator.

Mr. King was a man who saved his words for his weekly editorial column, "On the Beam". His column was informative, fair and addressed the community. He taught several young men his trade.

In 1953 after I was discharged from the Navy with a leg amputated and an uncertain future, Mr. King encouraged me to learn the linotype. He located a school and assured me a job when I completed the training.

Printing was not the only lesson learned during my time at the Mitchell County News.

J.W. King along with past merchants of Loraine may be gone but they are not forgotten.

Loraine still has a spirit of community and is still a great place to grow up. Written by Orbie Ray Linder, class of '48.

Betty Chandler had two of her grandchildren, Ran Kilpatrick from Abilene and Loren Scott from Granbury over the weekend.

Betty and Loren drove to Ozona, spent the night, then on to the Sonora Caverns. It was a fun time.

Betty and Dorothy Haltom took Loren to Colorado City on Saturday and ate at the Sonic. Later they put Loren on a bus for Granbury.

Loraine Senior Center We are pleased that Tommy Wright is feeling better. We think he enjoys singing and we certainly enjoy hearing him. On the 17th, he did a great job.

On the 19th, Vida Mae McDaniel entertained us with a

Name That Tune program. (You all know how well she plays piano). She picked out some great selections and the seniors had fun.

C.E.A. Mary McMullen gave a good nutritional report on calcium, the need to keep bones strong as possible in older age and the bad results of not getting enough calcium.

The Wilson Western Band entertained the senior crowd in great western style. We like their music very much.

The Mexican Pile-On fundraiser held at the Center Saturday night was a good success.

Many thanks to all in the community who helped in many ways. Thanks to Edgar Haltom for making a gallon of salsa for the meal and to all those who helped in the kitchen.

Also, a special thanks to the ones who furnished the music for the evening: Tommy Wright, Edith and Fred

Womack, Johnny Coulon, Henry and Kelly Mitchell, Donnie Cornutt, Joanna Self, Dub Wooddell, and Jeff Wooddell, Charles Dunn, and Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams.

Five-week-old, Carson Mitchell, (Henry and Kelly's baby boy) attended the pile-on, but I don't think anyone gave him any salsa.

I couldn't find out if he slept in his daddy's guitar case during the jam.

In Texas, a Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol, but a Ford F350 4x4 is.

In Texas "Y'ALL" is singular and "ALL Y'ALL" is plural.

"ALL Y'ALL" have a good week now, you hear!

Bye for now.

BIRTHS

Ashly and Trevlyn Pitner of Pampa would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Maci Bryn Pitner. She was born March 12, 2003 at Amarillo B.S.A. Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Joe and Vicki Weaver of Colorado City and Keith and Chiva Pitner of Austin.

Bradon James Upshaw Limones would like to announce the birth of his baby brother, Lathan Conner Limones, born on February 26, 2003 at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital

in Sweetwater at 11:57 am. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The proud parents are Bubba and LeeAnn Limones.

His grandparents are Shirley and Roger Cline of Big Spring and Mary and Jimmie Upshaw of Colorado City.

Great-grandparents are Ray and Jan Cline of Port Arthur and Pete and Opal Upshaw of Colorado City. Great-great grandmothers are Betty Safford of Colorado City and Bessie Jones of Ft. Stockton. His great-great grandpa is R.D. Cline of Port Arthur.

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

ing records and searching the files, she discovered there is a written contract between Shutt and the city that went into effect in 1994 when he was hired as city manager.

"A lot of the council persons were not on the council at that time," Fuller said. "Despite representations that there was no contract, we have found a written contract from 1994, which was an 'at will' contract."

"The city manager has agreed not to request an additional contract and to stay under the 1994 'at will' contract."

Fuller said the contract is still in effect and "is an 'at will' contract, which means he can be fired for any reason, just like every employee in the city."

"The City Charter requires that it be a perpetual contract ... never-ending. That contract is still in effect today."

Shutt said the 1994 contract is "not really a contract but an employment agreement. That's what it is."

Fuller said Shutt requested a "for cause" contract, "which means he can only be fired for certain reasons."

Fuller said the contract talks are closed "as far as I know ... unless another council person requests one."

"The city manager was requesting the contract and he is withdrawing his request for the contract."

Fuller explained that Texas is an employment "at will" state, "which means that unless you have a written contract with your employer, you can be fired for any reason. The city manager had an 'at will' contract in 1994."

"He was attempting to get a for cause contract, which means we could not fire him except for specific reasons. No other employee in the city has a 'for cause' contract. He wanted special protection and I was opposed to that."

Fuller said she drew up a proposed "for cause" contract at Shutt's request, but "I did not suggest that the council accept it. That was the hold up ... that it was in my opinion that they should not accept it."

Fuller reiterated that since Shutt removed the contract from Tuesday night's agenda the talks are closed "unless another council person requests that it be put on the agenda again."

"It is my understanding that it is not going back on there," Fuller said. "When I made my legal opinion known to the council persons, it became apparent that it was not going to be a vote in favor of the contract and it was removed from the agenda."

Fuller said the "for cause" contract provided protection for the city manager, but no protection for the city.

Fuller said the contract signed in 1994 was "city friendly. The one that was being proposed was not city friendly. It was city manager friendly, and obviously I represent the city, so I can't favor it."

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COOK'S CORNER

Each year strawberry season reminds us that spring is near. Strawberry recipes are bountiful in this week's Cook's Corner. Enjoy these mouth-watering strawberry recipes.

Strawberry Nut Bread

10 oz. frozen sliced strawberries
2 eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 cup sugar
1 cup white all-purpose flour
1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup chopped, toasted hazelnuts

Thaw strawberries. Beat eggs until fluffy. Add oil, sugar and berries, beating until light. Mix flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt. Blend flour mixture into strawberry mixture until flour is moistened. Do not over mix. Stir in nuts. Pour into greased loaf pan.

Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pan. Finish cooling on rack.

Strawberry Sherbet

3/4 pound ripe strawberries, hulled
the juice of an orange and a lemon
3/4 cup sugar
1 pint water

Put the hulled strawberries through a strainer. Combine the lemon and orange juices with them, and in the meantime, sim-

mer the sugar and water uncovered for 10 minutes.

Stir the syrup into the fruit mixture and make the sherbet, following the instructions given by the manufacturer of your ice cream machine.

Strawberry Fool

12 oz. frozen chopped strawberries
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. orange extract
1 1/4 cups heavy cream

Process the berries and sugar with on and off button until just mixed. Add extract.

Whip the cream until stiff, then fold the strawberry mixture. Transfer to serving bowl and refrigerate at least 4 hours or until firm.

This can be scooped out into individual parfait glasses and served with sugar cookies for a fancier presentation.

Mile High Pie with Two Sauces

1 Tbsp. safflower oil
1 1/2 cups plus 2 Tbsp. sugar
12 egg whites
1 Tbsp. pure vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
Vanilla Yogurt Sauce
1 1/4 cups low-fat milk
1 vanilla bean
3 egg yolks
2 Tbsp. sugar
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
Strawberry Sauce
1 cup thawed strawberries
1 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice

Brush the inside of a 9" springform pan with oil. Sprinkle in 2 Tbsp. of the sugar. Preheat oven to 300°.

To prepare the meringue, put the egg whites, vanilla extract and cream of tartar into a bowl. Begin beating the whites at low speed, gradually increasing the speed to medium as the whites turn opaque. Add the remaining 1 1/2 cups sugar a Tbsp. at a time, increasing the beater speed all the while. When all the sugar has

been incorporated, continue beating the whites on high speed until they are glossy and form stiff peaks when the beater is lifted from the bowl.

Transfer the meringue to the springform pan. Smooth the top of the meringue with a long spatula or the dull side of a knife. Bake the pie until it has risen and is lightly browned, about 40 minutes. It will be moist throughout. Remove the pie from the oven and let it cool to room temperature in the pan.

While the pie is baking and cooling, make the sauces. To make the vanilla yogurt sauce, heat the milk, vanilla bean, egg yolks and sugar in a small heavy-bottomed, nonreactive saucepan set over low heat. Cook the mixture, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Strain the sauce into a bowl and set it aside; when it has cooled to room temperature, whisk in the yogurt.

Just before serving the pie, remove the sides of the pan. With a wet knife, cut the pie into wedges; present them with the vanilla yogurt sauce and the strawberry sauce poured around them. If you like, swirl the two sauces together in a decorative manner.

City approves equipment for clean-up day

The City Council voted 6-1 during its Tuesday, March 25, meeting to provide city equipment and extend the landfill's hours during the April 5 clean-up day.

Mayor Bob Reily and council members Verta Hardegree, Alex Rocha, Blaine Lemons, Faye-Ross Gonzales and Justin Harris favored the motion.

Mayor pro-tem Sammy Contreras opposed the proposal, citing his concern to help preserve available space in the city's landfill.

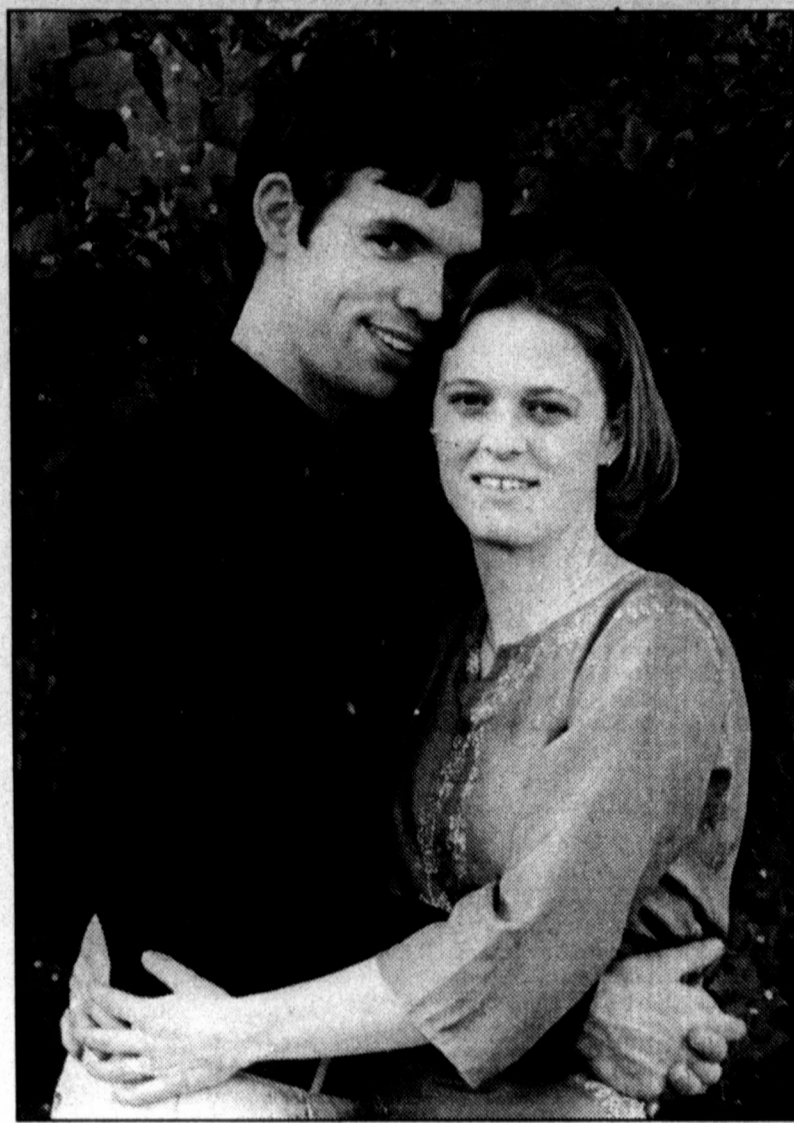
Chuck Fisher, Keep Colorado City Beautiful coordinator, made the request to the council.

