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Answerline

Q. When were the first Seeing Eye Dogs used?
A. The first school for Seeing Eye Dogs was opened on January 29, 1929, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Briefs

Softball Meeting
Mitchell County Girls Softball will have a meeting on Monday, February 16, at 6 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room. All board members and coaches need to attend. MCGS is still looking for coaches. Last chance sign-ups will be from 6-7.

Glow Run
The RFL group Cancerbusters will hold a 5K Glow Fun Run/Walk on Sat. Mar. 24, at 6 p.m. in Loreine. Cost is \$10 for those 3 to 12 and \$20 for those 13 and up. Bristle burritos, glow paint, necklaces and bracelets will be sold at the event. For more information, contact Becky Benivamendez at 737-2225.

Valentine Banquet
Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario, Pastor Felix Silva, will hold the annual Christian Valentine Banquet on Sun., Feb. 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street. Live music will be performed by Crystal Rivers of Lubbock, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Pancake Supper
The 41st annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper will be held Fri., Feb. 27 at the CMS Cafeteria from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Adults eat for \$7 each and kids eat for \$4 each. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member or at the door.

Obituaries

Opal Alexander
BIG LAKE

Steve Birdwell

Rudy Luers
HOUSTON

Lola Bassham

Around Town

Happy birthday Tammy Hardegreas (Feb. 12)... Ask John Martinez about trimming his G-Tip... Happy birthday Josie Ortega (Feb. 14)... Steve Gutierrez spoiling his grandson... Happy birthday Crystal Nelson (Feb. 15)... Kay Shields surprised at her birthday party... Chad Hermon serving up some good cheeseburgers.



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Council talks trash collection

The subject of sanitation services drew much debate and a couple of presentations during the city council meeting of the City of Colorado City Tuesday evening. Council members are considering changes in services, which will have to be made before the city's contract with Republic expires in July.

Many options are up for consideration, but one thing is clear: city officials are unhappy with the service being provided by Republic. From skyrocketing costs to poor service, city leaders have not been happy with Republic's services for quite some time.

Options under consideration See COUNCIL, page 5

Lady Wolves are in the play-offs

With the Lady Wolves 59 to 30 victory over Reagan County Tuesday night, they clinched a play-off berth. The C-City girls will play Stanton to determine the district's 2nd and 3rd seed on Friday night.

Time and place of the game was to be decided Wednesday morning.

The winner advances to the play-offs as the district's #2 seed, and the loser enters as the #3 seed. Play-offs begin next week.



PLENTY OF SUN - Brush clearing has begun on 700 acres of land owned by Luminant on the northwestern side of Champion Creek Reservoir. Frankie Arguijo of Bolin Construction was hard at work clearing brush Monday, to make room for a planned solar farm. An attorney for the energy company has said he expects Mitchell County to be the location chosen for the project, if all continues to go well.

Luminant solar farm property being cleared

The Mitchell County Commissioners Court convened on Monday morning and approved the creation of a reinvestment zone and tax abatement agreement for an additional two tracts of land adjacent to the land being considered for a solar energy farm. Will Ramirez, an attorney with Luminant's law firm Ryan, said that he believes the location in Mitchell County will be chosen for the project if everything goes as planned.

As reported earlier, the location near Champion Creek Reservoir is under consideration

by the energy company for the construction of a solar farm. The Mitchell County location is one of three being considered for the project, but clearing of the land in that area has begun.

The fact that brush-clearing work is underway led Commissioner Jesse Muñoz to ask the Ryan representative if Mitchell County had been chosen as the site. While the lawyer was unable to provide an official answer, he said, "I believe so, if everything goes well. The other locations are still open, but this one became positive all the way around. We

are still here and are moving forward 100%."

Luminant officials have said a decision on the project's location will be announced in the second quarter of this year, and construction is expected to be complete on or before January 1, 2017.

The two tracts of land will be the site of the actual solar panels, if the project construction is realized. The same tax abatement will apply to the new tracts, as the original tracts of land.

Members of the court signed See SOLAR FARM, page 5



READY FOR TRACK - The Hollis Gainey Track at Wolf Stadium has been completely revamped and is finished in time for track season. The old running surface was dug up, a new surface put down and striping was completed last week.

Projects' plans rolling along

Two major projects currently planned for Mitchell County are underway, and officials provided an update for the power plant and desalination plant recently.

Board of Economic Development Director Sue Young said that all is going well at the site of the desalination plant. She reported that Oncor, the electric delivery company, is working on the interconnection lines that will connect the wind turbines that will be used when the plant is in operation.

The Mitchell County Commissioners are set to open bids in the middle of this month and choose a contractor for the remainder of the construction of the desalination plant.

CEO and President of FGE

Power, Emerson Farrell said that he expects to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on the planned power plant sometime in the late spring. As plans for the plant have gone through the permitting process, its inception has been recognized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the office of Governor Rick Perry for its efficiency in reducing emissions while creating energy.

Farrell said the plant, which is planned to be constructed in the western part of the county, is setting new national standards for emissions. He said that the plant will have "the best heat rate of any

See PROJECTS, page 5

Anderson honored by NCC

Receives 2014 Harry S. Baker Award

Woody Anderson, a Colorado City cotton producer, is the recipient of the 2014 Harry S. Baker Distinguished Service Award. He was honored during the National Cotton Council's 2015 annual meeting held on February 6-8.

The award, named for the late California industry leader and past NCC President Harry S. Baker, is presented annually to a deserving individual who has provided extraordinary service, leadership and dedication to the U.S. cotton industry.

Anderson has been co-owner of Anderson Farms in Colorado City since 1974 - a third generation operation primarily growing cotton, along with wheat, grain and alfalfa.

Anderson has a long history of dedicated industry service having served as the NCC's chairman in 2004,

its vice chairman in 2003, as a NCC director in 2002 and as the Southwest Region's vice chairman of American Cotton Producers from 1996-02. He chaired the NCC's Crop Insurance

Committee from 1995-01.

He has been active in Texas, where is the chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, a position he has held since '97. He also was the state committee chairman of the Texas Farm Service Agency from 1997-01.

In presenting the Baker award, NCC Chairman Wally Darnelle, a West Texas cooperative marketing executive, said Anderson - during his tenure as NCC chairman - led the organization's efforts at avoiding damaging amendments to U.S. farm law and protecting the interests of U.S. cotton in international trade agreements.

Among other contributions Anderson made that year were his testimony before See AWARD, page 5



FARMERS' FRIEND - Woody Anderson was honored as the recipient of the 2014 Harry S. Baker Distinguished Service Award during the National Cotton Council's 2015 annual meeting. The award is presented to the individual who has provided extraordinary service, leadership and dedication to the U.S. cotton industry. NCC Chairman Wally Darnelle presented the award to Anderson. Photo courtesy of NCC.

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LOCAL NEWS

CCPD hires new officer

Shawn Curran joined the Colorado City Police Department recently and is currently completing field training hours. Though he's a rookie on the CCPD, Curran has been a police officer for a little over a year.

With Nick Holbrook leaving the local police force for a position in Odessa, Curran is filling the vacancy. He completed the police academy in San Angelo and worked as an officer in the Tom Green County city for about a year.

The new officer said that one of his friends on the San Angelo police force heard about the opening here and recommended the position to him. Curran's friend thought it might be a good fit for him, and so far he has been right.

Curran has already moved to Colorado City and is completing the required 12 weeks of training. "Everybody has been great," he said last week. His first day on the job was officially Tuesday, February 3rd.

Besides police work, Curran has a few hobbies he enjoys. He plays guitar and said he likes to play and sing a little during his time off.

He also likes hockey and is a big fan of the Boston Bruins. Curran actually has family in Boston, making the Bruins close to his heart.

"Every day is different," Curran said, explaining his favorite thing about police work. And while he hasn't found a specialty yet, he said he enjoys the variety of each patrol.



Shawn Curran

Valentine birding fun planned at state park

Do you and your sweetheart enjoy outdoor activities? Are you looking for something different to do on Valentine's Day? If you answered yes to these questions, Lake Colorado City State Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver may have the perfect date for you.

This Valentine's Day tell your sweetheart you want to share in a love of birds at Lake Colorado City State Park. With three programs about birds everyone will find something fits their Valentine's Day schedule.

Start the day off right with a morning bird hike beginning at

the park at 8:30 a.m. lasting until about 10:30 a.m. over modest terrain.

