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Law enforcement reaps windfall from drugs

District Attorney gives out $220,000

Mitchell County and Colorado City will benefit from combined drug forfeiture monies to the tune of $220,000.

District Attorney Ann Reed received county commissioner approval for the transfer of funds from the drug forfeiture account to local law enforcement during a called meeting Monday morning.

Five hundred and forty thousand dollars will be distributed between the three counties in the 32nd Judicial district: $100,000 to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Department, $100,000 to the Colorado City Police Department; $20,000 to the Loraine Police Department; $100,000 each to both Fisher and Nolan County Sheriff's Departments; $100,000 to the Sweetwater Police Department and $20,000 to the Roscoe Police Department. The funds are at the discretion of local law enforcement to benefit their departments.

"The monies have to be used for the benefit of law enforcement," said Reed. "The checks are made payable to the sheriff and police departments and can be used for equipment, cars, salaries, school, or pretty much whatever they need."

"This helps the county and city's budgets because they (law enforcement) can pay for things they need without using county or city funds," Reed said.

The money comes from accumulated funds in the drug forfeiture account and does not include the 2.7 million confiscated earlier this year.

"The 2.7 million hasn't been awarded yet," Reed said. "We're still waiting on that."

The large donation to local departments still leaves funds in the drug enforcement accounts to handle salaries, equipment, benefits, and training for the district attorney's law enforcement officers. "We're totally self sufficient in that respect," said Reed.

The commissioners also approved a recommendation by librarian Brigada Hiser to appoint Jerry Shields and Deborah Miller to the library board. Shields will replace board member Ty Woods, who stepped down when he was elected county attorney.

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CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY to local law agencies as Ann Reed distributes checks totaling $220,000 to Police Chief Ron Dooley, Sheriff Patrick Toombs and Loraine Police Chief Dickie Summers (left to right). The money is a disbursement from the district attorney's drug forfeiture fund.

COLORADO CITY

Incumbents file for re-election to council

Several positions on both school boards and city councils are up this year in Loraine and Colorado City.

Incumbents from the City of Colorado City, City Council, have filed for re-election to their posts. Councilmen Sammy Contreras, District 1; Robert McNeal, District 2; and Justin Harris, District 5; along with Mayor Jim Baum, have all filed for re-election to the two-year terms, according to City Secretary Donna Madrid. So far, none are facing opposition.

On the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees, terms for Place 4 Elizabeth Hernandez and Place 6 Charles Walker will expire this year. As of Tuesday, no one had filed for either place.

Ina Vay McAdams, current mayor of Loraine, has also filed for re-election. No one else has filed for any positions with the City of Loraine. Two year terms are up for two council members Susan Sanchez and Shirley Kendall, as well as the mayor.

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Murder case heads to grand jury

The case against Michael Robert Kinnan will be presented to the grand jury on March 12, according to Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

Kinnan is being held in connection with the stabbing deaths of 30-year-old Bryan Christopher Renfro and 22-year-old Justin Lee Ammons in Loraine last week.

The grand jury will determine if prosecutors have sufficient evidence to bind the defendant over for trial.



CLIMBING THE LADDER -- Standing with Police Chief Ron Dooley (second from left) are the newly promoted members of the Colorado City police force Lieutenant Cary Hale, Sergeant John Bivins and Detective Adam Davis. *(Photo courtesy of Jessie Hernandez)*

Police officers receive promotions

The Colorado City Police Department recognized three members of the force with promotions at a special reception at the civic center last Friday afternoon.

Family members, colleagues and coworkers were in attendance, along with several city and county leaders.

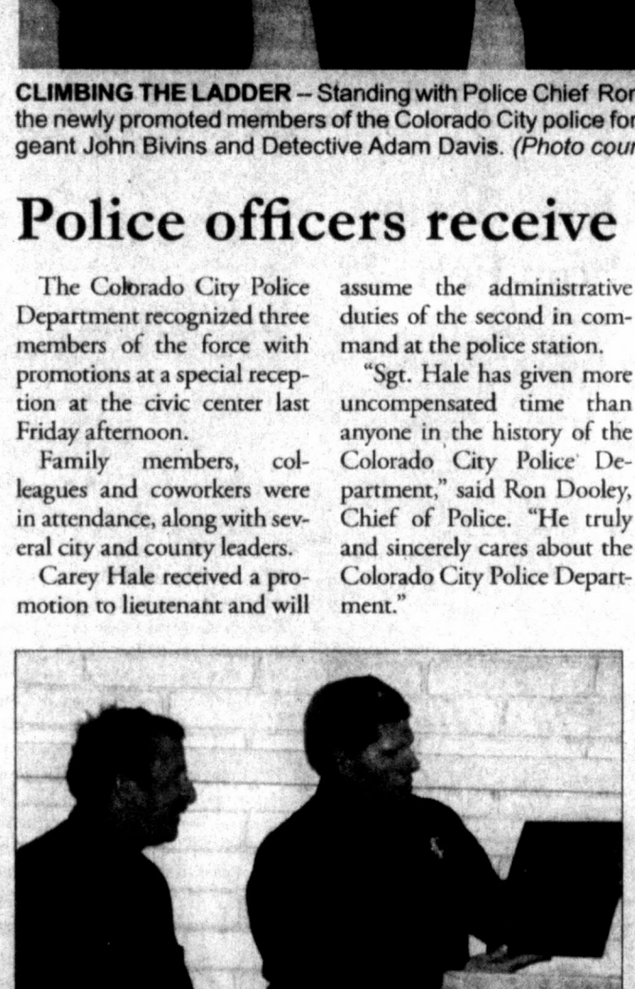
Carey Hale received a promotion to lieutenant and will assume the administrative duties of the second in command at the police station.

"Sgt. Hale has given more uncompensated time than anyone in the history of the Colorado City Police Department," said Ron Dooley, Chief of Police. "He truly and sincerely cares about the Colorado City Police Department."

Hale began working in the department in June 2007. Some of his current duties includes serving as part-time warrrant officer and overseeing the 2009 warrant roundup. He will replace Lt. Chris Pearson, who resigned to take a position with the Vider police department.

"Chris's shoes will be hard

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"JAIL 'EM ALL" reads the caption on the appreciation plaque given to Lt. Chris Pearson (left) by Chief Ron Dooley (right) for his service and dedication. Pearson was honored at a farewell party given last Friday by the Colorado City Police Department. *(Photo courtesy of Jessie Hernandez)*

Pearson leaves force

Police Lieutenant Chris Pearson will be trading in his lieutenant bars for those of a detective. Pearson recently resigned as part of the Colorado City police force to make a lateral career move to a larger department in Vider, where former police chief Eric Forester is now serving.

Pearson was honored by his fellow officers last Friday at a surprise reception.

"We had to rope the D.A. in to keep it a surprise," said

See PEARSON, Page 5

Hospital election set

The MCHD Board officially called a hospital board election during a regular meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night. The election will take place on May 9, 2009. Several seats are up for election this year, including seats held by Florence Bodine, Jerry Reynolds, Patty Pharis and Geneva Ratliff.

Filing deadline for anyone wishing to be on the ballot in May is March 9. Early voting starts April

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Hospital employees honored for service

The Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors, along with the help of hospital CEO Karl Stinson, awarded hospital employees with tenure pins as a way to express appreciation for all their years of service to the district.

Pins were given to employees reaching 5 years, 10 years, 15 years and 20 years of service time.

Those receiving 5-year pins were Chad Pinkerton, maintenance; Amanda Gonzalez, LVN at Family Medical Clinic; Claudia Sanchez, PTA/Indigent Program; and Toni Everett, RN and Community Relations. This is the second time Everett has received her 5-year pin. Others not present but receiving pins for 5

See HOSPITAL, Page 12

New dialysis center to be located here

Business continues to grow in Colorado City with the addition of a new dialysis center.

The Mitchell County Hospital Board voted to partner with Access Care Dialysis, LLC to develop and operate a dialysis center in Colorado City during a called board meeting last Thursday.

"Access is good because of I-20," said hospital CEO Karl Stinson. "They could have elected to put it elsewhere. They chose Colorado City. It's a neat deal."

The concept of small town access to available dialysis is the brainchild of founder John Hendrick.

The eight chair center will be able to treat 42 patients three days a week. The 2,500 square foot modular building can also be expanded to double the number of patients as it draws clientele from surrounding areas such as Snyder and Sweetwater.

The hospital board is working with the board of economic development to provide the land, as well as utility hookups. The center will be located at 1543 Chestnut, on the old hospital parking lot directly across from the hospital's front door.

"This is a life-sustaining treatment. You shouldn't be denied it because you live in a small town. You shouldn't have to ride a bus for an hour," said Hendrick.

Plans are underway to have the center operational within nine months. The center can accept private insurance from day one, although becoming certified to accept Medicare/Medicaid will take considerably longer.

Benefits to the hospital include labs, radiology, rental fees of $10 or 10% plus the benefits to the community, and bringing business to the community, according to Stinson.

