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Loraine ISD teacher, coach found dead in his home

A Loraine school teacher was found dead Monday night at his home at 506 Colorado Street, in Loraine.

Corey Lee Ash

Corey Lee Ash, 35, was discovered by his father and school officials, about 10:30 p.m., Sheriff Patrick Toombs said. "He appeared to have been deceased for a couple of hours, maybe longer," Toombs said.

Toombs said the death was caused by an apparent overdose and the body was sent to Dallas for an autopsy and that preliminary results would take one to two weeks. Final results could take six to eight weeks.

A federal search warrant, issued from the U.S. Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with

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Wolf Stadium track repair approved by CISD board

The Colorado City Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday night, February 11 to discuss the rebuilding of the track at Wolf Stadium and renewal of administrative contracts for school personnel.

Board members met with Ron Lamsdon, program manager for Rayco Construction on the status of the current track.

"The geological surveys show the track is holding a lot of moisture in the subbase," said

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Kiwanis Club pancake supper slated Feb. 15

The Colorado City Kiwanis Club will host its annual Pancake Supper Friday, February 15th from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria. The menu will feature pancakes, sausage, bacon and a drink.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member or may be purchased at the door on the night of the supper. Proceeds will benefit youth activities in Mitchell County.

Black History Month honors C-City Veterans

The Heart of West Texas museum will host an exhibition of local African Americans who have distinguished military careers in honor of Black History month. Shirley Scott, museum director invited Bobbie Banks to coordinate the display, in conjunction with efforts by students at Colorado Middle School.

The exhibit features all branches of the military. The exhibition boards were created by middle school students as part of the "Real History, Real Heroes" program according to CMS principal, Mark Merrell. "The veteran recognition program was originally started by Mrs. Johnson to interview and record local Colorado City veterans to preserve their history," said Merrell.

L.C. Devorce, one of the heroes honored this month, served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Devorce joined the Army when he was 16. "The only reason they took me, was because they thought I was 17," he said, with a grin. His basic training was at Camp Lee, Virginia. "It was pretty hot down there, but I made it," Devorce reminisced.

VIETNAM VET FRANK Biggers shares vivid descriptions of the conflicts during a turbulent time in American history. Biggers, along with other fellow soldiers is being honored during Black History Month.

L.C. DEVORCE RECALLS the hardships of life during WW II and the benefits of retiring in Colorado City, Devorce is one of several local African-Americans honored at the Heart of West Texas Museum during Black History Month.

He served with the occupation force in Japan, Okinawa, and Guam.

"We still had people hiding out in caves. We had to flush them out. Some didn't know the war was over," said Devorce, commenting that some of those that stayed, starved to death.

"I remember one night two Japanese soldiers got in the chow line. It nearly broke up the camp. They were real nice, just starving," he said.

The 78-year-old Devorce said his war experiences were "a little more than I could handle at that age." He started at $43 a month as a private, which was raised to $75 and then $85 overseas, plus room and board.

Devorce served in the military during a era when segregation was still pretty strong, even in the military. "I lived with segregation all my life. I never thought I'd live to see it (Black History Month) and get this far," he said.

Born in Red River County, Devorce arrived in Colorado City in 1941, when he was just 11 years old. "I don't remember nothing much but cotton picking and cotton chopping," he said. "We didn't have a car until much later. We kids walked everywhere." Devorce said he was raised right in the school yard, since his house was on the same property on which the school was located. He married Vera Mae Scott when he was nineteen. They have four children and six grandkids.

Devorce worked for the compress for over 20 years, then went on to work for the police force for six and a half years. He retired as chief jailer from the sheriff's department says he enjoys riding around town and gossiping. 'The best thing about Colorado City is going to church," said Devorce.

Frank Biggers says he got the nickname "Demon" after a lunchroom incident at Wallace. "They used to cook the food for the lunch room the day before," reminisced Biggers, who served in the U.S Army during the Vietnam war. "One of my friends and I de-

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Police continue investigation of car burglaries

A rash of car burglaries plagued C-city residents last Saturday night, according to Police Chief Eric Foerster. The burglaries occurred between 3 and 6 a.m east of Hickory and north of Fifth Street.

"In all six burglaries, every one involved an unlocked vehicle or open car window," said Foerster. The police chief reminded citizens to keep their cars locked, windows rolled up and valuable items out of sight.

"Personal items, shopping bags, detachable stereo faces, cell phones, and CDs are very hot commodities," Foerster said.

The suspects, who are under investigation according to police, got away with only a couple of hundred dollars worth of personal items, stereo equipment and credit cards. Foerster expects his department to make arrests within the next few days.

Political Rally to be held at Civic Center

Plans are being made for a President's Day "Meet the Candidates" Forum to be held on Monday, February 18, at the Colorado City Civic Center. The forum will get underway at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to meet the candidates seeking election locally this year.

Confirming plans to attend the event are both candidates for District Attorney, Ann Reed and Frank Conard. The candidates seeking election for County Attorney, Ty Wood and Tom Rees, will be in attendance. Also planning to attend the forum are all three candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 3, Jesse Munoz, Wendy Inman and Larry Johnson. Candidates for County Commissioners Precinct 1, Randy Anderson, Les Merket and Les Watson, will attend. Sheriff Patrick Toombs and Tax Assessor-Collector Faye Lee, both running unopposed, will also be on hand to answer questions.

The Colorado City Chamber of Commerce will serve refreshments at the event.

Make plans to attend this informative event on February 18 at the Civic Center. Early voting will begin the following day in both the Republican and Democratic primaries.

Council considers lights, energy and water

The Colorado City Council met Tuesday night to handle a variety of routine, annual and quarterly reports.

Roy Dill gave an overview of the welcome sign project, stating that due to money cutbacks, the sign construction timetable was pushed back to summer of 2009.

Police Chief Eric Foerster reported that the department's arrest rate was up by 102.1% from 92 arrests in 2006 to 186 arrests in 2007; but that the city's crime rate had actually gone down.

The council voted to revise the city's lighting service tariff with Oncor to conform to the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005. The action allows Oncor to replace the 520 mercury vapor street lights currently operating in C-City with high pressure sodium lights.

The bid by Ronald Adams for property on 8th and Waco was tabled until a consensus with the other taxing agencies could be reached regarding a stipulation that all back taxes be paid prior to accepting the bid.

The city council met in closed session with the city attorney to discuss revisions to the Surface Lease Government Code 551-071, as well as legal issues relating to alternate energy technology and economic development for the city, per Goverment Code 551-071 and 551-087.

No action was taken concerning these matters.

Two private citizens lodged complaints concerning a water leak and the recycling trailer. The city manager promised to look into the matter.

Around Town

Happy 57th anniversary **Bob & Charlene Reily** (Feb. 16)... **Janine Lemons** running some errands... **Roxie Strain** busy as a bee ... Ask **Mike Everett** about his Hawaiian bikini... **Bill Crocket** ready to pour syrup... **Mary Lou Costabile** stacking cups with the kids.... Happy birthday **Ray Ritchey**....

Obituaries

Mary McPeters, Loraine
Billy Calley, Ira
Carroll Gray, Colorado City
Ron Garner, Loraine

Answerline

Q. When does early voting for the March primary begin?
A. Early voting in the March primary begins Tuesday, February 19. All early voting will take place at the Mitchell County Courthouse.

Briefs

Jump Rope for Heart
Hutchinson Elementary students will begin collections on Feb. 14 for Jump Rope for Heart. Donations to this cause are greatly appreciated.

Coffee Before Hours
On Wed., Feb. 20, the Chamber will have a Coffee Before Hours from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Civic Center. Coffee and donuts will be served to business people. This is a time for everyone to visit, exchange ideas, give suggestions and just get to know each other.

Lions Club
This Friday, Feb. 15, the Lions Club will host their Sweethearts Luncheon. Ann Reed, district attorney candidate, will be the speaker. Spouses are welcome.

House of Hope BBQ Dinners
House of Hope Community Church, 200 W. 17th, will sell BBQ dinners with all the trimmings on Feb. 16, beginning at 11 a.m. Call for delivery, 728-5900.

Fire Ban
The City of Westbrook has issued a fire ban, effective until further notice. For more information, call City Hall at 644-3131.

St. James BBQ
St. James Baptist Church will sell BBQ plates on Sat., Feb. 16 beginning at 11 a.m. For pre-orders, call 728-3760.

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Thought of the Week

Talk is cheap because the supply is greater than the demand.
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Lake Levels

(as of February 12, 2008)
Lake Colorado City...2067.13
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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Mary Lee McPeters 1935-2008

LORAINE – Funeral services for Mary Lee McPeters, age 72, were held Friday, February 8, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Loraine with the Rev. Homer Reddic officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery. Mrs. McPeters died February 4, in Loraine.

Mrs. McPeters was born Octobeer 22, 1935 in Fruitvale. She worked as a cook and lived in Loraine most of her life. She was a member of Canaan Baptist Church. She married Charles McPeters on December 15, 1958, in Colorado City.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ardell Griffin; four brothers, Artie Lee Griffin, Booker T. Griffin, Jeff Griffin and Kenneth Griffin; two daughters, Virginia McPeters and Debbie McPeters; and one great-grandson, Samuel Jamal Modkins.

Survivors include her husband, Charles McPeters of Loraine; children, Vickie Modkins of San Angelo, Billy Don McPeters of Loraine, Vanessa Smith of Loraine, Charles McPeters Jr. and wife of Sweetwater; brother, Mac Griffin of Loraine; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many other friends and family members.

Billy Frank Calley 1930-2008

IRA – Billy Frank Calley, longtime resident of Ira, died Wednesday, February 6, 2008, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Friday, February 8 at 1 p.m. at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Bro. Jim Hill, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating, assisted by Dr. Harvey Tingle, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ira. Burial followed in the Ira Cemetery.

Mr. Calley was born on July 26, 1930, in Pasadena. He married Verline Light on October 14, 1951 in Forsan. Mr. Calley was a member of First Baptist Church in Ira where he served as a deacon for 37 years. He was in the oilfield industry and served on the Ira School Board for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Verline; one daughter, Gwen Nichols and husband, Nick of Arlington; two sons, Myron and wife, Cindy and Darryl and wife, Teena, both of Snyder; one brother, Bob Calley of Big Spring; two sisters, Bettie Gassiot of San Angelo and Ruth Clifton of Abilene; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Carroll Gray 1930-2008

COLORADO CITY -- Mr. Carroll Gray, age 77, of Colorado City, died Saturday, February 9, 2008, in an Abilene hospital. Services were held Friday in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with Rev. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Gray was born December 27, 1930 in Comanche County to George and Lola Davidson Gray and had been a resident of Colorado City since 1957. He married Barbara Wornica on December 24, 1952 in Owensboro, KY. She preceded him in death on September 9, 1989. He then married Amelia Barrera on March 5, 1992 in Colorado City. He was a retired foreman for Sun Oil Co, a member of the First Baptist Church and a veteran of the US Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife Amelia Gray of Colorado City; sons, George and wife, Beth Ann Gray of Corpus Christi and Allen Garcia of Round Rock; daughters, Rachel Rangel of Colorado City and Melissa Garcia of Odessa; sisters, Sue and husband, Barrett Bright of Houston and Barbara and husband, Harold Miller of Dublin, and eight grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jean Ann Smith; two brothers and a sister.

Ronald Carl Garner 1925-2008

LORAINE – Mr. Ronald Carl Garner, age 82, died Sunday, February 10, 2008, at Valley Fair Lodge after a brief illness. Absent from body, present with the Lord.

Ron was born October 24, 1925, in Toronto, Canada, to Margaret and Charles Garner. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Lance Corporal in Ordinance in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He became a United States citizen in 1952 and was a printing broker. In 1967, he was born again and was a lay pastor and administrator/director of Mission to the Migrants. In 1989, he was ordained in the Conservative Baptist and ministered in California and Oregon. In 1996, he and his wife, Anita, moved to Loraine where he published a magazine for pastors.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Garner of Loraine; five step-children and their mates, Beverly and Jeff Esquivel of Whittier, California, Steven and Debby Kirkpatrick of Elizabeth, Colorado, Brent and Cindy Kirkpatrick of Anaheim, California, Brian and Ginny Kirkpatrick of Canyon Country, California and Brad Kirkpatrick of Garden Grove, California; 15 step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law and their mates, Shirley and Bryant Clark of San Angelo; Lynda and Billy Van Zandt of Jasper and one brother-in-law, Jim Magill and his wife, Karen of Colorado City; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-son, Scott Kirkpatrick.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Inman seeks election as Precinct 3 Commissioner

Wyndell (Wendy) Inman is running for county commissioner in Precinct 3. "I enjoyed serving as commissioner Precinct 3 for eight years and would like to serve the citizens of Mitchell County again," said Inman.