There will be a Backyard Birding class from 1 to 3 p.m. that day which will teach those attending to identify the most common birds in this area. Since many birds often visit yards, Park Superintendent Kyle O'Haver will be teaching folks how to improve their habitat and birding skills.

For a perfectly romantic end to Valentine's Day, come out to watch the sunset with the one you love next to a campfire listening to stories about owls

from 5 to 7 p.m. during the All Around the Campfire program and Owl Prowl.

These activities are all in conjunction with the 2015 Great Backyard Bird Count going on February 13th through 16th.

Cost is only a \$4 entrance fee for adults, and children 12 and under get in free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please wear weather appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes or boots to stay safe on adventures.

Contact the park for more information by calling 325-728-3931.

OBITUARIES

Opal Alexander 1922-2015

BIG LAKE—Mrs. Opal Alexander, age 92, of Big Lake and formerly of Colorado City, died Sunday, February 8, 2015, in a Reagan County care center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 14, 2015 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with her daughter, Beverly McGuire officiating and Rev. Jackie Brem assisting. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Alexander was born October 5, 1922 in Colorado City to J. P. and Julia Birmingham Smith and had been a longtime resident of Colorado City before moving to Big Lake. She married Clyde Alexander on October 10, 1940 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on April 29, 2002. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Oak St. Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly and husband, Alan McGuire of Barnhart and Patsy and husband, Charles Terrell of Odessa; a sister, Vivian Beights of Colorado City; four grandchildren, April Terrell, Tangela Blain, Tonya Stalcup and Tiffany Kelley; six great-grandchildren, Aaron Blain, Tara Blain, Chynna Terrell, Emerald Terrell, Courtney Kelley and Colton Stalcup; and several nieces and nephews.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Hazel Smith, Velma Smith and Cecil Smith; and four brothers, Forrest Smith, Loyd Smith, Carroll Smith and Alvin Smith.



Harland B. "Steve" Birdwell was preceded in death by his wife, Charlene Smith Birdwell.

He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Marshall and husband, John of Big Spring; his son, Scott Birdwell and wife, Alison of Houston; his grandchildren, Kristen Elder and husband, Richard of Alexandria, Virginia, Zac Marshall of Midland, Colin Birdwell, Sam Birdwell and Emma Birdwell all of Houston; a great-granddaughter, Annabell Marshall of Big Spring; his invaluable caregivers, Carrie Harvell, Dorothy Whitaker and Shelly Headrick; his beloved cat, Sasha; and a whole host of family, friends and "flocks".

Memorial services will be 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15, 2015 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad St., Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to the humane society of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelech.com.

Rudolfo "Rudy" G. Luera 1949-2015

HOUSTON—Rudolfo "Rudy" G. Luera, age 65, passed away on Thursday January 22, 2015 in a Houston hospital. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015 at St Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Udegbunam officiating. Interment will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Rudy was born on May 18, 1949 to Olivia G. and Pedro C. Luera. He was a resident of Houston for over 40 years and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his brothers, Pete Luera and wife Janie, of Colorado City and Ernest Luera; sisters, Celia Arocha and husband David, Lydia Garcia both of Colorado City, and Susan Garcia and husband Robert of Watauga; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

The family request memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

Leila Lee Bassham 1914-2015

Leila Lee Bassham was born November 29, 1914. She married William Nelson Bassham on August 7, 1932.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents, John Wesley and Cora Ann Gross; sister, Eula Heath; six brothers, Howard, Wesley, Clyde, Clarence, Erskin and Roscoe.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirlyn Ford, Karen Suratt; two grandsons, Michael Myers, Jay Suratt; four great-grandchildren, Kyle Suratt, Kade Suratt, Meagan Kelley and husband Michael, Maurie Holster and husband Kolby.

There will be a graveside Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Colorado City Cemetery at 1 p.m.



Harland "Steve" B. Birdwell 1928-2015

Some of us called you Pastor; some called you Padre, Priest, or My Preacher. Others called you Counselor, Confidant, Friend or Headmaster. And some of us called you Dad or Papa. All of these words are true but only partially descriptive.

You always provided a shoulder to cry on, an uncritical ear to bend and had words to believe or inspire. Perhaps that is why most of us called you Father.

Now has come the time to thank you, say our good-byes and wish you well on your next journey. How can we appropriately thank someone who brought us new life? In you, we witnessed a perfect example of the one whose name you always proclaimed.

All we can say is, "We Love You!" Our prayers go with you now and always. (Written and edited by someone who knew and loved our Dad.)

The Reverend Harland Bryan "Steve" Birdwell was born November 1, 1928. A retired Episcopal priest/ accomplished jazz trumpet player/lover of all animals who spent a lifetime serving God's people in Colorado City, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Roswell, New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Albany, and Abilene, died February 5, 2015.



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Two circuses coming to Colorado City

As some may be aware, a circus is coming to town this week. However, Chamber of Commerce Manager Amanda Jo Ritchey would like to clear up some confusion that may be associated with the event.

Ritchey said that two years ago, there was some confusion about two circuses that came to

town within a couple of weeks of each other. The chamber will again be sponsoring the Culpepper & Merriweather Great Combined Circus. The show is set to be in town on March 30th and will hold two performances in Rud-dick Park.

On Friday, February 13th, the

Magic Land Circus will be performing at the Colorado City Civic Center. Ritchey said the Chamber of Commerce does not have anything to do with this circus. The entertainment company has rented the civic center, just as any other group or individual can.

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

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their written requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on February 26, 2015 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on February 26, 2015 and reviewed by Administrative Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 14, 2015. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations. Previous Grant Recipients should review your 2014 Contract prior to submit-tal.

Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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LOCAL NEWS



SERIOUSLY INJURED – Casey Moore was driving his Buick on FM 644, when he lost control and ran off the road about four miles east of S. Hwy. 208 at about 8:15 Monday morning. He was ejected from the vehicle and sustained serious injuries, including a badly broken leg, a broken pelvis and some broken ribs. He was flown to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo and underwent surgery Monday. Photo courtesy of Doyle Mitchell.



EJECTED FROM THE VEHICLE – The driver of this Ford F-150 lost control of the vehicle while traveling down CR 305, near FM 1229. Trinity Ellis, the 24-year-old driver, was ejected from the vehicle as it rolled and sustained major injuries, including the loss of her arm at the elbow. Unfortunately, Ellis was not found until about two hours after the accident occurred. She was transported to Mitchell County Hospital, then airlifted to a Lubbock hospital.

CCPD investigating church and storage building cases

The First Presbyterian Church, located at the intersection of 5th and Chestnut, was the site of a break-in and burglary at the end of last month. The church is just one of several locations that have been broken into recently. Officers from the Colorado City Police Department are investigating the burglaries and are asking citizens for their help.

Pastor Dana Mayfield of First Presbyterian said that the burglary happened sometime between Wednesday, January 28th

and Sunday morning, February 1st. She had been out of town during that time, and when she returned to the church that Sunday morning, she found the door to the church office had been pried open.

Mayfield said that stuff around the church was mostly just "messed up". The remains pointing to a thief or thieves looking for things to steal. However, a few items were taken.

A Dell laptop was taken from the church office, as was a stereo that belonged to Mayfield's daughter.

As part of their community service work, congregation members participate in a program called Bicycle Blessings each year. Mayfield said that some of the bicycle parts were stolen, and many items in that area were bagged up but not taken.

"I feel fortunate that only the few items were taken," Mayfield said. "It's a good thing we don't keep valuable stuff in the building."

In an effort to prevent similar trouble in the future, locks around the building are being rekeyed and deadbolts are being installed as a safety measure. Mayfield said the efforts will cost a considerable sum of money but will provide more security.

CCPD officers working the case advised Mayfield to install hidden cameras around the church, and she said she will take the suggestion before the council during the next session.

Mayfield found the evidence of the break-in just before Sunday morning worship services were to begin. She said the first order of business was for the congregation to pray for the people who perpetrated the crime.

"We prayed for them, because we believe in the transformational power of Jesus," the pastor said.

CCPD Police Chief Luis Aguilar said that the case is under investigation, along with other burglaries and break-ins, that have been going on around the

city. A call came in on Sunday evening, February 8th, notifying police that C-City Storage was the site of a burglary as well. According to Chief Aguilar, multiple units were broken into and some items were removed.

