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PARTICIPATION IN THE Mitchell County Livestock Show helps young people develop leadership skills they will use throughout their lifetime. This year's stock show is scheduled for January 14-16 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds.

Stock show promotes youth leadership skills

The Mitchell County Livestock Show Association will host its 73rd annual livestock show January 14-16 at the Mitchell County fairgrounds on west business 1-20.

This year's show will be dedicated to the memory of Scurry-Mitchell County farmer Todd Shaw, who was a big supporter of the livestock show.

Pen set up for the show will begin at 2 p.m. on January 10th. Weigh in will begin by 5 p.m. on Thurs., January 14. All animals must be in the barn by 6 p.m.

Steer judging will begin on Friday, January 15 at 1 p.m., followed by the swine show judging.

Goat judging will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 16th followed by the lamb judging at 10 a.m. or at the close of the goat show.

The Pee Wee Goat Show will begin immediately following the lamb show.

Seventy-eight exhibitors will show 212 total entries this year; 43 goats, 98 hogs, 24 lambs, 43 steers and four heifers.

The livestock show is an oppor-

tunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their feeding and breeding projects in public competition, as well as using their experiences to continue to develop, promote and build a strong and diversified agricultural program in Mitchell County according to John Senter, Agri-Life Extension agent.

"It's the first chance to allow them to exhibit their livestock in a competitive setting," Senter said.

"Most of the animals will be exhibited later in major shows in Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Austin starting the end of the month and running through the end of March," said Senter.

The show is open to children enrolled in public or private elementary or secondary school in Mitchell County, or who reside in Mitchell County.

Exhibitors must be a member of the Mitchell County 4-H, Colorado City FFA, Loraine FFA, or Westbrook FFA. Age limits for exhibitors are from nine years old or third grade through 19 years or high school seniors.

Goats for the Pee Wee Goat Show will be provided to exhibitors who must be less than nine years old and not yet in third grade.

All Pee Wee exhibitors must enter at the show superintendent's desk by 10 a.m. on Saturday or as soon as the lamb show ends.

"We hope this year will be another big success," said Brodie Harris, president of the Livestock Association. "There are a lot of buyers from the premium sale who said they are coming again this year."

Sales at last year's show were well over \$100,000 as buyers contribute money to encourage young people to participate in ag-related shows, foster interest in livestock and help further next year's projects with the money won at the show.

"We're expecting close to 200 buyers, from all across the state, including participation by the wind energy companies," Harris said.

While the stock show promotes
See STOCK, Page 5

Candidates jockey for position on March ballot

Although the filing deadline for candidates on the March 2 ballot has passed, candidates are still jockeying for position.

Republican Congressman Mike Conaway will have an opponent in the primary elections for District 11. San Angelo Tea Party representative Chris Younts will challenge Conaway for the Republican nomination.

Larry Kilgore of Amarillo has dropped out of the governor's race, as has Kinky Friedman. A Democrat, Friedman will run for commissioner of agriculture against current commissioner Todd Staples.

Locally, contested races focus on the commissioner races for Precincts 2 and 4, justice of the peace races and county treasurer.

Running for county treasurer are Democrats Debby Guelker, Jennifer (Wilking) Rivera and Janet McCright.

Democrats Rick E. Grissam and Ryan N. Eime will compete for Precinct 1 and 4 justice of the peace.

Republican James Williams, running for Precinct 2 and 3 justice of the peace, faces opposition from Democrat Gene Kuhel. Williams was appointed to fill the unexpired term left vacant following the death of Pat Taylor in 2009.

In the commissioners races, Democrats Ricky Bailey, Jeff Oliver and Bill Preston are running for the seat in Precinct 4, along with Republican Jimmy Browne. Incumbent Democrat Carl F.

Guelker is being challenged by Republican Jeremy Strain for the Precinct 2 commissioner's seat.

Incumbents County Judge Ray Mayo, County Clerk Debby Carlock and District Clerk Sharon Hammond have filed for re-election and are running unopposed.

Additional races include state representative District 72, currently held by Drew Darby, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, commissioner of general land, railroad commissioner, three members of the state Supreme Court, three members of the Court of Criminal Appeals and eight members of the state board of education.

Running in the gubernatorial race is Democrat Carl F.
See BALLOT, Page 5

Citizen awards deadline nears

The deadline for nominations for Citizen of the Year and the Agricultural Award is fast approaching.

All nominations must be turned into the Chamber of Commerce office, 157 W. 2nd, by Thursday, January 14. Nominations may also be mailed to Chamber at P.O. Box 242, Colorado City, Texas 79512. The winner will be announced at the Chamber banquet on Saturday, January 23 at the Civic Center.

Westbrook to host stock show

Westbrook will hold its annual stock show this Saturday, January 9.

Fifty-one entries will enter the ring beginning at 10 a.m. at the Westbrook FFA ag farm located southeast of the high school.

"We will have all the showmanship divisions, both junior and se-

nior," said David Bray, WISD ag teacher.

Numbers are down slightly from last year as 21 exhibitors plan to show 42 hogs, 7 steers and 2 heifers.

"We're a little down from last year due to the economy," Bray said. "Every ag teacher I've talked to have said their numbers are

going to be down about half."

Aaron Custer, the ag science instructor at Coahoma, will judge this year's competition.

The Westbrook PTA will operate a concession stand during the show.

"This is our annual show. I'd like to invite everybody to come out," Bray said.
See AWARDS, Page 5

Lawyers file suit against Diocese of San Angelo

Lawyers representing a man who claims to have been sexually abused as a child by a Diocese of San Angelo priest have filed a lawsuit in 340th District Court in Tom Green County seeking unspecified damages against the diocese and Bishop Michael Pfeifer.

The unnamed plaintiff, the petition states, alleges that he was abused by Father David Espitia from 1994 until 2002. Espitia killed himself in 2003 while serving as pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City. Espitia served as pastor in Colorado City for 2 years. The person making these claims is not from Colorado City.

The diocese and the bishop de-

nied all the allegations in a statement issued last week.

The lawsuit alleges that the diocese and the bishop knew Espitia was a pedophile and did not take adequate measures to defend their client against the priest.

The documents, filed Dec. 17, allude to the widespread legal actions against the Catholic Church across the country in the 1980s and 1990s that found pervasive sexual abuse of children among the priesthood, settlements for which nearly bankrupted some dioceses such as Boston and Los Angeles.