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Around Town

Barbara and Ginny Rivera make a splash in the Pacific... Happy 9th birthday **Brayden Coronado** (Mar. 1)... Happy belated birthday **Allen Rose** (Feb. 23)... Happy birthday **Michelle Sanchez** (Feb. 26)... **Bill Barlow** doing a little deer hunting... **Sam Lenderman** in San Angelo for a stock show... **Jake Rivera** eating at Applebee's

Obituaries

Bonnie Calaway, Amarillo

William Fredrick Dakan, Dallas

Gene McCown, Westbrook

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Lorenzo Hinojosa, Colorado City

Answerline

Q. How much water will the proposed Tenaska Coal Power Plant in Sweetwater use?

A. Two options are being considered, according to the Sweetwater Reporter. With "Wet" cooling, the preferred method, the plant will use about 10 million gallons of water per day. The other option is "dry" cooling which will use about 1 million gallons a day.

Briefs

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Mar. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization records to clinic. For more information, please call 325-754-4945.

Relay for Life Raffle
The Pioneers Hospital District Team will be holding a raffle for a rifle, basket of goodies or a handmade cowhide cross. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5 and may be picked up at the nurse's desk through Lindsey, Lulu, Cliff, Velma, Amanda, Jesse, Cristina, Al, Jeanalda, Iris, Aurora, Barbara, Sue or Maggie.

Lions Club
Jim Wilkes of Sweetwater will be the speaker at the Lions Club at noon on Friday.

Softball Signups
Mitchell County Girls Softball Assoc. will hold late signups Mar. 2, 3 at the Civic Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

KCCB Meeting
Keep Colorado City Beautiful will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Class Reunion
Attention Class of 2000: You have a reunion coming up! Anyone who is a member of the CHS Class of 2000 should email their name, address and phone number to class_2000_reunion@yahoo.com.

Cookie Dough
Kelley Elementary students will be selling cookie dough through March 4. The cookie dough will be delivered after spring break. Anyone wanting to purchase cookie dough, should contact a Kelley student or the Kelley office at 728-3471.

Project Celebration ® Meeting
On Mon., Mar. 2, 2009, a Project Celebration ® meeting will be held at the Colorado High School Library at 5:30 p.m. All seniors and their parents are highly encouraged to attend. Plans for upcoming fundraisers will be discussed.

Thought of the Week

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LOCAL NEWS



CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS Bob McNeal and Sammy Contreras (left to right) inspect the construction site of the new police station. Workers poured the foundation for the building Monday.

Pancakes on menu Friday

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper Friday, February 27.

The melt-in-your mouth flapjacks will be served up piping hot, along with a generous helping of tasty sausage and crunchy bacon, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Colorado Middle School cafeteria. Drinks are also included.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children under 12 years old. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member or may be purchased at the door on the night of the supper.

Proceeds from the supper will fund Kiwanis scholarships for graduating high school seniors, as well as helping promote local youth activities.

Warrant round-up week draws near

Law enforcement agencies state wide will combine forces for a warrant round-up March 7-16, 2009.

Beginning March 7, law enforcement officials will actively seek out those with outstanding warrants. Offenders may be arrested at home, in the place of business or wherever officers find them.

To avoid arrest, offenders need to pay fines now by mail with a cashier check or money order, or they may pay fines by appearing in person.

Warrants will remain active for payments sent by mail until the payment has been received and posted by the appropriate court. Offenders should call to confirm payment.

Fines may be paid at the Colorado City Municipal Court at 157 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or by mail to: P.O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

For more information, please call 325-728-2072.

The following individuals have outstanding warrants:

Snyder

Alexandra Jacque Alvarez, 419 34th Street; Omar Castenada, 905 28th Street; Anthony Brian Chiesa, 403 Milburn; Christella Marie Garcia, 1903 Coleman Street #4; Joe Angel Garcia, 201 32nd Street; John Gabriel Garcia, 3082 FM 1606

Lisa Kaye Garza, 4503 College #11; David Gomez, 1411 Ave D; Rigo Gonzalez, 700 E 37th Street # 216; Manuel Guevara, 403 Milburn; Randy Lee Holder, 385 Wheat; Brandon Jones, 440 Ave U # 6B5; Desiderio Moran, 3300 Collier Rd #4

Margarita Muñoz, 1909 21st Street; Jose Antonio Orozco, 104 Milburn; Del B. Ostrander, 911 17th Street; Antonio Rubio, 1106 27th Street; Donald Tabor, 1104 26th Street

Sweetwater

Jeremy Dwayne Cleghorn, 300 College Drive #D13; Jimmy Lee Gonzales, 211 Clark; Sophia Vera Granados, 911 W New Mexico; David Carrol Rainwater, 1601 Grand #414; Ambrosia L. Renteria, 800 Circle Drive; Abraham Salazar, 505 Murrah Street

Big Spring

Dora Aguero, 1501 Johnson St.; Lance Wade Brockman, 1605 Avion; Lonnie Green, 2911 W. Highway 80 #240; Alex Gutierrez, 206 NE 10th; Valerie Ramirez, 507 NE 8th; Ismael Vargas, 2910 Cherokee

A complete listing of Texas offenders with outstanding warrants, both locally and in other Texas cities, may be found on the Record website: www.coloradorecord.com



END IN SIGHT — The Mitchell County Library will once again reopen its doors on Monday, March 9, according to Brigada Hiser, librarian. Geneva Jones continues to help sort and shelve books in preparation for the re-opening.

OBITUARIES

Bonnie Calaway
1937-2009

AMARILLO – Mrs. Bonnie Calaway, age 71, of Amarillo and formerly of Colorado City, died Tuesday, February 17, 2009, in an Amarillo hospital. A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2009 in All Saint's Episcopal Church in Colorado City with Rev. Dennis Bosley officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Calaway was born August 30, 1937 in Lampasas to Louis and Edna Mason Karnes. She married Charles "Chuck" Calaway on 1958 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on January 11, 1994. She was a lab technician at Holly Sugar for ten years in Hereford.

She is survived by a son, Randel and wife Glenna Calaway of Flower Mound; two daughters, Cody and husband Brian Simpkins of Amarillo and Carla and husband Reed Powell of Snyder; a brother, Jim and wife Grace Karnes of Waco; a sister, Nelda Karnes of Gatesville; grandsons, Michael Calaway, Colton Powell and Matthew Simpkins; and three granddaughters, Heather Calaway, Riley Powell and Emily Simpkins.

She is preceded in death by two sisters, Corene Thomas and Letha Soules and five brothers, Oscar Karnes, Ellsworth Karnes, Louis Karnes, Carl Karnes and Frank Karnes.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials to your favorite charity.

William Fredrick Dakan
1966-2009



DALLAS -- William Fredrick Dakan was born on February 11, 1966 in Colorado City. He passed away on February 20, 2009 at UT Southwestern St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

He received his education in Colorado City. He attended many colleges before receiving his bachelor's degree in education at Tarleton State University.

He worked on an oil rig, then owned his own business before entering his education career. He taught and coached at many schools before making his home in Itasca. He taught social studies and coached football and baseball at Itasca for four years. He also could be seen at every home basketball game running the score clock. He enjoyed watching high school football and playoff games, going to the beach, mowing the lawn, yard work, grilling outside with friends and hanging out with the grandkids.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his wife, D'Nan Dakan of Itasca; his mother, Carol Dakan of Colorado City; his sons, William "Bill" Fredrick Dakan 2nd. and Kody Cheyene Dakan, both from Merkel; step-children Kari Bottorff of Itasca, Jeffrey and Michelle Bottorff of Euless, Todd and Jenny Bottorff of Little Elm; grandchildren: Kyrstin and iT Bottorff of Itasca, Haley, Kaleb and Ethan Bottorff of Little Elm, Joseph and Matthew Parra and Noah Bottorff of Euless; and his brother, Wylie Dakan of Carrollton.

Gene McCown
1924-2009

WESTBROOK - Mr. Gene McCown, age 84, passed away on February 23, 2009 in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Westbrook with Rev. Terry White officiating. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Family received friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the funeral home.

Gene was born on December 26, 1924 in Wewoka, Oklahoma to Velvin and Ruby Haning McCown. He was a resident of Mitchell County since 1989 and a member of the First Baptist Church of Westbrook. He married Elizabeth Isaacs on September 4, 1955 in Bethel, Oklahoma. He worked for 70 years as a brick mason in Oklahoma and West Texas.

He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth McCown; sons, Clifton McCown and wife, Karla of Burns Flat, OK and Donald McCown and wife, Luisa of Snyder; daughter, Mary Quisenberry and husband, Larry of Miami, TX; brothers, Conroe McCown and wife, Melva of El Paso, TX and Clyde McCown and wife, Joyce of DeQueen, AK; sisters, Lilly Scroggins and Leer Kelley both of Ada, OK. He was Pa to grandkids: David, Dustie, Joel, Tandi, Sarah, Katy, Garrett and Rykin.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ruby Neal.

Florence Ward
1919-2009



COLORADO CITY -- Mrs. Florene Ward, age 89, passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2009, in Abilene. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Foster officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ward was born on July 9, 1919, to Jasper Dean and Betty Maude Price Pilkington in Granbury. She was a homemaker, a longtime resident of Colorado City and a member of the First Assembly of God. Florene married Loyd E. Ward on August 25, 1938, in Colorado City.