"Precinct 3 has been my home for 30 years, and I have raised my kids and one of my grandsons is being raised here now. You can't invest 30 years into your home without feeling a great sense of pride in community affairs," Inman explained.

Inman says the biggest issue facing Mitchell County residents in the future is economic development. "We are starting to see companies show interest in Mitchell County, which is prime for new business opportunities. It is my goal to bring in new businesses, thereby opening new careers and employment prospects for Mitchell County citizens. The county has suffered a recent setback when TXU did not build the new plant. I know I can produce a difference with a diligent effort to make change."

Since Inman feels that citizens need access to and from their homes and properties, building and maintaining county roads will be a major focus of his duties. "I have a proved track record, and I will continue to improve existing county roads and build new roads that will improve the quality of life in Precinct 3. I want to re-introduce my personal 5 year plan, which I had established in my last term to build county roads," he said.

The father of three feels he has a unique ability to listen to the needs of the people of the county and provide viable solutions that actually work. During his two terms on the Westbrook School Board, he addressed several challenging issues and worked hard to improve public education.

"Cooperation is a learned skill," he said, "and my school board years allowed me an invaluable experience in addressing difficult situations and seeking the best solution for all parties involved."

Inman has also been active in the Mitchell County Civil Air Patrol and the Chamber of Commerce. His wife, Janis, is the coordinator for the Abstinence Education Program and the Pregnancy, Education and Parenting Program. He divides his time between ranching and working for B. J. Chemical Service.

"My faith is probably the single most important aspect of my public life," said Inman. "While a deacon at First Baptist, I served as secretary/treasurer. I've always been a man who seeks to serve in any manner possible, and I view my years as a deacon as an opportunity to give back to God a small measure of what He's given me."

"One of the things I did as a commissioner in my last term was to open the court with a word of prayer. I want to bring prayer back to the court, so that we make responsible decisions that will benefit everyone," he said.

"I'm concerned about the future our seniors face as they adjust a fixed income to our ever increasing cost of living. It's hard enough to make a living as it is without having to worry about unnecessary and excessive tax burdens. My intentions are to produce a responsible tax rate that will allow the county to function freely, and allow its citizens to invest back into our economy. All of us have faced hard times in the past, and I will work hard to ensure that Mitchell County continues to host viable jobs that pay responsible wages. After all, this has been my home for 30 years. I'm committed to seeing us succeed."

WENDY INMAN

LORAINE

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County Sheriff's Office, was served Monday on the Ash home.

The 35-year-old Ash was hired last July by Loraine ISD to teach business classes. He also was the technology director and coached junior high football and basketball. "He was slated to be the varsity baseball coach," said Eric Stoddard, superintendent.

According to the ICE, agents issued the warrant to search for child pornography.

Chamber hosts coffee for business people

On Wednesday, February 20, the Chamber of Commerce will host a "Coffee Before Hours" for business people to come and get to know each other, share ideas and give each other suggestions.

The early morning coffee will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Civic Center and last one hour.

Chamber Director Sue Lowrance said, "We started 2008 off with high expectations of another busy, fun-filled, good year."

The Chamber encourages all of its members to attend and non-members as well.

Season ending basketball tourney set this weekend

The Mitchell County Youth Basketball Division 1 and 2 season ending tournament will begin February 16 and conclude February 23, said Jeri Garcia, Division 2 coach for the "Cavs". Garcia also coaches the Division 1 team, "Heat".

The Division 2 group has "bunches of teams," said Garcia. "It's the biggest division group in the league." The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at Kelley Elementary gym and will play every night except Wednesdays and this Thursday, February 14.

Garcia, who is also a dispatcher for the Colorado City police department, said that a few of the teams are from Snyder, but most are from Westbrook, Loraine and Colorado City.

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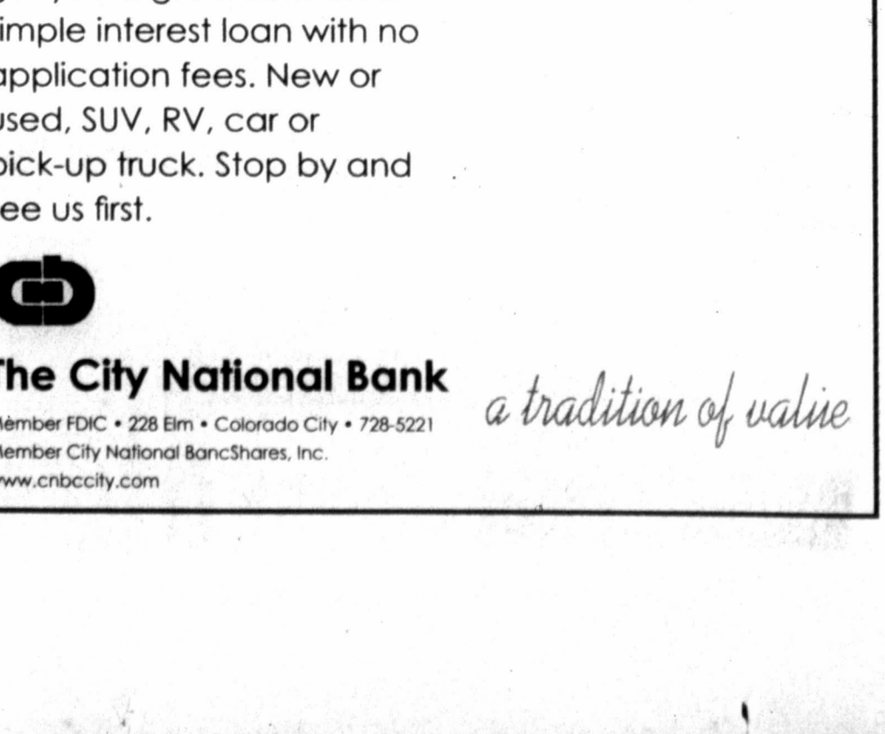

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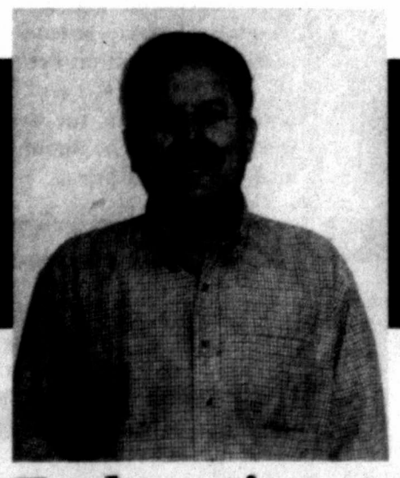
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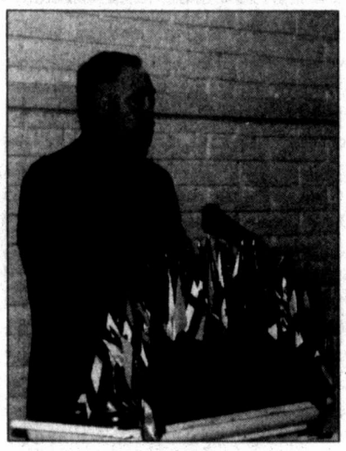
LOCAL NEWS

Darby promotes local involvement

State Representative Drew Darby promoted his summer jobs for youth program at the Lions Club meeting last Friday. "Darby's Kids" is a program aimed at encouraging local businesses to provide first job experience for youth from 14 years to 21 years of age.

"Studies show that what local businesses want is someone they can rely upon to show up for work on time, stay all day and do a good job," Darby told the Lions. "The best way to get this is to grow our own."

Citing statistics that showed that 28- 23 percent of youth between the ages of 14 and 16 travel through the criminal justice system, Darby said, "It leads us to believe we have to convert them into taxpayers or they'll be recipients of welfare." Those statistics drop to 2% for teens 17 years old and higher.



DREW DARBY SPOKE at the Lions Club last Friday on a summer youth project.

Darby wants to revitalize the Summer Jobs for Youth programs which will allow teens to learn a trade or skill from people in the community. "As a community and region we need to give these kids the skills and work ethics to succeed in business," he said.

The six week summer program provides at least 20 hours per week at a pay rate of minimum wage or above for teens through local businesses, beginning June 1, 2008. The program is a public/private business partnership between participating businesses and agencies and operates under a partnership between the San Angelo Independent School District, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, Concho Valley Partnership, Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley, ASU Small Business Development Center and Darby's district office in San Angelo.

Businesses interested in hiring one youth between 14 and 17 years of age this summer need to contact Cathy Ballard of the Concho Valley Workforce at 325-482-8900 or Cheryl deCordova in Darby's office at 325-658-7313.

Darby said capturing the hearts of Mitchell County's youth so they'll return and raises their families is his "first and utmost priority today."

He also spoke briefly on wind energy in West Texas. "Texas is the leader in the wind energy business," Darby said, "and will be more and more a player in the future. Wind energy has changed the landscape of Texas."

Darby expressed concern when the federal tax credits expire in 2009. "Wind energy may not have the financial attributes to make it viable," he said, "if the tax credits are not renewed."

He stressed the major problem was deliverability. "We have lots of plants planned around here because of the Morgan Creek facility. The dilemma is getting the electricity to market."

Darby said the bottleneck occurs near the Metroplex at Granbury. "All the generation has to go through Granbury junction," he said. "If we don't lay out more lines and build transmission stations, some day it will grind to a halt because there's no way to get to market."

Currently West Texas has enough lines and capacity at Comanche Creek. Authority to build more lines is under the jurisdiction of the Power and Utility Commission.

Another concern for Darby is water. "Water is just as valuable as a barrel of oil. On a per volume basis, water is just as expensive as oil and it's going to be even more so," said Darby.

He sees the biggest challenge as getting the water from one place in Texas to another in such a way that it can be protected from the metropolitan centers "who want it without paying for it." "We need to continue to band together to promote and protect our West Texas way of life," Darby concluded.

Randall Presley of West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, supported Darby's summer job program by sharing his personal first job experiences and how those continued to draw him back to West Texas. "Give them responsibility, give them a challenge and you get their hearts," he said. "They don't want to leave or they come back, which is great for our communities."

"Teaching them to be good citizens is a good strong point for this program," said Presley. "The six week commitment is an opportunity to influence a young person's life and gives us the possibility of keeping them in Mitchell County. Money and talent go where it's welcome," said Presley, quoting an IBM executive.

Commissioners handle local priorities

County commissioners' court met in regular session Monday, February 11, 2008. The commissioners approved TxDoT's request for a resolution allowing the mayor to sign an agreement for construction of the city's welcoming sign, pending review by the county attorney. Matt Evans, assistant engineer for TxDoT, said this agreement "will allow us to get the plans ready for December." However, TxDoT's current money crunch issues means that it "remains to be seen if the job gets let in December," said Evans.

After approving payment of monthly bills, totaling $93,710.24 and line item budget amendments for computer equipment and maintenance, the commissioners approved a $54,151.76 payroll.

Referring to the state of emergency declared by Governor Rick Perry, which includes Mitchell County, the commissioners extend the burn ban for another 90 days.

The commissioners also authorized payment of normal operation costs for the Colorado City fire department. County Auditor Susan Buckalew needed clarification on budget overruns concerning the fire department's $15,000 allotment. With the $10,000 already previously approved for the department's new pumper truck, this month bills totaling $5,000 would have reached the year's allotment. The commissioners authorized Buckalew to pay regular maintenance costs, but not expenditures for more equipment.

Bids on two properties held in county and school trusteeship were accepted and approved. The court accepted Sandra Hallmark's bid of $500 for a property located on Main Street in downtown Loraine. They also approved Ronald Adams' bid of $220 for a lot at 8th and Waco in Colorado City.