The council voted to provide the event with two dump trucks and a front-end loader and open the landfill free of charge to Colorado City residents.

The landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We hope to provide the manpower to go with the trucks and pick up the trash," Reily said. "I think residents can get rid of a lot of items."

"I talked to the Chamber of Commerce and they have received 18 requests for assistance. We're trying to whittle that down and get the people who really need the help or you can't afford it."



David Barrera and Krystal Butler

Engagement announced

Pam and Danny Butler of Loraine would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Krystal Lea Butler of Laredo, to David Martin Barrera, also of Laredo. Parents of the future groom are Mike and Polly Barrera of Laredo.

The couple will wed at 1 pm on May 3, 2003 in the United Baptist Church of Laredo.

The bride-to-be received a

Master's degree in Physical Therapy from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She is employed as a department head of the Physical Therapy Rehab Unit at Mercy Health Center.

The future groom received a Pre-Med Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Baylor University. He is employed by Buckner Children's Family Services.

Nolan speaks to B&PW Club

Pearlene Nolan of Snyder told members of the Colorado City Business and Professional Women of her recent visit with missionaries Charlie and Pat

Reynolds in Guatemala. The World Affairs committee was host for the meeting. The Reynold's work with "His Appointed Times Ministries",

where Guatemalan policemen are trained in defensive tactics as they carry no weapons. Friends and other law enforcement officers from the states join him during their vacations and leaves to assist with the training.

Nolan told of a project to train women who live in the city dump to make tapestries as a way of improving living conditions for their families. She said the cities are overcrowded and most of the people are very poor. She also praised their democratic government and the beauty of the country. She brought samples of Guatemalan tapestry and weaving.

Reports were given on fundraising projects for the hospital room to be furnished by the organization.

District 7 Spring Conference will be in Midland March 29, with Permian Central as host. Members planning to attend are Pauline Light, District Treasurer; Bobbie Banks, Chair for District Woman of the Year; Margaret Ann Cohaway, Colorado City Woman of the Year; Christine Cooley, LO president, and Shirley Delaney.

Those present were Donna Barlow, Molly Bruce, Nancy Crow, Lovess Curlee, Virginia Dearen, Mildred Free, Juanita Stigen, Shirley Scott, Sue Womack, Jolene Barber, Banks, Cooley, Delaney, Light, and guest Nolan.

Pink Ladies plan awards dinner

Pink Ladies of the Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary voted to purchase a commercial gas range for the hospital kitchen after a request from Billie Woods. Price is approximately \$4000.

Scott Gassiot brought a proposal for two additional soft drink machines to be placed in the doctor's office waiting area and the emergency waiting area of the new hospital. Possibility of a hot drink machine for the cafeteria area was also discussed.

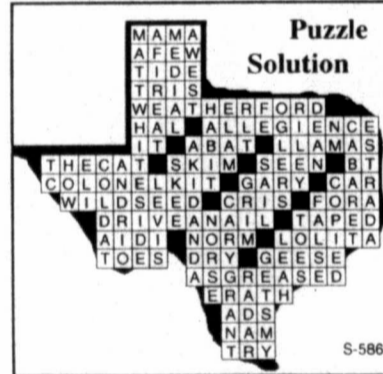
Treasurer reported an income of \$688 from the booth at the Railhead. President Pauline Light expressed thanks for all the workers and appreciation for the City National Bank who sponsored the booth.

Annual awards dinner will be April 1 at the C.C. Thompson Room. Members and their guests including all hospital board members are invited. After presentation of awards, Interim Administrator Linda Mize will install officers for 2003-2004. Those elected are Pauline Light, President; Ernestine O'Dell, Vice-President; Gloria Erwin, Treasurer; and Lovess Curlee, Secretary.

President Light reported a desk chair had been purchased for the gift shop. She also presented names of persons contacted about membership and encouraged members to invite others to join. Anyone interested in being a Pink Lady may call any member for more information.

Those present were Light, Erwin, Stubblefield, Curlee, Mary Ellis, Bonnie Farrar, Thelma Howell, Juanita Stigen, Virginia Dearen, Sibyl Walding, Betty Bagwell, Shirley

Delaney and guests, Gassiot and Woods.



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**Colorado ISD
Kelley, Hutchinson, CMS
Breakfast Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Dry cereal, teddy grahams, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Corn dog w/mustard, fresh apple, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Breadsticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Sausage w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Bad Weather Day.

**Colorado ISD
Kelley and Hutchinson
Elementary Lunch Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, golden corn, hot rolls, peaches, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Piggy rounds, hen berries, golden coins, hard tack, red icicle, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn on the cob, hot rolls, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Burrito w/cheese, spanish rice, tossed salad, pears, choice of milk.
Friday - Bad Weather Day.

**Colorado ISD
CMS Lunch Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Chef salad w/ham, hot dog on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Chef salad w/ham, beef n mac, garlic bread, golden corn, peaches, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Garden salad, steak sandwich, french fries, glazed carrots, pears, choice of milk.
Thursday - Chef salad w/bacon, mac n cheese, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - Bad Weather Day.

**Colorado ISD
High School
Breakfast Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, pancake

pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, egg-potato burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, bread sticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Bad Weather Day.

**Colorado ISD
High School
Lunch Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Chef salad w/ham, hot dog on a bun, steak sandwich, potato wedges, baked beans, peaches, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Chef salad w/ham, grilled cheese sandwich, beef n mac, garlic bread, golden corn, peaches, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Garden salad, steak sandwich, chicken nuggets, french fries, glazed carrots, pears, choice of milk.
Thursday - Chef salad w/bacon, polish sausage on bun, mac n cheese, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - Bad Weather Day.

**Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk.
Wednesday - Breakfast stick, fruit, milk.
Thursday - Cheese toast, bacon, juice, milk.
Friday - Donut, toast, fruit, milk.

**Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, English peas, biscuit,

pudding, milk.
Tuesday - Sausage on-a-stick, chili beans, macaroni w/cheese, bread, cobbler, milk.
Wednesday - Enchiladas, beans, salsa, Spanish rice, peaches, milk.
Thursday - Hamburger, french fries, ketchup, salad, shape-up, milk.
Friday - Grilled cheese sandwich, onion rings, ketchup, corn, apple, cookies, milk.

**Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Donuts, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - Sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Oatmeal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Raspberry churros, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

**Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
March 31-April 4**
Monday - Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, biscuits, honey, milk.
Tuesday - Chicken spaghetti, black-eyed peas, lettuce wedge, peaches, milk.
Wednesday - Sliced turkey & gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, sliced bread, milk.
Thursday - Burritos, salsa, tossed salad, corn, fruit bar, milk.
Friday - Hamburgers w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickle, french fries, oranges, milk.

Lady Bulldogs lose first district game to Miles

After getting off to a 2-0 district mark, the Loraine Lady Bulldogs tasted defeat at the hands of state-ranked Miles last Monday to the tune of 16-5 in a 5-inning game played at Loraine.

Miles jumped off to an 11-0 lead after the end of 2 1/2 innings. The Lady Bulldogs pushed across a single run in the bottom of the third inning

to cut the lead to 11-1. Miles put up 3 more runs in the top of the fourth inning to push the lead to 14-1 before Loraine scored 2 more runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Each team scored 2 runs in the final inning to leave the final score at 16-5.

Loraine is now 2-1 in district play, one game behind Miles. The Lady Bulldogs are 6-7 on

the season.

"We hit the ball well against Miles," said coach Rick Lucas. "Angela Wooddell had a home run in her 3-for-3 outing. April Bailey had a triple while Krystal Sanchez and Eliza Garcia each had a couple of hits. Our defense and pitching weren't quite as good as it has been but we are still in good shape for making the playoffs this year."

Thinclads place at track meets

Several Westbrook Wildcats high school and junior high tracksters placed in recent track meets.

Keshia Thurman placed 4th in the 400-meter dash and 4th in the 110-meter hurdles at the Grady meet. Her teammate Codi Waldrep finished 6th in the 300-meter hurdles in the meet.

In boys action Josiah Hannon placed 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles and 4th in the 110-meter intermediate hurdles.

On the junior high school side the 400-meter relay team of Linsey Chavez, Courtney Bisnette, Lauren Johnson and Keisha Krapf finished in 4th place while the 800-meter relay team of Chavez, Monica Molina, Johnson and Krapf also finished 4th in the 800-meter relay.

At the Loop meet, the junior high 400-meter relay team of Linsey Chavez, Rachel Gonzales, Courtney Bisnette and Keisha Krapf finished 5th in the 100-meter dash. Chavez

finished 4th in the 400-meter dash.

In the high school boy's division Josiah Hannon was kept busy. He placed 1st in the 110-meter intermediate hurdles, 1st in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, 4th in the triple jump and 4th in the discus.

Cory Morton finished 3rd in the 3200-meter run as well as throwing the discus and shot put. Majt Truelove participated in the 100 and 200-meter dashes and in the long jump.

CMS students to compete in competition

One hundred and two students from Colorado Middle School are competing Thursday, March 27 in Abilene at McMurry University in the National History Day 2003 Regional Competition.

The students can compete in group or individual categories. The categories are historical paper, individual or group exhibit, individual or group performance, individual or group documentary.

Last year 61 students competed and 20 of these students went on to participate at the state competition in Austin.



MEMBERS OF LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL'S One-Act Play "The Tale That Wagged The Dog" are, top row (l-r) William Clements, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; middle row, Vanessa Jones, Christina Rico and Jenny Moore; bottom row, Stacy Parham, Stephanie Rich, All-Star cast member and Amanda Walker. Byrde Sparks, sponsor is not pictured.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are Dylan Billingsley, Hunter Booth and Kandace Johnson.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson

Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Dylan Billingsley, Hunter Booth and Kandace Johnson.

Dylan is a third-grader in Mrs. Partin's class. His mother is Yolanda Lopez. His special pet is his cat named Daisy, who has kittens. His favorite hobby is to run. His favorite subject is PE, and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is recess and his teacher.

Hunter is a fourth-grader at Hutchinson Elementary. His parents are Kelley Rivera and Ray Rivera. He has a pet dog named Casey. His favorite subject is Math, and his favorite part of Hutchinson is PE.

Kandace is a fifth-grader at Hutchinson Elementary. Her

parents are John and Kathy Johnson. Her favorite hobby is PE. Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is Band.

Each week a student from each grade level is chosen as the student of the week and a picture is in the paper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teachers. The student receives a "dog tag" necklace imprinted with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.