She is survived by her daughters, Alice and husband, Jimmy Griffin of Abilene and Opal and husband, Mike Hazard of Branson, MO; a brother, Tom Pilkington of Odessa; grandchildren, Jimmy Dale and wife, June Crownover and Debra Caldwell, all of New Braunfels; David and wife, Tami Hazard of Bedford; great-grandchildren, Melissa Sanchez, Jettie McMahan, Jeffrey Caldwell and Cody Caldwell, all of New Braunfels, Josh Hazard and Christi Hazard, both of Bedford; great-great-grandchildren, Iky Sanchez, Jala McMahon and Kenneth McMahon, all of New Braunfels.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Lorenzo Hinojosa
1930-2009



COLORADO CITY- Mr. Lorenzo R. Hinojosa, age 78, passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in Lubbock. Funeral services will be on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Ruben Covos officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hinojosa was born on August 31, 1930 to Raymundo and Guadalupe Rodriguez Hinojosa in Comstock, TX. He was a ranch hand for F.L. Terry for 20 years in the Hyman Community. Mr. Hinojosa married Elia Gonzalez on April 20, 1964 in Del Rio, TX.

He leaves behind his wife, Elia Hinojosa of Colorado City; daughters, Sandra Serrano and Sylvia Lopez, both of San Jose, CA; 5 grandchildren; brother, Alvaro Hinojosa of Comstock; sisters, Lila Ortiz and husband, Domingo of Comstock, Ofelia Fuentes of Comstock, TX and Elsie Bendele and husband, Herman of Hale Center, TX.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Adela Ortiz.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the funeral home.

Opry hosts show Feb. 28

There will be a C-City Opry Show on Saturday, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the Opry House. Tickets will be available at the door.

A broadcast of previous shows can be heard on Saturdays on KAUM radio station.

Frenchie Burke has tentatively scheduled to perform at the Opry coming up in March.

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LOCAL NEWS

Black History month: profiles in excellence

Relationships key to success

Peer pressure is the biggest difficulty facing today's youth, according to Colorado High School senior Breanna Biggers.

"There's not much to do in Colorado City, so their main focus is doing something that will get them in trouble," said Biggers.

An A-B student who enjoyed playing the post position in basketball, Biggers said she would like to see a youth center with a game room and year round swimming pool that stayed open after school hours. She would also like activities not offered in school, such as boxing.

Biggers credits her parents and grandmothers with being the most influential people in her life.

"They've always been there no matter what," she said. "When times are hard I can always come to them for help or if I needed someone to talk to."

"I happen to be the youngest, so I can talk to my sisters when I need to," she said. Biggers has one sister on her mom's side and three sisters and one brother on her dad's side.

She suggests parents get more involved in their children's lives to combat the problems facing today's youth.

"Parents need to talk to their kids more and have a better relationship with them," she said, suggesting they show support by doing things with their children, talking to them more and asking them questions about life and how things are going in school.

Although Biggers admits she only reads what she has to get things done, she enjoyed studying economics with Coach Johnson.

"The way he taught it made it fun," she said, adding economics was easier than the government class she is taking this year.

Biggers plans to attend Odessa College this fall and major in nursing.

"A lot of my family members are sick, so I spend a lot of time at the hospital. I actually get to see things they actually do."

While hanging out with her friends and going to watch Tyler Perry comedies at the movies keeps her busy, Biggers has a dream of visiting Africa one day.

"I see the kids and people on television and I'd like to go down there and see them with my own eyes and be able to help them," she said.

Her passion for Africa consistently crops up in the themes she does for English projects.

Preferring the background instead of the limelight, Biggers chose to participate with the cheerleaders as the school mascot last year.

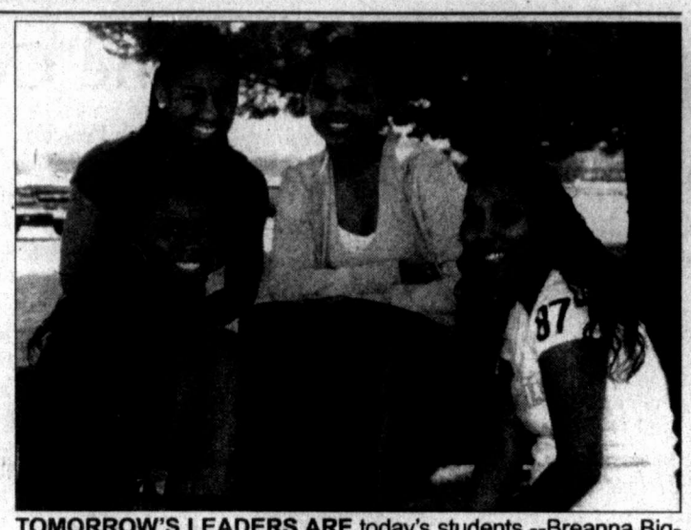
"I didn't really like cheerleading, but I wanted to be with them. I thought that it (being mascot) would be fun to be around all the kids," she said.

As school mascot, Biggers went to cheerleading camp last year and won the award for most improved.

"It was sweaty work, especially during the pep rallies," she said, explaining her reason for not being mascot her senior year.

"My senior and freshman year feel like they were going by the fastest," she said.

"This year has been the easiest. I've grown a bigger connection with most of my friends. This year we have a stronger connection as a class," Biggers said.



TOMORROW'S LEADERS ARE today's students --Breanna Biggers (second from right) enjoys hanging out with her friends Shawtavia Wright, Kandace Johnson and Dieshia Smith (left to right).

DIALYSIS

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The new center will also provide three good paying jobs with full benefits to local residents. Employee insurance pays all but $100 for family plan, plus a bonus for longevity which is paid monthly not yearly.

The hospital board also voted to hire Troy Cade of Gamma Search to begin the process for recruiting a new physician to replace Dr. Gus Gross, who resigned effective March 6.

Gamma Search was responsible for bringing both Dr. Roach and Dr. Scott to Colorado City.

"We already have candidates, and should be able to have one physically on site within a couple of weeks," said Cade. "The average stay of rural physicians is about 3 ½ years. It is amazing to have docs stay 14 years or more, such as Dr. Gross."

"We'll focus in Texas first, then look away from there. We want somebody that understands west Texas honesty and doing what you say," said Cade. Gamma Search hopes to find a candidate the mirrors Dr. Gross' qualities, including being bilingual.

"We will be looking for someone who does not just want to work here," said Stinson, " but someone who wants to be here; who wants to be in a small community."

Selling points in the search for a new physician are the hospital's physical plant, Dr. Roach's longevity, a growing tax base from the windmills and the stability of a rural hospital. The hospital board will pay Gamma Search $9,000 up front, along with an addition $26,000; although $50,000 is usually the low end cost of recruiting a doctor, according to Stinson.

"The spouse is going to be the issue," said Cade. "This is a well oiled machine from a medicine standpoint for the physician. We're going to rely on the pillars of the community to sell these people. The quality of people or the perception of quality of people is what sells."

The board also heard an update on Valley Fair Lodge from Jeff Miller and Jay Quebedeaux, representatives of Quality Resource Management.

"The transition has gone extremely smooth," said Quebedeaux. "The staff are settling in and taking great care of the residents."

Employee insurance kicked in on February 1 with two plan options through Blue Cross, both of which allow family plans that save employees several hundred dollars monthly.

"No one lost retirement or vacation time. Those transferred over," said Stinson, although dental and life insurance are not offered. "Everyone was offered a position with no reduction in salaries."

Six employees chose not to stay with Valley Fair during the transition. "We lost six employees, who are employed elsewhere, but were offered a position at Valley Fair," said Marsha Rickerd, Valley Fair administrator. Only the part time housekeeper was not offered a position.

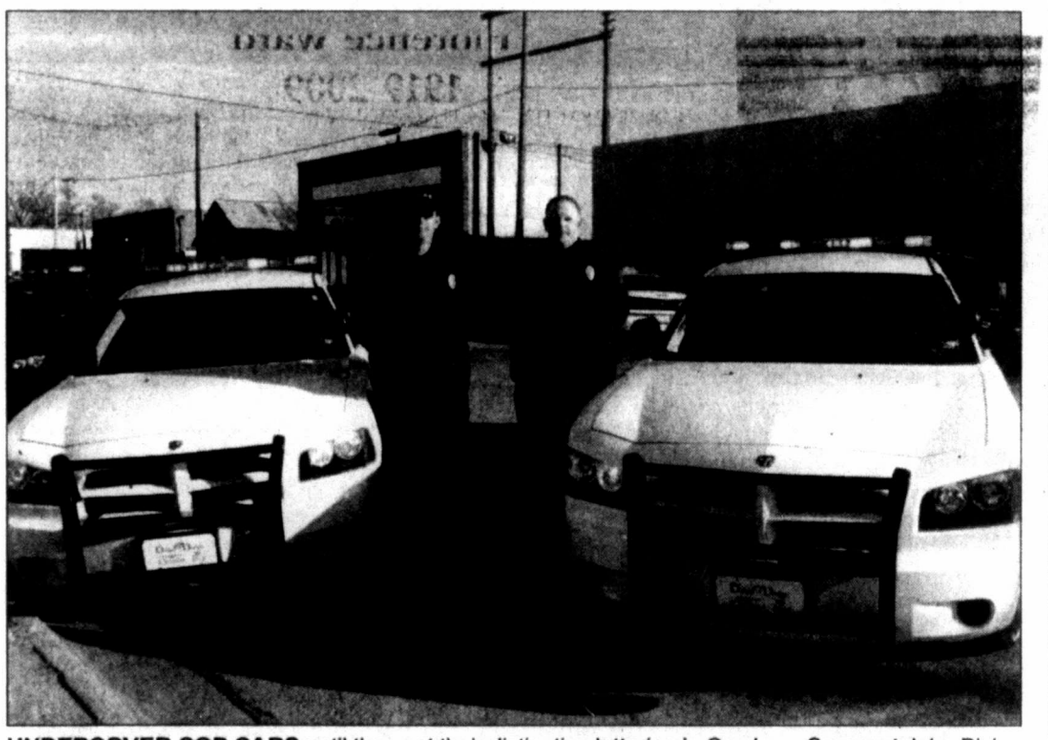
Plans are underway to add a part-time therapist to improve the hospital's swing bed and nursing home care.