Copies of the filing were sent to media by the San Antonio marketing firm Sales By 5, which is rep-

See SUIT, Page 5



MOVING TOWARD THE final phases of construction, the new Westbrook Suites motel draws closer to a spring opening.

Driver has few injuries in collision

A one-vehicle accident Saturday afternoon on FM 644 resulted in minor injuries according to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

Nineteen-year-old Samantha Pitts was driving a Mustang along FM 644 two miles east of Highway 208, when the vehicle went off the road and struck an electric pole, according to Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

First responders included investigating officer DPS trooper Frank Casares, the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department, EMS personnel and Sheriff's Deputies Jeremiah Witte and Rick Gris.
See WRECK, Page 5

Around Town

Happy belated 13th birthday Jonathan Blassingame (Jan. 2)... Melanie Dillon finds out just how much water and large capacity washing machine will hold... Happy birthday Brigada Hiser (Jan. 7)... Happy birthday Daniel Perez (Jan. 9)

Answerline

Q. What is the annual salary of the country treasurer and what other benefits do they receive?
A. The county treasurer's salary is \$40,008.34 per year, with a \$600 per year cell phone allowance, health insurance and retirement plan.

Obituaries

Harlan Leon Barber Lubbock

School Closure

Westbrook ISD will be closed Friday, January 8. Classes will resume at regular time Monday, January 11.

Livestock Show

Westbrook will hold a Livestock Show on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ag Barn.

Pen Setup

Pen set up for the Livestock Show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 10 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds.

Cookie Sale

Girl Scout cookies will go on sale Friday, January 8th.

Briefs

Retirement Reception

A retirement reception will be held for Irene Graham in the lobby of the Mitchell County Courthouse from 3 - 5:30 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 13.

Life Hurts, God Heals

LHGH, a 13 week recovery group for teens 13+ dealing with depression, suicide, self-injury, addictions, eating disorders, anger issues, etc., begins Mon., Jan. 11 at Christian Temple. Will meet every Mon. from 6-8 p.m. (First night 6 - 9 p.m.) Just show up or contact Erika Cloutier at 508-344-4015 or erika.cloutier@yahoo.com for more info.

Census Workers

Testing will be held for anyone wanting to work for the U.S. Census 2010. Testing will be held Thurs., Jan. 7 at 6 p.m., Sat., Jan. 9 at 2 p.m., Mon., Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. For more information, call 866-861-2010 or visit the website www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Westbrook Homecoming

There will be an organization meeting for Westbrook Homecoming 2010 on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at the school. For more information, call 644-5451.

Thought of the Week

When everybody is somebody,
 then no one's anybody.
W.S. Gilbert

Lake Levels

(as of January 5, 2010)
 Lake Colorado City...2059.90'
 Full at 2070.3' Down 10.40'
 Lake Champion...2047.73'
 Full at 2083' Down 35.27'

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Harlan Leon Barber 1920-2009

LUBBOCK -- A memorial service for Harlan Leon Barber was held in the Abbey Chapel at Reshaven Funeral Home in Lubbock at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. His family celebrated not only the life of their much loved patriarch, but also rejoiced in his long-awaited reunion with his wife Helen who preceded him in death on July 27, 1993. At the age of 89, Harlan passed in the early morning hours of Sunday, January 3, 2010. On May 11, 1920, Harlan was born to the late William Claude Barber and Mattie Moore Amis of Van Zant County, Texas. He was preceded in death by all four siblings: James, Hazel, Irene, and Claudine. He and Mattie Helen Franklin of Colorado City were married on January 14, 1941. She was his beloved, and they shared 52 years of enviable marriage before she sadly lost her fight with cancer in 1993.



Harlan served his country in World War II as a Flight Engineer in the Army Air Corps in the early years of their marriage. They then returned to West Texas where he was a successful farmer and rancher until retirement. He was involved in agribusiness and served many years on the Board of Directors at Easter Grain. He also was a member of the Easter Lions Club. Harlan was always very committed and involved in his community; serving on the School Board and numerous other boards throughout the years in Martin County. In 1990, Harlan was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International of Lubbock County. He and Helen resided in Hereford, Texas for 32 years and attended Frio Baptist Church. They relocated to the Lubbock area in 1991 after retirement.

Well known to his family members, employees, and friends, Harlan was generous of heart and was often quietly

charitable, never seeking acknowledgement for his giving to others in need. Countless charities, fellow farmers, friends, and former employees have been on the receiving end of Harlan's philanthropic nature.

He adored horses, and continued to raise quarterhorses well into the later years of his life. He loved any spectator sport, and was especially fond of Texas Tech collegiate sports. He and Helen enjoyed seeing new places and traveled extensively around the world, often in the company of dear friends and family.

Those left to cherish his memory see Harlan from many different perspectives. He filled many roles in his life. He was a beloved husband, father, "Granddaddy", brother, uncle, friend, leader, and hero. He led his family with compassion, love, patience, and generosity. In the hearts of those who loved him, his unique legacy will endure.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Barber and wife Sharon of Lubbock, and Virgil Barber and partner Aaron Osborn, also of Lubbock. He had two grandchildren, Jason Barber and wife Beth of Kansas City, and Amber Evans of Lubbock. He felt blessed by three great-grandchildren, his namesake Jonathan Harlan Barber and Lauren Barber of Kansas City, and Carmen Evans of Lubbock. He was the beloved brother-in-law of Mildred Franklin of Big Spring. Nieces and nephews include Glen Madison of Midland, Joyce Carroll of Big Spring, Wayne Barron of Big Spring, Linda Barnett of Rising Star, Larry Franklin of Midland, Mary Cain of Big Spring, Tom Bullard of Hobbs, and Jan Yarborough of Lubbock. Honorary pallbearers include Charles Alexander, Rick Barnett, Phil Bentley, Tom Bullard, Tim Cain, Eduardo Dominguez, Larry Franklin, and Glen Madison.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation be made to the Helen and Harlan Barber Steeple Fund. As the steeple from their church home in Hereford, Texas was damaged years ago, it was their wish to assist in replacing it. Donations can be sent to Frio Baptist Church, 320 FM 1055, Hereford, TX 79045.

Please join us in celebrating Harlan's life by visiting his memorial at www.mem.com.