Police have a list of the units broken into and are contacting individuals leasing the units to notify them of the burglaries.

Chief Aguilar advised citizens with storage units anywhere to take the time to go check on them. He also recommends in-

vesting in heavy-duty disc locks that cover the shackle latch to secure storage units. He said that officers have found that the units broken into usually had lightweight padlocks that are easily cut.

The church and storage facility are only two burglaries, out of several recent ones. Anyone with any information about the crimes should contact the CCPD by calling 325-728-5294. Any information, no matter how insignificant, might be helpful to the investigation.

Bingo night planned for raise funds for RFTW

The Relay for Life team Cancerbusters is raising money to further cancer treatment research. The group will hold Bingo Night at the Loraine school, and proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Bingo Night is set for Saturday, February 28th, and games will be held in the Loraine ISD cafeteria. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and games begin at 5.

Each game packet has 45 games, and cost is \$15 per packet. There will be grand prizes awarded. For an extra \$5 bingo players can opt to play for a Kindle HDX or a 55" Sanyo flat screen TV.

A concession stand will be open, and homemade baked goodies will be auctioned off that night as well.

If you enjoy bingo, or just want to try it for the first time, make plans to go and help the Cancerbusters bust cancer!

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH A book about down home cooking

I have a good friend who makes wonderful chocolate chip cookies. She says she got the recipe from her grandmother. She keeps that recipe in a secret place in her kitchen. One day she was reading the recipe for chocolate cookies on a package of chocolate chips. It was exactly the same as her grandmother's recipe. I have since learned that happens a lot on everything from cakes to ice cream. A treasured recipe turns out to be one that anyone can have.

Mary Bonham of Sulphur Springs makes fabulous peanut brittle. I get a bunch of it every year. This year it was better than ever and I found it difficult to share. It was delicious. "I've been making peanut brittle for about 55 years," says Mary. "The recipe never changes. What works, you stay with it." Mary is not sure where she got the recipe, but it probably came from her mother. The recipe is in a cookbook she wrote last year titled *Ms. Mary's Down-Home Cookin'*.

Mrs. Bonham, age 86, is a busy lady who says, "Sittin' at home is for the birds." She helped her husband in their company, J-B Weld and has been involved in numerous civic endeavors. She raised horses for a while and now she's into another type of livestock. "We buy and sell tiger-stripe cattle. They're a cross between a Hereford and a Brahma bull and have stripes that look kind of like a tiger. Some of them have more stripes than others and they're very hard to find."

A few years ago she started growing pecans and shelling them. "I've had the orchard for a number of years and it has about 400 trees now," she says. A couple of years ago she was wondering how she was going to get her pecans cracked. "I looked around and decided to buy some crackers and now I crack my own and crack for the public, also."

Mary is a good cook. "Mother taught me to cook on a wood-stove when I was a little bit of a girl. I would stand on an old apple box and she'd say, 'now Mary, you watch me and remember what I'm putting in this recipe' as she put the ingredients together. Later on I was amazed that I remembered so much of what she told me." After Mary started a family she enjoyed cooking some of her mother's recipes. When she carried a food item to a church social or other function, people always asked her for recipes.

So she decided to write a cookbook. "I started asking my brother and sister for some of their recipes and I used some that my mother had. I think there's 335 recipes in the book." It is divided into sections: appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy. It's available at 2777 I-30 N.E.S.R. in Sulphur Springs 75482. A portion of the proceeds of the book goes to Bright Star, a non-profit organization that supports and benefits children ages 5 to 18 with physical limitations.

That peanut brittle recipe is designed for the microwave.

Texas House of Representatives committee assignments made

By Teresa Beckmeyer
West Texas Voice

Committee assignments for the Texas House of Representatives were made this past Thursday. This will allow the House to start working on bills that have been filed. The following is a list for representatives of the west Texas area and committee assignments.

HD53-Andrew Murr-Culture, Recreation & Tourism, Rules & Resolutions, Transportation

HD59-JD Sheffield-Energy Resources, Natural Resources (Chair), Redistricting

HD60-Jim Keffer-Energy Resources, Natural Resources (Chair), Redistricting

HD68-Drew Springer-Agriculture & Livestock, Local & Consent Calendars, Ways & Means

HD69-James Frank-Defense & Veteran's Affairs (Vice Chair), Natural Resources

HD71-Susan King-Defense & Veteran's Affairs (Chair), Human Services

HD72-Drew Darby-Energy Resources (Chair), Ways & Means

HD81-Brooks Landgraf-Energy Resources, Investments & Financial Services

HD82-Tom Craddock-Energy Resources & State Affairs

HD83-Dustin Burrows-County Affairs, International Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs

HD84-John Frullo-Culture, Recreation & Tourism, Insurance (Chair)

HD86-John Smithee-Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence (Chair), State Affairs

HD87-Four Price-Appropriations, Calendars, Human Services

HD88-Ken King-Calendars, Environmental Regulation, House Administration, Public Education

For a complete listing of committee assignments for all districts in Texas, please go to <http://www.house.state.tx.us/media/pdf/committee.pdf>.

There are several gun bills that will be making their way

through the House and Senate this session. It is rumored that they will be showing up in committee sooner rather than later. There has been much heated debate among those who are supporting the different bills and why one is better than the other. I will list some of the bills and their pros and cons for your consideration.

HB195/SB342-These two companion bills are what are being referred to as "The Constitutional Carry Act of 2015". These bills will allow for open carry by any person in the state who is allowed to have possession of a handgun. Proponents say this is our constitutional right and the state has no business infringing on it. They also say that people already have to pass a federal background check to be in possession of a firearm, so it keeps guns out of the hands of those who are not permitted to own a gun and that the bill has stipulations of where the firearms are permitted to be carried. Opponents have reservations on who will be able to carry a handgun.

HB910/SB346-Companion bills that will allow CHL Holders to openly carry handguns. These bills will allow those who hold a CHL to openly carry a firearm. Proponents want this bill to keep those who have a CHL from being charged with brandishing a weapon when there are instances when the handgun may not be able to be concealed. It will also allow those licensed holders to have much more freedom when carrying a firearm. They also say that this bill will have no bearing on true constitutional carry because they are two separate issues. Opponents say that if this passes, it will hinder the ability to get constitutional carry passed in the state due to the fact that legislators will have a false sense of passing a bill that provides for open carry with a license. They feel that if this passes, there will be no desire to visit the issue further.

HJR56 will change the state constitution to keep the legislature from regulating the carrying of firearms.

There is much disagreement among those who are supporting/opposing these bills. My best advice is for you to research the bills for yourself and let your elected officials know your support or opposition. They want to hear from you!

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Perry files legislation, addresses range of issues

Senator Charles Perry filed several pieces of legislation at the request of constituents and stakeholders in his legislative district. This series of bills varies in focus and addresses a range of issues important to Senate District 28.

"At town hall forums and community events across the 51 counties I represent, I have heard numerous concerns from constituents and local elected officials," said Senator Charles Perry. "I look forward to addressing some of these concerns through the legislation I am filing today."

Below is a brief synopsis of the bills recently filed by Perry:

SB 473: This bill will clear up ambiguity between federal and state law regarding certain weapons that are registered in the National Firearm Registration and Transfer Record. This should ensure that people that have gone through the process to legally possess these weapons are not hassled with conflicting laws.

SB 503: This bill would allow for better opportunities to invest in communities that have or could be affected by Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) with loans or grants given out by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission. This will give communities in Texas better access

to available funds that can be invested in infrastructure or job training programs.

SB 504: This bill puts the 132nd Judicial District under the Professional Prosecutors Law which will allow the Scurry and Borden County District Attorneys more resources to prosecute cases full time.

SB 505: Meteorological Evaluation Towers (METs) are thin, portable towers made from galvanized tubing and secured with guy wires used to measure wind speed and direction to identify locations for future wind turbines. SB 505 improves safety for crop duster and other low altitude pilots by requiring METs to be painted and marked in accordance with FAA and NTSB guidelines. This would apply immediately to METs erected in the future and current METs starting in September 2016.

SB 506: This bill will help promote transparency with local government contracts (over \$25,000) by requiring municipalities and counties to provide notices of the time and place set for the approval of the contract, the purpose and estimated cost of the contract, and the manner in which the cost of the contract will be paid (taxes, revenues or a combo of funds). The bill also allows for

citizen recourse by allowing the matter to go before the voters if 5% of registered voters sign a petition.