The kitchen upgrade should be completed by April 15 and $87,000 in old accounts receivable have been collected the first two weeks of February.

"We should collect an additional $35,000 to $45,00 in the next 30 to 60 days, which should more than pay for the new kitchen," said Miller.

The current number of Valley Fair residents is 41.

"Our potential to negatively impact the district has lessened significantly," said Stinson. "The cost reduction of the kitchen and revenue increasing will get us past the break even point of 42 residents."



UNDERCOVER COP CARS until they get their distinctive lettering in Snyder -- Sergeant John Bivins and Officer Traven Berrie (left to right) check out the newest additions to Colorado City's police fleet. The police department received two new 2009 Dodge Chargers, paying $54,000 for the two vehicles.

WINDFALL

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Miller will replace Nell Rollins.

Bids for tax sale property on Wallace Street for $100 by Frank Biggers and on Waco Street, south of the railroad tracks, for $300 by Vickie Lewis were approved.

The court also approved a resolution of participation with Enproter/Hibbs & Todd for sealcoating projects.

"This is just a resolution that we may participate in a group wide project with several cities," said Judge Ray Mayo. "It keeps our options open, but does not lock us into a contract."

The payroll of $64,932.08 and bills totaling $78,620.72 were also approved.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their written requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on March 5, 2009 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on March 5, 2009 and reviewed by Administration Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the city council at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 14, 2009. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A VISIT TO GRANNY'S NUT HOUSE

I met Hesta Faye Bobbitt in Crockett some years ago when I interviewed her about her collection of elephants. When the movie Dumbo came out, she bought a small replica of the mammal at a variety store. That was the first of many hundreds of decorative elephants spread on shelves and tabletops throughout her house. She is still collecting hem.



Through her son Charlie, I made contact with Hesta Faye again to visit with her about her pecan business. It's called Granny's Nut House.

"I'm the chief nut," she says.

Hurricane Ike took all her pecans she had planned to sell this season, but some kinfolks brought her a big batch of pecans from Alabama. She has had her business for more than 20 years.

"During the first couple of years we had this place the trees were loaded with pecans and we didn't even bother to pick them up. We didn't realize what we had. A good friend had this cracker which is old as Methuselah. He said why don't you take this machine and make you some extra money. I used it for a long time, then bought another one even older than that first one. It's older than I am. Charlie knows how to work on them and keeps them in good shape."

Hesta Faye's customers come from all over East Texas and sometimes they bring her their own pecans for her to shell.

"First, you pick the pecans up and put them on racks and let 'em dry," she says. "You can't crack a wet pecan. Then you pour them into the cracker and turn the machine on. They fall into a container, then they're ready for you to get the meat out of the shell. If you let them set for about a day, then it's twice as easy to pick the nut out of that shell. But your pecans have to be dry and free of leaves and limbs and what have you. Every once in awhile I come up with a rock that somebody has dropped in by accident. They pick them up with picker-uppers and they pick up trash along with the pecans."

Hesta Faye does some shelling herself and sells pecans by the pound.

"I shell the pecans at night. I listen to the TV and shell pecans. Sometimes I have a lot, sometimes not many. It depends on the weather as to how many you get. They fall to the ground and are picked up by hand. I bought a sweeper and thought I was going to get smart and pick them up with that sweeper. It didn't work. It picked up too much trash."

She has a sure way of keeping crows out of her pecan trees.

"My neighbor kills crows for me and I put a string on them and hang them in my trees where the other crows can see them. They don't bother my trees, but they'll strip the ones across the street."

The Congressional Idea of Economics

By Flash Prescott

So, how does the government make money? Most people would say "by taxes." That's what I used to think. It's true that the US government has always made money from tariffs and other market-style taxes, but most people think that the major portion of government money comes in from the annual April 15 billing cycle. It's surprising to realize that, for well over a hundred years, the US government was able to operate and pay expenses without taxing the income of its own citizens. The taxation of individuals was actually illegal until the Constitution was modified in 1913 using the Sixteenth Amendment. For this amendment to take place, it had to be introduced by elected officials, approved by more than a majority of congress, and then ratified by 2/3 of the states in the United States, by duly elected legislators.

We have believed for at least two generations that we faithfully pay our taxes to the government, and the government then responsibly uses it to pay the bills and housekeeping. The truth, of course, is that income tax has practically nothing to do with revenue, and practically everything to do with controlling business, education, religion, commerce, and our private lives. If taxation were just to raise revenue, the process would not be nearly as complicated as it is. Most average Americans can take their tax data to three different, licensed tax preparers and they will get three different statements, three different amounts, three different sets of figures. There is nothing simple about paying American taxes.

Can you imagine a private company telling you it is your job to determine how much you owe them, to calculate cost, and develop a payment plan, and then penalizing you if you don't do it correctly? In a nation where officially no one has the right to force us to be accountants, much less even to be able to read and write, we are expected every year to set up bookkeeping, calculate our finances, and using a book of charts provided by a para-government agency, determine what we "owe" our nation and then send it in. That is what your own government demands of you. It is probably the hardest, least objective, most confusing thing any American is called on to do.

So why is it so complicated? Because it's not about revenue; it's all about control. By giving tax advantages for some things and tax penalties for others, government is able to "modify" behavior of both corporations and individuals. When a school, a business, a church, or a family has "been bad," according to government standards, they suffer a tax problem. They are penalized and it perhaps puts them on the straight and narrow for the next year.

Where does the government get money, then, if not from income taxes and the IRS? Well, when you are the government, you can just print more. How do you get 700 billion dollars, then get 800 billion more? Simple! You just get out the plates with George Washington's -- or better yet, Benjamin Franklin's -- picture on them, and you slap some green ink on some treasury paper and -- Voila! -- instant money!

How can I dare to make such a claim? Mathematics helps. The two latest "stimulus" plans total $1.5 trillion dollars. That's one million times one million dollars, and then add half of that again. Let's go wild and say that every man, woman, and child in the US could be a wage earner and tax payer - obviously a ridiculously over-exaggerated claim. Split a trillion and a half up into three hundred million payments, and each of them would be responsible for five thousand dollars. That means that the IRS would have to clear -- show a profit of -- five thousand dollars for taxing every man, woman, child, toddler, infant, and senior citizen in this country.

It doesn't matter if you are a Democrat or a Republican, a conservative or a liberal. The fact is, we have elected some people who are spending money that they don't have, money that doesn't exist. If we continue printing our own revenue, our American currency will continue to approach the value of Monopoly money. The only thing that has preserved our dollar so far has been an American economy that can swim upstream in an adverse, spending-gone-wild climate, but even the best swimmers can finally be swept under by a strong rip tide.

Please don't think your tax dollars will go to the "stimulus" package. They are a drop in the bucket. Their purpose is just to make you behave yourself. No, this money will be manufactured, with no gold to back it up, no securities or assets to make it worth anything. But we continue to believe that it is real money, and as long as Congress continues to spend it, we will continue to stretch it thin. A day is coming when the stretching will stop, and the "snap" will affect all of us.

It's not about taxpayers anymore. It's about devaluation, and it will cost us in the future. The world once coveted our green paper. The time is coming when we won't be able to give it away.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I really enjoyed reading the article about Investigator Ronnie Stiltner discovering the cash inside the tires. It's wonderful when the good guys win. Way to go Ronnie!

Barbara Washburn

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Letter to the Editor:

Recently, drugs were introduced into our household by our youngest family member. We have lived in Colorado City for a short 1 1/2 years.

After a few months into school, my husband and I noticed many changes in our youngest child, such as mood swings, withdrawal from family, friends, and activities, falling grades, low self-esteem and depression. Not knowing what to do, we confided in the school. The school looked into such things as changes in school work and researched past grades, socialization changes, and other factors. We also began extensive communication sessions with our child. Eventually it was confirmed, our child had experimented with drugs and was now caught in a crowd of no escape.

With the assistance of the school, we now have this child on the right track. Special thanks to Mrs. Alexander, Ms. Bunny, Mr. Mace, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Lewis and entire staff of Wallace school for all of their help.

My reasoning for this letter is to alert other parents of the simple access our kids have to acquiring drugs.

Drug use among teenagers seems to be a growing problem in our small community. I know with help from each and every friendly, caring intelligent individual in Colorado City, we can put a stop to this.

Parents, recognize the signs. If you suspect your child is on drugs, talk to them. Listen to them. And test them. Tests are available at Wal-Mart for about $40.

Also, this is the time your teenager needs you the most! They are discovering themselves, freedom, the opposite sex, and experimenting with things. Communication is key!!!

To the sweet, loving citizens of Colorado City: please pray that our youth have been raised with good morals and values. Also pray that the predators stalking our youth can no longer harm them.