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR – Mayor Carol Sue Dakan presents the City Employees of the Year awards to Dale Dickard (left) and Tex Blankenship (right). Photo courtesy of city hall.

DA sponsors workshop

A roadside interview workshop will be held by the district attorney's office on January 7-8 to train local law enforcement officers in suspect interview techniques.

"The workshop teaches law enforcement officers how to interview suspects stopped on a traffic

stop and determine whether or not there is suspicious activity," said Ann Reed, district attorney. The workshop, taught by interdiction investigators Billy Sides and Ronnie Stiltner with the DA's office, will also train officers on how to deal with different situations they might encounter,

as well as providing different scenarios in a classroom setting.

Officers can earn 16 credit hours through the free two day workshop toward the required hours needed every two years to keep up with their peace officer certification.

Law enforcement officers from Colorado City, Sweetwater, Snyder and Fisher County have signed up for the course.

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State offers tax seminars

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Eighteen seminars will take place throughout January at various locations across the state. A complete list of locations, dates See SEMINAR, Page 8

Prepping for tax season

As people get ready to file their 2009 tax returns, preparedness is vital to save time and money.

Having a few key items available when you start your taxes will save a lot of time. These include:

- * Your tax return from 2008
- * Social Security numbers for

you, your spouse and children

* All W-2s (wage and tax withheld form for 2009 supplied by your employer), 1099s (statements on investment income provided by your financial services institutions), mortgage interest statements and other statements related to income

* All statements related to expenses that you will be claiming on your tax return

* The routing numbers and account numbers for the accounts in which you want to directly deposit your tax refund.

State encourages districts to recognize school boards

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2010 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming

down from larger governmental bodies is neither an easy nor oftentimes appreciated task, but for over two centuries, school boards have risen to such challenges. Complicating matters further are issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards are uncompensated and, all too often, unsung for their efforts. These people volunteer their time because they care; they care about their communi-

ties, they care about their schools and, most importantly, they care about the children. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize to all of us the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and children of Texas. At this time I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards," he said.

"Today's public schools face tremendous challenges and opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "Local trustees diligently work with community leaders, parents, and educators to develop sound education policies. They help set high standards in the education system, encouraging us to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation of leaders in our state and nation," Crow said.

"We encourage every community to acknowledge the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of governing school districts. We applaud their dedication as they offer vision and leadership and work to empower every child to succeed," Crow said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.7 million public school students.

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LOCAL NEWS

Geocaching connects Mitchell County globally



VIRTUAL HIDE AND SEEK - Keith Goolsbey enjoys geocaching. He participated in the Texas County Challenge to find a geocache in every county in Texas, including Mitchell County. Photo courtesy of Keith Goolsbey

The next time you spot a stranger poking around in Mitchell County, he may be a member of the world wide geocaching community hot on the trail of an elusive treasure.

The treasure in question isn't gold or silver, however, but a small waterproof container with tradeable items as part of a high tech game of hide and seek played with Global Positioning Systems.

Adventurers locate containers anywhere in the world with their GPS via clues and directions from the Internet. The caches range from simple log books to

small items for trading or tracking. Items that move from cache to cache are called Travel Bugs or Geocoins, whose travels may be followed online. There are geocaches in over 100 countries and on all seven continents, including Antarctica.

As of January 3, 2010, there were 963,889 active geocaches around the world, according to Wikipedia.

Currently 11 geocaches are within a 10 mile radius of downtown Colorado City; three of which are located in Westbrook. Texas State Parks and Wildlife are also involved in geocaching

activities. Some geocache clues are simple longitude and latitude locations, while others require seekers to solve a riddle or puzzle to find the location.

There are numerous variations of the geocache, including virtual geocaches, which require the seeker to send the cache hider information such as a date, name on a plaque or photo taken at the site.

Geocaching was first introduced in May 2000 by David Ulmer of Beavercreek, Oregon.

To learn more about geocaching in Texas, visit www.texasgeo-

USDA joins IRS to streamline farm programs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service to reduce fraud in farm programs and streamlining payment limits for family farmers. The actions are intended to strengthen the integrity and defensibility of USDA farm safety net programs and help the agricultural industry to meet requirements included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Today's announcement will ensure that the producers who depend upon the safety net of USDA programs will have future access to these programs by enhancing the overall integrity of the programs," said Vilsack. "It will also provide more flexibility for family farm operations across the country."

As part of today's announcement, USDA has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income provi-

sions for programs administered by USDA's FSA and Natural

limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm

programs.

The electronic process that USDA developed with IRS reviews data from tax returns, performs a series of calculations, and compares these values to the AGI limitations from the 2008 Farm Bill FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant appears to meet the income limits. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA.

As part of the review and evaluation process, participants whose AGI may exceed the limits will be offered an opportunity to provide third party verification or other information to validate their income. Meanwhile, beginning with the 2010 program year, USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming.

These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA has implemented the following change to permit certain operations, most often family-run operations, to meet 'actively engaged' in farming requirements under less restrictive rules.

Every stockholder or member of a legal entity, such as a corporation, does not have to contribute labor or management if both of the following apply:

- * at least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management that altogether qualifies as a significant contribution to the farming operation;

- * the total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members does not exceed \$40,000.



NEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS for USDA disaster payment programs spells a new era for family-run farming operations.

Resources Conservation Service. This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain

average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation

verification or other information to validate their income.

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2010 good year to stargaze

Archaic astronomers will want to take note of several skywatching opportunities in 2010, including a total eclipse of the moon at the end of the year.

While North American sky-gazers will miss out on the January 15 solar eclipse, they can still pick out details on Mars **January 29**, when the red planet makes its closest approach to Earth until 2014.

With the aid of a medium sized amateur telescope, viewers should be able to discern dark surface details and perhaps the occasional white cloud.

On **February 16**, Venus and Jupiter will pass within 0.5 degrees of each other. Unfortunately, their near proximity to the sun will make viewing rather challenging. Viewers willing to give it a try should look immediately after sunset just above and to the left where the sun has just set.

Venus and Mercury will pair up in the west-northwest sky soon after sunset between **March 28** and April 12. Their closest proximity will appear on April 3.

A series of triple conjunction will grace the night sky on **June 6** as Mar teams up with the blue

star Regulus in the middle of the evening sky. Jupiter will join Uranus in the first of three conjunctions between the two planets. Only six such triple conjunctions have occurred between 1801 and 2200. The last was in 1983 and the next will occur during 2037-38.