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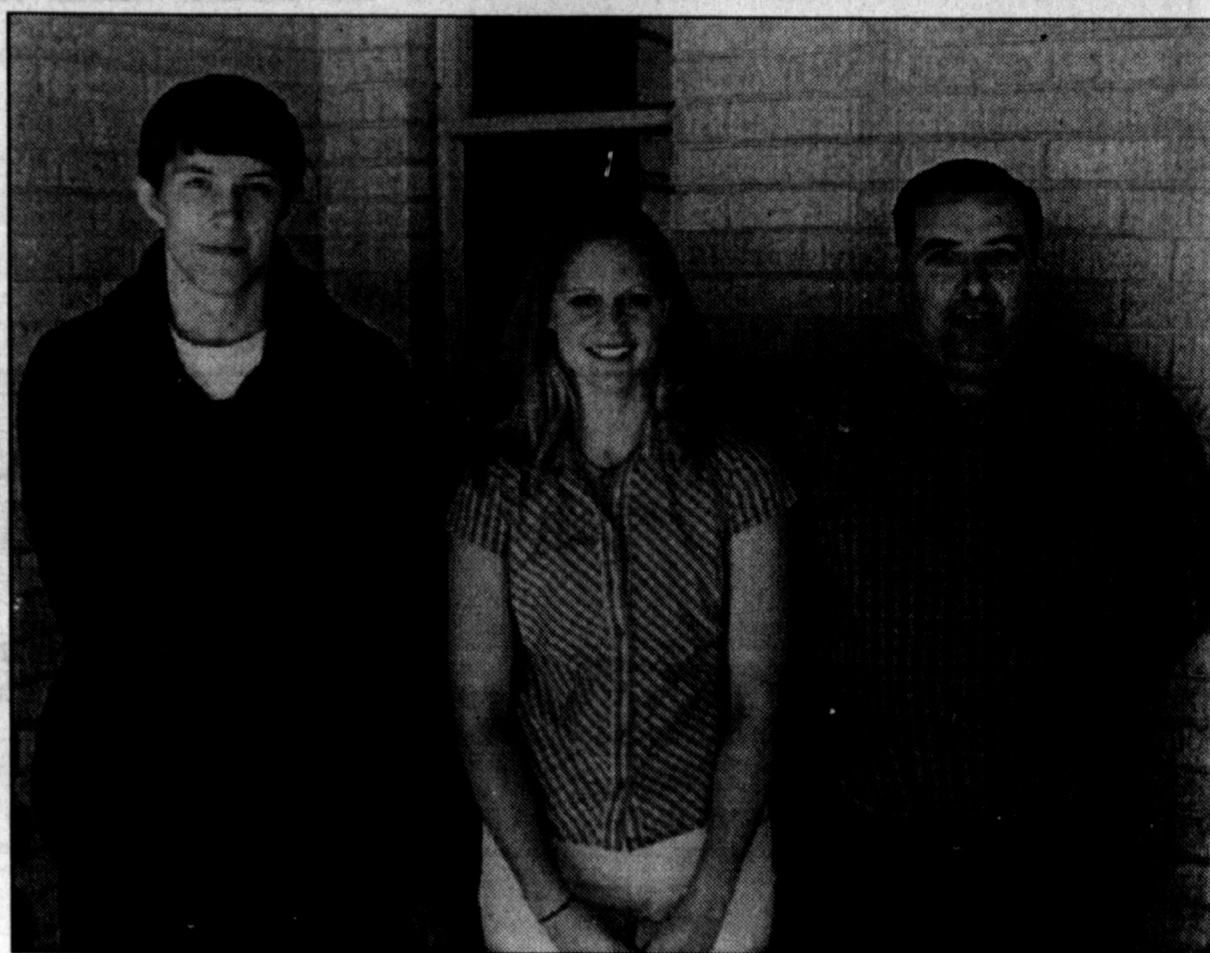
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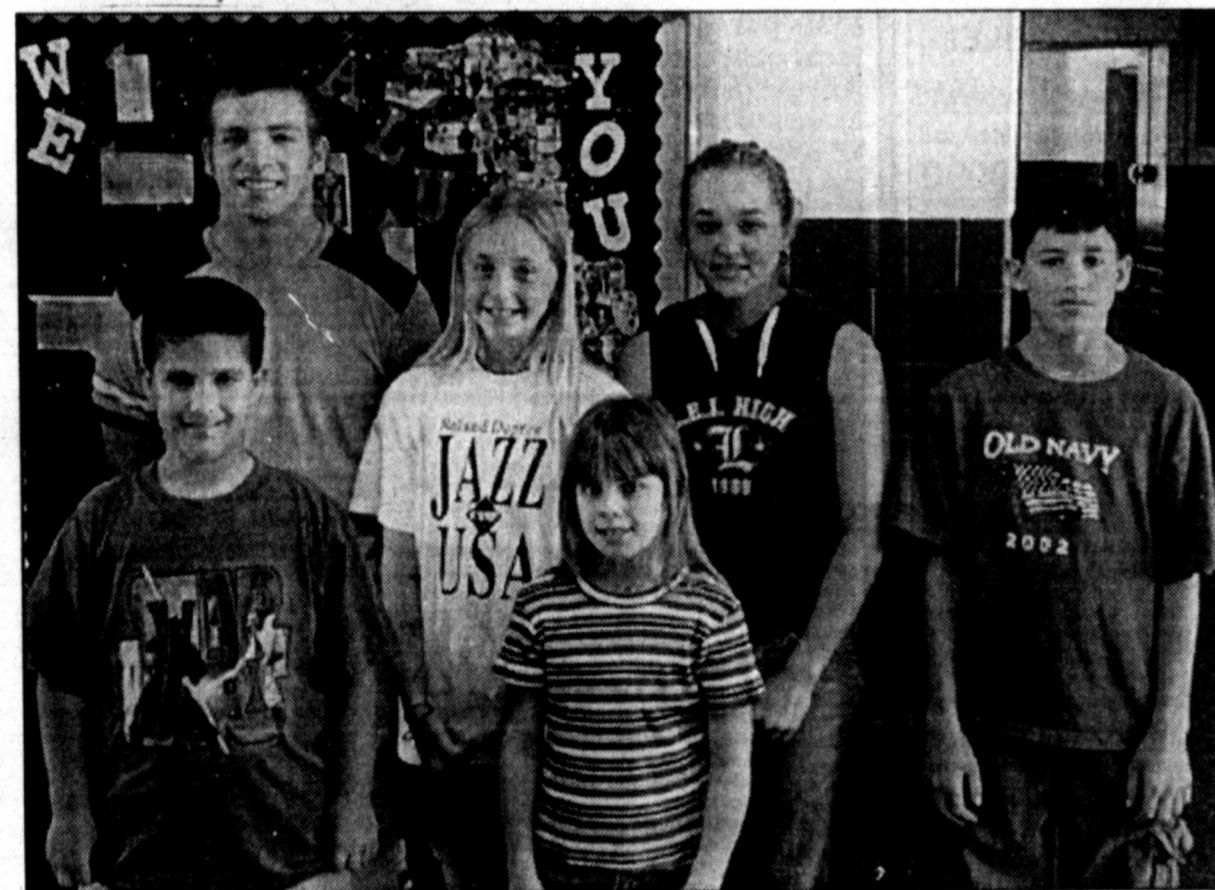
MEMBERS OF WESTBROOK'S ONE-ACT PLAY "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals" are bottom row (l-r) Daley Seeker, Trey Chavez, Belle Parham, Codi Waldrep; back row (l-r) Elizabeth Hannon, Landon Graham, All-Star cast member Sterling Burlison, and Matt Truelove. Not pictured are Courtney Bridges, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.



LORAIN ISD STUDENTS placing at the UIL meet were (l-r) William Clements, who placed 5th in Mathematics and 6th in Computer Apps; Stephanie Rich, who placed 1st in Number Sense; and Mike Chunn, Sponsor.



LORAIN ISD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are (l-r) Megan Sanchez, Timothy Garza and Jodi Bradley.



WESTBROOK ISD STUDENTS OF THE MONTH are (l-r) Hardy Berber, Landon Graham, Keisha Krapf, Kenzey Morris, Codi Waldrep and Josh Fernandez.

Loraine crushes Westbrook in cross-county baseball game

The Loraine Bulldogs needed only 4 1/2 innings last Tuesday night to dispose of the Westbrook Wildcats in District 6-A baseball action at Loraine's Preston Field. The Bulldogs scored 2 runs in the first, 5 more in the second, another 4 in the third and 3 more in the fourth to put the Wildcats away 14-1. The Wild-

cats sole run came in the top of the first inning. The Bulldogs Ryan Lucas went the distance, striking out 10 batters in the four innings he worked and was the winning pitcher. Colt Rich started for Westbrook and had relief help from Jordan Johnson in the second inning. Rich was charged with

the loss. Lucas helped his own cause with a home run. George Davila, Anthony Esquivel, J.P. Meneses, Steven Wooddell and Lucas all had doubles in the contest. Loraine's record now moves to 1-1 in district play while Westbrook goes to 0-2.

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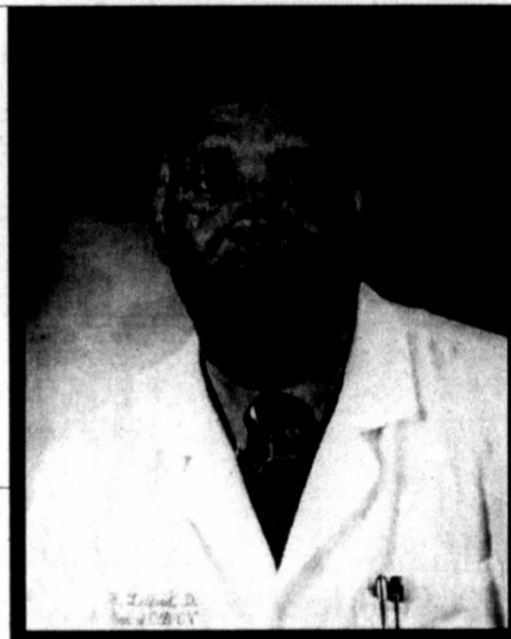
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Speaking of Sports...

By Carl Graham

Boy, you talk about a busy time of the year!

You have baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, power lifting, golf and who knows what else at this time of the year. I notice that a lot of athletes are once again trying to compete in more than one sport. And they are doing a darn good job of it as well.

Our Wolf baseball team is looking real good as is the softball team. Also a big congratulations to the C-City Wolf boys and girls high school track team that brought back first place trophies for winning the Post Caprock Track Meet last Saturday.

From now until the end of the school year you can expect to have a full slate of activities going on around each campus.

We wish you all the best of luck in whatever sport or activity you are involved in!

Wolf JV drop three at tourney

The Colorado Wolf JV baseball team did not fare well at last weekend's JV baseball tournament held at Sweetwater, losing all three contests.

In game one the Wolves lost a 9-7 nailbiter to the Jim Ned JV. Cole Ratliff was the starter for the Wolves in that game.

The Wolves drew Lamesa JV next and lost an even closer game, this time by an 8-7 margin. Nolan Frizell was the starter for that game.

In game three the Wolves played the host Sweetwater JV. This time the Wolves dropped the five-inning contest 11-1 with Henry Reyna getting tagged with the loss.

Transportation

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in Levelland and West Texas Opportunities in Lamesa.

"They all provide transportation services adjacent to us now," Mayo said.

Aspermont provides service to Fisher County; Concho Valley to Coke and Sterling counties; South Plains to Scurry County; and West Texas to Howard County.

The Texas Department of Public Transportation provides Mitchell County with \$170,000 to provide the services.