If you know someone dealing drugs or buying alcohol for minors, turn them into the police!!! We have to get this off our streets.

To the suppliers of controlled substances to our kids: shame on you! God will judge you rightfully!!!!!

Thank you and God bless!!

A concerned, confused, and hopeful parent

Editor's note: Normally, it is not our policy to run a Letter to the Editor without a name. However, the name of the writer of the Letter to the Editor, above, has been left off to protect the identity of the minor.

Events Calendar

Feb. 27	Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper	CMS Cafeteria
Feb. 28	C-City Opry	Opry House
Mar. 21, 22	Railhead Trade Days	Railhead Building

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Crystal Moore Vice-Pres, Citi Residential Lending Inc Atty in Fact, Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Jeremy S. Ross, Virginia W. Ross to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co Ttee, Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Corporate Assignment.

Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp, Crystal Moore Vice President to Carlos Hernandez, Rosie Hernandez, Release of Lien.

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Margarito J. Coronado, Office of the Attorney General to Becky Franco, Public, Lien Notice.

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Lisa Michelle Cain to Lupe Salazar, Angie Salazar, Warranty Deed.

Sarwest Capital LLC, Rodney Sargent to Walter Sickles, Warranty Deed.

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Clauda Collins Crossler to Bright & Company I Ltd, Ratif of Lease.

Stella Lillian Thomas to Don Robert Thomas, Revoc Power Atty.

Texas Dept of Housing & Community Affair, Joe A. Garcia Executive Director to Jeremy Epperson, Valerie Epperson, Statement of Home Location.

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Joseph E. Brown Deceased to Joseph Emerson Brown Executor, Public, Mary B. James Executor, C/C Last Will & Testament.

Crawford F. Barnett to Penelope H. Barnett, Mineral Deed.

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LOCAL NEWS

Flood of 1939 part of city's colorful history

On June 19, 1939, the Colorado River flooded causing much of downtown, Col Tex Refinery and many nearby homes to flood, as well. The water was so high that it touched the bottom of the Colorado River Bridge just west of downtown. Shop owners began to fret as the water threatened all their hard work.

Once you could no longer see the roads, Porter Richardson and Gus Armstrong decided to launch a small boat with a Maytag washer motor onto 2nd Street. This humored some as they rowed along.

However, not all were amused by the ripples this fiasco was causing. Mr. Nat Thomas, the owner of what is now called the Downtown Emporium came out his front door saying "when you come back by here, I'm going to have my shotgun waiting for you". Did he have the gun waiting when they went back? Armstrong said, "We didn't go back. We abandoned the boat."

As the water got higher, the citizens became more worried that all would wash on down the river.



Window on the Past
Amie Wood
Director HWTM

Incidentally, one of the cotton storage facilities just up the hill from the river was taking on water quickly. This caused the cotton bales to wash out down the river and pile up on the railroad bridge. Cotton bales are heavy enough alone, but soaking wet and being forced upon one another by a raging torrent created a big problem.

In hopes of avoiding a serious washout, the railroad workers decided to take a switch engine and park several tank cars on the middle of the bridge to weigh it down. Several locals had gathered around by this time, so many were there to witness the inevitable disaster. The bridge gave way. The cars, rails, bridge timbers and cotton bales broke free.

Fishing all of this out of the Colorado River was no easy task and a few still say that all those cars are down there somewhere. Next time you drive out west of down town, take notice of the Colorado River and its looming distance from the bottom of the bridge.

This piece of history and many more have been preserved at the Heart of West Texas Museum and in many books written by Jim Baum. The information from this story can be found by asking around and also in Baum's "Bootleggers, Braceros & Bronc Busters". You might be surprised by the pieces of history that you'll discover.

Editor's Note: The Heart of West Texas Museum not only has more interesting stories on the 1939 flood, but lots of photos.

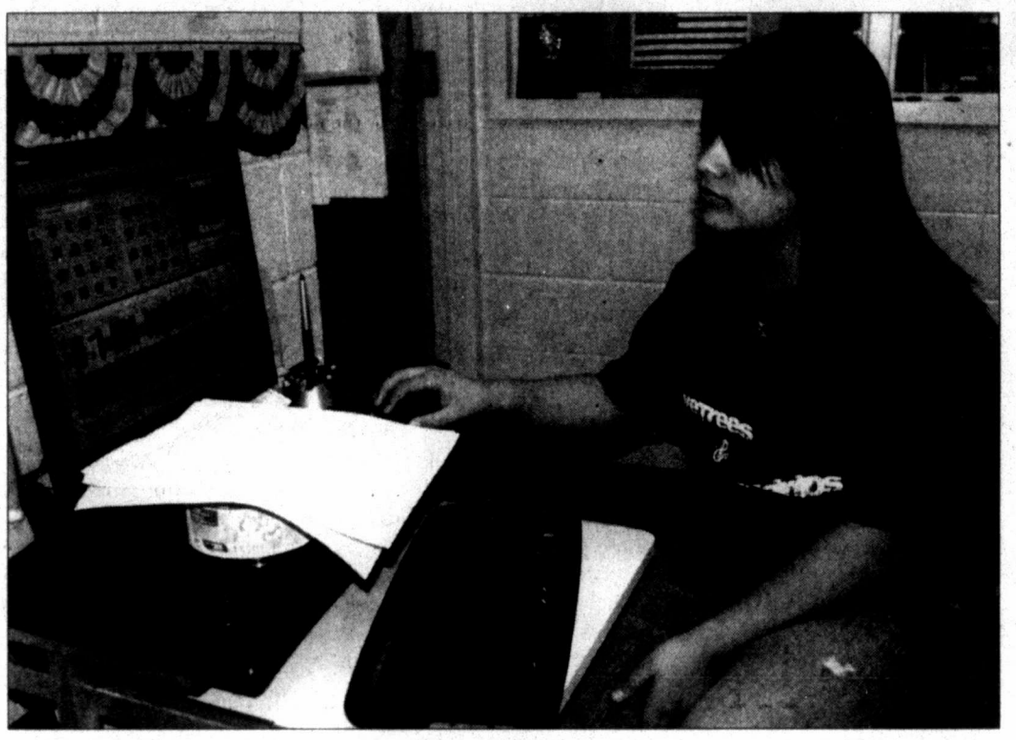
History students to compete

Colorado middle school students will once again take to the competition trail as they participate in Texas History Day at McMurray University this Thursday, February 26.

Seven students will present both individual and group boards, video documentaries and a web page in the junior division, according to Beverly Adams, sponsor and CMS librarian.

Freshman Tucker French will be competing in the senior division with an exhibit board.

Participating middle school students are Destyne Gaona, Kristine Gaona, Taegen Harris, Mason Maddox, Cassie Sutton, Makayla Madrid and Alyssa Leverton.



KRISTINE GAONA PUTS the finishing touches on her video documentary on Apple inventor Steven Jobs for the Texas History Competition. Gaona, along with seven other Colorado ISD students, will compete at McMurry University Thursday.

PEARSON

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Police Chief Ron Dooley.

District Attorney Ann Reed joined forces with the police department by telling Pearson his presence was required at a hearing Friday afternoon.

"It's truly been an honor to serve the citizens of Colorado City," Pearson said. "The folks here are absolutely wonderful people. It gives me great pleasure to work as an officer here."

Pearson has served on the Colorado City police force since January 2007, when he transferred in from Grand Saline, Texas.

He worked his way up through detective to lieutenant, serving under former Chief Forester and current Chief Ron Dooley.

"Working with both chiefs has truly been an enjoyable experience," said Pearson. "I'm going to miss them very much. Not only were they co-workers, but I consider them to be my friends."

Pearson will not leave behind any open cases. "Everything that had a solid lead went to the district or county attorney for prosecution," he said. "I'm not leaving any unfinished business here."

However, he will be returning on occasion to give testimony in a few cases still pending on the trial docket.

"I had a pretty good success rate in clearing a number of residential, business and vehicle burglaries," Pearson said.

Burglaries tend to be some of the most difficult to solve statewide, according to Pearson, due to lack of evidence and limited leads to follow. "It's frustrating. I managed to put together some solid cases," he said.

Interacting with the public and lack of traffic jams are two things he appreciates about life in Colorado City.

"I came to appreciate small town life, getting to work one on one with the public," he said. "In the past, I didn't have opportunity to do that in the Metroplex, where I worked for 15 years. You don't work one on one with the citizens. You just basically go from call to call."

"I will miss the fact I never had to deal with traffic jams like the Metroplex," he said. "I also appreciate that there's a rugged beauty to West Texas. I spent a lot of time here riding my motorcycle in the countryside. I will miss that."

However, Pearson is looking forward to eating seafood and being within a 30 minute drive of the ocean from where he will be working.

ELECTIONS

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The filing period to get on the ballot for the May 9 elections ends March 9. Write in candidates have a week longer filing period, until March 16.

Early voting will begin April 27 and end on May 5 at city hall for council positions and at the business office for school board in Colorado City and the administration office in Loraine for school board positions. Early voting dates for the two mandatory 12 hour days have not yet been set in Loraine. Early voting in Colorado City on April 28 and May 5 will extend from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Elections will be held on May 9 at the senior citizens building in Loraine and at the Mitchell County Courthouse on 349 Oak Street in Colorado City. The deadline to register to vote is April 9.