SJR 17: This Constitutional Amendment expands the number of rural counties that have the ability to assist in the repair of private roads. In small counties there are rarely private contractors available, so private roads are often poorly maintained, creating public safety hazards for citizens and emergency services. For years, counties have relied on this provision to maintain these roads and make them safe and navigable. To utilize this provision, private landowners must not only consent, but they must pay for this service as well. (Filed during pre-filing)

"Our legislators are elected to go to Austin and represent the constituents within their districts," said Perry. "Our office has an open door policy and I urge anyone with an issue they need addressed at to contact my office so that we may work to find a solution."

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry's legislative agenda, please feel free to contact Travis McCormick at 512-463-0128 or Travis.McCormick@senate.state.tx.us.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Cynthia Grinslade Ind Exec, Evelyn Clifton Estate to Cynthia Grinslade, Talia Bowman Jarzyzak, Chaile Bowman Allen, Distribution Deed.

Kenneth Jerry Wynn, Judy K Winn to City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D Clay Ttee, Julie Rodriguez VP, Deed of Trust.

Judy Wynn, Kenneth Jerry Wynn to City National Bank of Colorado City, Royce D Clay Ttee, Julie Rodriguez VP, Deed of Trust.

City of Colorado City, David Hoover City Manager to Rafael Rivera, Deed without warrant.

Firewheel Energy LLC, Alan J Brown Sr VP/Gen Counsel & Bus Dev to Wells Fargo Bank NA Admin Agent, Scott Hodges Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Alan J Brown Sr VP/Gen Counsel & Bus Dev, Flint Minerals II LLC to Scott Hodges Ttee, Wells Fargo Bank Na Admin Agent, Deed of Trust.

City National Bank of Colorado City to Mark Cornutt, Abstract of Judgement.

Dennis G Pevehouse, Christine McPaul Pevehouse to Alex Queen, Rebecca A Enriquez, Warranty Deed.

Mary Bradberry to Guadalupe Land & Minerals LLC, Mineral Deed.

Breiting Royalties Corporation, Chris Faulkner CEO to Edward R Geldreich Ttee, Conveyance.

Jimmy C Hardegree to Blake A Hardegree Atty In Fact, Greg D Hardegree Succ Agent, Brent J Hardegree Succ Agent, Power

of Attorney.

Rita Joyce Hardegree to Blake A Hardegree Atty In Fact, Greg D Hardegree Succ Agent, Brent J Hardegree Agent, Power of Attorney.

Betty Sue Gill Liquidating Mgr, Has Oil LTD, Has Oil Management LLC Gen Partner to Betty Sue Gill, William Rowland Edwards Jr, Barbara Ann Baucum, Camilla T Hartman, James A Thomas, Mineral and Royalty Deed.

Kim Allen Johnson, Kimberly Gurganus Auth Agent to Barbara A Emerson, Child Support Lien.

Melva Jimenez Affiant to Billy Sam Pritchett Deceased, Affidavit of Heirship.

Victor Rodriguez, Juliana B Rodriguez to Joe David Greer Jr, Warranty Deed.

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Jagdeep Singh Dhillon, JP-Unsafe Speed, 2/05/15.

Eric Ray Arnold, Speeding, 2/3/15.

ARRESTS

Isiah Gongora, 21, Nolan Co., Parole Violation, 02/01/15.

Servetino Ponce, 48, Sterling Co., DWI 3rd, 02/02/15.

James Anthony Hearin, 35, CCPD, Motion to Proceed, 02/02/15.

Joshua Walker, 24, CCPD, DWLI w/Previous Conv., 02/02/15.

Ascencion Vidal, 29, MCSO, MTR, 02/03/15.

Gilbert Martinez, 25, CCPD, Theft by Check, 02/03/15.

Craig Allen White, 46, CCPD, Harrassment x2, 02/04/15.

James Lloyd Griffin, 47, MCSO, FTA Child Support (Tarrant Co.), 02/05/15.

Christopher Rains, 26, TPS, Poss of CS, 02/05/15.

Edgar Daniel Flores, 21, Sterling Co., DWI, MTR, 02/04/15.

Randy Lito Munoz, 21, Nolan Co., Agg Assault, MIC, PI, 02/01/15.

Albert David Pineda, 26, THP, Man/Del CS, POM, Proh Weapon, 02/05/15.

Cherie Michelle Hannabass, 45, Sterling Co., FTA, 02/05/15.

Timothy Edward Arocha, 35, MCSO, Court Commital, DWI 2nd, 02/06/15.

Jesus Ornelas, 34, MCSO, 7490 Asslt w/ Previous Conv, 02/04/15.

Charles Allen Irwin, 42, Sterling Co., Agg Sexual Asslt w/Child, 02/05/15.

Sabrina Young, 48, MCSO, Parole Violation, 02/06/15.

Christopher D Williams, 29, Sterling Co., POM, 02/05/15.

LaEngland Ynett Lewis, 38, CCPD, Warrants, 02/08/15.

Thomas Franklin, 31, MCSO, Resisting Arrest, 02/08/15.

Teafale Marquise Lenard, 30, CCPD, Warrants, 02/08/15.

Mackenzie Holcomb, 24, Sterling Co., Forgery, 02/08/15.

Robert Martinez, 31, Sterling Co., Forgery, Parole, Evading Arrest, 02/08/15.

Angela Harris, 36, CCPD, False Report, 02/08/15.

Jaime Arvalo, 19, MCSO, Purchasing/Minor, 02/06/15.

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LOCAL NEWS

CISD trustees handle routine business Monday

It was routine business for the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees during Monday night's regular meeting. The board met and handled several items of monthly business, including the approval of two overnight trips for some Colorado High School students.

Students enrolled in a class focusing on education careers has been raising funds to take a trip to the state convention of future educators which will be held in Lubbock. National Honor Society members are planning to take an educational field trip of sorts to San Antonio. Both groups will spend one night away, and the board approved both trips.

Hutchinson Elementary Principal Julian Castillo gave this month's campus update. He reported that approximately 135 parents and students attended the Math Super Bowl held at Hutchinson last month. Those attending played games of various types which helped them with math. The games were then sent home to be used as a fun way

to hone students' math skills. Right now at the elementary school, 65 to 70 students have enrolled in tutorials, Castillo said. He also reported that Texas Fest, the annual fundraising festival, is set to be held on Thursday, March 5th.

A report from Charlie Price of Compass Builders was given, updating board members on the construction progress of the new campus. He said that concrete is still being poured and lots of other types of work are ongoing.

Currently, crews are putting up steel, roofing, installing siding and performing masonry work. "Pray for more good weather," Price said Monday night. "Right now, there are no major hiccups (in the construction)."

The board approved election judges for the upcoming May 9th election. Brenda Kelley will serve as judge and Beatrice Casares will be the alternate. Compensation in the amount of \$14 per hour will be paid, which is the same rate as last year.

CISD Superintendent Reggy Spencer touched on concerns

about falling oil prices and how they affect taxing entities here. He said that falling oil prices means less money, as about 45% of CISD's taxes come from the oil and gas industry.

While less tax money means a struggle to fund a tighter budget, Spencer said he feels like the district is on solid footing. "We are financially stable, and we can survive," he said. "We are going to be fiscally conservative."

Spencer went on to say that he is taking a proactive stance on cutting costs. Principals on each campus are talking with staff to find ways to save money.

Administrators are taking a trip to the Hurst-Euless-Bedford school district to look at a new way of scheduling classes. HEB uses a trimester system, and officials there have said it benefits students in a variety of ways.

Spencer said that, though it would be a scheduling nightmare, he and the other administrators are willing to undertake any task that will help students succeed. "If it's good for our students, I say yes," he said.

AWARD

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the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management regarding a mid-term review of the 2002 farm bill; representing U.S. agriculture and the cotton industry as part of a high-level delegation that traveled to Burkina Faso for a ministerial on science and technology and to visit the cotton growing regions of that country; meeting with the U.S. ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva regarding the framework text for WTO agricultural negotiation; and leading U.S. cotton industry efforts to shape constructive trade relations with China during meetings with top officials in Beijing and Shanghai — including encouraging the use of cotton standards to facilitate U.S. cotton exports.