A moonless night will aid meteor watchers during the Perseid Meteor shower on **August 12**, as up to 90 meteors per hour streak across the night sky.

The second of the Jupiter-Uranus conjunctions will appear on **September 21** with Jupiter being nearer than its average distance. In a telescope the planet will appear as large as it ever gets, 1/36 the apparent width of the full

moon. The third conjunction will take place in early January 2011.

A brief encounter with Comet Hartley 2 on **October 20**, will give rural watchers a glimpse of the comet in the early morning southeastern sky.

A waxing gibbous moon will leave the night sky dark after midnight on December 14, perfect for enjoying the Geminid meteor shower. Viewers have the potential to see up to 120 meteors per hour.

2010 will end with a ringside seat for a total lunar eclipse on **December 20**. The eclipse will last one hour and 14 minutes and is best viewed around midnight.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A CROW MAKES AN UNUSUAL PET



Gaines County, with Seminole as its county seat, is the number one county in Texas for producing peanuts, cotton and oil. Butch Ragsdale has lived in Seminole all his life. He retired from selling oilfield parts, got restless and started the Seminole Trade Days, which attracts more than a hundred vendors and tons of shoppers from a large area the third weekend of every month.

Butch had a great time growing up in Seminole. He says he wasn't much of an athlete, but sure had a good time chasing the girls. "We just got in our cars and had a special drag we made, going from one drive in to another. You don't really go anywhere, just in a circle. Everybody hollers at each other. That was just the way it was in most small towns."

For diversions, Butch hunted jackrabbits. "We'd get out in the pasture and start walking, shooting jackrabbits. There was a bounty on the ears back then. I think it was five cents an ear. That was back when a nickel would almost get you in a picture show."

When Butch was 12 years old, he acquired a pet crow.

"My brother, sister and I were out in the backyard one time and we saw these kids coming down the alley with a pet crow. We went over there and one of those kids had that crow on his shoulder. We asked them where they got that crow and they said 'out in the country.'"

Butch and his siblings ran in the house and asked their dad to take them out in the country, that they were going to catch a crow. Butch said in later years, if his kids asked him to take them out to the country to catch a crow he would just laugh at them. But his dad said nothing and just loaded the kids in the car to go hunt for a crow.

"We went about five miles out on the Andrews Highway and got to a little road and drove down it. We saw some crows on a hill and we told Dad to stop the car, that we had found where the crows are. We jumped out of the car and ran up the hill and all the crows flew except one. There was one young crow in the bunch and he could barely fly from tree to tree. We caught that crow, took it to the car and told Dad, 'let's go.'"

They kept the crow a couple of years.

"He lived outside of the house. Every once in awhile he'd fly in the house and my mother would chase it out with a broom. The crow was never caged up. He just kinda hung around a barn behind the house. We'd walk out the back door and he'd see you coming and here he'd come and land on your arm or shoulder. He loved light bread. I think that was his favorite food. He loved shiny things. We'd be working on a car and he'd pick up parts and hide them. We'd have to bait him with another part so we could go find out where he hid them. He was a lot of company for us."

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Letter to the Editor:

Here we go again with the same old problems we had with the housing authority before the last executive director left. I like the new roofs. That was in the plans before Ms. Parham resigned and so were the changes they want to make in the lease.

Why is it so important to take away our right to decide about a non-smoking policy and a playground?

The Loraine Housing Authority has remodeled their units, and they are beautiful. This housing authority is spending money on making these units look good on the outside while the old units still have the same floor tile, counter tops and kitchen cabinets as when they were built. Some of the floors look like the United States map from mixed and matched tile being used to replace missing ones. Some residents have had the old tiles glued back as if they were not broken. These are the lucky ones.

We still have popcorn ceilings and wall heaters in some of the units. I got a new floor in my unit only because my unit was flooded by a broken hydrant.

This survey is a joke. It seems like the authority's mind is already made up. We will become a smoke-free authority, and we will get playgrounds regardless of what the residents want. As so many of us have been told by HUD in the past, "It is left up to your board." This board has proven they don't care about the residents' concerns. We have asked for needed repairs, and they have fallen on deaf ears and are still falling on deaf ears.

The residents met with Ms. Parham on June 19, 2009, to tell her we did not want that smoke-free policy. How many times do we have to discuss this? We have no influence on what happens to us, and I don't see the need to waste words on discussing anything. I am not the only resident who feels this way.

I thought this authority wanted to move forward. If that is true, then why are we revisiting dead issues? This is how I chose to voice my freedom of speech.

Yours truly,
Artaweser Young

Letter to the Editor:

From July to September, we, the residents of the Colorado City Housing Authority, were led to believe we had to sign a lease that was under investigation by HUD because of some of the changes that were approved by the Board of Commissioners. We received a letter by the new executive director telling us that those changes would not be enforced. Now we get a newsletter telling us that they are going to be discussed at the next board meeting.

What do they plan to take away from us next? Is our right to choose what we can drink in our homes going to be the next thing this board takes from us? If I am correct, Texas did not pass the smoke-free law. Why are we being asked about this issue again?

The former executive director got to remodel two apartments while living in them rent-free. I could not transfer to another apartment without having to clean it after someone was paid on two different

occasions to make it move-in ready.

Playground vs. modification of the inside of these apartments: We were not given a choice. The plans for the playgrounds were made without our input. Now the board wants to discuss these plans first and get our input later. It is still business as usual with this board.

The non-smoking policy and the playgrounds were Ms. Parham's last big projects before she left. They both failed, so why is the board wanting to bring them back? In her last radio interview, she said she could hardly wait to leave. Everything she left undone should stay that way.

Can the money for the playgrounds be used in other ways? I have stained kitchen counter tops and mixed-matched tile in my unit that I am covering with a rug. I asked someone to paint the much-needed kitchen cabinet in the apartment I transferred from, and they brought me a can of pain to do it myself. The cabinets still needed painting when I transferred out.

Do any of the board members have to put up with make-do conditions because of someone's ability to be in charge of how they live? These units used to be kept in better condition. We don't deserve to be treated this way. Some of us worked for a living and some of us still do.