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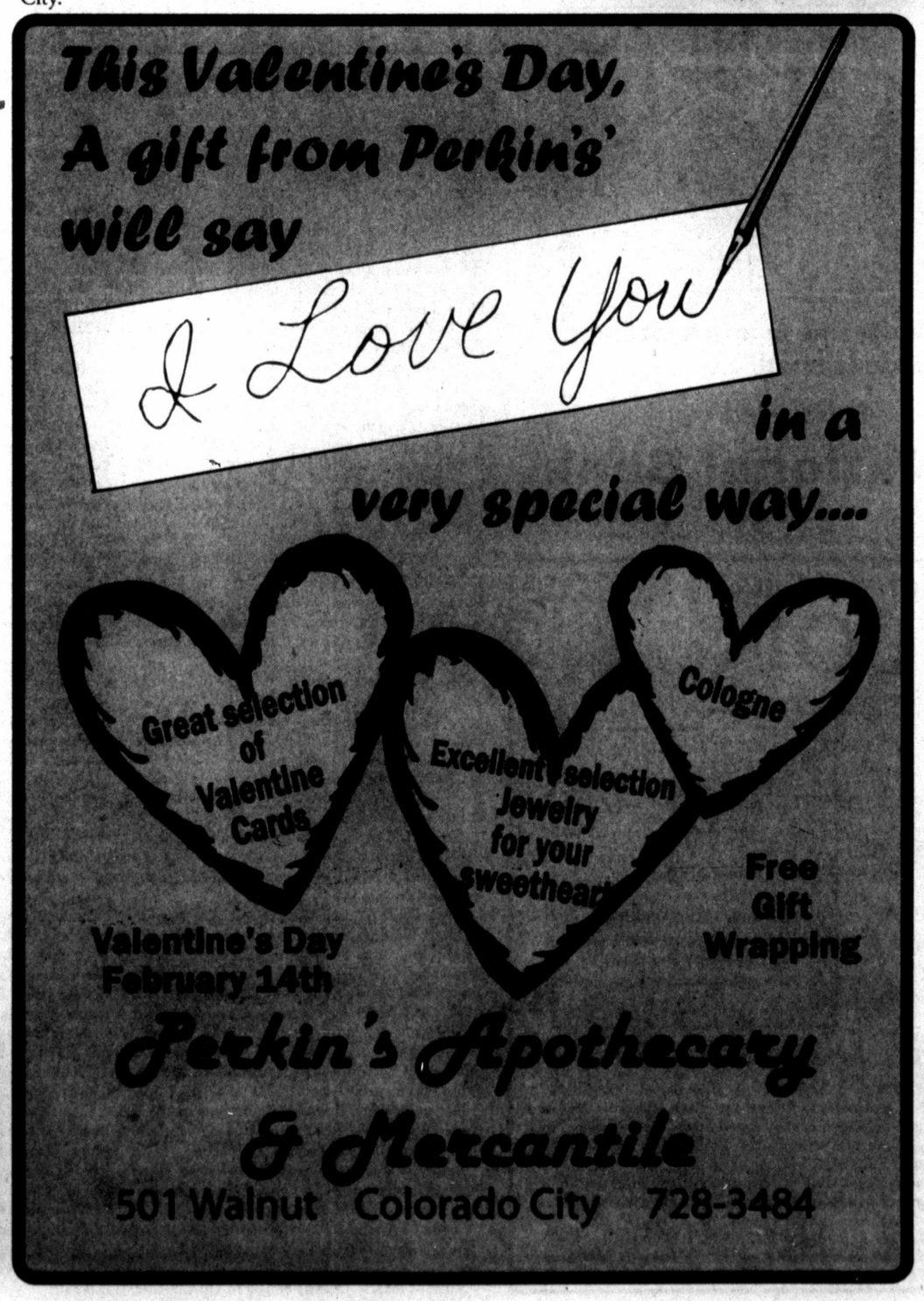

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH
The smell of snow

Jerry Thomason of Pecos has an unusual ability.

"I have been known to smell snow before it gets here," he says with a chuckle. "To me, snow has a particular odor. A lot of times it'll be snowing at Orla or Carlsbad north of us and if there's a strong wind coming off of it I can detect the smell of snow."

He found out about his talent when he was 10 or 12 years old.

"I remember going in one night and telling my mama that it was gonna snow that night. She asked me how I knew. I told her I could smell it. Next morning we got up and there was about two inches of snow on the ground."

He was living in El Paso then and could smell snow on Mount Franklin. "Of course in El Paso, it doesn't snow that often, but usually Mount Franklin gets snow on top of it. I lived about 20 miles away."

He can smell snow a hundred miles away. "I don't know why. I just seem to pick it up on the wind. All at once it has this dusty, musky odor to it. Someone told me one time that each snowflake is built around a particle of dust."

Occasionally, he'll give a weather forecast to Bill Cole, manager of KIUN Radio in Pecos.

"I remember going in there the first time and telling him it was going to snow. He asked me how I knew. I told him I smelled it. He said, 'What?" I said I can smell it. And in about 30 or 45 minutes it started snowing. Every once in awhile he'll call me and ask if I smell snow. If I do, I'll tell him."

Jerry doesn't know of anyone else who can smell snow. "I don't know what it's good for. People look at me like I'm crazy when I tell them I can smell snow coming. Then in a little while it starts snowing on them."

He can fine tune his smeller.

"Nearly everybody can smell rain. It has a distinct odor to it. If the rain changes to snow, I can detect a different odor. If it starts our raining, just barely sprinkling and it changes to show I'll sniff a couple of times and realize it smell like snow. Sure enough, it'll go to snowing."

Jerry is a very normal person with an extremely discriminating sense of smell. His talented nose came in handy when he was a milkman delivering milk to the homes of Pecos residents.

"If I smelled snow, I'd put chains on the tires of my delivery van. I've delivered milk in all kinds of weather. But I was never surprised by a snow storm"

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Main Street kicks off third year with luncheon

DOWN MAIN STREET WAY
By
CECILIA SCOTT
COORDINATOR

You are cordially invited to a luncheon at the Civic Center on February 21 at noon. This is our informative Main Street kickoff to feed, inform and entertain our citizens and volunteers. With two very successful years behind us, we look forward to a third year of opportunity to complete some special projects and begin some new outstanding ones. We know that our incredible volunteers made all of our successes possible and we would like for you to be acknowledged again. Also, Ann Kay, former resident of Colorado City and current Main Street Manager of Sonora, will be speaking about the Main Street program. She will discuss projects, grants and funding in a humorous manner. She will energize, inform and amuse us. A PowerPoint presentation will be on display before and after the event to update everyone on the remodeling and building activity taking place in our downtown. Come and be the guest of Main Street on Feb. 21.

Main Street will be sponsoring a Pecos Day this spring and will introduce Pecos city officials and residents to our assets and shopping opportunities. This will include all our stores and museum, as well as our historic downtown shops. We want to insure that they are aware of our great merchants throughout the area. Please call if you have any ideas or suggestions, 325-728-9018 or 325-242-0206.

HISTORY

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cided to have a good time. We went into the lunch room and began to eat. We ate everything we could."

"I left my cap there, but didn't think anything about it. Principal Harris found it and tossed it to me, telling me to take care of my cap. We thought we'd gotten away with it," said Biggers, grinning. "But before long we could hear the lunch ladies going up and down the hall, clackety-clack." Biggers and his friend were discovered and the culprits had to pay $10 each for the food they'd eaten. "I knew my mama and daddy were gonna kill me if they found out," said Biggers, "The subject of Nicodemas, the man who wanted to be born again in the Bible, came up. Folks kept talking about anyone being born again wouldn't do something like that. They started calling me 'Nicodemas', then shortened it to 'Demon." The nickname's stuck." Biggers said he and his friend went out and pulled cotton to make the $10. His mother didn't find out about the incident until just ten years ago.

He was drafted in July 1966 and did his basic training at El Paso. The former Wallace basketball star was drafted to play basketball at the base after he and some friends trounced the base's star team.

"We were on hold waiting to go to Vietnam," he said, deciding to play a little ball. "The next day the captain told me to report to the gym. I hated the coach and told him I wasn't playing basketball for him. He handed me my gear, along with orders from the colonel." Biggers' basketball tour of duty was official. He traveled to the different army bases and played ball, including the El Paso team which won the national championship at UTEP.

Because Biggers was the only surviving son in his family, he was exempted from serving overseas. But he chose to go with his buddies and left for Vietnam in May, 1967.

Biggers opted to travel with a friend to San Francisco, which allowed him to have a couple of days at home first. "We weren't given any leave time and anyone who didn't arrive on time was considered a deserter," he said.

"The first thing they had us doing when we got to Travis was dressing bodies," Biggers said. "I guess we were given that assignment to get our minds attuned." These were the bodies of soldiers killed in action and returned home. "We tried to dress them as best we could." Biggers said the soldiers were accompanied by some of the buddies who stayed with the bodies until burial.

"We shipped out at the same time as James Brown got off the plane." Brown, called the 'godfather of soul', waved at the troops as they boarded the plane that would take 21 hours to reach Vietnam.

"None of us had ever trained with automatic weapons," he said. "They told us just to pull the trigger." Biggers' automatic weapons company was attached to different units during the twelve months he was in Vietnam. "We were assigned to the 101st Airborne for a month, then the 25th Korean White Horse Division."

Biggers' group was assigned perimeter guard duty for the infantry unites. "We also escorted the different units, and escorted the Vietnamese to bring them in to vote." Biggers said if the U.S. troops had not escorted the entire village, the Viet Cong wouldn't have let them vote.

"It was two weeks before I had to fire my weapon," he said, stating "that was my wake up call" that there was a war going on. Biggers' company felt safer with the Korean White Horse unit. "The Koreans were hard core fighters," he said, commenting that the Viet Cong shied away from the Koreans. "They weren't as forgiving as the Americans. We fight with a conscience, they (Koreans) don't."

"We never stayed still," Biggers said, explaining that it wasn't unusual for them to dig in one night, sandbagging everything for protection; then move out the next day. "We had to empty all the sandbags and take them with us. We were in the jungle for three months before we ever saw anybody else."

Life was so tense and lived on the edge, that one night while on perimeter guard, Biggers opened fire. "You rely on your ears. AT night you couldn't see a picture if you stuck it in front of your face; it was just that dark." T he next morning, the camp discovered five to six water buffalo dead. He said his buddies were able to sleep when he was on guard because they knew he'd shoot. They nicknamed him "Abilene". "Whenever anybody asked where Colorado City was, I'd tell them west of Abilene," he said.

Biggers said the hardest part was dealing with the new guys who came. "They just couldn't believe this was a war," he said. "You had to know who was outside the camp at all times. Who was

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LOCAL NEWS

Permian Pump donates safety device

Permian Pump Supply presented a revolutionary new safety device to Principal Doc Rowell, of Westbrook ISD, last Friday. The Safety Mate is designed to provide helpful instructions at the push of a button, in case of an emergency.

WESTBROOK PRINCIPAL DOC Rowell receives a Safety Mate emergency response unit from Permina Pump Supply representatives Lynn Gaston and David Alaman.

"We are donating one to the school for use in case of emergency to help our community," said David Alaman, regional sales representative for Permian Pump Supply.

Permian Pump has its headquarters in Odessa, with fourteen locations throughout the Permian Basin, Eastern New Mexico and Fort Worth. "We provide supplies for the oil field, including supplies for all safety aspects."

The Safety Mate is composed of two parts – a rechargeable wall battery unit and the detachable, portable emergency information unit. "It provides step by step emergency information until the ambulance or professional help arrives,' said Alaman.

Lunar eclipse graces West Texas night sky on February 20

West Texas will be able to experience a total lunar eclipse Wednesday, February 20. "The total phase will last 51-minutes and begins at 10:01 p.m. EST (9.01 p.m. CST)," according to Joe Rao, an instructor and guest lecturer at New York's Hayden Planetarium.

This will be the third total lunar eclipse within the past year. Rao said the previous two favored different parts of North America, but this one will be readily visible from start-to-finish across much of the continent, weather permitting.

"As a bonus, during the eclipse the moon will be situated, in our sky, near the planet Saturn and the bright bluish star Regulus in the constellation of Leo.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rotarians assist local food bank mission

The Rotary Club met with Dot Smith of Community Mission Wednesday, February 6 at their weekly meeting at Mi Ranchito. President Pat Taylor presented Smith with a $500 donation "to help support their endeavor," said Margo Connell, board member.

Community Mission food cupboard is located on 3rd and Chestnut in Colorado City. "We give out government commodities," said Smith. "The mission operates on donations and the generosity of citizens," she said.

Low income families, single-parent families and battered women have been provided with food, clothes, household items and furniture through the mission.

Smith said the mission receives food from the Abilene Food Bank and that the county commissioners alternate driving to Abilene to pick up the allotment. "We used to get the food transportation free, but now we're being charged for food transportation to Abilene," said Smith. The mission was being charged nine cents a pound to cover the Food Bank's cost of transportation to the storage facility.

"Now it's going up to 18 cents a pound and we order some four to five thousand pounds of food a month," She added that since the food bank in Abilene has experienced shortages, the mission has been purchasing what they needed from Fuller Foods at cost.

"That's why we sent out a county wide call for donations," said Smith. "The schools did a tremendous job with the food drive," she said, adding that the children were a delight to work with.

The mission also provides for travelers who break down in the area and help with relief for disaster victims making it difficult to calculate the mission's monthly expenditures and needs.

"We do average 200 families a month who come in to pick up a box of food. Seventy of which have more than four children," Smith said. "Some people we help come back and volunteer at the mission."