Mayo said he is looking into "the number of vans and how much service the districts can provide us. We have one van and one driver now and we hope to increase that."

During its March 18 meeting, Commissioners Court voted to join an existing rural transit district rather than form a new one with Nolan and Taylor counties.

People for Progress Inc. in Sweetwater provides the van service for residents in Mitchell and Nolan counties and rural Taylor County.

Bill Hale, TxDOT's Abilene district engineer, said the state agency is proposing that the three counties form a rural transit district of their own or join existing ones.

Mayo said the three counties do not currently comprise a district.

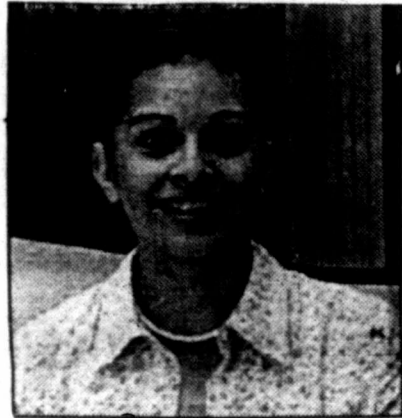
Mayo said People for Progress Inc. in Sweetwater would no longer provide the transportation service in the county.

The service will continue but under a new provider.

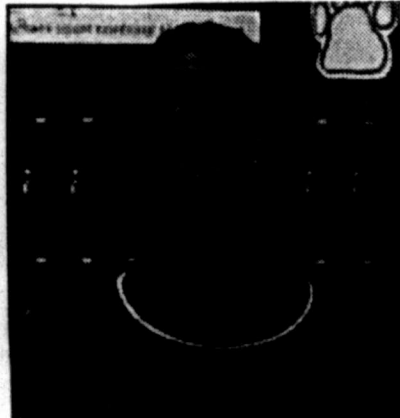
"The service is provided to the elderly and disabled if they need transportation to the doctor, grocery store or pay bills," Mayo said. "The provider will pick them up, take them to where they want to go and take them home."



WOLF SLUGGER FIDEL SILVA takes a hefty cut during batting practice Monday. The Wolves were rained out of their district opener against Coahoma last Friday. The game will be rescheduled in early April.



Alison Lopez



Jacobie Russell

More basketball honors for Colorado City pair

Senior Alison Lopez and junior Jacobie Russell continue to add more accolades to their high school basketball career as the dynamic duo added being named to the Abilene Reporter-News All Big-Country Class 2A Team.

Russell, a 5-10 point guard made the first team in Class 2A and tabbed to the second team on the Super Team, a collection of the best players in all classifications.

Russell was beat out by dis-

trict rival point guard Chase Davis for the first team Super Team. Russell averaged 15.6 points per game, 7.4 rebounds, 4.1 steals and 7.2 assists per game. He is a three-year starter for the Wolves.

Lopez, a 5-7 guard, averaged 16 points per game, 5.5 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 3.7 assists per game. She is hoping to carry her basketball skills to the next level in the future. She was a four-year starter for the Lady Wolves.

CMS 8th grade girls do well at local meet

The CMS 8th grade girls track team placed well in last Thursday's track meet held here.

Placing for the girls were: Pole Vault: Shante Kries, 1st, 6'7"; High Jump: Sequiese Jones, 2nd, 4'4"; Sonja Rocha, 3rd, 3'8"; Long Jump: Kassi Shoals, 2nd, 14'2"; Katesia Russell, 3rd, 13'7 1/4; Amanda McClinton, 4th, 13'5 1/2; Tri-

ple Jump: Kassi Shoals, 2nd, 31'5 1/4; Katesia Russell, 3rd, 29'11"; Amanda Castillo, 4th, 26' 6 1/2"; Shot Put: Paige Newby, 1st, 34'6 1/2"; Brittany Hill, 2nd, 34'1 1/2"; Michelle Arispe, 6th, 26'11 1/2"; Discus: Paige Newby, 1st, 97'; Brittany Hill, 4th, 74'1"; 2400-meter run: Aaron McPhaul, 2nd, 10:24.52; Amanda Free, 5th 11:51.04; 400-meter relay: K. Shoals, K. Russell, J. Castillo, P. Newby, 2nd, 57:16; 800-

meter run: Brittany Selvera, 5th, 3:28.99; Kassi Owens, 6th, 3:38.00; 100-meter hurdles: Donica Fowler, 3rd, 20:22; Sequiese Jones, 5th, 21:04; Amanda McClinton, 6th, 21:95; 100-meter dash: Kassi Shoals, 1st, 14.01; Katesia Russell, 3rd, 14.68; Jessica Castillo, 5th, 15.37; 800-meter relay: (K. Shoals, S. Kries, A. Castillo, P. Newby), 2nd, 2:04.44; 300-meter hurdles: Sequiese Jones, 3rd, 1:00.11; Shante Kries, 4th, 1:03.05; Donica Fowler, 6th, 1:10.02; 400-meter dash: Kim Harris, 1st, 1:12.92; Sonja Rocha, 3rd, 1:14.67; Meagan Lopez, 6th, 1:17.85; 200-meter dash: Paige Newby, 1st, 28.61; Brittany Hill, 5th, 31.99; Meagan Lopez, 6th, 32.72; 1600-meter run: Aaron McPhaul, 2nd, 6:37.51; Amanda Free, 6th, 7:09.11; 1600-meter relay: (K. Harris, S. Rocha, B. Hill, A. Castillo), 1st, 4:59.76.

Mustangs' 7th-inning homer dooms Wolves

The Colorado Wolves lost a 7-6 battle to state-ranked class 3-A Sweetwater at A.W. Phillips Field last Tuesday. It was the first time in three meetings this season the state-ranked Mustangs have been able to walk away with a win over the Wolves.

The frustrated Mustangs jumped on the Wolves for an early 5-0 lead only to see the lead dwindle to 5-2 after three innings and tied at 5-5 at the end of four.

Each team scored in the fifth inning to remain tied, this time at 6-6.

No one was able to push across a run in the sixth inning leaving it up for someone to step it up in the final inning. That is when Sweetwater used a solo homer to take a one-run lead, forcing the Wolves to step up to the plate with the game on the line.

The Wolves could not get a run, allowing the Mustangs to take the 7-6 contest.

Coach Brandon Collins used three different pitchers in the game.

"I was more concerned about getting our pitching staff a few innings in than in getting

another win under our belts," said Coach Collins. "We felt going into our district opener with Coahoma that they needed some work. We had already defeated them twice and knew they were frustrated and wanted desperately to come away with a win. They are a good, solid ballclub."

Fidel Silva, David Salazar and Jon Spear all got in some work with Spear getting tabbed with the loss.

Silva banged a double and a home run while Salazar and Andrew Regalado also hit home runs for the Wolves.

Wolves, Lady Wolves win 1st place at Caprock Relays

The Colorado High School boys and girls varsity track teams earned first place trophies at last Saturday's Caprock Relays held in Post.

The boys varsity team outscored their closest competitor, Hale Center, by 100 points as they racked up 206 points to Hale Center's 106.

Those that placed in the varsity boy's division were:

Shot Put: B.J. Graham, 1st, 45'8 1/2"; Willie Davila, 3rd, 39'7 3/4; Josh Ritchie, 5th, 38' 9 1/2"; Discus: B. J. Graham, 1st, 156'9 1/2"; Josh Ritchie, 3rd, 125'9 1/2"; Long Jump: Jacobie Russell, 1st, 21'11"; Hann Ollison, 3rd, 18'8"; Triple Jump: Hann Ollison, 2nd, 38'2 1/2"; High Jump: Bryan Proctor, 1st, 5'8"; 3200-meter run: Oscar Martinez, 1st, 11:37.66; 400-meter relay: C-City, 3rd, 45.25; 800-meter run: Frankie Arguijo, 1st, 2:08.69; 110-meter hurdles: Chris Spear, 1st, 16.26; Patrick Spear, 2nd, 16.52; 100-meter dash: Jacobie Russell, 3rd, 11.66; 100-meter relay, C-City, 1st, 1:36.78; 400-

meter dash: Bryan Proctor, 2nd, 54.87; 300-meter hurdles: Patrick Spear, 2nd, 45.15; Chris Spear, 4th, 46.25; 200-meter dash: Hann Ollison, 1st, 23.40; 1600-meter run: Oscar Martinez, 1st, 5:09.75; 1600-meter relay: C-City, 1st, 3:38.60.

In the girls varsity meet, the Lady Wolf thinclads racked up 188 points to outdistance Post who accumulated 164 points.

Placing for the girls were:

Shot Put: Teri Phariss, 1st, 32'6 1/2"; Shasta Kreis, 4th, 25'1 1/2"; Discus: Teri Phariss, 1st, 106'4 1/2"; Shasta Kreis, 2nd, 90'4 1/2"; Long Jump: Chastity Jackson, 1st, 15'1/4"; Teresa Cobb, 5th, 13'3 3/4"; Triple Jump: Chastity Jackson, 1st, 31'11"; Nicole Neff, 4th, 29'2 1/2"; High Jump: Nicole Neff, 4th, 4'4"; 3200-meter run: Sarah McCombs, 1st, 13:05.22; 400-meter relay: C-City, 1st, 53.85; 800-meter run: Alison Lopez, 1st, 2:31.46; Stephanie McPhaul, 3rd, 2:43.78; 100-meter hurdles: Teresa Cobb, 1st, 17.82; Shasta Kreis, 5th, 20.26; 100-meter dash: Chastity Jack-

son, 3rd, 13.60; 800-meter relay: C-City, 1st, 1:56.49; 400-meter dash: Lauren Zigler, 4th, 1:09.08; 300-meter hurdles: Teresa Cobb, 3rd, 54.96; 200-meter dash: L. Jackson, 3rd, 29.39; 1600-meter run: Sarah McCombs, 1st, 6:03.53.

The Wolf JV boys finished 2nd behind Slaton JV by 20 points, 142-122.

Placing for the JV were:

Shot Put: Ryan Denson, 1st, 40'5 1/4"; Logan Boyd, 3rd, 35'8 1/2"; Ivan Rodriguez, 4th, 34'10 1/4"; Discus: Logan Boyd, 3rd, 97'9 1/2"; Cole Arthur, 5th, 91'6"; Edgar Roman, 6th, 82'10"; Long Jump: Roland Rivera, 1st, 18'6"; Kenneth Scott, 2nd, 18'5"; Triple Jump: Roland Rivera, 5th, 34'1"; Cody Avalos, 6th, 33'2 1/2"; 400-meter relay: C-City, 2nd, 49.12; 100-meter dash: Roland Rivera, 1st, 12.04; Cody Avalos, 5th, 12.66; 800-meter relay: C-City, 1st, 1:40.55; 400-meter dash: Brik McGuffin, 58.59; 200-meter dash: Cody Avalos, 1st, 25.31; Tyler Kelly, 3rd, 25.73.

Roby beats Loraine, 9-2

The Roby Lions racked up 9 runs on 12 hits off Loraine pitchers Ryan Lucas and Anthony Esquivel last Friday to send the Bulldogs down in defeat 9-2.

The Bulldogs scored a run in the first inning and one more in the second inning while Roby was racking up a run in the second, three in the third, two in the fifth and another three in the sixth to finish things off for the Lions.