We still live in the USA the last time I checked, and the 1st Amendment still applies to us. The pursuit of happiness is slowly being taken away from us by this authority. Some of the members on this board are uncaring, and the ones that do care are out voted. HUD tells us to go to the board, but we get no results from them. This is very frustrating to us.

Shelia Alley
Resident of the Colorado City Housing Authority

Letter to the Editor:

Quoting from my Commissioner's Handbook on Ethical Principles:

12. In speaking engagements or writings for publications, a member shall identify personal opinions, which may differ from official positions of the agency.

This letter is my personal opinion:

The Colorado City Housing Authority sent out its January newsletter at the end of the year. Several things concern me as a resident of this Authority:

1. The CCHA Board Meeting will be held on the 19th.
2. The Resident Advisory Board Meeting will be held on the 21st.
3. We were given a short survey to fill out to be turned in at the Resident Advisory Board Meeting when this board has not been established yet. No officers have been elected, no by-laws established and no literature has been mailed out explaining what is involved by being a member of

this board.

This is my personal opinion:

The newsletter names a few topics that will be discussed at the HA Board meeting and need to be discussed prior to the residents' meeting. Among the topics to be discussed at the CCHA Board Meeting is a no smoking policy. This policy was brought up before and the residents were informed after it passed. It could not be enforced because 24 CFR 966.3 was violated. Over the past months as a resident,

decisions concerning us were made without our input. It looks like the CCHA is up to the same old tricks.

Facts:

HUD encourages Public Housing Authorities to implement non-smoking policies in some or all of their housing units. Yet currently, there are no departmental guidelines on

smoking in public housing.

HUD is not a legislative branch of the government and abides by federal, state and local laws.

Texas is not a smoke-free state.

There are no smoke-free public housing authorities in Texas at this time.

My opinion:

The CCHA will not receive any extra funds from the government by becoming smoke-free. My question is, why fix something that is not broken? None of these facts has been told to the residents. I am a non-smoker, but I respect the rights of others.

Sincerely,
Bessie Wright

Letter to the Editor:

I am an honorably discharged Vietnam veteran who has been turned down 15 times for compensation and pension. I know of others who have been denied their benefits also. I know if all the veterans would let their congressman know how they feel about this injustice, it could be taken care of.

I am going to write all of them, plus the president. I don't like the way our country is treating us, the veterans. Many have died for this country.

We have to pay the VA for medical treatments, medicines and travel to hospitals. I know that all need to wake up and see this is wrong.

Veterans, if you won't or can't write, then help me. I will write all for you. Just help me with postage stamps or a few dollars to buy them. Send them to me: Jimmy Huff, 940 Front St., Colorado City, TX 79512, and I will write to TV stations, newspapers, radio stations, president, vice-president and every congressman.

I don't like to pay the VA for something we already paid for with service to the USA. Many have died for the USA, and we still have to pay the VA. So, help me so I can help you. Thank you.

Jimmy Huff
325-728-9073
U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran

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Margaret Sue Dunigan Estate, Edward M. Dunigan Ind Exec, Mike Dunigan aka Ind Exec, Edward M. Dunigan Tee, Edward M. Dunigan Trust DTD 12-11-1992, Mineral Deed.

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Felicia Diaz, 21, CCOD, Wrnts x2, 12-31-09.

Robert Silva, 29, CCPD, No DL, 1-1-10.

Mark Green, 37, CCPD, City Wrnts x2, 1-1-10.

Jaime Loya, 39, CCPD, Dall Co. - Fail to Pay Child Support, City Wrts x3, 1-2-10.

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LOCAL NEWS

MLK banquet set Jan. 18

The 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program is now on the slate for Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. The 2010 Dr. King Event will not be the regular scheduled banquet, according to coordinator Rod Amos. "The 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will present its First African American/Black Play- Theatrical Production. We will present the most popular Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. plays in the United States. This most exciting play is called - "The Meeting". Our guest, that will be performing "The Meeting", will be David W. Carter High School Drama/Theatre Department. They will be presenting the "one act", 30 minute play, along with a

great skit targeted to motivate/inspire "Generation Next" (youth and young adults) to step up and do the right things." "We perform this play so that our generation can appreciate the contributions of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X," said members of the cast. "We need to educate our world so that we may understand our rich history and step into the promise of a bright tomorrow. Because of our forefathers' sacrifice and our brothers' courage to fight for our rights, we can now live the dream," they added.

A "Words of Expression" segment will be provided by several local and regional persons to fill

in for the spot of a normal key note speaker.

Admissions to the annual program are as follows:

Adults ages 19 and over and Senior Citizens, pre-sale \$10; Adults ages 19 and over and Senior Citizens at the door \$12; youths ages 18 and under \$5; kids ages 5 and under, free.

The 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program in Sweetwater is planned to begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, at the Sweetwater High School Auditorium. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Rod Amos at 933-0076.

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service in the last 12 months. The nominee must be at least 18 years old and contributions cannot be job related.

The Agricultural Award recognizes a family or ag-related business for community service, as well as dedication to farming or ranching.

For more information, contact Sue Lowrance at 325-728-3403.

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rial race against incumbent Rick Perry are Republicans Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Debra Medina. Competing for the Democratic nomination are Hank Gilbert, Bill White and Farouk Shami.

Early voting will be held Feb. 16-26 on the first floor of the county courthouse. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 2. If a runoff is needed in any race, it will be held April 13.

McCright runs for county treasurer

Janet McCright has entered the race for county treasurer, bringing the total number of candidates to three.

"I am running for treasurer because I have experience in payroll, finance, insurance, contracts and office management," McCright said. "These skills will allow me to serve the people of Mitchell County in an effective manner."

McCright currently works as a secretary at Cee Jays Inc., an office manager at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home and as a realtor for Town & Country Real Estate.

She has served on the Chamber of Commerce as a board member for four years and worked as club

manager for the Mitchell County 4-H for two years.

"My priorities are to execute the duties of county treasurer professionally and accurately

fulfill the tasks the commissioners require me to do," McCright said, believing her background in working with state and private sector audits will make her the best candidate for the position.

She and her husband, Monte, have two children; Nathan, a sophomore at Texas Tech University and Erica, a freshman at Colorado High School. McCright has lived in Mitchell County for 21 years.