The Rotary Club also planned its 20th Birthday Celebration reunion for February 29. The Rotary Reunion will be held at the Civic Center. Connell said anyone interested in attending should call 728-3425 and leave a message. Other information is still pending.

The Rotary Club is a service oriented organization. They are responsible for the Rotary Island on Hickory Street as part of Keep Colorado City Beautiful's beautification program. They offer five scholarships to Mitchell County high school seniors. Rotary members have also been involved in the Thanksgiving meals and Christmas presents for various families in need, according to Connell.

"We're members of the local Chamber of Commerce and support their activities," said Connell.

Rotary International is known worldwide for eradicating polio and other charitable activities, such as building homes, schools, water wells and meeting medical needs or providing immunizations on an international level.

"We host the Moonlight Golf Tournament to help with scholarships and charitable functions," said Connell. Rotary members also support local sports teams like Little League, Pee Wee football and girls' softball by sponsoring a team.

ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT Pat Taylor presents a check to Dot Smith on behalf of the Community Mission. The mission provides food for local families in need. Back row l to r: Mike Hemphill, treasurer; Lynn Hargrove, board member; Don Wood, board member (not pictured: Tim Lelek, secretary)

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Wheeler, the subcontractor, determined that more information from the original soil surveys were necessary to determine what needed to be done to the soil subbase.

The board voted to authorize Lamsdon to prepare a line time proposal for the $429,000 project. Stablilizing the soil subbase or reshaping of the field would be an additional cost, according to Lamsden.

Members also voted to renew Superintendent Jim White's contract; as well as two-year administrative contracts for Denise Farmer, Kitten Arthur, Mark Merrell, Jeremy Ross, Melinda Alenander, Frank Johnson and Sheila Redwine.

The board also approved one-year administrative contracts for James Owens and Pat White. They accepted John Graham's resignation as director of transportation for the district.

Other action taken by the board included, accepted a property bid from Ronald Adams for tax sale property located at the corner of 8th and Waco; approved becoming a member of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium; and passed an interagency agreement for Region 9 and 14 Education Service Center Inter-Regional Cooperative Purchasing and Commodity Processing Program.

Coach Mary Lou Costabile and students from Kelly Elementary Kindergarten, First and Second Grades demonstrated Speed Stacking for the board.

J. D. Clay and James Smith from Colorado High School, under the direction of Patrick Partin, presented their robotics project which took 12th place out of 43 teams who participated in the State Robotics competition in Austin.

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I ask each of you to help me accomplish these goals. I ask for your continued support during the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary

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SOCIETY

New art guild organized in Colorado City; officers elected

OFFICERS OF THE NEWLY formed Art Guild are: (seated, left to right) Leada Wood and Carolyn Walker; (standing, left to right) Nita Mahan, Lulu Boyd and Linda Rupard.

West Texas Art Guild was recently organized in Colorado City by interested persons to promote art, interest, education and public awareness of local and area artists. There are so many undiscovered, creative and talented artists in West Texas and a real need for an organization that would promote and encourage the arts.

The guild encourages painters, photographers, potters, jewelry makers, and sculptors, persons doing scrapbooks and any other creative outlet to come and join the thrill of promoting art in West Texas. Artists seem to have two common threads: creativity and enjoyment of the arts.

The guild promotes art shows, recognizes local and area artists and provides encouragement to other artists or anyone with a love of art.

Officers were elected to the West Texas Art Guild. They are Leada Wood, president; Nita Mahan, vice-president; Carolyn Walker, secretary-treasurer; Lulu Boyd, reporter-publicity and Linda Rupard, activity chairperson.

The club will meet monthly on the last Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Studio Twenty Art Gallery in Colorado City, next to Wood's Boots on Interstate 20. The next meeting will be 10 a.m. February 23 at Studio Twenty. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. You do not have to be an artist but only have a love for art to join.

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Prophetic Address
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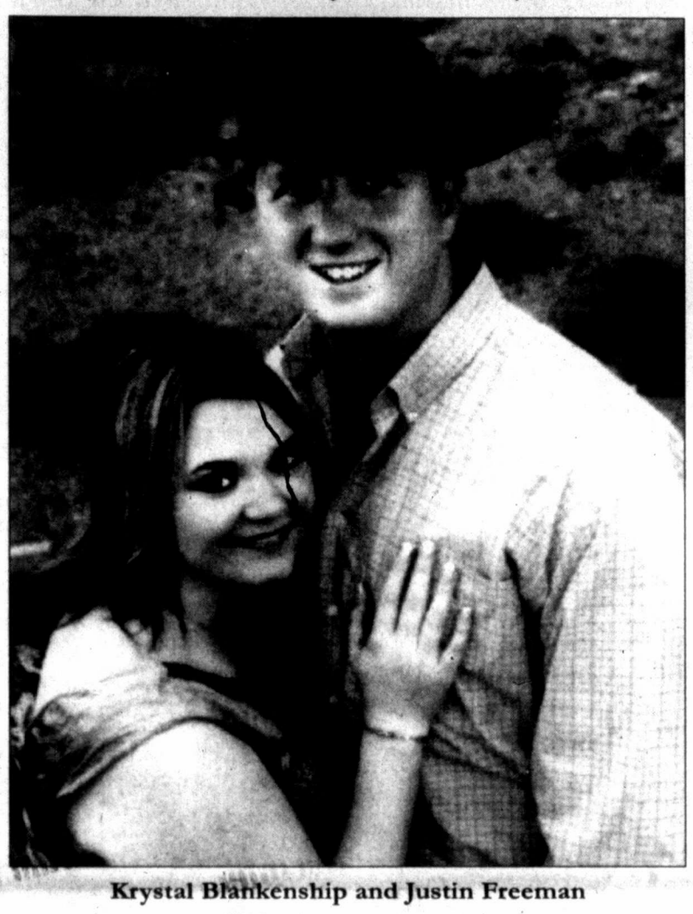
President's Day
City Hall and the landfill will be closed Mon., Feb. 18 in observance of President's Day.

Softball Tryouts
Open tryouts will be held for a 12 & under softball travel team in Snyder. For more information, call 573-2592.



Krystal Blankenship and Justin Freeman

Engagment announced

Mr. and Mrs. Tex and Jolene Blankenship would like to announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Krystal Marie Blankenship to Justin Lee Freeman, son of Norine Freeman and the late Clarence Freeman. Krystal is the daughter of Rodney Blankenship of Christoval.

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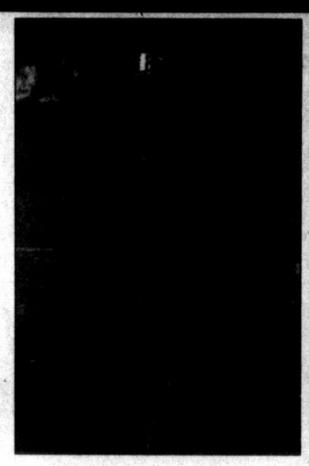

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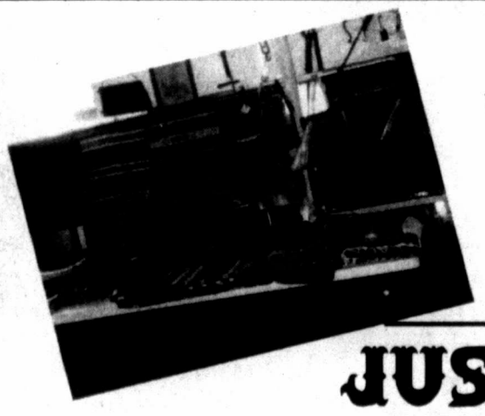

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SCHOOL NEWS

Safety barbeque held at Hutchinson

The Colorado City Youth Headquarters hosted a safety barbeque at Hutchinson Elementary cafeteria on Saturday, February 9. The event featured speakers from the Highway Patrol/DPS, Mitchell County EMS and Colorado City Police Department, according to Delaine Hale, YHQ facilitator. She helps the kids with homework, oversees the activities on a one on one basis.

Gary Hale and Larry Towery cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for the kids, who participate in the after school program and their families.

Lieutenant Pat Taylor of the Colorado City Police Department spoke about Stranger Safety, emphasizing the importance of knowing home address and phone numbers, as well as staying with parents while shopping. Using pictures, he demonstrated what to yell if a stranger tried to touch them and stressed that a store clerk, police officer, EMS personnel or teacher are nearly always safe to run to if they need help.

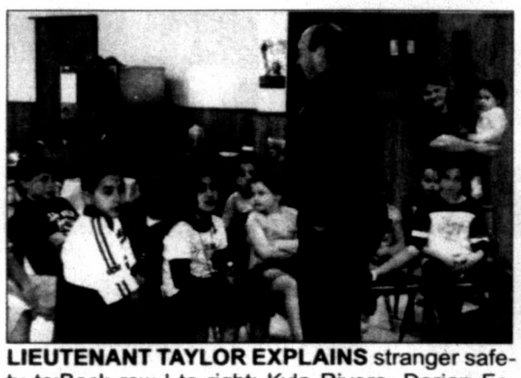
Continuing the information on Stranger Safety, Officer Smith, of the Big Spring prison's safety department, instructed the children to "go for the face and yell, 'Fire'", if someone grabbed them. "When someone yells 'fire', people look to see where the fire is," he said. He also told them to inform a teacher if they see anyone suspicious around the playground.

The big hit at the barbeque was the newest ambulance in Mitchell County. Paramedic Kelly Phillips and EMT Kris O'Neal used volunteers to demonstrate various equipment, such as the KED, C-Collar, cervical spine immobilization device and stretcher.

Trooper Shawn Baxter of the Highway Patrol explained the importance of wearing seat belts. He demonstrated the functions of the various buttons in the patrol car and Trooper T. J. Wood and his wife distributed coloring books and crayons to the children.

Western Texas College featured an exhibit on continuing education. Deborah Baremore and Tammy Wesson gave informative presentations on additional classes that are free of charge and are available to the public just for fun.

Colorado City YHQ is an after school program to help students struggling with school work and to provide an alternative to children who would be alone at home after school. The program is funded by the Texas Education Agency through the 21st Century Children's Learning Center grant. Currently there are 30 kids enrolled in the program at Kelly and Hutchinson.



LIEUTENANT TAYLOR EXPLAINS stranger safety to:Back row l to right: Kyle Rivera, Darian Espinoza and his little brother, Taylor Woods. Front row: Manual Bueno Jennifer Bueno, Brianna Towery, Skylar Givens. Kyle Rivera's mom and little sister look on.

TROOPER SHAWN BAXTER demonstrates the various features of the highway patrol car to Layton Holsey, and Greg Gaona.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL students presented their robotic project which took 12th place at state competition at the school board meeting Monday night. From left to right: Teacher Patrick Partin, J. D. Clay and James Smith.

Boyle named to UNT Dean's List

R.J. Boyle, of Abilene, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of North Texas for the Fall 2007 semester.

Boyle is a 2007 graduate of Abilene High School. He is the son of Richard and Irma Boyle and the grandson of Emeterio and Apolonia Campos of Colorado City.

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Early voting starts February 19, 2008.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CHS band competes at UIL

On Saturday, February 9, 24 CHS Band students went to Angelo State University to compete in the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. These students represented Colorado City well, with 10 of them heading to the state competition.

Those participating were as follows: Christina Arispe, Andrea Castillo, J.D. Clay, Toni Diaz, Zach Garza, Daniel Hammond, Tia Huff, Sydney Johnson, Christina Leanos, Emma Leanos, Tamara Lelek, Morgan Maddox, Ariel Martin, Autumn Martin, Kari Matlock, Meagan Montalvo, Lauren Munoz, Inez Salinas, James Smith, Carissa Sutton, Veronica Velasquez, Adrian Ventura, Tanya Vera, Valeria Vera, and Laura Warren.

Those earning the "Excellent," 2nd division ratings were as follows: Emma Leanos - trumpet solo; Christina Leanos - trombone solo; Andrea Castillo, Toni Diaz, and Autumn Martin - baritone trio.

Those earning the top, "Superior," first division ratings were as follows: Christina Arispe - clarinet solo; Kari Matlock - French horn solo; Veronica Velasquez - baritone solo; Andrea Castillo, Toni Diaz, Autumn Martin, and Adrian Ventura - baritone quartet; J.D. Clay, Zach Garza, Daniel Hammond, Morgan Maddox, Meagan Montalvo, James Smith, and Adrian Ventura - brass ensemble.

The baritone quartet and brass ensemble qualified to go compete at the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest in San Marcos in May. Congratulations to all these students on their fine performances.

CHS announces perfect attendance for 3rd six weeks

The list of students with perfect attendance for the third six-weeks of the school year has been announced at Colorado High School.