Westbrook will not be holding elections since none of the school board terms are expiring and city elections are held every even year.

OFFICERS

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to fill," said Hale. "He's a perfectionist. he set a pretty high bar."

Detective John Bivins received a promotion to sergeant, filling the position left vacant with the promotion of Hale.

"John has the unique ability to be everyone's friend, yet command respect from friends, colleagues and co-workers," said Dooley.

Bivins is a recent 2006 academy graduate. "I hope to do as good a job as Sgt. Hale and every other guy before him," said Bivins, adding he appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Colorado City in this capacity.

Officer Adam Davis was also promoted to detective. Although Davis is the newest member of the C-City police force, joining the force on December 12, he has experience working in two other agencies. "He's quick to learn, eager, enthusiastic and very professional," said Dooley.

SOCIETY



Crystal Stahl and Jose Burrola

Engagement announced

Cowan and Barbara Stahl are delighted to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Crystal Dawn Stahl to Jose Burrola, son of Raul and Consuela Burrola of Loop.

Crystal is a graduate of Colorado High School. She is currently the manager of a retail business in Snyder.

Jose is a graduate of Loop High School and has received an Associates of Applied Science degree. He is a sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves and is currently on active duty stationed in Iraq. Jose is the father of three children, Allison, Andrew and Ashlei Burrola.

Garden Club to host meet

The Colorado City Garden Club will host the Texas Garden Club District VIII Spring Meeting March 6, 7.

The club's district includes Abilene, Big Lake, Breckenridge, Coleman, Cross Plains, Del Rio, Hamlin, Iraan, Merkel, Ozona, San Angelo, as well as Colorado City. The theme for the conference in Wildflowers on the Colorado.

Programs on Saturday will feature the photography of Hollis Gainey with wildflowers of our region. Master Gardener Gaye Houston will speak on native plants of the area.

Other events will be dinner and entertainment on Friday evening at Bama's House. Saturday will kickoff with breakfast at the Heart of West Texas Museum. Attendants of the meeting will have lunch at Mi Ranchito, followed by a silent auction.

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SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are (left to right) Misty Zimmerlee, Brandon Thomas, Javon Walthall.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson Elementary

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Misty Zimmerlee, Javon Walthall and Brandon Thomas.

Misty, daughter of Christy Mendez, is a third grader in Mrs. Partin's class. She enjoys jumping on her trampoline, and science is her favorite subject. She especially enjoys going to the library with Mrs. Mitchell.

Javon, a fourth grader in Mrs. Johns' class, is the daughter of Angela and Drex Walthall. Science is also his favorite subject, and he likes drawing as a hobby. The TAKS skits are his favorite thing about his school.

Brandon, son of Larry Paul and Malissa Raschke, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stovall's class. He enjoys playing sports as a hobby, especially basketball. Math is his favorite subject, and the teachers are his favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.



LORAINE 5TH GRADERS have been learning about liquid measurements in math and science. The class collected plastic containers that equaled a gallon. Each group then created an animal with the containers. The year's animals consisted of a cow, a camel, a flamingo, an octopus and a human. Each group presented their project to elementary students. Sheila Womack is the teacher for the Loraine fifth grade. Students participating were: (back row, l-r) Abram Hernandez, Justin Fisk, Charlie Neeley, Amanda Lara; (front row) Crystal Olivarez, Oscar Gonzales, Chris Olivarez, Brilee Young and Hunter Austin. (Not pictured: Breanna Beltran)

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Tuesday – breakfast bites, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday – yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday – dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday – scrambled eggs, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start
Lunch Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – ham & cheese chunks, half slice bread, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday – shepherd's pie, creamed peas, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk.

Wednesday – steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, golden corn, orange pieces, milk.

Thursday – tuna and noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday – fish and chips, cole slaw, cornbread, pears, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – pancakes, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – scrambled egg & cheese burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – wolf burgers, lettuce cup, fries, cookies, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – BBQ on bun, baked beans, potato salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – burrito with cheese stick, golden corn, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – pizza, green beans, glazed carrots, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 2-7

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

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, waffle, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – dry cereal, biscuit, potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 2-7

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

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, waffle, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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Lunch Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – hamburger on a bun, fries, lettuce cup, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – steak & cheese calzone, golden corn, black-eyed peas, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, Texas toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – donuts, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – sausage, gravy, biscuits & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – toast & jelly, yogurt, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk.

Tuesday – enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk.

Wednesday – teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, apple-sauce, garlic bread stick, milk.

Thursday – taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk.

Friday – stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fresh broccoli with ranch, strawberries & peaches, saltine crackers, milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday – peanut butter sandwich, cereal, fruit, milk.

Wednesday – eggs, toast, cereal, fruit, milk.

Thursday – breakfast burritos, cereal, juice, milk.

Friday – sausage, biscuit, cereal, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
Mar. 2-7

Monday – meat and macaroni, corn on cob, green beans, toast, butter, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday – chicken tenders, gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, biscuit, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday – tacos, cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, beans, peaches, milk.

Thursday – hamburgers, tater tots, ketchup, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, beans, peaches, milk.

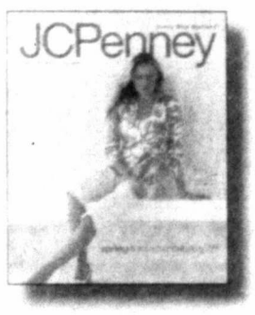
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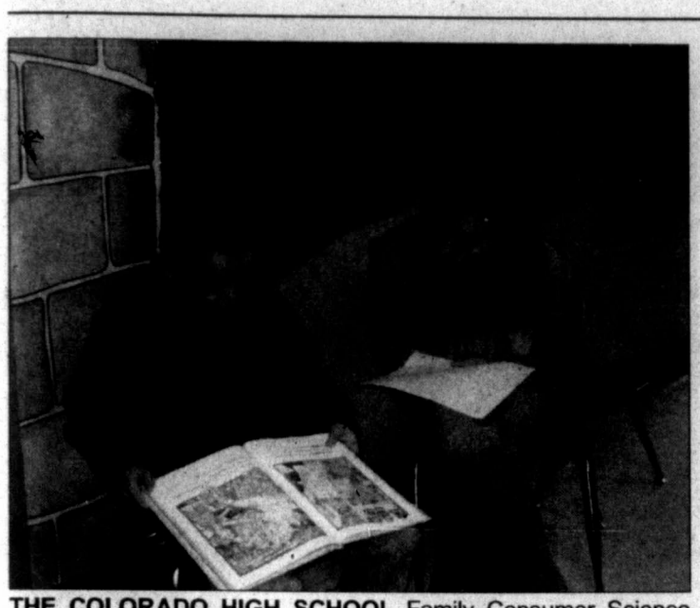
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THE COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL Family Consumer Science Classes travel to Kelley Elementary to listen to the 1st grade students every Tuesday morning. Their goal for this project is to be a good role model for the 1st graders and increase the students' confidence while they improve their reading skills. Pictured above are: left to right: Ledger Cook and Taylor Harris. Casie Lemons and Tabbitha Angelo are also working on this FCCLA project



FCCLA MEMBERS EMMA Leanos and Kristi Barnett helped fulfill some needs of the Samaritan House while completing their project. These girls collected items through a service-learning grant. They are pictured with Bob and June Kimmel, Samaritan House volunteers



BRIANA GODINA AND Brianna Coronado, both FCCLA members, worked with each CISD campus to collect more than 700 items in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day of Service. Community Mission Director Dot Smith accepts some of the items collected by the group's members. The collection was made possible by service-learning grant initiatives. *(Photos courtesy of FCCLA)*

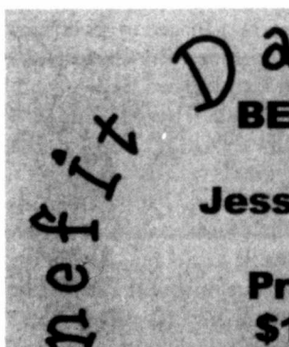


COACH SUSAN ANDERSON (left) congratulates Hunter Gonzales, Jadyn Griffith and Misty Zimmerlee for being the top three collectors for Jump Rope for Heart at Hutchinson Elementary. All three qualified for free trips to Hurricane Harbour. The school collected $2690 for Jump Rope for Heart thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Mitchell County.