Following his service as chair-

man, Woody has remained active in NCC leadership. He was elected vice chairman of the Committee for the Advancement of Cotton in 2010. He also performed yeoman's work as the chairman of the NCC's Farm Policy Task Force, a position he has held since 2005 and where he led efforts for industry consensus on the industry's priorities with the 2007 and 2014 farm bills.

The recipient of many industry honors, Woody received Cotton Grower magazine's Cotton Achievement Award in 2007. In 2008, he received the Texas Tech University's Gerald W. Thomas Award as the Outstanding Agriculturalist for Production. He is a 1974 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Relations. He and his wife, Susan, have two children

and three grandchildren.

Previous Harry S. Baker award honorees include cotton producers — Duke Barr, Bruce Brumfield, Lloyd Cline, Robert Coker, Bruce Heiden, Kenneth Hood, Bill Lovelady, Bob McLendon, Frank Mitchener, Jimmy Sanford, Jack Stone and Charlie Youngker; ginners — Lon Mann and Charlie Owen; merchants — William B. Dunavant, Jr., and Bill Lawson; cooperative official — Woods Eastland; textile manufacturer — Duke Kimbrell; association executives — Gaylon Booker, Neal Gillen, Albert Russell, Earl Sears and B.F. Smith; Congressional members — Senators Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and Representatives Larry Combest and Charles Stenholm; and USDA official — Charlie Cunningham.

PROJECTS

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power plant in Texas." The power plant, a \$1.2 billion investment, will be constructed in two phases. Each phase will produce 750 megawatts of electricity when operational.

Farrell said that 100% of the construction equity has been finalized for both phases. The extra time taken by the company will help better align construction of both phases of the plant. He said that instead of nine to 12 months lag, the securing of the financing will allow for only a three to six month break between construction of the two phases of the power plant.

"There's been a bit of a front delay to ensure less lag between phases," the executive said Monday.

Farrell said that while electricity production is the "steady cousin" of the oil and gas industry, lower oil prices have not affected the decision to build the plant here. He said FGE has enjoyed bi-partisan support for the project at the local, state and national level.

When FGE gets ready to hold a groundbreaking ceremony, Farrell said the occasion will be marked by an event. "We're going to coordinate with Governor

Abbott's office, so we can get something planned. I anticipate that it will be sometime later this spring," he said.

Colorado City City Manager David Hoover said that everything is going as expected with the project, as far as the city is concerned. FGE has a contract with the City of Colorado City to purchase some of the city's wastewater to be used in energy generation.

Young said that FGE officials have also contacted leaders at the Colorado River Municipal Water District to request the purchase of water from that agency as well.

COUNCIL

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services back in-house, using another sanitation company, switching to roll-out carts and more.

After lots of options were discussed, Mayor Jim Baum suggested that the ideas be presented to the citizens to get their input. Councilman Sammy Contreras agreed with the idea, and the subject was tabled until public meetings can be held.

City Manager David Hoover said that he would try to present a complete package which would include all details of cost if the city were to take over garbage collection again.

In other business, the council approved a contract with Jacob & Martin, Ltd. to provide engineering services required to pursue another grant to help fund the drilling of another water well.

A bid by Tanner Cox was accepted to lease over 400 acres of city-owned land near the well-field near Loraine. Four bidders

submitted bids, but Cox's bid of approximately \$45 per acre was the most lucrative deal for the city. Cox will lease the land for farming purposes for five years, with another five-year option.

Other bidders were: Munoz Brothers, Rees Farms, and Champion Creek Farms.

Though the measure was approved, there was a split vote concerning the city covering the cost of a football play-off trophy. The Chamber of Commerce requested to use \$300 of hotel/motel funds to purchase the football trophy for the winner of the Winthorst vs. McCamey football play-off game held here in the fall.

The chamber has already paid for the trophy, so the funds would be a reimbursement. Councilman Craig Jolley expressed his opinion that that cost should fall to the Colorado ISD. Hiser seemed to agree, as he wondered how the chamber got involved.

In the end, the measure passed with Hiser, Andrew Fuller and Mayor Baum voting in favor, while Jolley and Contreras voted against it.

Main Street board member Terri Robben presented a short report on behalf of the Main Street Program. The program's director, Carla Kern, is training this week. Robben said that committees have been organized and are working to realign the program's vision with its purpose.

Baum expressed support for the program, asking what the council could do to help. Robben said that council members can turn out to help with a couple of downtown clean-up events planned for the spring.

The council approved a request to have a brass plate installed on one of the benches downtown memorializing Eddie "Buster" Brown. Stephanie Perez and Ellen Potts will purchase the plate and handle its installation.

SOLAR FARM

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the resolution authorizing County judge Ray Mayo to sign the agreement and all related matters. The contract outlines the agreement which gives the company a 100% tax abatement for the first three years. After that, Luminant's taxes will be abated 90% for the fourth and fifth years of operation, then 80% in years six and seven, and 70% in the eighth, ninth and tenth years.

Following the meeting, Ramirez said that everything is on course for the solar project's construction here. "Everything

is on course, and we're hoping all goes well," he said Monday morning.

Mayo said that the added land will be the location of the solar panels themselves, and as is required by the agreement, the additional investment will be valued at or above \$1,000,000. Luminant officials have said the company will pay the county's legal fees associated with creating the latest agreement for the additional land.

The project, a 150-megawatt solar plant, would employ between 130 and 170 temporary

workers and generate three permanent jobs once construction is complete. The project's value has been estimated to be at least \$200 million. New legislation mandates that the project cannot depreciate any lower than 20% of its original value. According to the energy company's leaders, most solar farms have a life of 15 to 25 years.

In other business, court members approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$75,652.25, as presented by County Auditor Heidi Harris.

PUBLIC NOTICE

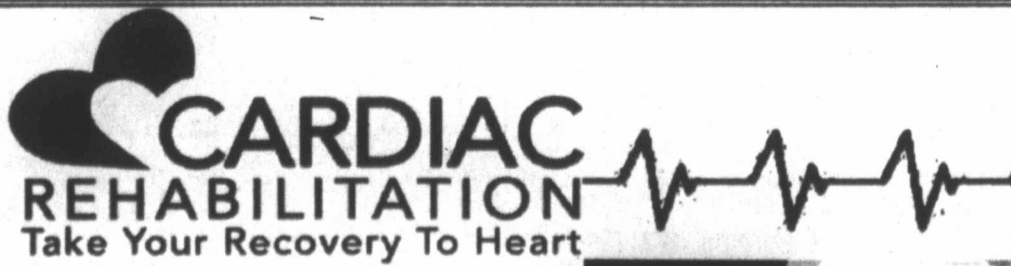
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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Colorado City is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Block Grant Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is \$275,000 for sewer improvements that will provide a city wide benefit. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

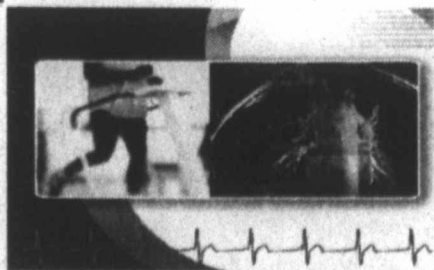
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LOCAL NEWS



APPRECIATIVE RECIPIENTS – Hochheim Prairie Colorado City Branch 214 distributed funds to eight organizations this year. Representatives of each organization met Monday to pick up their donation. They are: (l-r) Stacie Goswick, Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department; Leslie Scott, branch officer; June and Bobby Kimmel, Samaritan House; Misty Rich and Rick Goodney, Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department; Cliff Shiller, Relay for Life; Doyle Mitchell, Loraine Volunteer Fire Department; Mike Ratliff, branch manager; and Michelle Lashley, Hope for Children Daycare. Donations were also given to the Community Mission and Wallace Senior Citizen Center.

Hochheim Insurance makes donation to local organizations

Hochheim Prairie Insurance is a Texas-based, member-owned farm mutual insurance company. The membership is comprised of local branches across the state. Each year, the branches receive \$5.00 for every member assigned to their respective branch. The funds received by each branch are used for the benefit of the members and their communities. Over \$500,000 was distributed last year to 120 branches and used exclusively for membership activities throughout the state of Texas.

Branch 214 – Colorado City met on February 2nd at City National Bank and made the decision to contribute to the following organizations: Hope for Children Daycare, Loraine Volunteer Fire Department, Relay for Life, Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department, Samaritan House, Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department, Community Mission and the Wallace Senior Citizen Center.