Freshmen: Blaze Alford, Sarah Campos, Erin Graham, Daniel Hammond, Elizabeth Hickson, Ema Leanos, Michelle Lopez, Christina Leanos, Christina Lujan, Ava Macedo, Amanda Maddox, Christopher Madrid, Ashley Olguin, Olivia Ornelas, Steve Sanchez, Courtney Sutton and Isaac Yanez.

Sophomores: Ida Calhoon, Marenda Cantu, Briana Coronado, Jesus Guerra, Jordan Hammond, Wesley Hernandez, Melissa Hickson, Dylan Hulme, Kandace Johnson, Jacob Large, Kyle Lemons, Christian McKinney, Samantha Miller, Meagan Montalvo, Connor Pina, Lisa Salazar, Zachary Smith, Carissa Sutton, Veronica Velasquez, Ricky Ventura and Tanya Vera.

Juniors: Isabel Duarte, Lance Espinoza, Corey Foster, Manuel Garza, Cheyenne Guelker, Derek Gutierrez, Nicholas Hart, Samantha Herrera, Christina Leanos, Morgan Maddox, Kari Matlock, Nathan McCright, Esperanza Salinas, Matthew Sowa, Iesha Taylor, Clint White and Samuel Williamson.

Seniors: Mario Atkinson, Ricky Davila, Toni Diaz, Kolby Free, Lacresha Johnson, Alyssa Martinez, Jonathan Miles, Zulema Ramirez, Nathan Slater, James Smith, Sarah Smith, Cody Upshaw and Isabel Ventura.

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SCHOOL NEWS

KELLEY HAS CLASS... The 2nd grade Gifted and Talented Students have been working on a variety of projects focusing on natural science. The students pictured are Sara Roach, Jadyn Griffith, Lexi Haag, Johnathan Franco, and Sean Dolan.

Hutchinson honor roll released

Hutchinson Elementary has released its A and AB Honor Roll Lists for the third six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Third grade: M'Leah Alexander, Emaleigh Cook, Darian Espinoza, Skyler Givens, Courtney Green, Don Guazo, Tucker Harris, Baylie Lindsey, Rion Maxwell, Jennifer Roman, Nanna Silva and Jordan Smith.

Fourth grade: Ramsey Alvarez, Tristan Alvarez, Selena Barnett, Andrew Burrola, Haven Campbell, Madie Gutierrez, Casey Hammond, Keifer Holman, Tony Martinez, Dylan Meguire, Talyn Messick, Alexis Munoz, Brittany Munoz, Marissa Parras, Katelynn Polanco, Brennan Ross, Nadia Davila, Sierra Salazar and Allison Torres.

Fifth grade: Jonathan Blassingame, Dillon Gainey, Taegen Harris, Mason Maddox, Delani Meguire, Kaysi Sims, Ethan Smith and Emanuel Ventura.

A-B Honor Roll

Third grade: Alliyah Adcock, Adrian Arguijo, Ana Arispe, Jennifer Bueno, Jonathan Casares, Caleb Chaney, Carrie Chaney, Rebekah Diaz, Kevin Dolan, Faline Espinoza, Donndric Fowler, Aaron Free, Hazel Gonzales, Romie Gonzales, Autumn Green, Bethany Gutierrez, Chris Haggerton, Layton Holsey, Maci Hopper, Tommy James, Canden Jones, Seth Keeton, Jacob King, Felicity Mann, Brianna Martinez, Jazmin Mendoza, Koby Miller, Kaedan Molina, Robert Parras, Maryetta Polanco, Kaytlin Sims, Justin Trawick and Javier Ventura.

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Fifth grade: Manuel Bueno, Jonathan Castillo, Eddie Clark, Javier Coulon, Kimberly Estes, Jordan Garcez, Gabby Gonzales, Shala Greer, Shaleena Greer, Aaron Griffin, Jonathan Jackson, Veronica Lopez, Mikaela Madrid, Desiree Martinez, Jesse Martinez, Kascey Miller, Katie Nixon, Emily Rivera, Rainne Ruddick, Alex Salinas, Jaci Smith, Cassie Sutton, Jeremiah Williams and Savannah Williams.

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Hutchinson perfect attendance

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Fourth grade: Corbin Aufill, Selena Barnett, Molik Boone, Macy Bullard, Andrew Burrola, Haven Campbell, Staeshia Campbell, Nadia Davila, Madison Davis, Mikayla Dillon, Madison DuCasse, Zach Fallin, Devon Garcia, Jameela Garrus, Brandon Gonzales, Ellianna Gonzales, Hunter Gonzales, Morta'yle Green, Freya Griffin, Joseph Griffin, Madie Gutierrez, Casey Hammond, Delaney Hernandez, Isaiah Jennings, McKenzie Kildow, Zach Luera, Tony Martinez, Dylan Meguire, Jazzlyn Mendoza, Alfonso Mercado, Talyn Messick, Clara Morris, Jolei Morris, Alexis Munoz, Brittany Munoz, Seth Myers, Cameron Oakley, Danielle Olguin, Bianca Palmer, Marissa Parras, Hayden Peaslee, Katelynn Polanco, Andrea Ramirez, Elizabeth Rogers, Brennan Ross, Andreana Salas, Sierra Salazar, Lora Shults, Brandon Thomas, Allison Torres and Daniel Ventura.

Fifth grade: Robert Adkins, Cheyenne Alford, Isreal Beltran, Jonathan Castillo, Hailey Dunn, Kimberly Estes, Dillon Gainey, Jacob Garcia, Mary Beth Garcia, Shala Greer, Shaleena Greer, Aaron Griffin, Shirley Hemphill, Colton Heupel, Jacob Hill, Jonathan Jackson, Veronica Lopez, Mikaela Madrid, Desiree Martinez, Delani Meguire, Katie Nixon, Nick Palacios, Ezra Palmer, Emily Rivera, Heather Ruth, Jeremiah Salazar, Alex Salinas, David Sanchez, Serena Santana, Jaci Smith, Olivar Sosa, Cassie Sutton, Patrick Tillis, Zach Tillis, Emanuel Ventura, Jeremiah Williams, Nathandle Williams and Savannah Williams.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start
Breakfast Menu Feb. 18-22

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

Tuesday – oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday – yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday – Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday – sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start
Lunch Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – peanut butter & jelly sandwich, golden corn, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday – mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, orange pieces, milk.

Wednesday – meatloaf with sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, pears, milk.

Thursday – corn dog, green beans, peaches, milk.

Friday – spaghetti with meat sauce, glazed carrots, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

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

Thursday – morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu Feb. 18-22

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

Tuesday – BBQ on a bun, oven fries, pinto beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – steak fingers, potatoes with gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – Frito pie, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – wolf burger, lettuce cup, French fries, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Breakfast Menu Feb. 18-22

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

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, 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, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Lunch Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – taco salad, tasty rib basket, pizza, French fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, BBQ on a bun, potato wedges, pinto beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, broccoli and beef on rice, golden corn, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – chef salad with turkey, burrito with cheese, nacho grande, spicy pinto, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – morning sausage roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

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

Wednesday – cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

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

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – chicken strips, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, hot roll, milk.

Tuesday – crispy tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.

Wednesday – spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, garlic bread stick, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday – hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Friday – chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday – bagel, juice, milk.

Wednesday – eggs, potatoes, flour tortillas, fruit, milk.

Thursday – pizza, juice, milk.

Friday – French toast, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu Feb. 18-22

Monday – burritos, cheese, salsa, salad, corn on cob, butter, apple halves, milk.

Tuesday – buffalo wings, broccoli, mashed potatoes, bread sticks, mixed fruit, milk.

Wednesday – pork chops, green beans, mac and cheese, bread, orange, milk.

Thursday – hamburgers, mustard, lettuce, tomatoes, tater tots, ketchup, push-ups, milk.

Friday – nachos, jalapenos, beans, corn, Spanish rice, peaches, milk.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are: (left to right) Kaytlin Sims, Jasmin Mendoza, Rebecca Martinez and Shirley Hemphill.

Students of the week named at Hutchinson

Students of the Week have been named at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Kaytlin Sims, Jazmin Mendoza, Rebecca Martinez and Shirley Hemphill.

Kaytlin, daughter of Clint Sims and Kristy Martinez, is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Diego, and reading is her favorite subject. She says her teacher is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Jazmin, a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class, is the daughter of Jennifer Mendoza. She enjoys playing basketball as a hobby, and math is her favorite subject. Jazmin says she has fun learning with the teachers at her school.

Rebecca, daughter of Olivia Martinez, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Geiger's class. She enjoys rock collecting, and spelling is her favorite subject. Her favorite thing about Hutchinson is the computer lab.

Shirley, a fifth grader in Ms. Dea's class, is the daughter of Connie Hemphill and Chris Green. She enjoys running on the track as a hobby, and reading is her favorite subject. She says that the teachers are the best at Hutchinson Elementary.

WOLF TRACKS

BY SARAH SMITH, CHS Senior

Cheerleaders in El Paso

On February 2nd, CHS cheerleaders, Elena Rodriguez, Shelbi Turner, and Jordan Hammond, went to El Paso to cheer at the Texas versus Nation All Star College football game.

"It was a fun experience, especially since I'll probably never get a chance to cheer at a college all star game again," Hammond said. "After we went to the mall Friday morning, we practiced from 2:00 to 8:30 p.m. It was exhausting and cold, but it was worth it."

As a result of their grueling practices to try and perfect the halftime show, the girls were pleased with their performance.

"I think the best part was actually performing. When we first got the dance it was hard but then it got easier," Rodriguez said.

The girls received a DVD with the dance routine they would have to perform ahead of time. Their performance was televised on College Sports Television or CSTV. There were seven area high school cheerleading squads represented.

"It was awesome just being with all of the other girls and the big city choreographer," Turner said.

Comanche ISD sent a letter inviting all varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders to perform at the game to Mr. White who then forwarded it to the cheerleader's sponsor, Keira Brem.

"The girls only had one week to learn the dance from a DVD. We had practices every day for five days," Brem said. "The girls worked really hard. They also had a lot of fun. This is definitely an experience that they will never forget and neither will I."

Other Events

* The CHS band was represented at UIL Solo and Ensemble contest Saturday at Angelo State University. Twenty-five students participated with several first division ratings. Earning 'ones' or first division ratings on solo performances were: Christina Arispe, Kari Matlock, and Veronica Velasquez. Receiving ones in the ensemble category were: Andrea Castillo, Toni Diaz, Autumn Martin and Adrian Ventura with a baritone quartet, as well as, Daniel Hammond, Zach Garza, JD Clay, Morgan Maddox, Adrian Ventura, James Smith and Meagan Montalvo with a brass ensemble.

* The FFA is still going on through major show season. This week and last week several members have been participating in the San Antonio Livestock show.

* The UIL Academics students at CHS will be participating in a practice meet at Post Saturday. They will compete in various speech, math, science, computer, writing and general academic events.

* Colorado High School's annual Howl Night will be held Thursday Night in the auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the high school from Mrs. Bazany or Mrs. Hammond for $5 each.

* Friday will be an early release day for CISD. All students will be dismissed at 12:30.

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An open letter to the citizens of Mitchell County

For the last eleven years I have had the privilege of serving as District Attorney for Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties. When I took office in January, 1997, there were approximately 950 felony cases pending in these three counties. Child abuse cases were not being properly investigated and were not being prosecuted and drugs were too easily available.

Now there are less than 300 cases pending in these three counties. The District Attorney's Office was the driving force in creating the Children's Advocacy Center, which has been a tremendous asset in helping children deal with abuse, in preparing cases for trial and in obtaining lengthy prison sentences for people who abuse children. The District Attorney's Office has also overseen several undercover drug operations that have resulted in local drug dealers being sentenced to decades in prison. This has, at the very least, slowed the sale of drugs in our communities. From the first day I took office, Ann Reed has been working with me to improve the prosecution of crimes and the quality of life we enjoy in Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties. During the last eleven years Ann has tried most of the murder cases in these counties and has tried about 90 percent of the child abuse cases that have come to the District Attorney's Office. She annually speaks to teachers to help them when reporting child abuse. Ann is a true advocate for children in our communities.

Ann and I have had a very proactive District Attorney's Office. In addition to the Children's Advocacy Center and the training of our educators, our office employs two investigators whose primary duty is to keep drugs out of our communities. Over the years we have seized hundreds of thousands of dollars from drug dealers and drug couriers. We have seized and sold the homes of people who have been convicted of selling drugs in our communities.

Now, the person who was the District Attorney prior to 1997 wants the job back. The law-abiding citizens of Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties do not need to return to the days of having a D.A. who is not aggressive and who does not have the best interest of our children at heart. Ann Reed is the only choice for District Attorney if we are to keep an aggressive prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office. I ask you to join me and the law enforcement officers of Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties, and vote for Ann Reed for District Attorney.