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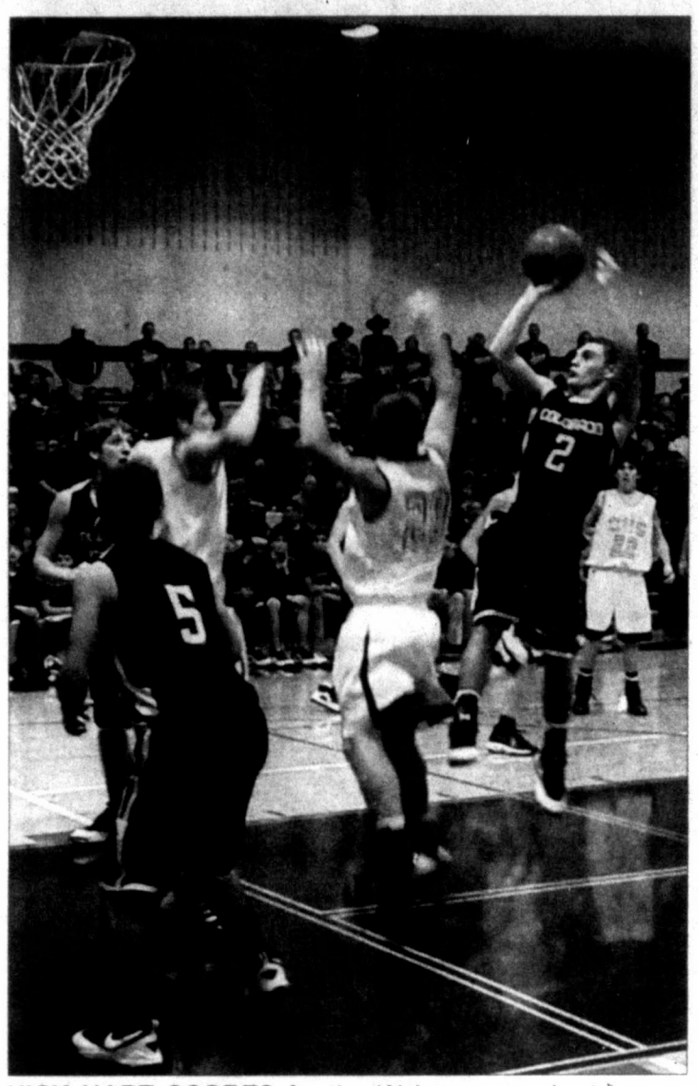
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SPORTS

Wolves lose bi-district contest



NICK HART SCORES for the Wolves on a short jumper against Comanche last Tuesday during the bi-district round of the playoffs at the Wylie High School Gym in Abilene. Also pictured are J.C. Johnson (5) and Tyler Higgins.

A second half charge by Comanche High School blew open a tight game last Tuesday night as the Indians won a Class AA Bi-District basketball game 73-46 over the Colorado City Wolves. Comanche, 21-9, advanced to an Area Championship game against Olney.

"I thought we played really well in the second half," said Comanche Coach Walker Nichols after the game, played at Abilene Wylie High School. "We ran the court well and looked to get easy baskets but nothing's easy. We had to work for them. With our rebounding and defense, we took care of business."

Comanche entered the playoffs as the second place team out of District 8-AA while Colorado High School tied for second in District 7-AA then played as the third place team after losing a coin flip to Wall. The loss to the taller Indians ended Colorado High School's season at 16-13.

"We knew they were big going in," said Colorado High School Coach Barry Kimball. "I didn't think it would affect us. Not playing a practice game hurt us. Everything we shot was short. They took us off the dribble. We don't usually allow that."

Coach Kimball had the Wolves in great position up until Comanche came out for the second period. Comanche outscored Colorado City 8-3 from there to lead 16-14 at the end of the period.

An assist from Nick Reyna and two free throws gave White the first four points of the second period as the Wolves retook the lead. Nick Hart gave Colorado City its last lead with a free throw that made it 19-18 with 4:06 left in the first half.

After a three pointer by Lance Espinoza and two free throws by Tyler Higgins the Wolves trailed only by two at 28-26 with just over a minute left in the first half.

Comanche scored the next five points for a 33-26 halftime lead.

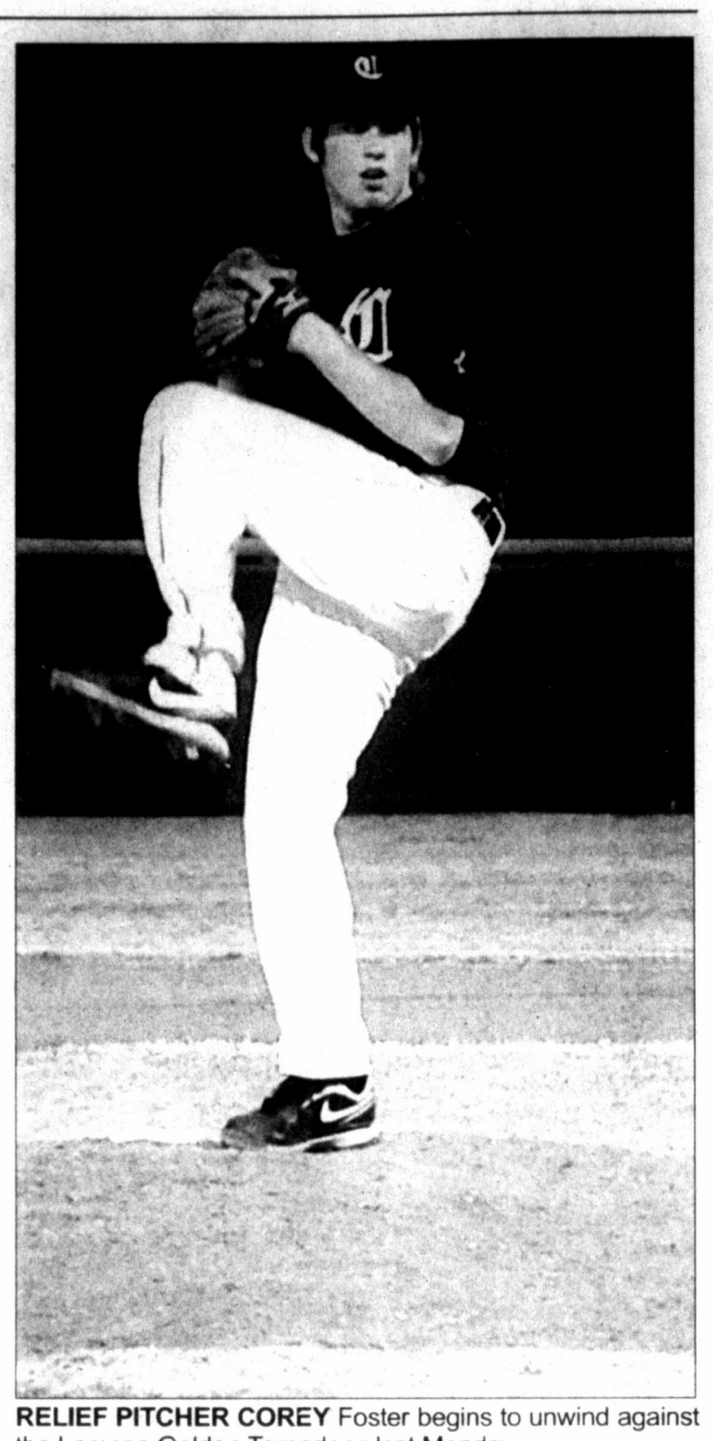
The Indians came out on the war path for the second half. Comanche made a 15-3 run to begin the third period and kept up the attack to pull away. Westin Wilhelm led the second half Comanche charge with 12 of his game high 23 points coming in the final two periods.

Wilhelm was one of three Indians in double figures as Ty Weaver chipped in 16 and Feaster added 15. All three were in double digits in the second half.

Scoring for the Wolves were Clint White 18, Tyler Higgins 8, Nick Hart 6, Matt Sowa 4, J.C. Johnson 3, Lance Espinoza 3, Benny Jones 2 and Nick Reyna 2.



CLINT WHITE SCORED a team high 18 points in his final game for the red and black. The Wolves lost the bi-district game against Comanche.



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Junior Lone Wolf Relays scheduled this Thursday

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The scratch meeting is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. with field events beginning at 3:30 p.m. Seventh and eighth grade boys and girls will participate in two field events: shot put and discus, which will be followed by six running relays. The relays are tentatively set to begin at 5:45 p.m. They include the 4x800, 4x100, 2x2x4x8, 4x200, 1x1x2x4 and the 4x400.

"This is a little different format from the normal type of track meet," said Coach Dan Gainey. "We have done this for the last three years as a way for middle school coaches to evaluate their kids and get a good workout in before starting the regular type of meets. The kids seem to enjoy this format."

In season opener...

Wolves' baseball team beats Lamesa Tornadoes

Several members of the Colorado City varsity baseball team "pitched" in to give the Wolves a win in their season opener against Lamesa, 16-12, despite being without their teammates who are in post-season basketball play. Action was played Monday night at the Mitchell County Sports Complex.

Junior Jacob Martinez started the game and pitched three innings for the Wolves. He threw four strike-outs while giving up only three earned runs.

Senior Corey Foster came to the pitcher's mound next. Foster pitched two innings and managed two strike-outs against the Tornadoes' bats while giving up four runs.

The last two innings of the contest saw Junior Jesse Guerra take the mound. Guerra got two strike-outs, and gave up five runs to complete the Tornadoes' 12 point total.

"We pitched by committee, basically," said Coach Brent Paris, who is still looking at players and positions early in the season.

Inside the batter's box, Senior Ryan Gainey led the way, managing to get on base each of the four times he came up to bat. He was also the leader in RBIs, giving the Wolves 4 of their 16 runs.

Another senior, Gabriel Yanez, was looking good offensively, going three for three in the batter's box. He is also credited with two runs batted in.

Guerra managed to get on base two of the four times he came up to bat, earning two RBIs.

Freshman Tylor Lorenz and Martinez each got one base hit and earned two RBIs.

The Wolves, 1-0, will participate in tournament action later this week in Sonora, depending on the outcome of the bi-district basketball game Tuesday night.

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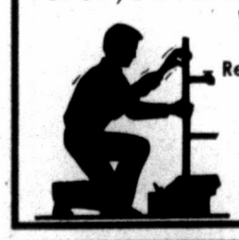
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27 and ends May 5 and may be done at the hospital.