Loraine managed 9 hits of their own, two of them by Lucas, in the losing cause. The Bulldogs are now 1-2 in district play.



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Johnson served twenty years in Air Force

By Tanner Cox, Shante Kreis, Kelly Morris

Airpower is a major element of the United States defense and one of its crucial elements for deterring war. After a forty year association with the United States Army, the United States Air Force entered a new era in which airpower was firmly established as a major element of the nation's defense. President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947 creating the Department of the Air Force. The first oath of office was given to the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, September 18, 1947. Symington was a Presidential appointee.

During the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, the departments of Army, Navy and Air Force became responsible to the President and the Secretary of Defense through the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This Act redefined the functions of military departments to include: organizing, training, equipping, and supporting combat forces for unified and specific commands.

Barbara Johnson, your Air Force Vision is defined as global vigilance, reach, and power. Your mission: defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power. Your basic unit for generating and employing combat capability is the wing, the prime war-fighting instrument. Composite wings operate more than one kind of aircraft, and may be configured as self-contained units designated for fast intervention anywhere in the world. Other wings will operate a single aircraft type ready to join air intervention anywhere they are needed. The Air Force mission is also supported by air base and specialized mission wings involved with training, intelligence, and testing. Operations, logistics, and support groups are the cornerstones within the wing.

During her twenty years in the service, she was treated fairly as a woman, and as a black officer, she earned the respect of her peers. Her basic training was completed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Barbara describes base life as, "Normal and all the same, a small community within a city. Anything you might need could be found on any of the bases where I served. Military life is like a job, you work certain hours then you have free time, just like in the free world." She was assigned to the 341st Trans Squad, Anderson AFB, Georgia, McConnell AFB, Kansas, Tague AB, Korea, Kunsan AB, Korea, Edwards AFB, California.

Ms. Johnson did her basic training in San Antonio, Texas. She describes it as being hard. "They (Air Force) raise you all over again in six weeks. You get up at 0500 hrs, chow at 0545 hrs and by 0700 hrs you go to class and then on to physical training. During your free time, you get ready for inspection, iron clothes, shine shoes, and polish belt buckles." "San Antonio was hot! (remember I had to take salt pills everyday."

During the life of her Air Force Career, Ms. Johnson served as a vehicle operator/dispatcher, a heavy equipment operator, and cross-trained in 1974 to the command



Barbara Johnson

control center. It is interesting to note that the Malmstrom Air Base, Montana where Ms. Johnson trained was used in the 1970's to train NORAD personnel in electronic counter-measures. NORAD is the North American Aerospace Defense Command. NORAD is a combined command comprised of forces from both the United States and Canada. Their mission is three fold.

- Provide surveillance and control of the airspace covering North America, specifically the air space of Canada and the United States.
- Provide the National Command Authorities (NCA's) with tactical warning and attack assessment of an aerospace attack against North America.
- Provide an appropriate response to any form of an air attack (Long Range Bombers, Air launched cruise missiles and sea launched cruise missiles)

NORAD's areas of operations include, but are not limited by, land, sea, and airspace of the North American Continent. NORAD is also responsible for tracking Santa's deliveries on Christmas Eve! It is also a missile base. Barbara drove for the motor pool while she was in Montana. Sometimes it was like "driving a taxi." She was assigned to drive officers to missile sites after she first arrived and she thought the high-ranking officers were going to have a "heart attack". She was a one striper and she was so short she could barely see over the steering wheel! "It was hard if you tried to cross lines as a female. Guys don't think you can do as well as them sometimes." There were four women in the motor pool, and only once did someone try to treat her differently. (Oh! Everyone arrived safely, every time!)

Anderson Air Force Base's major mission was support for Strategic Air Command operations. This base was located in Yigo on the northern end of the island of Guam. Barbara served two tours of duty in Guam and believes she enjoyed her time there the most. Because Guam is a U. S. territory, many conveniences off base were like those in the United States. The island is 211 square miles, or approximately three times the size of Washington, D. C. While working in any of the command posts, she explains airplanes are tracked from take-off until landing.

McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas was used during the seventy's as the 384th Air Refueling Wing while Barbara was stationed there. McConnell Air Force Base has also served as a strategic and tactical air command site. "Most command posts were in a building about the size of the Colorado Middle School Library. However, there were no windows, and you had to be armed at all times while in the command post because of classified people, materials, equipment, and ammunition you track. It depended on the mission of the base as to what your job was. A typical day begins fifteen minutes before your shift with a briefing so that you knew where all key personnel were. Then, you must do an emergency telephone check to make sure everyone was accounted for and everything was all right at each base location. You only had three minutes to report if something major happens on

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AMERICAN REVOLUTION (1775-1783)

Total Servicemembers.....184,000 to 250,000
Battle Deaths.....4,435
Non-mortal Woundings.....6,188



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WAR OF 1812 (1812-1815)

Total Servicemembers.....286,730
Battle Deaths.....2,260
Non-mortal Woundings.....4,505



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by teletype or computer recapping the incident on the base commander's desk. These are 'do it or die' reports."

Taegu Air Base, another of the bases where Ms. Johnson served, was also known as K-2 to the United States Military and the Korean Military. This base also shared space with the commercial airport in Taegu. The Japanese operated Taegu Airfield as a fighter base until the end of World War II. United States troops turned the base over to South Korea's new air force in 1948. U.S. planes roared down the runway in 1950 for the first time after North Korean troops stormed across the 38th Parallel into South Korea. This was the beginning of the Korean War. The United States Air Force engineers put down a 5,000-foot steel plank runway and the base was up and running in short order after the North Korean invasion. Pilots flew three types of jets during that period: the F-80 Shooting Star, the F-84 Thunderjet, and the F-86 Sabre. Until the 1980's, various types of F-4s have flown to and from the base at Taegu as a show of support in the area. Pilots liked the base in Guam because of the flying weather. The base was downsized during the 1990's. Recently, however, the base became home to two U.S. military units, the heavy-assault helicopters of the Army's elite Company E 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and the Air Force's 607th Support Squadron.

Kunsan Air Base is an unaccompanied remote tour for service personnel. Twelve months are spent at the "tip of the spear" fulfilling the wing's designated mission, "To deliver lethal airpower when and where directed by the Air Component Commander". The base is located 109 miles South of the DMZ (demilitarized zone). The base is within easy reach of North Korean weapons capable of delivering chemical munitions. Every one takes chemical warfare classes immediately upon arrival. Should anyone forget, Army Patriot missile sites and machine-gun bunkers serve as constant reminders that the front lines of battle could be as close as the front door. While working in the command terminal, Barbara relates that a favorite expression was used often as planes were deployed during Desert Storm. "Nuke 'em till they glow." Her co-workers were of the opinion that if the enemy "glowed" often enough, then no one would ever have to return and the war would come to a quick end.

Edwards Air Force Base, California credits total air dominance as playing a major role in a decisive victory and contributing to low casualty rates during Desert Storm. Technology during the 21st century will make it possible to find, track, and target anything that moves on the Earth's surface. 762 Million Dollars is the budget allocated to Edwards Air Base. Edwards Air Base is assigned the task of designing weapons systems to ensure they meet operational war fighting, combat support, and

training requirements of pilots. Additionally, the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School is operated at this base, and the base supports non-military government agencies. Most weapons systems are first proven at Edwards Air Base.

Ms. Johnson admits to never wanting to fly a plane nor does she want to now. "It was challenging to learn about the weather and planes and driving on flight lines. Everyone is required to have a top security clearance that works in the command terminal. Working in the command center is a very stressful position, especially when incidents happen on the base or when Air Force One is flying. When Air Force One is flying, you must talk to the pilot every fifteen minutes and the plane is constantly tracked. There are bombers in the air until the plane is safely on the ground. After the plane lands, an area is roped off around the plane in an area by itself. Nobody but nobody goes near it. Security police, OSI, and Military police take over once the plane is on the ground."

There were many incidents and events happening while Barbara was serving her country. While in Guam, a Japanese soldier was found hiding in the boonies, living in tunnels thinking the Korean War was still happening. Another incident she shared with us was about Imelda Marcus leaving the Philippines. Pilots could not believe the amount of money aboard the plane or the multitude of shoes! Stateside, she was also privileged to meet the Tuskegee Airmen during a convention. In addition, when she was serving in Korea, the Challenger blew up on her birthday.

Barbara was on a mission when she enlisted in the United States Air Force during April, 1974. She was trying to survive the energy crisis and help herself and children to a better way of life. The United States Air Force helped her survive the energy crisis and after twenty years of service, it continues to help her have a better way of life after retiring as a Staff Sergeant E-5. As a retiree, she says her benefits are good but not good enough as she still has to work. She believes the military is a good way of life and she hopes that many of us (students) will decide to serve our country as she did. She also encouraged each of us to stay in school and follow through with our goals.

Ms. Johnson, we salute you and say thank you for serving our country, and helping to preserve our freedoms!



Frank Mendoza

Mendoza talks about Vietnam experience

Sonya Rocha

Two years of Frank S. Mendoza's life were served in the United States Army. Frank was one of those persons of "draftable age" during the Vietnam War who served in the Infantry. He admits to being proud to serve his country. However, his family was "worried" like so many other families during this time. His parents were Luciano and Josefa Mendoza and Frank was one of ten children. Today, Frank works for the Union Pacific Railroad, is married and has five children, and resides in Colorado City, Texas.

It was during 1962 that Fort Polk became an infantry-training center. Three years later it was selected to conduct Vietnam-oriented advanced training, and in 1973, it became the sole training center qualifying basic infantry soldiers. More than one million men graduated from basic and advanced individual

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MEXICAN WAR
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Battle Deaths.....	1,733
Other Deaths in Service.....	11,550
Non-mortal Woundings.....	4,152

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Bynum enlists in U.S. Marines



Howard Bynum

Nick Edwards and Sean Velasquez

Howard D. Bynum was born in Colorado City, Texas, and grew up in Mitchell County, Texas. His parents were G. D. and Jewell Henderson Bynum. Mr. Bynum has a son and a daughter.

At the age of seventeen, Mr. Bynum enlisted in the United States Marines in 1944. His boot camp training was at Paris Island, South Carolina. Weapon training consisted of grenades and 30-caliber machine guns and rifles. Howard's special training was unique at Camp Lejune, North Carolina. He attended "war dog training school."

He was assigned to a small detachment, that worked with Dobermans who were trained to become scouts and alert dogs. He advised that the dogs were, "One man dogs, so we got bites often." He remembers there was a new base commander living across the lagoon from his detachment. "The new commander could hear about

two hundred and fifty dogs barking and howling. My squad was routed out at 0200 hours to quite the dogs."

During World War I, the Germans utilized canines sparking the interest of the United States Marines. The use of dogs by American Troops during combat began in 1935 when guerrilla soldiers used dogs as sentries to alert soldiers. During World War II, approximately seventy-five percent of the dogs used during combat were Doberman Pinschers and twenty-five percent German Shepherds.

Each dog went through a meticulous training course in obedience for six weeks. After their training, the dogs were divided into groups: scout, messenger, or infantry. Each animal then received specialized training. Scout dogs were used to detect mines or enemy troops.

Messenger dogs followed their handler's trail and carried correspondence or supplies. Infantry dogs alerted troops to the enemy's presence.