"FROM CHICAGO TO L.A. on Route 66" was the title of the piano recital recently held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club in Snyder. Pupils performing included: (front row, l-r) Elizabeth Varela, Courtney Pollard, Sarah McWilliams, Brienna Chavez, Karissa Medina, all of Snyder; Scott Bankhead of Roscoe; (back row) Megan McWilliams, Snyder; Corbin Lewis, Colorado City; Katie Boren, Roscoe; Conner Smith, Snyder and Avery Wright, formerly of Colorado City. Pupils played at four pianos accompanied by Cy Posey on drums, Henry Holley and Jesse Faulkenberry on guitar and Lynn Baldwin, piano teacher. Photo courtesy of Lynn Baldwin.

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stiff competition locally to see who has the best animal in the county, showmanship belt buckles and scholarships are also awarded.

The Chamber of Commerce will be selling breakfast burritos, as well as the same menu as last year.

A free buyers' meal for all par-

ticipating buyers will be hosted at 3:45 on Saturday, January 16. "We encourage everyone to come," said Harris.

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SUIT

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representing the Tom Rhodes Law Firm of San Antonio. Rhodes, along with Dallas lawyer Tahira Khan Merritt, is co-counsel representing the plaintiff.

Rhodes, whose firm specializes in personal injury and malpractice actions, did not return a message left last week and Merritt, who has represented clients in sexual abuse lawsuits against the dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth, was away from her office and could not be reached.

The lawsuit alleges that the Diocese of San Angelo, like others, participated in a cover-up. "This common plan and scheme, which was in existence well before the abuse of Plaintiff, was followed by the Bishop of the San Angelo Diocese to conceal the crimes against children by Father Espitia and other priests," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit alleges that Espitia forced the plaintiff to commit sexual acts in several locations around the diocese — "the church grounds of several parishes, including the rectory of various churches, an apartment provided by the church, in a pri-

ate house and in a vehicle" — and forced the plaintiff to watch pornography on the priest's computer. Events of abuse, the lawsuit alleges, occurred "at least two times a month" from 1994 to 2002. The plaintiff, the lawsuit says, was between eight and 16 years old when the events are alleged to have occurred.

The lawsuit claims that the plaintiff confronted Espitia in 2003 and received a phone call from Pfeifer asking him about the abuse but no offer of counseling.

Esperia hanged himself June 13, 2003, in Colorado City. The lawsuit is seeking "damages in excess of the jurisdictional limits of the Court" and "punitive and exemplary damages in order to punish and deter the outrageous conduct of the Defendants."

The attorneys have requested a jury trial.

Pfeifer said Espitia told him on June 6, 2003, that he had been accused of sexual abuse of a mi-

nor child.

"He totally denied these accusations," Pfeifer said in a written statement Wednesday. "Furthermore no accusations of this nature were ever brought to our attention by any other source."

"These are the same old allegations that were made some six years ago and were strongly denied by the Diocese of San Angelo in a public statement to the media," Pfeifer's statement said.

When the allegations were made, Pfeifer said, "in accord with our policy to assist victims of abuse, assistance was offered."

Pfeifer said audits have shown that the Diocese has been in full compliance with the Charter for the Protections of Children and Young People of the United States Catholic Bishops, established in June 2002.

Sherri Woodfin, district clerk of the 340th District Court, said it could be "several months" before a hearing is scheduled.

This story ran in the Abilene Reporter News last week.

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sam. "The driver was transported to Mitchell County Hospital, treated for minor injuries and released," Toombs said.

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Day Care/ Head Start
Breakfast Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - cereal w/ toast, juice, milk
 Tuesday - cheese toast, juice, milk
 Wednesday - mini corn dogs, juice, milk
 Thursday - cereal w/ toast, juice, milk
 Friday - sausage w/ toast, juice, milk

Day Care/ Head Start
Lunch Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - chicken nuggets, French fries, sweet peas, pears, milk
 Tuesday - beef n mac, glazed carrots, 1/2 slice of bread, peaches, milk
 Wednesday - steak fingers, potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, hot rolls, crushed pineapple, milk
 Thursday - chalupa, refried beans, apple sauce, milk
 Friday - ham/cheese chunks, 1/2 slice of bread, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk

Kelley and Hutch
Breakfast Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Tuesday - pancakes, juice, milk
 Wednesday - French toast sticks, juice, milk
 Thursday - scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk
 Friday - breakfast burrito, juice, milk

Kelley and Hutch
Lunch Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, canned fruit, milk
 Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, corn bread, fresh fruit, milk
 Wednesday - chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk
 Thursday - tacos, spicy pintos, toss salad, canned fruit, milk
 Friday - cheeseburgers, lettuce cup, milk

fries, strawberries, milk
CMS

Breakfast Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - cereal w/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, juice, milk
 Tuesday - cereal w/ biscuit, French toast w/ syrup, juice, milk
 Wednesday - cereal w/ biscuit, scrambled egg/ toast, juice, milk
 Thursday - cereal w/ biscuit, breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 Friday - cereal w/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, juice, milk

CHS
Breakfast Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - cereal/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, juice, milk
 Tuesday - cereal/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, French toast sticks, juice, milk
 Wednesday - cereal/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, breakfast hot pockets, juice, milk
 Thursday - cereal/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, mini corn dogs, juice, milk
 Friday - cereal/ biscuit, sausage n biscuit, biscuit n gravy, juice, milk

CMS and CHS
Lunch Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, milk
 Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, corn bread, canned fruit, milk
 Wednesday - steak fingers, potatoes n gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, milk
 Thursday - nacho grande, spicy pintos, toss salad, canned fruit, milk
 Friday - cheeseburger, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, milk

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - hot pockets, cereal, juice, milk
 Tuesday - French toast sticks, cereal, juice, milk
 Wednesday - oatmeal, toast and

jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Thursday - scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Friday - donuts, cereal, juice, milk

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit, sugar cookie, milk
 Tuesday - pop corn chicken, mac n cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk
 Wednesday - steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, frozen cherry bar, milk
 Thursday - fajita chicken over rice, broccoli and cheese, seasoned corn, garlic bread stick, fruit fluff, milk
 Friday - pizza, tossed salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake, milk

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - sausage, biscuit, cereal, milk
 Tuesday - pancake on a stick, cereal, juice, milk
 Wednesday - French toast/syrup, cereal, fruit, milk
 Thursday - egg sandwich, cereal, juice, milk
 Friday - breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, milk

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu Jan 11-15
 Monday - tacos/cheese, beans, lettuce/tomato, rice krispy bars, orange halves, milk
 Tuesday - chicken patty, squash, whole potatoes, push-ups, bread, milk
 Wednesday - corn dog, corn, baby carrots, pineapple-orange salad, brownies, milk
 Thursday - nachos/ jalapenos, chili beans, Spanish rice, bananas, milk
 Friday - hamburgers, tater tots, sliced pickles, lettuce/tomato, ice cream, milk

Traversing the scholarship maze

(ARA) - A slow economy and dwindling resources for financial aid may have you worrying more than ever about funding your child's college education. But there are still scholarships available for those who pursue them and take the all-important step of applying long before the school year starts.