Brenda Kelley was named election judge for Colorado City, Sandra Sullivan will be the early voting judge, Naomi Williamson will be the judge for Westbrook and Joan Long will serve as judge for Loraine.

HOSPITAL

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years of service are Connie Browning, LVN surgery and Maria Lara, Valley Fair Lodge.

Ten-year pin recipients were: Misti Johnson, LVN at Family Medical Clinic and Misti Lendermon, Medical Records at Family Medical Clinic.

Employees receiving 15-year pins were: Lisa Fallin, RN, Wallace Unit Medical; Cindy Hale, RN ER/Trauma Coordinator; and Shelley Garrett, RN nursing.

Both Sandra Sullivan, Public Relations/Human Resources and Shirley Grimes, LVN pharmacy were honored for their 20 years of service to the hospital district. Sullivan expressed her appreciation to the board.

Following the presentations, board member Jerry Reynolds expressed thanks to the employees on behalf of the board.

In other action, the board approved the bids of several tax sale properties. Bids approved were: Maria Burrola, $2,000, 937 E. 13th St., Colorado City; David Rogers, $250, 2 lots on Pacific Ave., Loraine; Vickie J. Lewis, $300, 1 lot on McCaver St., Colorado City; and Frank E. Biggers, $100, 2 lots on Wallace St., Colorado City.

Jim Bullard, representative of RHMA, the management company, addressed the board. "We have goals and objectives," Bullard said.

Bullard went on to outline some of the financial goals RHMA would like to reach. He stated that during the first fiscal year, which will end September 30, 2009, it will be good if the district can operate without borrowing more capital, that is capital beyond the $1.2 million in taxpayer money.

In the second year, the management team hopes to cut that figure in half, which means by the end of the next fiscal year, capital reserves would be close to $600,000 and operations would be self-sustaining.

And finally, during the third year, the end goal is for the facility to operate without the need to spend any taypayer dollars for day-to-day operations.

"We don't believe we can reduce that figure (of taxpayer money being used) to zero this year, but we are encouraged," Bullard said. "If we can stay on track with these goals then the facility will be fiscally sound (at the end of three years)."

During the financial report, CFO Jamie Jacoby pointed out a few of the positives. He reported that the number of CT scans done in January totaled 204, bringing in $550-$600 each in reimbursements.

In looking closely at the hospital expenditures, Jacoby found that the district was paying taxes on their electricity bills, even though it is a non-taxable entity. Due to the discovery, TXU will now cut a check to the district for a little over $15,000.

He also reported that the bond payment had been made earlier this month, and the district's ratio of assets to liabilities now stands at 2 to 1, comparably better than it was in the fall.

"Things aren't rosy, but they aren't as bad as they were in September, October and November," Jacoby said.

Margie King, business office manager, gave a report on activities within her office. One of the main goals she is working to achieve is cutting admission time down to five minutes. Employees are developing new systems to help expedite the goal, including starting bedside admissions.

She also reported that, with the help of the claim scrubber Exactimed, $821,000 had been billed in the last 13 days.

King also stated that of the $446,000 billed out on old accounts, D-Med has collected 50% in reimbursements alone.

Jacoby added, "We've been struggling on this for some time, but it looks like we've hit the breakthrough and the money should start to flow."

The board approved privileges for Shelley Wayne-Bruton, DPM and Patrick Bruton, DPM. The doctors are podiatrists who will begin seeing patients March 19. Appointments can be made by contacting their offices at the Abilene Diagnostic Clinic.

Stinson revealed that the hospital is a beneficiary of the C.C. Thompson Estate and will receive approximately $275,000 to $325,000.

New equipment purchases such as EKG machines were discussed, as well as conferences coming up for board members before adjourning.

The board will get an audit report by Durbin & Co. at their next called meeting, on March 10.

LORAINE NEWS

By Christine Britton

Are you ready for this spring-like weather, with the temperature being in the middle 80's? The fruit trees will get confused and want to bloom, only to get nipped in the bud later on. A good rain would certainly be welcomed.

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Your regular correspondent, Bessie Vaughn, is a bit under the weather, having spent three days in the hospital. So she called me, of all people, to do the Loraine News!

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A beautiful duet was sung by Ina Vay McAdams and Danny Butler at Sunday morning services. The song was "Mansion Over the Hilltop".

Some exciting things will be happening at First Baptist Church in the next few days. On March 1st at the morning service, Dickie Summers will be ordained as a deacon. There will be a noon meal and fellowship following the service.

On March 11th our church is privileged once again to have, in concert, Allen Asbury and the Brooks Brothers. The time is 6:30 p.m. Make plans now to attend at no cost to you.

The church has been doing some repairs such as fixing water leaks and painting. The church now has a beautiful new rest room off the foyer.

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Danny and Pam Butler visited their daughter and son-in-law Dawn and Paul Knapp in Temple, TX last weekend. They helped erect playground equipment for grand-daughter Danielle, Elizabeth and Rebekah.

Judy Macha from Lockney, TX has been here with her mother Elnora Mitchell, who had cataract surgery in Abilene on Wednesday. Judy returned home on Sunday. Visiting with J.A. and Y Sadler and Mike over the weekend was Pat and Brittany Sadler from Sweetwater. Also a friend Allison.

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Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams received word this week that their great grandson got a good check-up this past week. He was born September 15, 2008 with two holes in his heart. One of the holes is now closed. The family is trusting that all will be well at the next check-up in August.

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Atwood and Billie Sheffield treated Anita Garner with Sunday dinner after attending services at First Baptist Church. They went to Dandy's Diner in Colorado City.

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Ginny Harmon provided special music at the Methodist Church last Sunday. She sang "Because He Lives". She dedicated it to Mary Stice, as it is Mary's favorite song.

All women are invited to attend a Ladies Salad Dinner on Monday, March 2nd at 6 in the evening at Loraine Methodist Church. You are encouraged to bring a friend and your favorite salad. It will be a time of eating, fellowship, fun and a short devotional. The dinner will end at 7 p.m.

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Friends of Vida Mae McDaniel will be interested to know that she is now at home after spending a lengthy time in the hospital and Kristi Lee Manor. Her daughter Judy, and niece Sandy from Fort Worth are helping to get her settled in.

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Gerrie Woodall informed me they are busy getting their garden spot ready for planting. They grow the most wonderful tomatoes.

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At a called meeting last Monday night, the City Council voted to appoint Doyle Mitchell as the new Fire Marshall. We appreciate his willingness to serve.

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On Monday, February 16th, Debbie Carlock, co-clerk, installed the officers of the Board of Directors of Loraine Senior Center. President is Ina Vay McAdams, Vice-President is Charles Bowen, Secretary is Christine Britton and Treasurer is Doris Henderson. Debbie presented each one with a red rose. Other members recognized were Elnora Mitchell, Brenda Linan, Durwood McAdams and Johnny Bland.

Y Sadler and Wanza Graham, outgoing members, were recognized for their years of service.

I will say at this time that the Loraine Senior Center is a vital part of this community. Not only do they serve good meals, but wonderful fellowship and entertainment is enjoyed. Come try it, you'll like it.

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Wednesday the 18th, Dorothy Norwood, Charles Dunn, Ina Vay and Durwood McAdams entertained us, and Friday Wanda and Leon Applin played and sang some wonderful songs. Visitors for the week were Meagan Merket, from Lubbock and Catherine and Arline Morris from Colorado City.

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Joan Long enjoyed several days visiting with two grand-daughters Whitney and Meagan Merket. The trio had supper Thursday at Hildago's. Friday Joan and Meagan had lunch at the Senior Center (Whitney had to work). They went on to Sweetwater for some shopping. Sunday morning, Adam Merket (the girls' dad) of Midland had breakfast with his mother and Meagan. Meagan attended First Baptist Church with her grandmother. After lunch, Meagan went back to Lubbock where she is a Junior at Texas Tech.

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The LIFE program met Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Officers were elected as follows: President- Johnny Bland, Vice-President- Dickie Summers, Secretary- Joan Long, Treasurer- Shirley Kendall. Frankie Martinez was appointed chairmen of the clean up group.

Mayor McAdams presented information on the needs of the City and guidelines for volunteers. Several different projects were discussed. Ten members were present. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be March 16th. Everyone is invited to contribute to our city. Come join us!

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Shirley Kendall and Joan Long attended the annual meeting of the Big Spring Credit Union in Big Spring this past week. They enjoyed a good meal and a very good meeting. They didn't win any prizes though.

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The saying "cheaper by the dozen" did not pertain to Christine Britton's 12th great-grandson born to Anne and Michael Britton on February 22nd. He was welcomed home by three big brothers. They live in McKinney, TX. Christine also has 12 grandchildren. They are all so wonderful.

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Jana Halloway, daughter of Christine Britton, returned home today, February 23rd from Vienna, Austria. Jana and a group of ten from different parts of the country go to other countries to teach new techniques of dealing with treatments of the heart. Jana is a respiratory therapist at a heart hospital. Other countries Jana has been are: Australia, Spain and Mexico.

Jana lives with her family in Carrolton, TX.

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Brother Dale announced on Monday that during severe weather warnings, the doors will be opened at First Baptist Church to go into the basement for safety. This is for anyone in the community.

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