The dogs were trained not to bark. They used signals to alert soldiers of the Japanese that might be nearby. Human scent could be detected up to one-half mile. The Japanese ambushed none of the War Dog platoons during World War II.

During January 1945, Howard went to China. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, 1st Battalion. He only recalls a few small firefights with the commu-

nists. "The communists would soon take over after we left." Following the Japanese surrender, Communist Chinese forces occupied much of formerly Japanese-occupied north China (August). As many as 53,000 U. S. Marines occupied Peking and many strategic North Chinese centers as the civil war resumed and communist fighting erupted.

Because of General George Marshall's attempts to mediate the Chinese Civil War, a temporary truce was called in January 1946. In 1946, Howard Bynum's assignment was to help "round-up" Japanese soldiers and their families in Tinsten and Peking. These soldiers and their families were returned to Japan.

These families returned to the same governmental structure. However, it was under the direction of Prime Minister Shidehara Kijuro and a non-partisan cabinet. General Douglas Mac Arthur was supreme commander for the Allied power during the time Japan surrendered. In a series of decrees, General Mac Arthur restored civil liberties, liberated political prisoners, liberalized the educational curriculum, and granted the franchise to all adults, encouraged the formation of labor unions, and the abolition of older land systems.

The most important of these reforms was the land reform. Absentee landlordism was eliminated, as were large landholdings. The amount of land worked by tenants dropped from forty-six percent to ten percent.

Howard Bynum received an Honorable Discharge as a Private First Class after completing two years of—"mostly guard duty" with the United States Marines in 1946.

It was not until Howard was state side and discharged that a new constitution for Japan would provide an elected upper house,

transfer sovereignty from the emperor to the people, safeguard individual rights and grant equal rights for women, and introduce a broad measure of local government. Japan also renounced war for all time and their constitution became effective May 3, 1947.

With the courageous help of

men like Howard Bynum, General George Marshall and General Douglas Mac Author could facilitate "new beginnings" for an "old world" country. Mr. Bynum, we salute you and the many other men and women who help restore peace and bring positive changes to our world!

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training by 1976. Frank completed his training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and went to Fort Lewis, Washington for advanced training on M-14's, M-16's, grenade launchers, and 45 caliber machine guns and to wait processing for overseas duty.

Fort Lewis, Washington was an Army Training Center for recruits. By the summer of 1972, Fort Lewis had processed over 2 V-i million soldiers and trained more than 300,000 men that were deployed to the Pacific. A tremendous number of these men were deployed and entered the conflict raging in Southeast Asia-The Vietnam War.

South Vietnamese government forces were aided by the United States, and the North Vietnamese aided guerrilla forces. This war began after the Geneva Conference provisionally dived Vietnam at seventeen degrees North latitude into the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and the Republic of South Vietnam. This action escalated from a Vietnamese civil war into a limited international conflict in which the United States was deeply involved, and did not end, despite peace agreements in 1973. It was not until North Vietnam's successful offensive campaign of 1975 that resulted in South Vietnam's collapse that the unification of Vietnam took place. 58,000 men and women from the United States were killed in this

conflict. Fortunately, Frank Mendoza was a survivor.

He recalls patrolling the jungle of Vietnam and completing six missions while he was there. River crossings were never enjoyable and stand out in Frank's mind as unforgettable. This was where he first encountered enemy gunfire. Another time, he encountered the enemy while on patrol in the Central Highlands. He and his unit were rescued from a V-shaped ambush. Shots from snipe fire were unforgettable. Pythons were another outstanding memory because they were everywhere.

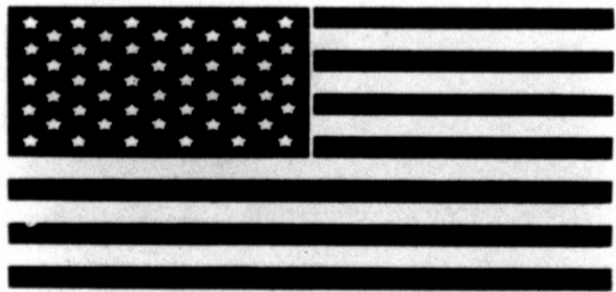
In November 1966, Frank was patrolling the Central Highlands, and by March of 1967, he was marching in Cambodia. He relates also, that he contracted malaria and was taken to the Quin Nhon Hospital for treatment. His unit was also assigned the task of protecting villages, and markets. It is no wonder he remembers the song, I Want to Go Home. One pleasant memory from Vietnam was that of Nancy Sanatra performing in a U. S. O. Show in Pleiku, Vietnam.

After receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Medal, and the Vietnam Medal Frank Mendoza received and Honorable Discharge as an E-4.

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CIVIL WAR (1861-1865)

Total Servicemembers (Union).....	2,213,363
Battle Deaths (Union).....	140,414
Non-mortal Woundings (Union).....	1,662
Total Servicemembers (Confedrate).....	600,000 to 1,500,000
Battle Deaths (Confedrate).....	74,524
Other Deaths in Service (Confedrate).....	59,297
Non-mortal Woundings (Confedrate).....	unknown



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Total Servicemembers (Worldwide).....	4,734,991
Battle Deaths.....	53,402
Other Deaths in Service.....	63,114
Non-mortal Woundings.....	204,002
Living Veterans.....	2,212

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Paul Crenshaw

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Paul L. Crenshaw, a veteran of Mitchell County, was born on May 19, 1933, in Douglas, Texas. He was the son of Paul Meredith and Faye Moser Crenshaw. He grew up in Douglas, Iraan and Colorado City, Texas. Before being drafted into the United States Army, he attended classes at Texas Tech University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology in 1954. At the age of twenty-one, Paul was living in McCamey, Texas, and was drafted into the Army.

He took basic training in 1955 at Fort Ord, California, which he described as, "Not a particularly enjoyable experience." (From 1947 until 1975, Fort Ord was a basic training center for the United States Army troops.)

After completing his basic training, Paul was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and was assigned to the army map service. While there, he reported to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. (The Joint Chiefs of Staff was a "unified high command" adopted by the United States in 1942, resulting in a coordinated, effective, and strategic direction for the U. S. Army and the U. S. Navy. It was not until the Arcadia Conference that the formal definition of Joint was utilized and accepted, as involving two or more Services of the same nation and Combined as applying to organizations, plans, and operations of two or more nations. In 1947, the National Security Act formally established the Joint Chiefs of Staff and laid the foundation for legislation and executive changes that produce today's defense organization.)

During the 1950's in the defense arena, the United States conducted gravity surveys for such purposes as inertial guidance and geoid computation. (The figure of the earth as defined by a surface along which a particle of matter could move without undergoing any changes that most nearly coincides with mean sea level over the entire surface of the earth.)

Times were difficult during the 1950's for everyone. Paul remembers telling his wife, "If Washington D. C. is ever bombed—I won't be able to come and get you and the baby. Just take you and the baby along with our friend and try to get to Texas." He also remembers tying the floorboards of his car and car's doors together with bailing wire. There were also good things about this era: playing bridge with friends, going on picnics, and sightseeing in the Washington D. C. area when he was stationed in Virginia.

Paul served in the Army for two years on active duty, from 1955 until 1957, as a petroleum specialist and received an Honorable Discharge as an E-3. Additionally, he continued to serve his country until 1962 in the Reserves. Paul passed away on July 3, 1997, leaving behind his wife, Louise Crenshaw, and their four children. His wife, Louise, is currently the curator at the Heart of West Texas Museum, located in Colorado City, Texas.

Mr. Crenshaw provided valuable service to military personnel, and should be remembered and recognized for his military contribution. We salute you!

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A life is one, too many times

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A stone sits alone, unknown to all

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A life, one life, is all it takes

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Bob Ratliff served in World War II

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Bob Ratliff grew up in a loving, Christian home. He graduated from Colorado City High School in May, 1943. He went on to receive a degree in business from McMurry University, Abilene Texas after serving in World War II.

At the age of eighteen, Mr. Ratliff voluntarily enlisted in the United States Air Force. "The Air Force Flies the Infantry Marches! By volunteering, I could pick where I wanted serve," says Mr. Ratliff with a sense of pride. Ratliff was sent to March Field, California, July, 1943. He attended clerical school and truck driving school. He received additional training on the Carbine and M-1 Rifle. He recalled a fifteen-mile hike, with full field pack at night in 112-degree weather and there being dust everywhere. "Not sand-just dust."

When asked about his life at March Field he replied, "If you were hungry you ate the food. I lived in a two story barracks. I wanted to sleep on the top bunk because it was cooler. There were only fans, no air conditioning." Ratliff was at March Field, California from July 1943 until November 1943. He was then transferred to the Air Corps and assigned to Quartermaster Trucking in England that was later reorganized into the 2197th Quartermaster Truck Company.

Ratliff left Camp Kilmer, New Jersey December 5, 1943 and traveled to Scotland by ship. After arriving in Scotland approximately ten days later, he went to England and joined the 9th division and the 4th Quartermaster Squad. From there, he was sent to Germany. He stayed with the same outfit throughout the war. His squad performed a variety of tasks but primarily hauling building materials.

While assigned to Quartermaster, Ratliff was a clerk typist and then company clerk. He was responsible for completing trip tickets and payroll records. His unit mostly kept the other units supplied with foods, supplies, and fuel. His unit was a part of the "Red Ball Express." These trucks rolled 24/7 and changed drivers only during fueling.

The Red Ball Express is the legend of black truck drivers. They were well known for hauling food and ammunition, as well as dump trucks, gasoline trucks, and ambulances. These men were not just truck drivers. There were times when these men had to stop their vehicles, get their rifles and other weapons and join combat troops to push back the enemy. From August 21, 1944 until November 13, 1944, the Red Ball Express kept General Patton's troops supplied. Ratliff's unit received a citation from the 9th Air force for their support of this group.

Quartermaster units were required to sometimes sleep in fox holes that they had to dig, wash and shave in their hel-

met, and eat in the open. Ratliff's unit was fortunate to sleep in castles sometimes and house their jeeps and trucks in the barns at these castles. However, the twelve-degree weather was not to his liking when he was required to do guard duty.

There were times his unit caught sniper fire, but it was not effective. He remembers once that an American plane dropped a bomb on the airfield where he was assigned. "There was a direct hit on one plane and one gas truck got hit. The jeep I normally used took a hit in the seat I normally sat in, lucky for me I wasn't in it that day."

Correspondence from home was received on a regular basis for his unit-about three times weekly. He typically received a letter from some member in his family. He says it helped keep his spirits up. He believed his Mother was "worried" about him, and she kept all the letters he wrote home. He also kept a journal of his daily activities, who he saw, what they did, what they ate, and where they went, general interest things of what was going on around him.

He recalls that he and some other guys in his unit once "swiped" fresh butter and spaghetti. They ate well for several days. He also found the time to purchase and send home a set of Bavarian China. When it arrived, only one cup's handle was broken.

For entertainment, the men played checkers or cards. He went to a USO Show in Belgium. "It was the Glenn Miller Band that gave the show on the same date that Miller's plane was missing."

"Once we went to a munitions factory to destroy all the machinery after the war ended. Behind the building, we found a haystack. In the haystack were fifteen new German motorcycles. I got to keep and ride one for about a month until a higher-ranking officer got it. It was fun riding in the hills."