Barrows gives demonstration at Friday's Lions Club meeting

Colorado City Police Officer James Barrows and his K-9 partner, Karl Von Mastock, visited the Lions Club during the weekly meeting Friday. After an informative program, Karl showed members how he can detect drugs and get the bad guy.

Barrows said that Karl is a four-year-old Belgian Malinois, weighing in at 72 pounds. The intimidating dog goes with Barrows just about everywhere, including riding with him while he's on patrol.

Many K-9s are used as single-purpose dogs, for things like narcotics detection, article detection, apprehension, etc. However, Karl has more than one trick. He's known as a dual-purpose dog, because he can sniff out drugs, find hidden articles such as keys or cellphones, and he's training in suspect apprehension, Barrows explained.

In order to be a certified law enforcement K-9, dogs and handlers have to train for a minimum of four hours per week. Officer Barrows said that he and Karl train about two hours per day on most days, which would explain the dog's impressive obedience.

Anyone who has undertaken the job of dog training understands that every dog has a drive, whether it be treats, toys, playtime, etc. Karl is no different. He works to get some time to play with a rubber bumper.

The Malinois' enhanced drive is one of the things Barrows likes most about the breed. In training, Barrows uses commands in Dutch, and the dog

has responded nicely to training. Currently, Karl is helpful to the CCPD in narcotics interception, building searches and he can chase down and tackle fleeing suspects.

Barrows said that Karl is not just his dog, he is a partner. "He will protect my life at all costs," the officer said. And many K-9s pay the ultimate price, as 20 were killed in the line of duty in 2014.

Besides helping the local police department, Karl is often called on to assist other law enforcement agencies in the area.

Barrows said that Karl can detect odors the officers obviously cannot, but he also senses danger. His mere presence makes suspects more likely to cooperate too. The fact that he can run at 15 to 20 mph and can jump over cars with ease, makes him a very athletic law enforcement partner.

After Barrows' presentation to the civic group, Karl came out to provide a demonstration. Officer Barrows had placed upside-down boxes around the edge of the civic center, and a few had drugs underneath them. Karl lo-

calated the drugs and immediately laid down, as he has been trained to provide a passive signal to officers.

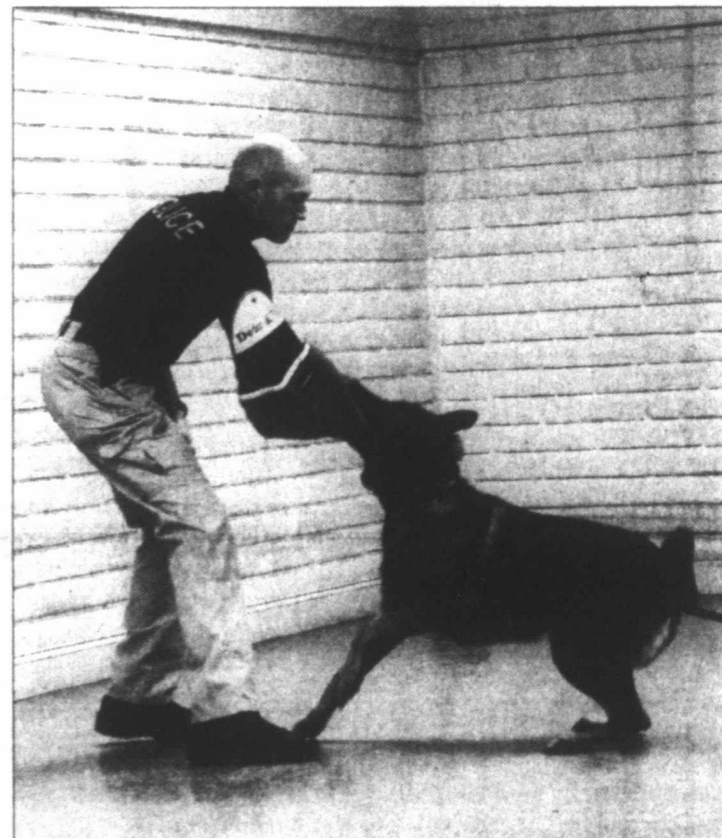
Using a long leash for safety, Barrows then put on some protective gear and Karl showed his apprehension skills, as he grabbed his handler by the arm and shook him fiercely.

Barrows said that, though he has been bitten during training, Karl is also the family dog. He went on to say that Karl doesn't tolerate violence and nipped Barrows' son when he was fighting with his sister.

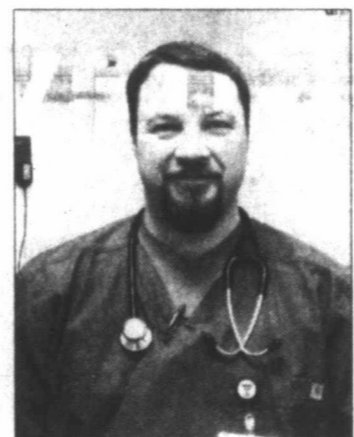
"When I put on my uniform, his attitude changes and he knows it's time to go to work," he told Lions.

Karl belongs, outright, to Barrows, as he bought him, has paid all vet bills and other associated costs. Barrows has experience working with K-9s, as he was fortunate to work with a dog partner in another law enforcement agency.

With a partner like Karl, Barrows has good reason to have peace of mind.



KARL'S A KEEPER – CCPD Officer James Barrows and his K-9 partner Karl provided an interesting program for the members of the Colorado City Lions Club last Friday. Karl, a Belgian Malinois, has multiple talents, including drug detection, patrol and extraction.



Chip Payne

Payne named MCHD employee of the month

By Audra Hoback
MCHD Community Relations Director

Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Chip Payne, PA-C, as the February Employee of the Month. Payne has worked MCHD for three years as a Physician's Assistant in the Emergency Department.

"Chip is always friendly and thorough with his patients. Community members regularly comment on how much they like and appreciate him and the care he provides," said Karen Holman, MCHD Administrative Assistant.

"Mitchell County Hospital is a great place to work and I enjoy taking care of the people of Mitchell County and the surrounding area," said Payne.

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LOCAL NEWS

POLICE REPORT

On February 1st at 10:30 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a local church in the 400 block of Chestnut in reference to burglary. Unknown person or persons had entered and removed several items from inside without consent.

On February 2nd at 10:37 a.m., an officer responded to a local business in the 100 block of West 2nd Street in reference to criminal mischief. Unknown person or persons had caused damage to an

exterior wall.

On February 2nd at 10:40 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East 1st Street in reference to criminal mischief. Unknown person or persons had caused damage to the building by spray painting an exterior wall. Two other buildings had the same damage, one in the 100 block of Walnut and the other in the 100 block of East 2nd.

On February 2nd at 2:34 p.m.,

an officer on patrol observed a male subject in the 1600 block of Hickory who he knew to possess an outstanding Mitchell County warrant. This warrant was confirmed through police dispatch. The 35-year-old male was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On February 2nd at 2:45 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of West 6th Street in reference to a burglary. Unknown person or persons had entered the residence and removed items from inside without the owner's permission.

On February 2nd at 9:25 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a vehicle make an improper turn in the 2300 block of Hickory. A traffic stop was initiated. Upon identification, the driver was found to have a suspended license. The 24-year-old male was taken to Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On February 3rd at 1:28 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a male

subject in the 600 block of Locust, who he knew to possess an outstanding Mitchell County Warrant. The warrant was confirmed through police dispatch. The 25-year-old male was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On February 3rd at 1:35 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a female subject in the 700 block of Walnut, who she knew to possess several active municipal court warrants. The 29-year-old was arrested and taken to Mitchell County Jail.

On February 4th at 6:20 a.m., an officer on patrol was monitoring a stop sign controlled intersection in the 600 block of Pine Street. The officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign. A traffic stop was initiated. After identification, the driver was found to hold two outstanding Mitchell County warrants. The 46-year-old was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.



HEAR HER ROAR – Janet McCollum, daughter-in-law of Jay and Charlie McCollum, was officially inducted into the Colorado City Lions Club last Friday. She was installed as a member by longtime Lion Bob Reily.

5K Glow Run planned by Relay for Life team

The Cancerbuster Relay for Life team has plans to raise money for cancer and provide a fun event for anyone interested in "glowing". The group will hold a 5K Glow Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, March 21st, beginning at 8 p.m. in Loraine.