Mark Edwards
District Attorney

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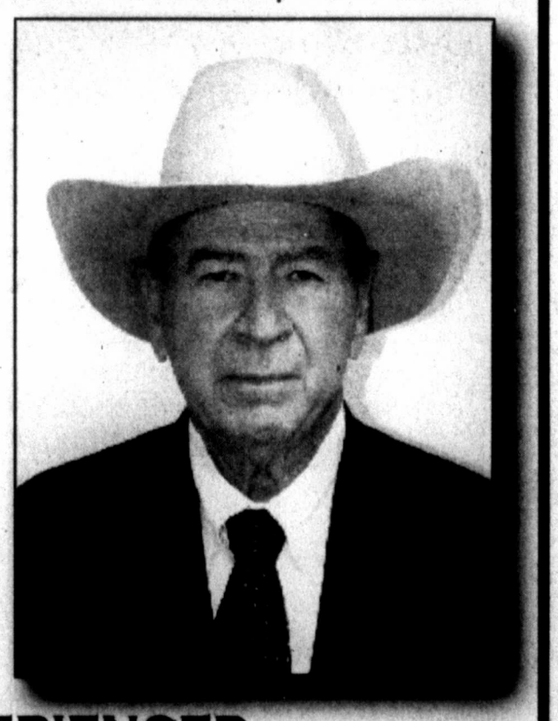

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Howl Night nominees listed

Nominations for Colorado High School's Howl Night have been named. Howl Night will be held Thursday, February 14 in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the high school office for $5 or at the door for $7. Performances will begin at 7 p.m.

Senior Favorite – Boy
Kolby Free
Xavier Garcia
Alfredo Ventura

Senior Favorite – Girl
Catherine Dolan
Georgiana Guerra
Valerie Martinez

Mr. CHS
Mario Atkinson
Kolby Free
Alfredo Ventura

Miss CHS
Georgiana Guerra
Lacresha Johnson
Isabel Ventura

King Howl
Richie Atkinson
Xavier Garcia
Simon Reyna

Queen Howl
Sara Martinez
Valerie Martinez
Le'Tesha McDuffie

Most Likely to Succeed – Boy
J.D. Clay
Zach Garza
James Smith

Most Likely to Succeed – Girl
Catherine Dolan
Tia Huff
Sarah Smith

Junior Favorite – Boy
Lance Espinoza
Corey Owens
Daniel Perez

Junior Favorite – Girl
Hannah Chaney
Isabel Duarte
Lauren Munoz

Sophomore Favorite – Boy
Jamarcus Brooks
Jessie Guerra
Jacob Martinez

Sophomore Favorite – Girl
Briana Ortiz
Carissa Sutton
Tanya Vera

Freshman Favorite – Boy
J.C. Johnson
Nick Reyna
Andrew Munoz

Freshman Favorite – Girl
Emily Hicks
Olivia Ornelas
Jaci Wulfjen

Most Academic – Boy
Kyle Lemons
James Smith
Clint White

Most Academic – Girl
Erin Graham
Sarah Smith
Laura Warren

Most Athletic – Boy
Jamarcus Brooks
Tyler Higgins
Clint White

Most Athletic – Girl
Crystal Stewart
Courtney Sutton
Le'Tesha McDuffie

Most Talented – Boy
Zach Garza
James Smith
Matthew Wilson

Most Talented – Girl
Lacresha Johnson
Christa Valdivia
Laura Warren

Most Courteous – Boy
Daniel Perez
Matt Sowa
Samuel Williamson

Most Courteous- Girl
Marina Arispe
Tamara Lelek
Morgan Maddox

Most Handsome
Jamarcus Brooks
Kyle Lemons
Nick Hart

Most Beautiful
Briana Ortiz
Morgan Maddox
Lauren Munoz

Best Smile – Boy
Julian Leija
Kyle Lemons
Alfredo Ventura

Best Smile – Girl
Georgiana Guerra
Isabel Ventura
Krystal Ventura

Funniest – Boy
Lance Espinoza
Xavier Garcia
Simon Reyna

Funniest – Girl
Lacresha Johnson
Sarah Smith
Crystal Wilson

Best All-Around – Boy
J.C. Clay
Kolby Free
Zach Garza

Best All-Around – Girl
Catherine Dolan
Tia Huff
Lauren Munoz

Best Dressed – Boy
Richie Atkinson
Jessie Guerra
Jonathan Miles

Best Dressed – Girl
Isabel Duarte
Christina Lujan
Carissa Sutton

Friendliest – Boy
Nathan Slater
Matt Sowa
Matthew Wilson

Friendliest – Girl
Isabel Duarte
Tamara Lelek
Carissa Sutton

Most Dependable – Boy
Nick Hart
Daniel Perez
Clint White

Most Dependable – Girl
Tia Huff
Morgan Maddox
Briana Ortiz

Watch next week's Colorado Record for photos of the winners on Howl Night.

W'brook searching for GT students

Westbrook ISD will be conducting a search for students with above average potential in academic and creative productive thinking skills in grades K-12. The school program for gifted education is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the main office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing.

Nominations are being taken until March 6, 2008. The school office is open from 8 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Testing of those nominated will continue through May.

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If you would like to join in, please register for at least one time slot (15 minutes) to participate by calling 728-5296 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day or leave a message on the answering machine.

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SPORTS

COLORADO CITY JUNIOR Manuel Garza drives through Coahoma's Logan Stone during District 5-2A basketball action at The Pit last Friday night. Also pictured are Wolves Lance Espinoza and Matt Sowa.

Wolves lose to Coahoma, 73-55

By Tony Franco
Colorado City Record

Coahoma's height was too much to overcome for a game Colorado City basketball team at The Pit last Friday night. The Bulldogs put together a final run to take a 73-55 victory while the Wolves salvaged a 57-32 win in the junior varsity contest.

Coahoma's starting lineup features 6-7 senior Colter Morgan. Morgan was held to 13 points after scoring 14 against the Wolves in Coahoma earlier in the season. Slowing down Morgan was not enough, however, as 6-5 junior Cody Sheppard scored a game-high 20 points and 6-5 senior Matthew Tatum added 18 for the Bulldogs.

The Wolves made a game of it and trailed by just seven points with two minutes left in the third quarter. Coahoma's lineup was just too big-especially for Class 2A. "Barry (Colorado City coach Barry Kimball) did a good job," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols. "We had to stretch our offense out then did a good job of going inside. Matthew played well. He had a ton of rebounds. We want to run. Josh Paniagua does a good job of running the offense. He did a good job tonight."

Coahoma improved to 20-6 for the season and to 11-2 in district. The Bulldogs will likely enter the playoffs as the second place team behind district champion Haskell. "If we remain in second place it'll be Bangs or Wall (playoff opponent)," said Nichols, who has been at Coahoma for 32 years-26 years as head coach.

The Wolves fell to 15-15 for the season and to 6-7 in District 5-2A. The Wolves trailed just 11-9 with less than a minute left in the opening period but Coahoma slipped away with a run to make it 18-9 at the end of the period.

Colorado City trailed by ten at 27-17 with three minutes left in the first half before Coahoma pushed its lead to 18 points at 35-17 with 1:37 left in the second period. The Wolves Kolby Free then hit two three-pointers to make it a 12 point game at 35-23 at halftime.

After cutting the deficit to seven points late in the third period, the Wolves were outgunned in the final period. "Our rotation on defense was sound," said Wolves coach Kimball. "We were doing a good job of pressuring outside but the help wasn't there."

"They were tough. They're big. I thought our kids played hard. We had them running but we gave up some easy ones."

Seniors Simon Reyna and Free were recognized prior to the Wolves final home game-as were team assistants Jonathan Miles and Greg Rodriguez. "I wish I had them longer," said Kimball.

Scoring for the Wolves, who were to end the season at Anson this past Tuesday, were Clint White 16, Tyler Higgins 9, Free 9, Simon Reyna 6, Manuel Garza 5, Matt Sowa 4, Lance Espinoza 3, Corey Owens 2 and Nick Reyna 1.

The junior varsity Wolves improved to 12-1 in district with their slaughter of the Bulldogs. "We came out hot," said coach Zeb Burleson. "We were flat (in the Wolves' only loss at Coahoma). We wanted this one. We came out with something to prove and got it."

Scoring for the Wolves were Blaze Alford 20, Ryan Gainey 11, Andrew Munoz 10, J.C. Johnson 5, Jessie Guerra 5, Kirk Leverton 2, Daniel Perez 2 and Nathan McCright 2.

Post season ends for Lady Bulldogs with Bronte loss

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Sweetwater---What took 16 years to get there took only 32 minutes to come to an end.

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs were like David going up against Goliath last Tuesday night when they took on the Bronte Lady Longhorns in Bi-District action played at the Sweetwater High School Gymnasium.

Actually David (Lady Bulldogs) jumped off to an early 4-0 lead before Bronte got their game faces on, but Bronte came back with a six-point run to take the lead at 6-4 before senior guard Claudia Barrera drove in for a basket to knot the game at 6-6.

Bronte guard Chelsea Meek hit a trey to put the Lady Longhorns up by a 9-6 count and they would never relinquish the lead the remainder of the game. At the end of the first quarter Bronte held a slim 17-14 lead, but that would be as close as the Lady Bulldogs could get on the evening.

Bronte outscored Loraine18-9 in the second quarter for a 35-23 halftime lead before pushing the lead to 54-35 at the end of three quarters. Bronte outscored the Lady Bulldogs 11-9 in the final stanza.

"I am so proud of these girls despite the loss," said coach Tonja Edens. "They played hard the entire game and refused to give up. I told them they could hold their heads up high because of what they accomplished this season."

Loraine ended their season with a record of 9-13. Last season they finished 0-23 .

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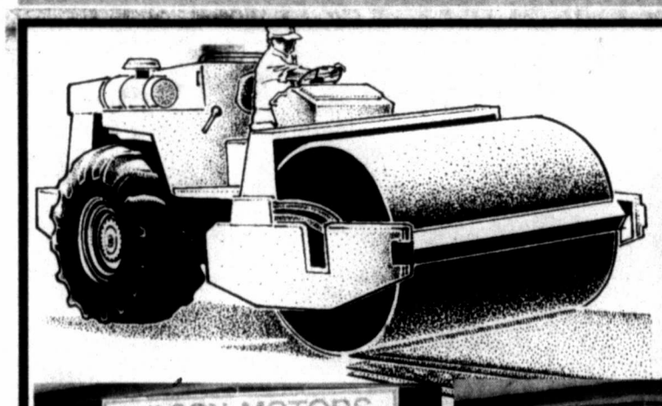

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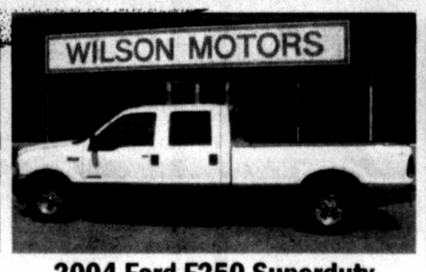

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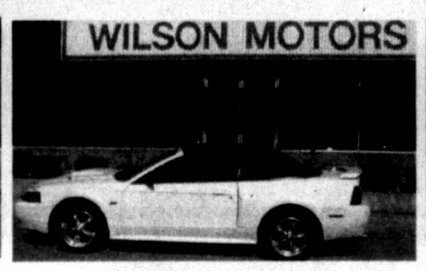

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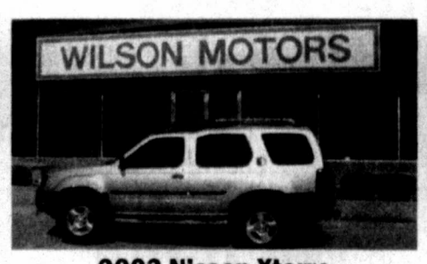

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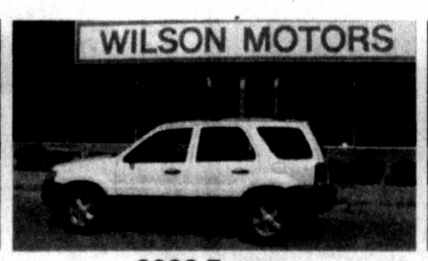

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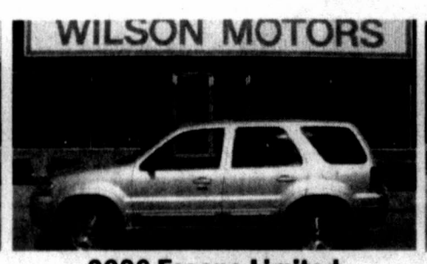