About two weeks before shipping out for the states, he was involved in a plane crash. He flew with his commanding officer to Belgium to pick up supplies for the Officers club. "It was getting to be dusk and the pilot tried to set the plane down in a cow pasture. He missed hitting a four-foot thick wall but landed nose down in a drainage ditch! I kicked out my window to get out of the plane and saw that everyone was alive. I blacked out and woke up in the hospital. I received a concussion and two cracked vertebrae. I spent the night in the hospital and talked them in to releasing me the next day. I was shipping out in two weeks. If they kept me any longer I would have had to stay an extra month."

One month after his unit returned home, Bob Ratliff had enough points to return home. It was a long wait. Twenty-nine months in the service, twenty-five of those months spent



Bob Ratliff

in the European Theatre Campaign. Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns sent Mr. Ratliff home with four battle stars and the rank of Sergeant. "Night bombings and daytime air raids are vivid relocations of a 'million dollar experience'." When asked if he would again like to go back and visit any of these places, he replied, "Germany was beautiful but the only country I would like to visit again is England." He returned to the United States after a "rough crossing" and immediately joined others from his ship kneeling and kissing the ground at New York harbor. He was discharged January 11, 1946 in San Antonio, Texas.

Today, Bob Ratliff and his wife Geneva reside in Colorado City, Texas. His parents were Harry and Isabel Ratliff. Bob has two children, Mike Ratliff and Kathy Zellers. Additionally, he is an owner/partner in the Ratliff Insurance Agency.

We salute you, Honorably Discharged Sergeant Ratliff, and say thank you for your service to our country.

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VIETNAM WAR (1964-1975)

Total Servicemembers.....	9,200,000
Battle Deaths.....	47,410
Other Deaths (In Theater).....	10,788
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater).....	est. 32,000
Non-mortal Woundings.....	153,303
Living Veterans.....	8,221,038

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GULF WAR (1990-1991)

Total Servicemembers.....	2,322,332
Battle Deaths.....	147
Other Deaths (In Theater).....	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater).....	914
Non-mortal Woundings.....	467
Living Veterans.....	1,822,962



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If you hold one picture up to the other...



Warren Anderson

If you hold one picture up to the other, there is an uncanny resemblance of two servicemen in uniform. One man is a veteran of World War II; the other young man is currently in Kuwait, serving our country. Sixty years separate them, but to know them, one would not be able to tell. You see, their conversations are similar, and their man-

nerisms are almost identical. The attitudes and philosophies of life are relational. From a long, square jaw to almost jet black hair, these two men are pictures of Granddad and grandson—Warren Anderson and Zack Anderson.

World War II involved the draft, and Warren decided instead of being drafted, that he would volunteer. Subsequently, for most of his military life, he was stationed in Newfoundland, Canada. For him, war time was a time for missing home, learning to live in a far away land, and yes, sometimes, during that time, some wild and crazy things were done. If you want to know what some of those were, just ask him. He may blush, but surely he would share.

Zack Anderson grew up in Sweetwater, graduating from Sweetwater High School in 1999. He was always the one who loved to dress up in camouflage uniforms, and he was always the youngster who was the carefree daredevil. So, it seemed only natural for him to enlist in the Armed Services. After graduation from SHS, Zack spent two years at Howard College in Big Spring and a semester at Texas Tech. It was during that time in the Fall of 2001, he told his mom and dad that he was going to enlist. All the necessary steps were taken for enlistment. On January 10, 2002, a very eventful and exciting day for the young man, Zack was driven by his

parents to an Amarillo airport. A new adventure and a new lifestyle for Zack, his brother Jed, and certainly for his parents and grandparents had begun. As for his Granddad, history had begun to be relived in a very, very real manner.

As young man Zack encountered basic training, and as he shared his life with Warren, his granddad, the bond between grandfather and grandson became tightly intertwined and almost inseparable. Conversations were abundant, and questions were forever raised about Army life then... and now. Basic training graduation was held April, 2002, in Ft. Benning, Georgia for the young man who was living his dream of wearing camouflage. Of course, his parents and his grandparents were there to witness this event. WOW! Two generations of Army men in one setting. What a picture! What euphoria! What a witness for this great country!

When Zack is on leave, the two are constantly with each other. Whether it is drinking coffee at the local coffee shop, or just being in one another's presence, it is so obvious that one cannot live without the other.

Now, you must understand that, in our family, there has not been another young man

3/17/2003 or young woman in the military. Zack's dad, Les Anderson, barely missed Vietnam, as did Les's older brother. So, the fact that Zack has become so passionate about the Army has certainly been an eye opener to his immediate family. Sherry, his mom and Jed, his younger brother,

have certainly had their apprehensions about son and "bro" doing what he needs and desires to do. But, one might say his dad, Les, has had the most difficult time of all. Losing control of one's children, especially after nurturing them to this point, has not been an easy feeling to dispel... anytime.

As a member of the Army during World War II, Warren has lived through many, many experiences. As a member of the Army, specifically the 101st Airborne Division, Zack is having the experience of a lifetime. Regardless of the different times spent in the Army, both men will know that a special bond will always exist between the two. Not just because of the Granddad-grandson relationship, but the bond of kindred spirit will never leave either one of them.

Today, at this moment, Warren is retired, living east of Colorado City. His wife, Leola, are parents to four children and eight grandchildren. Zack Anderson is active military, serving in the U. S. Army. Currently serving his country, stationed in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, this young man is proudly doing his work and duty in Kuwait.

To both of these fine men--to my dad and to my son, thank you so much for serving this nation and thank you so much for being the best father and one of the two great sons a man could have!

God Bless you both! And God Bless this United States of America!



Zack Anderson



Warren and Zack Anderson

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Kaye Price Hawkins

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USO (United Service Organization) provides morale building support and service to the United States military. Operational since 1941, USO programs have varied as much as the places that housed them. While most programs were aimed primarily to provide off-duty recreation for mostly male and young service personnel, some were designed for women in uniform, while others provided childcare for military wives. USO facilities were operational in unlikely places such as: churches, log cabins, museums, castles, barns, beaches, yacht clubs, railroad sleeping cars, old mansions, and storefronts.

In 1941, six civilian agencies pooled their resources to form the United Service Organization whose purpose was to coordinate civilian war efforts so such services were not overlooked or duplicated. The Six agencies were: Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA),

Hawkins served as USO entertainer

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Between 1940 and 1944, U. S. troops grew from 50,000 to 12 million. At its high point in 1944, the USO had over 3,000 clubs. The USO was many things to many people: a lively place to dance and meet people; a place to see movies or find religious counseling; a place to talk or write letters, or the place to go for free coffee and doughnuts.

428,521 performances were presented between 1941 and 1947. History was made. By the end of the Second World War the USO could claim more than 1.5 million volunteers worked on its behalf.

During the Korean War, there were only 294 clubs worldwide. In 1952, USO entertainers performed every day for the troops in Korea and evac hospitals in Japan. During the turbulent 60's USO, centers were located in combat zones. Bob Hope took his USO Christmas show to Vietnam for the first time in 1964; his shows continued into the next decade. Over 40% of America's entire overseas forces were in Vietnam at this time.

Whether at war or in an era of peacetime, every U.S. President has served as the USO's Honorary Chairman beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt. Even in peacetime, entertainers provide a much-needed break in the midst of duty tours overseas. The USO continues to diversify and change overtime in order to fulfill its mission of enhancing the quality of life for American military personnel and their families no matter the number or the location.

Kaye Price-Hawkins was privileged to be a USO entertainer. She began life in Kansas, grew up in Tennessee, and attended college in California at Pepperdine University during the time when Ronald Regan was Governor of California, and completed her studies at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.

Pepperdine University was and is a value centered institution with a mission: "...to help young men and women prepare themselves for a life of usefulness in this competitive world and to help them build a foundation of Christian character and faith which will survive the storms of life."

Kaye Price, along with other students, regularly performed at college functions. After one such performance, then Governor Reagan and other politicians attended, it was suggested that her performing group send a tape and photos to the USO World Organization and see if they would be accepted as performers. They were, and a world tour began!

The group she performed with provided a musical va-

riety program to troops in the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and other places in the Far East. "There were a few dance numbers, but mostly singing numbers: contemporary, variety and religious. I did not travel with Bob Hope exactly-I was in the show behind him and we had to take down his banners!" "We traveled with college groups and went to the same places as the professional groups. Once, I was invited to sing with & one of the professional groups."

"It was the mid 60's and troop morale was low, and there was still fighting in Vietnam. Our group was taken to a ship off the coast of Vietnam. These men had been fighting for nine months. Men were hanging from the rafters to see the show! We were the only American girls they had seen in months. They called us "Round Eyes." In the middle 61SBe show, the lights went out, everything got quite—the director snapped hfeingers and we started to sing again. We did not know what was happening! The ship's emergency generator eventually came back on and we "performed the rest of the show."

Another interesting event she shared with us happened while on a sight seeing tour. "It was "Keto, Japan, and we met some Russian men and women, we exchanged money (for souvenirs) with them, when they found out that we sang with the USO they invited us to their hotel to sing in one of their rooms. When we got to their room, they served us sweets and tea and wanted us to sit in a circle to perform. They wanted to see everything! It was a great experience!"

When asked what she gained by her experiences in the USO, tears come to her eyes, a smile forms on her face, and she replies with enthusiasm, "I reached out and touched those that were lonely. There is a sense of joy to travel and have new experiences."

Kaye Price is no stranger to performing. At an early age, she and her sisters sang in church, and during high school, she sang in the choir. At Pepperdine, she sang with different musical groups. "Today, Kaye Price-Hawkins continues to sing in her community. Additionally, she help's educators build stronger foundations within their communities by conducting educational, seminars across the state. Kaye Price-Hawkins is a joyful person, and if you are blessed to meet her, you to will see how she radiates enthusiasm and vitality for life where ever her travels lead, no matter the storm.

Mrs. Hawkins, we salute you for your commitment to education and your contribution to the USO in helping to preserve the morale of military personnel during the unsettling times of the Vietnam Conflict!

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THE STAR SPANOLED BANNER

by Francis Scott Key, September 1814
(Sung to the tune "Anacreon in Heaven")

O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say! does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

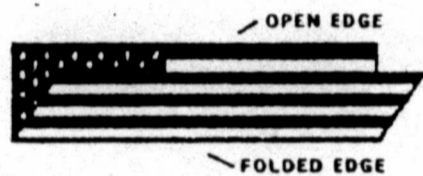
On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream.
Tis the Star-Spangled Banner. O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

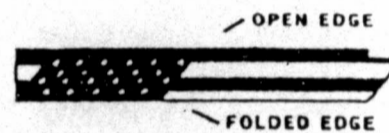
O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Hav'n-secued land
Praise the pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
and this be our motto, "In God is our Trust."
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



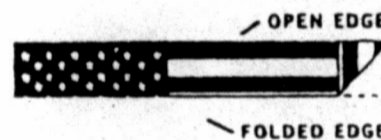
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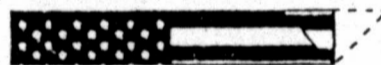
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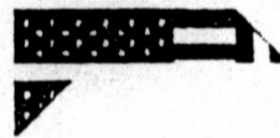
(b) Folded edge is then folded over to meet the open edge.



(c) A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.



(d) Outer point is then turned inward parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle.