Applying for scholarships should be one of the first steps in your search. However, scholarship myths continue to flourish and need to be dispelled.

Myth 1: Billions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed.

In reality, the number of unused scholarships is minuscule. You'll need to do your research and apply early to have a chance at getting your share of available funding.

Myth 2: Scholarships go only to the best students.

Many scholarships are awarded based on elements other than academic achievement. Some scholarships are based on the student's major field of study, involvement in extracurricular and community activities, ethnicity and geographic origin, or other factors.

Myth 3: Scholarship searches are worth paying for.

This myth eventually will die as people discover the many free resources available on the Internet or in the print media.

So how do students and their

parents sort through the myths and get to the facts? Start the process early - January is perfect for the next school year - and utilize the resources around you. To find scholarship opportunities, start with your high school guidance counselor and local library for a list of possible resources. Next, check with your college financial aid office. Most states and many colleges offer scholarships, so students should also inquire about them. Finally, the Internet and organizational Web sites are excellent places to search. Remember, this information should always be free.

Don't count yourself out just because you are not the valedictorian, class president or star athlete. There are scholarships available for many interests, backgrounds and abilities. The bottom line is apply now, and the more scholarships for which you apply, especially local and regional opportunities, the better your odds are to be selected.

Though the scholarship application process can be time consuming, most scholarships require similar information. Once you complete your first application, you can easily re-use the same information for additional scholarships.

Scholarships come from many sources, but the student may have to do some detective work

to uncover them. For example, at www.usbank.com/studentloans, you can apply to be one of 40 high school seniors or college undergraduates to receive a \$1,000 U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship. Over the past 13 years, U.S. Bank has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarship funding for this program. Scholarship award recipients are selected through a random drawing process. There are no essays to complete or minimum grade point average requirements. The U.S. Bank Web site also features a powerful scholarship search engine.

Scholarship search tips
 * Start early - Experts recommend college-bound students and their parents start looking as early as their freshman year in high school. By identifying potential awards, students can choose classes and activities that will increase their chance at winning a specific award in the future.

* Use the Internet - But be wary of scams posing as scholarships. If a scholarship is reputable, you should be able to find information about it through multiple sources. Try to use two sources and make sure the profile submitted is accurate; paying fees does not increase your chances of winning.

* Think small - Competition can be tough for large awards. Smaller awards (\$1,000 and less) typically have less competition and are easier to obtain.

Additional free scholarship Web sites you may want to visit include:

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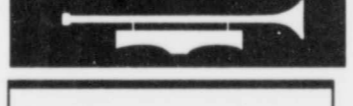
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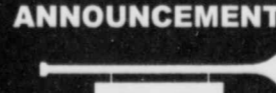
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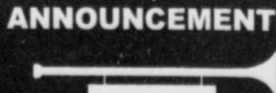
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SPORTS

Wolves, Lady Wolves begin tough district competition

The Colorado City boys and girls basketball teams could possibly be in one of the toughest districts in the state.

The TABC High School basketball poll was released Monday and District 7AA girls had three

schools in the top 20. Wall (18-3) was ranked 5th, Ballinger (20-1) was 10th and Jim Ned (14-7) was ranked 18th.

The Jim Ned boys (17-3) are ranked 6th and Wall (20-0) is ranked 7th.

District competition is just around the corner as the Lady Wolves travel to Grape Creek Friday night to tip off district and the boys will start their district competition in Coahoma Friday, January 15th.

Wolves place 2nd in tourney; Reyna, Farrell top players

By Reggie Gardner

The Colorado High School varsity Wolves spent a couple of days over Christmas Break participating in the Reagan County Christmas Classic in Big Lake and had a good showing.

In the first game, the Wolves took on Alpine and won the game 57-29.

Leading scorers in that game were Nick Reyna 19 pts, Tyler Higgins 10 pts, Eli Farrell 8 pts, Tylor Lorenz 6 pts, and Andrew Munoz 5 pts, Jason Rodriguez and Blaze Alford

4 pts each, Ronald Aoyama 3 pts, and J.C. Johnson added 2 points.

In their second game, the Wolves took on a district rival, the Coahoma Bulldogs and defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 56-47.

Leading scorers for the Wolves were: Farrell 18 pts, Reyna and Jones each had 9 pts, Derek Gainey and Higgins each had 5 pts, Lorenz, Rodriguez, and Munoz each had 3 pts, and Johnson had 1 point.

The Wolves advanced to the championship game to take on

the Reagan County Owls and lost a thriller by a score of 55-51, giving the Wolves a 2nd place finish in the tournament.

Leading scorers for the Wolves in the championship game were: Farrell 19 pts, Lorenz 9 pts, Reyna 6 pts, Jones, Rodriguez, and Alford each had 4 pts, Gainey 3 pts, and Johnson had 2 points.

Congratulations to Eli Farrell and Nick Reyna for being named to the All-Tournament Team.

With a 2nd place finish in the tourney, the Wolves improved their record to 9-6 on the season.

Wolves lose in overtime

By Reggie Gardner

The Wolves took on the Stamford Bulldogs and gave the fans their money's worth. The first period ended with the Bulldogs scoring as time expired to give Stamford a 10-8 lead.

During the 2nd period the Wolves scored 13 points and held Stamford to only 3 points and went into halftime with a 21-13 lead. The 3rd period saw the Wolves continue to pour it on and extend their lead to 33-22.

The 4th period was a real battle as both teams played hard. The Bulldogs were able to trim the Wolves

lead and trailed by 1 point as time expired. However, a foul was called on the Wolves giving Stamford 2 free throws and a chance to win. The Bulldogs hit the first free throw and missed the 2nd, tying the game 40-40 and we were headed to overtime.