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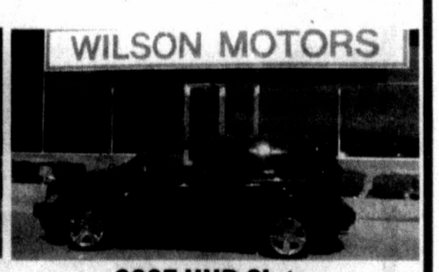

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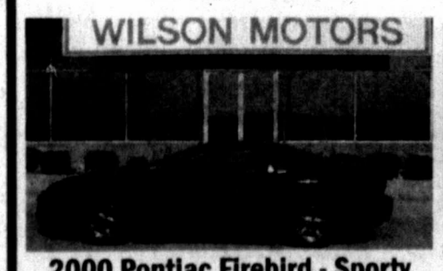

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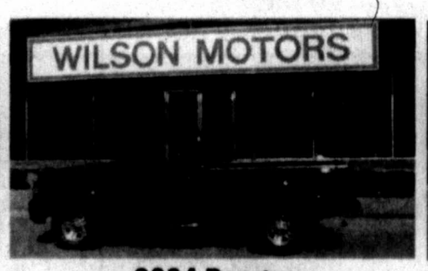

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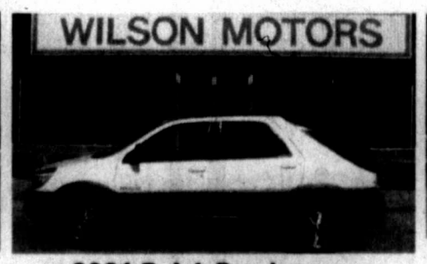

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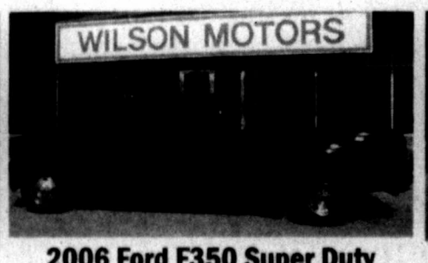

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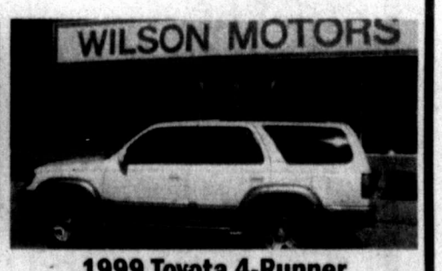

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THE THIRD PLACE LADY BULLDOGS are: (bottom row, I to r) Junell Ruth, Michelle Sanchez, and Leslie Bruch; (middle row) Claudia Barrera, Lindsey Martin, Whitney Martin, and Felicia Gibson; (top row) head coach Tonja Edens and athletic director Steve Komppa.

Loraine Lady Bulldogs end 16-year post season drought

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Westbrook --- The Loraine Lady Bulldogs broke a 16-year drought last Friday night when they defeated the Lady Wildcats from Westbrook in a real barnburner by a score of 51-50. The Bulldogs fought the Wildcats in a one-game playoff to decide who would go into the post-season basketball playoffs as the third-place representative for the district.

The last time the Lady Bulldogs had been to the playoffs was in 1992, when former Loraine all-State and Texas Tech All-American Michi Atkins was a senior. The 2007-08 basketball team came into the season needing to prove they could compete for a playoff spot after going 0-23 last year. The team gained confidence as the season progressed and after winning their last three games of the season, earned the right to advance

The game began like a typical Westbrook-Loraine game with both sides playing very hard. When the first quarter ended the scored was tied at 15-15. Loraine outscored the Lady Wildcats 11-9 in the second quarter to take a slim 26-24 lead into the locker room at the half.

Loraine gained some momentum in the third quarter, outscoring Westbrook 17-14 to head into the last quarter with a margin of 43-38. Westbrook closed the gap on Loraine from an eight-point lead at one point to take the lead at 47-46 with a minute and 55 seconds left in the game on a Keesha Krapf three-pointer

The game was tied up at 50-50 with just eight tenths of a second left in the game, when senior post Lindsey Martin went to the foul line for two shots. She made the first shot to put Loraine ahead 51-50, but missed the second shot. Westbrook was not able to get a shot off before the clock expired in the game.

Junell Ruth was again a thorn in the side for the Lady Wildcats, as the senior scored 20 points for the Lady Bulldogs. Felicia Gibson was also in double figures with 13 points, while freshman Meagan Sanchez canned 11 very important points.

Leading the Lady Wildcats in scoring was Cassie Bass; while Keesha Krapf and Milina Funderburg were also in double figures, with 10 points each. Both Funderburg and Krapf hit two treys which got the Lady Wildcats back in the game, while Bass was credited with one trey. Sanchez hit the only trey for the Lady Bulldogs.

The win moved the Lady Bulldogs record to 9-12 and pits them against the Bronte Lady Longhorns, who finished second in their district. The game is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th, at the Sweetwater High School gymnasium with a 6:30 p.m. tip-off time.

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SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs keep playoff hopes alive

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs kept their playoff hopes alive with a 64-53 whipping of the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals in action played at the Loraine gymnasium last Tuesday night.

Though the Lady Cardinals came out by outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 22-11 at the end of the first quarter, and were ahead 40-27 at the end of the first half, the local girls were not to be denied.

The third quarter was owned by the Lady Bulldogs, who outscored Hermleigh 24-9 in the quarter to take a slight 51-49 lead going into the final quarter. Loraine closed out the game on a 13-4 run to nab the much needed win.

The game was knotted as late as a minute left in the third quarter, but freshman Meagan Sanchez made both of her charity shots with 20 seconds left in the quarter to go ahead 49-47 and never looked back.

Lindsey Martin was high point for the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points, but Sanchez was right behind her with 15. Felicia Gibson and Junell Ruth were also in double figures with 13 and 11 points respectively. Whitney Martin had eight points coming off the bench.

The Bulldogs finished out their season on a sour note, losing to the Cardinals by a score of 54-35 which gave them a 0-8 district mark. Hermleigh, which began the game with only four players, still took a 12-7 first quarter lead which they pushed to 30-14 at the end of the first half. At the beginning of the second half the rest of the Cardinal starters showed up, as the visitors pushed their lead to 50-29 at the end of three quarters. The last quarter went to Loraine who outscored the Bulldogs 6-4 in the final eight minutes. Sean Vasquez finished his final game in high school with 14 points, while Kenny Esquivel just missed double figures with nine points. Esquivel had three treys, while Donta Smith had one.

Anson upends Wolves, 56-47

By Tony Franco
Colorado City Record

Playing a team they had beaten by 30 points here at The Pit three weeks ago, the Colorado City Wolves ended the 2007-2008 basketball season with a narrow 56-47 loss at Anson Tuesday night.

The loss kept the Wolves from reaching .500 for the season. The Pack ended with an overall record of 15-16 while finishing District 5-2A competition at 6-8. The Wolves flirted with a possible playoff run over the last month before losing three of their last four contests.

Tuesday's narrow loss at Anson reflected the season. The Wolves remained in the hunt late-trailing just 44-42 with 2:30 remaining in the game but were unable to make a final push after leading 29-26 on a Clint White three-pointer near the end of the third period.

"That was it," said Wolves coach Barry Kimball. "We didn't get anything else after that (29-26 lead). We just didn't sustain what we had going." Reflecting on the season, Kimball added "We didn't finish the season right. I take full responsibility."

Manuel Garza gave the Wolves their first lead with an offensive rebound and put-back to make it 9-8 in the first quarter, which ended in a 13-13 deadlock. The Tigers led 22-18 at halftime.

Two three-pointers by White and one by Lance Espinoza helped the Wolves cut the Tigers' lead to 30-29 after three periods. Anson made 14 of 21 free throws in the fourth period while the Wolves were sent to the line only seven times-converting 3.

Colorado City loses only two seniors to graduation. "We'll see what happens," said coach Kimball. "We will get to where we need to be."

Scoring for the Wolves Tuesday were Tyler Higgins 14, Espinoza 13, White 10, Simon Reyna 4, Garza 3, Corey Owens 2 and Kolby Free 1.

The Colorado City junior varsity also ended the season with a loss, falling 37-27 after leading 24-16 after three periods. The Wolves remained atop the district despite the loss with a 12-2 mark and also won the district tournament.

Scoring against Anson were Blaze Alford 13, J.C. Johnson 7, Jessie Guerra 4, Daniel Perez 2 and Ryan Gainey 1.

Wildcats enter play-offs with 13-13 record

The Westbrook Wildcats enter the play-offs against the Bronte Longhorns next Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Sweetwater.

It's the fifth consecutive year the Wildcats are in the playoffs.

Westbrook sports a 13-13 (7-3) record and are district 9-A's third seed.

Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

In Tuesday night's practice game against Veribest, the Wildcats were outscored 59-54. Friday night the Wildcats will play another practice game against Trees of Life Academy of San Angelo in Westbrook.

CMS 7th grade A boys lose, 42-32

The CMS 7th grade A team lost a hard-fought 42-32 game to Coahoma Monday, February 4.

"This was one of our best efforts all year," said Coach Kevin Wright.

The game was tied after regulation 32-32 and the Bulldogs were able to score 10 unanswered points in overtime for the victory.

"I'm very proud of the kids," Coach Wright said. "They played as hard as I've seen them play, we just didn't make enough shots in the end."

Jesse Mercado led the Wolves' scoring with 14 points, while Mark Henderson added 10 , Nathan Jackson 6 and Gustavo Silva 2.

Boys take 2nd, girls 3rd in Coahoma powerlifting meet

The Colorado High School power lifting team competed at Coahoma this past Saturday. In the team standings, the girls finished 3rd and the boys finished 2nd. Setting new meet records in their respective weight classes were Krystal Phariss and Alfredo Ventura. Alfredo Ventura also received a Best Lifter award for the light platform. The next meet will be at Winters on Saturday. Results are:

Clarissa Franco 1st	Samuel Williamson 1st
Mary Alaniz 3rd	Chris Madrid 3rd
Briana Ortiz 4th	Sam Shrode 1st
Kayley Hill 3rd	Mario Atkinson 4th
Krystal Phariss 1st	Lucas Martinez 4th
Michael Hernandez 2nd	AJ Coronado 5th
Alfredo Ventura 1st	Randon Hawthorn 1st

CMS 8th grade boys beat Stamford

On January 28, the CMS 8th grade boys continued their winning ways with a 36-15 victory over the Stamford Bulldogs.

Coach Clay White was happy with the road win. "We were able to defeat a solid Stamford team on the road," he said. "Our boys had great hustle."

The defense was led by the rebounding of Benny Jones, who grabbed 12 and Jason Rodriquez had 6 steals. Tylor Lorenz led the scoring with 9 points and Jones added 8.

Coahoma defeats 7th grade B boys

The Colorado City 7th grade B team lost to Coahoma last week 34-16.

Aaron Rivera led the scoring for the Wolves with 11 points, followed by Daniel Dylan with 4 and Sean Williamson scored 1.

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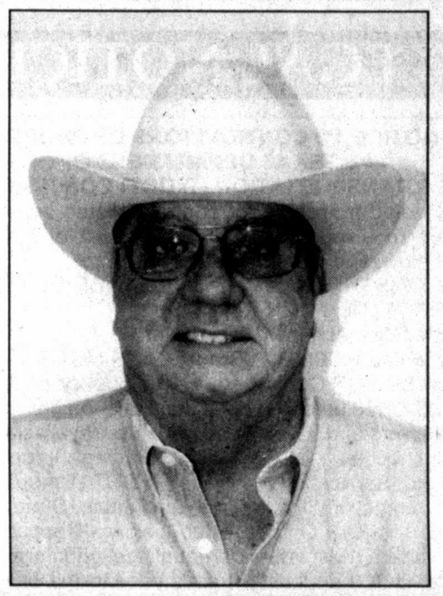

A note from Frank Conard....

While I was District Attorney from 1989 through 1996, I did prosecute every criminal who was indicted by a grand jury. My office aggressively prosecuted all cases, including child abuse cases.

My opponent's boss says child abuse cases were not being properly investigated or prosecuted. Of course, that is not true, as all police agencies and child protective service personnel who were responsible for investigating child abuse cases did in fact do their jobs well, with assistance from my investigator from the District Attorney's office. After their investigations were presented to grand juries, I pressed each child abuse case to court, negotiating pleas or trials, always taking into consideration the child, who would have to be a witness in court.

The Child Advocacy Center was originally formed by a group of concerned citizens in Austin Texas, with 13 centers in place when it was organized in 1994. There are now 69 centers across the state of Texas, including the one in Nolan County. I look forward to working with the Center to help child victims of crime.