Those taking part will have the opportunity to purchase glow-in-the-dark paint and other items to help light their way around the path. Brisket burritos will be sold for \$3 each to give those participating a boost of fuel.

Cost is \$10 per person for kids ages 3 to 12 and \$20 per person for those 13 and up. Cost of participation includes the price of a t-shirt. There's no cost for children 2 and under, but no t-shirt will be provided either.

T-Shirts will be provided to all participants that pre-register by Friday, March 6th. To sign up, contact Becky Benivamondez at the Loraine school by calling 737-2225.

So, make plans to get your glow on and help raise money to fight cancer.

Plagens files for re-election as CISD board trustee

Citizens have until Friday, February 27th to file for a place on the ballot for upcoming city and school elections. The joint election is set to be held on Saturday, May 9th.

Sheila Plagens, incumbent of Place 6, and Henry Reyna, incumbent of Place 4, have filed to run again to serve on the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees.

Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum has filed to run again for the position. Three seats on the city council are also up for election. District 1, held by Sammy Contreras; District 2, held by Craig Jolley; and District 5, held by Keith Hiser will be open for election this year. So far, Baum is the only one to file.

Two at-large seats on the Loraine ISD Board of Trustees are up for election, and those serving have filed to run for the places again. According to LISD Superintendent Travis Edwards, Ricky Bailey and Ron Gibson have filed to run in May.

According to City Secretary Jamie Muñoz, two seats are up for election on the Loraine City Council. As of Tuesday, February 10th, no one had filed to run for the seats.

The city board has been struggling due to a lack of a quorum at city council meetings. Anyone interested in serving on the council, can stop by city hall in Loraine to file an application to run.

No election is being held this year for the City of Westbrook or Westbrook ISD.

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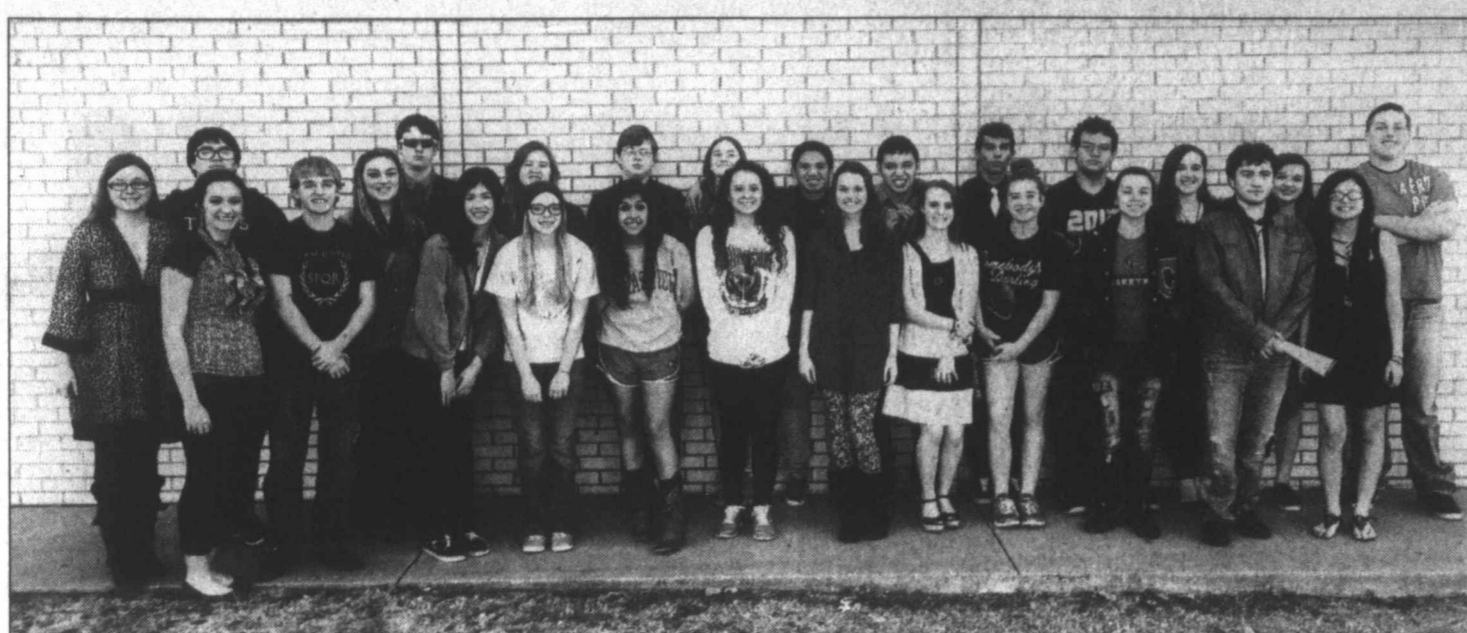
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SCHOOL NEWS



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT – Of the 28 CHS Band students competing in UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest, 22 qualified for a spot on the All-State Band. Those competing were: Ashlei Burrola, Brady Polich, Andie Salas, Kenzie Kildow, McKinna Komppa, Quilton Cook, Seth Myers, Jaci Smith, Berkley Wood, Jonathan Casares, Sierra Salazar, Emily Ballard, Kayla Browne, Madison DuCasse, Mikaela Madrid, Adam Pineda, Marissa Parras, Kaitlin Sims, Ethan Smith, Don Guazo, Amor Carrillo, Justin Trawick, Orean Pineda, Jonathan Blessingame, Jordan Smith and Bradon Upshaw. Photo courtesy of Darin Johns.

CHS qualifies 22 for State Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, February 7th, 28 band students went to Angelo State University to compete in the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest. Twenty-two of those students qualified to go to state in May, more than ever before.

"That is an unprecedented percentage going to state from those that competed," said Colorado High School Band Director, Darin K. Johns.

These are the students that earned a "Superior" 1st division rating:

Ashlei Burrola, clarinet solo
Brady Polich, clarinet solo
Andie Salas, bass clarinet solo
Kenzie Kildow, alto sax solo
McKinna Komppa, trumpet solo
Quilton Cook, French horn solo

Seth Myers, bass trombone solo
Jaci Smith, marimba solo - going to state

Clarinet Choir going to state:
Berkley Wood, Ashlei Burrola, Jonathan Casares, Sierra Salazar,

Emily Ballard, Kayla Browne, Madison DuCasse, Andie Salas and Mikaela Madrid

Trombone trio going to state:
Adam Pineda, Marissa Parras, and Kaitlin Sims

Brass sextet going to state:
Ethan Smith, Don Guazo, Amor Carrillo, Seth Myers, Justin Trawick and Orean Pineda

Percussion ensemble going to state:
Jonathan Blessingame, Jaci Smith, Jordan Smith, and Bradon Upshaw

In order to qualify for state on a solo, a student must play a Class 1 (the hardest of three levels) solo by memory at the Region level and earn a first division rating on it. Jaci Smith accomplished this. Several other students earned 1st division ratings on Class 3 solos, Class 2 solos, and Class 1 solos that weren't memorized.

"They are still to be congratulated on their hard work, but they won't advance to state. In order for an ensemble to qualify for state, the students must learn a Class 1 ensemble to perform and earn a 1st division on it. All four ensembles that performed Saturday accomplished this. I'm so proud of our students and all their hard work. I also so much appreciate TJ Huck, our middle school band director, and TeAda Short, our assistant band director. The three of us spent countless hours working with these students on their solos and ensembles, meeting some at school at 7:00 a.m. and working with others after school as late as 9:00 p.m. Without Mr. Huck's and Ms. Short's help with these students, we could not have accomplished what we did. Congratulations to all!" Johns said.



TOP NOTCH – Ryan Nix, Adriana Arguijo and Malia Epperson were chosen as students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary this week. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson

Three students have been chosen as Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Ryan Nix, Adriana Arguijo and Malia Epperson.

Ryan is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. His favorite subject is reading. His hobby is playing basketball. His favorite thing about Hutch is that it is a fun place to learn.

Adriana is a third grader in Mrs. Godina's class. Her favorite subject is social studies. Her hobby is drawing and she has one dog named Fluffy. Her favorite thing about Hutch is math.

Malia is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. Her favorite subject is reading. His hobby is playing softball. Her favorite thing about Hutch is the field trips.