In overtime, the Wolves were only able to score 1 point while Stamford hit 2 long shots and a lay-up to win the game 48-41. Leading the way for the Wolves were:

Tyler Higgins 14 pts 7 reb.
Eli Farrell 10 pts 8 reb.
Nick Reyna 7 pts 14 reb. 1 steal

Andrew Munoz 4 pts 3 reb. 2 steals
Derek Gainey 3 pts 1 reb. 1 steal
J.C. Johnson 2 pts 4 reb.
Ronald Aoyama 1 pt 2 reb. 1 steal
Tyler Lorenz 2 reb. 1 steal
Benny Jones 1 reb.
Jason Rodriguez 1 reb.
Jessie Guerra 1 reb. 1 steal

Stamford beats Wolves JV

By Reggie Gardner

The JV Wolves took on a good Stamford Bulldog team and came up a bit short, 53-26.

The Wolves trailed by 14 points at the end of the 1st period.

During the 2nd period, the Bulldogs extended their lead and led at halftime by a score of 31-8. After the 3rd period of play, the score was 44-19 in favor of Stamford.

The game ended with the Bulldogs defeating the Wolves by a score of 53-26.

Leading scorers for the Wolves were: Colton Cannon 8 pts, Matthew Potter 6 pts, Jake Johnson 4 pts, Gustavo Silva 3 pts, Blaine Proctor and Shea Duncan each had 2 pts, and Corbin Castillo had 1 point. The Wolves will play Anson on Friday, (1/8) here at the pit.

Wolves win close one over Greenwood in Midland

By Reggie Gardner

The Wolves traveled to Midland on December 22 to face a tough Midland Greenwood team. After a close game, the Wolves defeated the Rangers by a score of 61-60 after being down 19-6 after the 1st period.

Leading scorers for the Wolves were: Eli Farrell 19 pts, Tyler Higgins 16 pts, Benny Jones and Derek Gainey each had 7 pts, Nick Reyna and Tylor Lorenz had 3 pts each, and J.C. Johnson, Ronald Aoyama, and Jessie Guerra each contributed 2 points.

The win gave the Wolves a 7-5 record on the season.

LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Lorraine Correspondent

Hello to our Record readers. We hope that you stay well and warm.

Providing special music at the First Baptist Church in Loraine last Sunday was Danny Butler who sang, "You Raised Me Up."

Providing special music at the Loraine Methodist Church Sunday was Jordan Womack who sang, "Joy to the World", and he was accompanied by Brooke Womack on piano.

Dusty Millering had written a letter to Santa that came out in the Record last week along with his picture. He told Santa that he wanted a new collar in blue.

Now, he wants all his friends to know that he got what he wanted, and he is one happy little dog.

We have concerns for Virgil Parnell as he is hospitalized at Mitchell County Hospital with pneumonia at this time. We send him a get well message for better health.

Danny and Pam Butler went to the home of Mike and Donna Givens on Christmas day and had lunch with them. They had a great meal and enjoyed the fellowship.

Charlene Walker had all of her children home for the holidays. They enjoyed a wonderful time at the Walker farm.

Those present were: Ricky and Donna Walker of Lubbock; Brett Walker of Austin; Jim and Kristi Kreier of Huntsville; Nick and Lindsey Beaty of Spring; Teresa Hughes of Loraine; Brian and Lisa Jump of Frisco; Heath Gale of Snyder; Clint, Bianca, Brayden, Baylee Gale of Snyder; Cieriah Gale of Carrollton; C.J., Jeri, Hunter, Rachel and Katelyn Kreier.

Shots Treadwell from Colorado City, Marie Collins of Roscoe, Pat Finch of Fort Worth and Charlene Walker of Loraine also attended.

C.J. and his family are moving from Florida to Washington state.

We received news that Audrey Brame, longtime Lorainian, passed away in 2009. He resided in Dallas at the time of his death.

Audrey went to school here in Loraine and graduated in the class of 1944. He and his wife, Ann, attended several of the school homecomings.

On Wednesday, December 30, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Hughes came to Loraine to celebrate the holidays with Danny and Pam Butler. Also attending were Pam's aunt and uncle, Valda and Gib Tofoya of Carlsbad, New

Mexico.

Bryan came home, as did Dawn and Paul Kropp and girls, Danielle, Elizabeth and Rebekah.

They exchanged gifts, had a lot of good food to eat, some rode horses and played games.

Pam said the girls had been wanting a play house, and someone got the idea of using an old cotton stripper basket. They pulled it up and out with a crane and situated the basket at the Butlers amid some trees.

They cleaned it up, cut out a door and windows and put blankets and quilts on the floor. It was too cold for them to play in it, and they are anxious for warmer weather.

I feel sure Danny and Pam will have them visit often. Sounds like fun.

We have concerns for Y. Sadler at this time. She has a bronchial problem and was the doctor for treatment but came back home. I called her on Saturday and she is still pretty ill.

We send her get well in a hurry wishes.

Connie Ponko and her family celebrated Christmas day with her family in Colorado City, John

and Nellie Jordan. She stayed in on New Year's cleaning up after her Christmas at home.

There will be no Men's Breakfast on the 2nd Saturday in January or Ladies Salad Supper on their usual date.

We will notify you at a later date when the weather gets back to normal.

Leon and Wanda Applin provided the special music at the Methodist Church on January 3, 2010.

She was the guest pianist and they sang, "He Didn't Throw the Clay Away."

Christene Britton enjoyed the Christmas holiday with her sisters, Mary Shearer, Sylvia Moon and a niece, Kim and Michael Williams and Chad in Lubbock. She left on Wednesday and came home Monday.

Dana Baker of Colorado City came to the Loraine Senior Center on Monday, January 4, to visit with J.A. and Y. Sadler last week. They had a nice visit and a nice lunch.

I'm dreaming of a warm day in West Texas. Even a hot dog day would be good.

SEMINAR

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Jan. 19	Ballinger	T	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	Wall	H	8 p.m.
Jan. 26	Grape Creek	H	8 p.m.
Jan. 29	Jim Ned	T	8 p.m.
Feb. 2	Coahoma	H	8 p.m.
Feb. 5	Ballinger	H	8 p.m.
Feb. 9	Wall	T	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	Grape Creek	T	8 p.m.
Feb. 16	Jim Ned	H	8 p.m.

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