Although child abuse cases are important and must be dealt with, my office also handled, on a regular basis, sexual assault, forgery, car theft, delivery and possession of drugs, burglary of homes, buildings and cars, theft, aggravated assault, aggravated robbery, and murder cases. Every one of those cases was equally important to the victims.

During the first seven years I was District Attorney, a total of 1243 felony cases were indicted by grand juries. Of those cases, 656 were punished through jury trials or guilty pleas, 370 were still pending, and 217 were disposed of through punishment on other cases.

As District Attorney, I used forfeited drug money to sponsor and pay for several undercover drug operations in the district, resulting in numerous drug arrests and getting drug dealers off the street and resulting in more forfeitures of their property.

I can assure you that, as your District Attorney, representing the people of Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties, I have and will aggressively prosecute every case that a grand jury indicts, and see to it that every victim's rights are protected, not just victims in selected cases. I ask you to join the law enforcement officers of Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher Counties who support me for District Attorney and vote for the most experienced and effective candidate.

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HISTORY

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supposed to be there and who wasn't. The Viet Cong would call you by name. We worked with folks in the compound all day, then fought them at night. They weren't the enemy, but they were in their network. If they didn't, the Viet Cong would kill their families."

Biggers said because of the dangers, he didn't run into any prejudice while serving overseas. "You can't hate the person who's gonna be watching your back," he said. "We got along like a family." He added that "it's never been a black and white thing with me. I grew up in Colorado City and I don't see it. I don't believe in it (prejudice). We're all red blood."

When he got off the plane in Washington, he decided he was going "to go to a bar and drink a cold beer," but his hand was shaking so badly he couldn't lift the glass. An off-duty stewardess steadied his hand, found out he was just back from Viet Nam and hugged him.

"She had a friend and invited me and my buddy to come to Chicago for a few days of vacation," Biggers said. "We were treated like kings (in Chicago). We didn't have to spend a dime."

But things were a little different when he arrived in Texas. "The folks at this end were looking for me and worrying because they knew I was supposed to be back," said Biggers. "We arrived at Love Field and there were protesters everywhere. They called us 'baby killers' and spit in my face." Biggers said his first reaction was to hit the guy and knock him out.

The police kept asking him if he wanted to press charges, but Biggers said no, he just wanted to go home and eat some barbeque.

"I said I'd never move back to Colorado City. But never say never," he said laughing. "I moved back here in 64, retired from Sun Oil after 18 and a half years."

Biggers says the best part of being retired is being able to spend time with the grandkids. The former Wallace basketball star, who scored over 700 points in one season, also played with the Harlem Stars. He thinks Colorado City 'is just the right size. The people are friendly. You don't have large crime. I'm just comfortable here. It's always been a nice community with nice people."

Other Colorado City heroes featured at the museum this month are Robert Bender, Navy; Barbara Johnson, Air Force; Charles Lindsey, Air Force; Charles Edwards, Jr. Army; Dennis Fowler, Jr., Navy; Archie Joe Biggers, Marine Corps; and Howard Belvin, Army.

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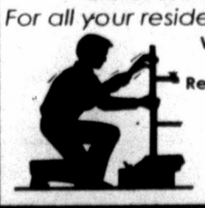

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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Sunday night at 12 a.m., a very loud siren went off and for a while I thought a tornado was sighted. Thank goodness there was just a short of some kind in the unit and no tornado.

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A funeral service was held Friday afternoon for Mary Lee McPeters at the First Baptist Church in Loraine. She was a longtime resident of this community.

She was survived by her husband, four children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother.

Mary Lee will be missed by family and many friends.

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Special music was provided by Debbie Mitchell and Charlene Hays Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

They chose "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and Debbie accompanied them on piano.

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Faye Lee's aunt passed away last week, and she and George went to Amarillo for her services. They met Faye's siblings and their spouses who came back to Loraine with them.

Faye's sister, Lavon and Bob Connard; her sister, Gail and Phil Hames; her brother, Clayton and wife, Lorene Shurley and a brother, Doyce Shurley, were all here. Her family members all reside in Arkansas.

While they were here, they all went to church Sunday and Lavon played piano and Jorene played the organ. George Lee Sr. accompanied them and they all went out to eat at Perini Ranch in Abilene.

Faye said their company stayed the weekend with them before returning home to Arkansas and that they had a wonderful get-together.

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Gerrie and Dub Wooddell are the proud great-grandparents of twins, a boy named James and a girl named Allison. Their parents are Josh and Amy Wooddell from Colorado City.

The twins were air-lifted to Lubbock as they were born premature. The babies are doing well but need to gain weight and get stronger.

Gerrie says they will stay in Lubbock for about four weeks.

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Charlene Walker's daughter, Kristi Krier from Huntsville, had knee surgery. She is recuperating nicely now and has returned to her home.

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We have concerns for JoAnn Watlington at this time as she fell and broke a hip.

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Concerns also go out to Tom Underwood. He had a short hospital stay. We send get better wishes to both Mr. Underwood and JoAnn Watlington.

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Betty Chandler's sister Nadine from Stephenville came by to visit with her, and they went to Sweetwater to eat. Betty said they had fun.

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My friend Beth Frost from Fort Worth stopped by to visit Saturday afternoon. She was on her way to Odessa to visit family members.

She had her little dog, Tiger and another younger dog named Tuffie. They're both Chihuahuas. They had on red sweaters and were very well mannered.

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Pam Chavez told me Monday that the Mitchell County Gin was finished ginning for this season and everyone is very happy about it.

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Several Loraine men attended a Saturday morning breakfast at the Methodist Church last week. The reports were that the food was very good, and an inspirational speaker from Sweetwaer, Mr. Hill, was well received. Fun and fellowship took place as well.

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Visitors at the center this past week were Dwayne Graham, who visited with his parents, Bobby and Wanza Graham; Heather Sadler and baby Hadley, who were visiting with Mike, J.A. and Y. Sadler and Louella Hall.

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Dorothy Norwood, Charles Dunn and Durwood McAdams provided music for the seniors last Monday. Wednesday was visitation day.

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Celia Pietzsche at First Salem Lutheran, 911 Main Street, in Roscoe, wants to remind those who have already ordered a box this month that pick up date is Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in ordering the next month's box can do so on March 1.

"We've just started the ministry," said Pietzsch. Pam Dorman, Salem Lutheran's pastor, had heard about the ministry from other people. For more information about Angel Food Ministries through First Salem Lutheran, call Celia Pietzsch at 766-3464.

Deadline for signing up for a food box with First Assembly of God in Sweetwater is Sunday, February 17 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The boxes will be distributed on Saturday, March 1 at 1 p.m. First Assembly of God is located at 312 E. Ave. B in Sweetwater, Tx. Further information or help with orders can be obtained by calling 325-236-6461.

The February menu from the Sweetwater church consists of 1.25 lb. sirloin strip steaks (4 x 5 oz), 2 lb. Salisbury steak dinner entrée, 2 lb. split chicken breast, 2 lb. breaded chicken breast fillet, 1.5 lb. meaty beef ribs, 1.5 lb. pork chops (4 x 6 oz), 12 oz. philly steak portions, 12 oz. peanut butter, 4 oz. chicken noodle soup (makes 64 oz.), 9 oz. Frosted Corn Flakes, 16 oz. frozen fresh corn, 16 oz. frozen fresh carrots, 2 lb. fresh onions, 2 lb. fresh potatoes, 15 oz. sliced pears, 1 lb. black eyed peas and one dessert item.

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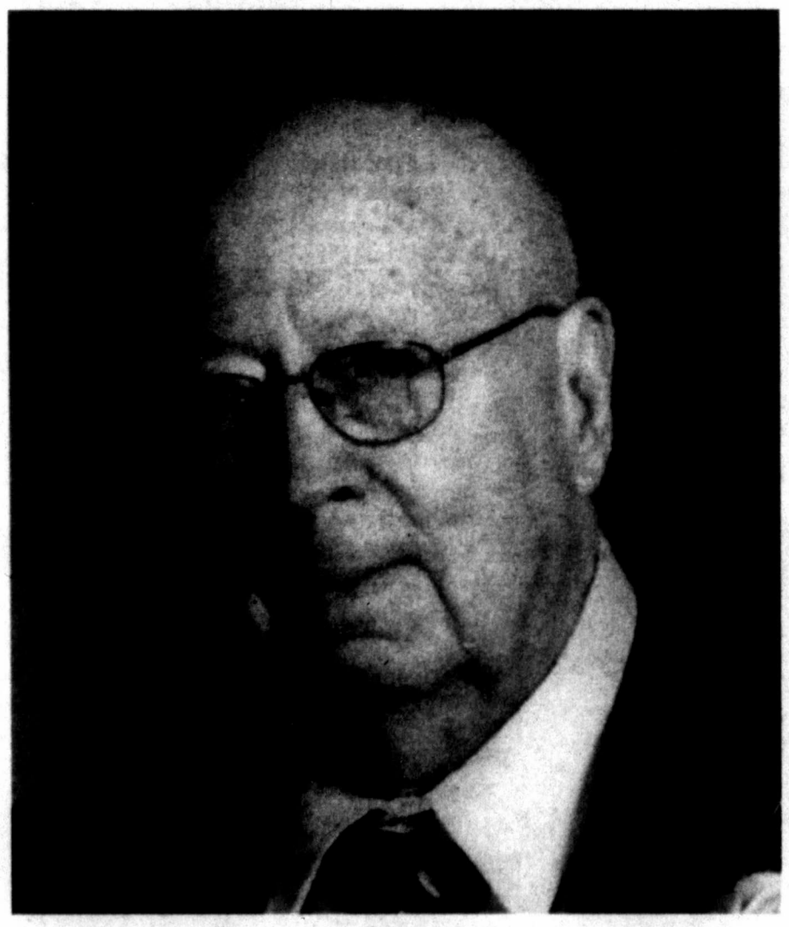

Born four miles North of Loraine, Herbert Mearse stayed connected to the Loraine community for 86 years. He graduated from Loraine High School in 1940. Soon after graduating, Herbert went to work for Mr. Taylor at First State Bank in Loraine. Mr. Taylor expressed his interest in Herbert and insisted that he continue to work at the bank in the fall of 1942, but he was on his way to serve time in the military and could not stay. During this time, Christine had moved back to Loraine from college. Mr. Taylor was in need of an employee after Herbert left, so Christine landed herself a job at the bank that fall.

A long way from home, Herbert wanted to keep in touch with Mr. Taylor, so he wrote a letter to him and the other bank employees. After receiving the letter, Mr. Taylor asked Christine if she would mind writing back on behalf of the bank. Ironically, she did not know Herbert very well, but she fulfilled Mr. Taylor's wishes and wrote back shortly after. That one letter led to many, which continued close communication between Herbert and Christine and began a relationship. Herbert returned to Loraine in October 1945 and he married his sweetheart, Christine on November 27, 1945. Herbert's love for people and the Loraine community was evident throughout his time at the bank. Eddie Puckett recalled an experience that he shared with Bill Crockett regarding Herbert. Eddie was hired as the new Ag teacher in Loraine and needed $75.00 to move and set up a rent house in Loraine, which would cost $65.00 per month. Eddie asked Herbert for a loan and unfortunately was turned down. Eddie understood and was okay with Herbert's decision. Later that evening, there was a knock at Eddie's door and it was Herbert. He said, "I don't know why I turned you down for that loan, you have a college degree and a good job. Come by the bank tomorrow and I will fix you up." Herbert was very proud of the bank, even after his retirement. When he would come in the bank, Bill recalls him saying how glad he was that the bank was still in Loraine. Bill would tell Herbert to please come again and he would always respond with, "I shall."

Not only did Herbert have strong connections with the bank, but also with the First Baptist Church in Loraine. Being an active member of the church, Herbert took part in every activity he could. In the late 1990's, a group from Loraine attended a Promise Keepers rally at Texas Stadium in Dallas. The group arrived in Dallas on a Friday evening and listened to several speakers until 10 o'clock that night. After enjoying a meal at IHOP they rolled into the hotel at 1 o'clock in the morning. Arriving at Texas Stadium a short three and a half hours later, Herbert did not miss a beat. He made every step with the younger men and was grinning the whole time.

Herbert meant the most to his family and all four grandchildren absolutely adored their "Pa". Stanley Mearse remembers Pa teaching him simple things in life, like shelling peas and pecans and patience to wait for more shade before they went fishing. Pa taught all of the grandchildren so many things they will never forget, like driving a pick-up in the country and singing songs and jingles to them. Herbert Mearse was a fine man whom was respected and admired by his family and community. No matter where he was or who he was around he was always proud to say that he was from Loraine, Texas.

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