(e) Triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in the triangular shape with only the blue field visible.

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Albert G. Anderson served in three different wars

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Thirty years of service for country, and thirty years of service to mankind, best describes Albert Anderson's life. "Pride is what you develop in service to your country. Not just for your countrymen but for yourself and future generations," says Gerald Anderson. Anderson is not a stranger to conflicts and wars, having been through three: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He believes we are moving in the right direction in today's conflict with the alQaeda and Saddam Hussein. "With Germany and Japan, it was 'army versus army' with terrorism it is 'army targeting a family'. In order to defeat terrorism, Americans will need to learn new approaches. Terrorism is a war against them and us, and if you're not one of us, you're one of them."

Anderson graduated from high school, and headed west to make money in the Fall, 1941, because his dad would not sign for him to enter military service. At this time, the draft age was 20. He arrived in San Diego, California and immediately went to work in an aircraft plant. He made money all right, but he faced a world of criticism because he was not in uniform serving his country. (He was, after all in California working in San Diego, home of the Navy.) He rode the bus to work everyday and the sailors called him a draft dodger. He never considered himself a draft dodger; he was doing his best to enlist. Peer pressure was a powerful force. When his dad finally signed a release, he joined the Navy. (It was soon after Pearl Harbor that the draft age was lowered to 18.)

There were three places the Navy could have sent Anderson for boot camp: Illinois, Idaho, or California. Boot camp for him was in San Diego, California. Boot camp was a six week abbreviated version of the training now received by seamen. There they were processed, received physicals and shots, and endured physical training. He recalls that the toughest part of boot camp for him was discovering he had could not become a pilot because he did not have a college degree. Second, because he had defective depth perception, he was also unable to become a pilot's gunner, so he chose to attend quartermaster training.

During general classifications testing, he remembers taking a swimming test for another sailor and being caught. "I wasn't floundering enough!" He learned to make a make shift flotation device during physical training. It was a known as a "make-shift Mac West."

One high spot of quartermaster training was having Henry Fonda in his class. Fonda was classified as a Seaman 1st class, and the rest of the class were only seamen 2nd class. However, his unit did get to chow first because of Fonda's prestige! Quartermaster schooling consisted of learning to read maps, learning to navigate, "mostly terrestrial navigation at this time not celestial," and becoming familiar with communications (electronics), and learning to read light and flag signals from other ships.

During March, 1942, Anderson sailed for the South Pacific aboard the USS Roshambeau, a French luxury liner that was given

to the U.S. Navy to aide the war effort. This luxury liner was refurbished to accommodate 5,000 soldiers.

Seaman Anderson served aboard the USS Dixie. The USS Dixie was the "Mother Ship" for destroyers. The Dixie alternated between Noumea and Espirit Santo in support of Naval operations in the Solomons from November 1942 to March 1944. Anderson's duty aboard the USS Dixie was signal watch.

In addition, during World War II, Anderson served aboard the USS Carina. The USS Carina was a Crater Class Cargo Ship. During World War II, the Carina received three battle stars. On March 3, 1943, while unloading cargo in Tulagi Harbor, the ship underwent two air attacks. Six of the crew were wounded. In May, 1943, the ship underwent repairs in Australia and to replenish supplies. The ship carried cargo for Marine units training in New Zealand to Auckland, and then returned to supply runs in the South Pacific. Heavy fighting was going on in the area of Okinawa around April 26, 1945. On May 4, The USS Carina fell victim to a Japanese suicide boat. Torpedoes were launch at the boat and it was rammed. A violent explosion on the port side knocked out one of the boilers and flooded one hold. Six of Carina's crew were injured. Skillful damage control saved both the Carina and the cargo. During October of 1945, this ship was decommissioned at Suisun Bay, California. For her efforts during World War II, the USS Carina received three battle stars.

After spending three years in World War II, Albert Anderson was Honorably Discharged October, 1945. He turned down inactive reserve. However, five years later, he returned to active military duty and lost one pay grade upon re-entering the service during the Korean Conflict.

From San Francisco, to Yokohama and Guam the General H. W. Butner sailed with six other sister ships in support of the United Nations effort in Korea. On the Bunter's return to the states, they transferred displaced civilians and corporate personnel that were left in Europe after World War II. He recalls that the food on the return to the U. S. was excellent. German women knew how to cook! There were many different nationalities aboard ship and these displaced personnel were required to sleep in five tier bunks in the hold of the ship. The Butner also transited the Panama Canal on more than one occasion while Anderson was aboard. For Korean Service, the General H. W. Butner received two battle stars.

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Albert Gerald Anderson traveled trains, ships, and helicopters, from the United States to naval ports around the world, through three decades of conflicts to return safely to Colorado City, Texas. He quickly says, "I'm no hero." "Students at Colorado Middle quickly reply, "You are a hero. It took your dedication, service, and skills for each of us to have the freedoms we have today. You gave of yourself for every person. We believe that is what heroes do."

Five good conduct medals; A National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Vietnam Service medal; Korean Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; Victory Medal WWII; China Service Medal; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. Honorably Discharged United States Navy Veteran, E-9, Albert Anderson, we salute you and commend you for your dedication to America and her freedoms.



Albert Gerald Anderson

AMERICA'S WARS TOTAL (Through Sept. 30, 2001)

Military Service During Time of War.....	41,865,460 to 42,831,460
Battle Deaths.....	650,953
Other Deaths (In Theater).....	13,853
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater).....	524,605
Non-Mortal Woundings.....	1,431,290
Living War Veterans.....	18,848,057 est.
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Ms. Vasquez served her country for over 7 years

By Eric Roman, Edgar Ventura

Adelina Vasquez was born January 31, 1968 in Mitchell County, Texas. Her parents were Manuel and Dominga Vasquez. She has four sisters and three brothers. At the age of eighteen, she voluntarily entered the U. S. Army.

Adelina completed her Army basic training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Her basic training was the first step toward a challenging and rewarding experience in service to our country. The purpose of all basic training is to learn about values, principles, and spirit.

Her basic training began with processing. For most soldiers, processing is from four to ten days. Soldiers receive general orientation, get fitted and issued Army uniforms, establish personnel records, obtain an identification card, receive general orientation, receive eye and dental exams, test for physical fitness, and receive immunizations. They also begin learning Army core values and basic military skills.

Basic combat training is nine weeks long, and is divided into red, white, and blue phases. A normal day begins with wake up at 5:30 A. M., and ends at 9:00 P. M. with lights out.

The first phase of training (red) begins a soldier's quest for becoming a United States Army Soldier. Values, physical fitness, communications, basic first aid, map reading, and the military justice system are subjects of study. They are also required to practice drill and ceremony, and negotiate Victory Tower. Soldiers must successfully complete a knowledge and skills test before going to phase two of their training.

Soldiers continue Army values and physical fitness during the white phase of training. It is during this time that training and qualification on the M16A2 rifle is completed. Additionally, they learn about other military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training. Soldiers also participate in the obstacle course, gas chamber, and bayonet assault course, and must pass another knowledge and skills test.

In addition to Army values and physical fitness, the blue phase includes individual tactical techniques, foot marches, confidence course, and obstacle course. The culmination of basic training is Victory Forge. This is a three-day field training exercise combining all previously taught skills.

Graduation is an important day for soldiers. Each soldier must have completed eighteen requirements before receiving advanced training. Adelina went to Fort Dix, New Jersey for her advanced training.

During World War I, Camp Dix was a training and staging ground for the 78th, 87th, and 34th Divisions. Following the armistice, the camp became a demobilization center. An active Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard units utilized Camp Dix as a training facility between wars. In March, 1939, Camp Dix became Fort Dix as the installation became a permanent Army post. Fort Dix served as a reception and training center for men inducted under the draft of 1939. Ten divisions and many smaller units trained and staged here before entering the battlefields of World War II. At the end of the war, the reception center became the separation center, returning more than 1.2 million soldiers to civilian life. In March of 1956, Fort Dix became the United States Army

Training Center, for the Infantry.

Fort Dix grew rapidly during the Vietnam War. A mock Vietnam village was constructed and soldiers received specific training before going overseas to Vietnam. In August 1990, Fort Dix began around-the-clock operations deploying troops for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in 1991, Fort Dix was chosen to train selected Kuwaiti civilians in basic military skills.

As a Soldier, Miss Vasquez worked in transportation and in the motor pool. She was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas and then at Fort Hood, Texas. During her years of service, Miss Vasquez served in Panama during Operation Just Cause.

Relations between the governments of the United States and that of dictator Manuel Noriega of Panama deteriorated. The situation became critical between the two countries with the killing

of a Marine officer, and the harassment of American personnel by Noriega's forces. The invasion of Panama opened in the early hours of December 20, 1989. Troops had been deployed as early as May, 1989 in an effort to secure American facilities. By the dawn of the 20th, all task force objectives were secured. Heavy fighting was over however, some sniping continued. During this military operation, two soldiers were killed in action and thirty-four were wounded. Manuel Noriega was also taken into custody and returned to face charges in American court.

It was during Operation Just Cause that Adelina first encountered enemy gunfire. She was "volunteered for service." She admits to being scared at first. She remembers her Lieutenant saying, "Don't give up." She was assigned to the motor pool, and was required to transport personnel of the 82nd Airborne to their post. Her unit's mission was related to combat support. Additionally, she was on stand by for deployment during Desert Storm in 1991 at Fort Hood, Texas.

Her second encounter with enemy gunfire came in Somalia during 1993. She was there for three months and voluntarily chose the assignment. Somalia is a country in eastern Africa, bordering on the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, east of Ethiopia. This country has been in civil unrest since their civil war of 1991. As a result, economic growth was stifled. Military involvement in Somalia escalated in 1992 when a black hawk helicopter was shot down. In an effort to sustain peacekeeping operations in Somalia, a joint and multinational operation was undertaken. A unified task force led by the United States and sanctioned by the United Nations was an operation that included the protection of humanitarian assistance and other peace-enforcement operations beginning December 9, 1992 and continuing until May 4, 1993. Operation Restore Hope was a humanitarian success.

After faithfully serving her country for seven and one-half years, Miss Vasquez received an Honorable Discharge as an E-5. Among the awards and citations she received were the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, two Good Conduct Ribbons, NCO Professional Development Ribbons and the United States Army Commendation Medal. She currently lives in Mitchell County and works in Colorado City, Texas.

Thank you for your service of yesterday that helped ensure our freedoms of today.



Adelina Vasquez

WORLD WAR II (1940-1945)

Total Servicemembers.....	16,112,566
Battle Deaths.....	291,557
Other Deaths in Service.....	113,846
Non-mortal Woundings.....	671,846
Living Veterans.....	5,032,591



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KOREAN WAR (1950-1953)

Total Servicemembers.....	5,720,000
Battle Deaths.....	33,686
Other Deaths (In Theater).....	2,830
Other Deaths in Service (Non Theater).....	17,730
Non-mortal Woundings.....	103,284
Living Veterans.....	3,769,254

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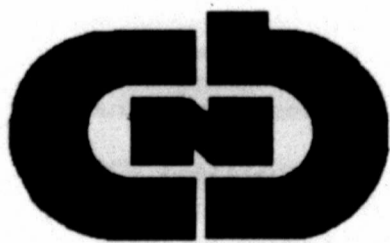


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