SCHOOL MENUS

**Colorado ISD
Kelley Breakfast Menu
Feb. 16th - 20th**
Monday – Dry cereal, cheese stick, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – Blueberry muffin, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – Pancake wrap or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – Breakfast pizza or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – Staff day.

**Colorado ISD
Hutchinson, CMS, CHS &
Wallace Breakfast Menu
Feb. 16th - 20th**
Monday – Chicken-n-waffles or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – Breakfast club or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – Texas toast, eggs, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – Oatmeal muffin squares or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – Staff day.

**Colorado ISD Lunch Menu
Feb. 16th - 20th**
Monday – Spaghetti w/meat balls, hot rolls, garden salad, carrot coins, peaches, pudding, choice of milk.
Tuesday – Crispy tacos, Spanish rice, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, choice of milk.
Wednesday – Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll, green beans, strawberries and bananas, choice of milk.
Thursday – Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, chocolate chip cookie, choice of milk.
Friday – Staff day.

**Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu
Feb. 16th - 20th**
Monday – Staff day.
Tuesday – Cheese omelet wrap, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday – Breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday – Waffles, sausage, cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Friday – Cinnamon roll, bacon or cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round, yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
Feb. 16th - 20th**
Monday – Sausage roll, yogurt or cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round, yogurt, cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday – Cheese omelet wrap or cereal, Texas toast or animal crackers, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday – Breakfast pizza or cereal, Texas toast or breakfast parfait or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday – Waffles, sausage of cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round, yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Friday – Cinnamon roll, bacon or cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round, yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu
Feb. 16th - 20th**
Monday – Country fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk.
Tuesday – Beef and cheese chalupa w/chips or chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday – Chicken spaghetti, breadstick or pizza, garden salad, California blend, apple slices, milk.
Thursday – Soft beef tacos or turkey and cheese sub, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles, milk.
Friday – Popcorn chicken, roll or stew, cornbread, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries, sliced peaches, milk.

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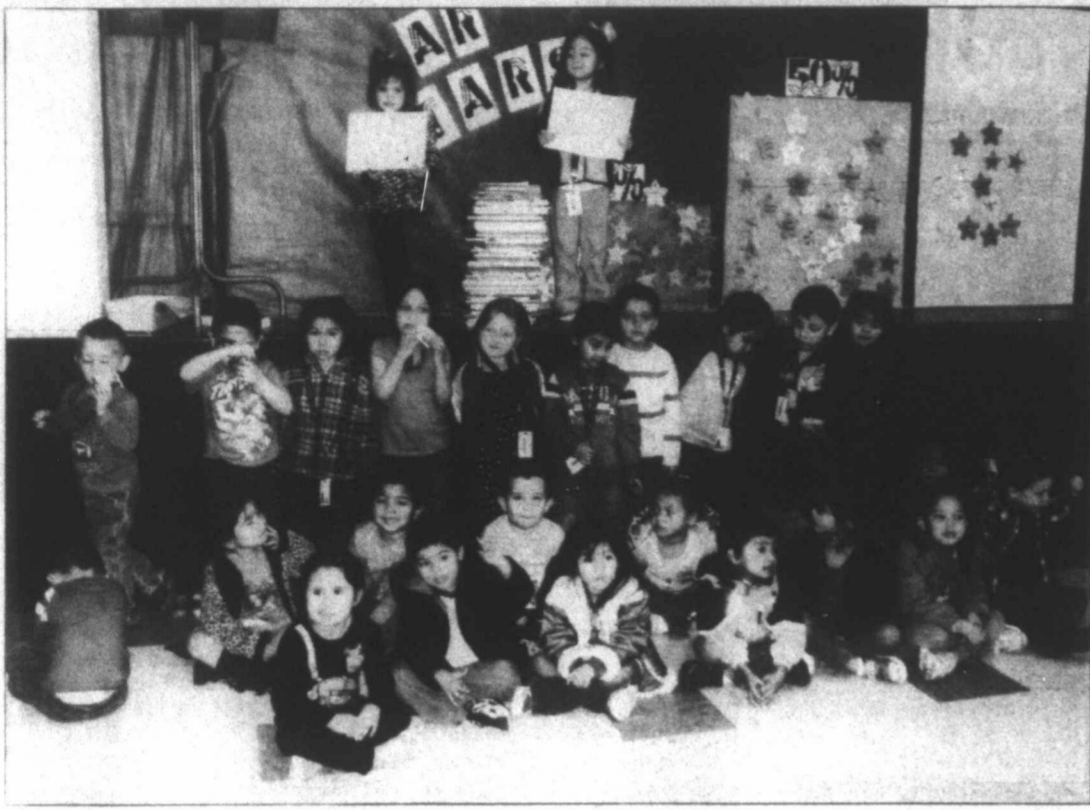
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SCHOOL NEWS



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL—Mrs. Chaney and Mrs. Shrode's classes celebrated 100 days of school this last week. Pictured is Kira Darling, Liam Beights, Mendi Garcia, Eshan Chowdury, Desiree Godina, Jacklynn McCain, Mason Craft, Cassidy Vasquez, Major Emerson, Ja'Vante Williams, Destiny Miller, Stanley Henderson, Robert Williams, Jourden Stanford, Hunter Daniels, Isaac Garcia, Araceli Hinojosa, Aliana Martinez, Raley Palmer, Xavier Rivera, Lane Vanezuela, Isaiah Hernandez, Esaias Amador, Salome Amador, Jacelyn Velasquez and Nadia Ventura. *Photo courtesy of Stephanie Chaney.*



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL—Mrs. Castillo's kindergarten class celebrated 100 days of school. Pictured is Lauryn Rosa, Alexia Gonzales, Emma Parham, Gracie Oden, Bryson Moore, Nathan Molina, Hunter Proctor, Pete Salazar, Bryanna Munoz, Arianna Emmerson, Rhyanna Adame, Chloe Bennett, Mia Obenhaus, Jaiden Gonzales, Landon Rodriguez and Christian Muniz. *Photo courtesy of Edwina Castillo.*

Westbrook robotics teams compete in regional competition



1ST PLACE—The Westbrook robotics team of Kelby Bayes, Hadley White and Colton Walters took 1st place in the Intermediate Inventions category at the regional robotics contest held at Clyde recently. *Photo courtesy of Sylvia Walters.*



2ND PLACE—The Westbrook Advanced Inventions robotics team came in 2nd at a regional meet held in Clyde recently, qualifying them to compete in the state meet. Members of the team are: Jacob Walters, Kenan Morris, Bailey Connell and Zoe Matlock. *Photo courtesy of Sylvia Walters.*

Two teams to advance to state

Several Westbrook students traveled to Clyde on Saturday, January 24th to compete in the regional robotics competition. Intermediate Inventions and Advanced Inventions teams took top honors in the respective categories and will advance to the state meet.

In the Intermediate Inventions category, Kelby Bayes, Hadley White and Colton Walters placed 1st, qualifying the students for a trip to the state meet which will be held later in the year. In the same category, Brooklea Stone, Kristen Koch and Lizzy Rubio brought home

the 3rd place trophy.

Jacob Walters, Kenan Morris, Bailey Connell and Zoe Matlock placed 2nd in the Advanced Inventions category and will also advance to state, while Austin Merrick, Sebastian Rincones, Rowdy Morris and Brianna Lathers took the 3rd place spot.

Placing 4th in the Advanced Arena competition was James Merrick, Shea Hale and Neil Cooper.

"Congratulations to all the students representing the Westbrook robotics group," WISD teacher Sylvia Walters said.

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THEY ARE APPRECIATED—Colorado Middle School staff and students hosted an appreciation luncheon for all the Mitchell County Retired School Personnel on Tuesday. Retired faculty members from Loraine, Westbrook and Colorado City enjoyed the meal and fellowship, like these ladies: (l-r) Leslie Geiger, Karen Riley, Frances Godwin, Martha Anderson and her daughter, Ginger Anderson.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING HEARING OF THE LONE WOLF GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given that a rulemaking hearing of the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District Board will be held on the 4th day of March, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District office at 131 West 5th Street in Colorado City, Texas, at which time the following changes to the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District Rules will be discussed with possible action:

1. Proposed rule amendment, altering current District Rule 7.2, regarding the spacing of groundwater wells within the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District; and
2. Proposed new District Rule 5.4, setting forth the standards for permit amendments.

A copy of the proposed new and amended rules of the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District are available at the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District office at 131 West 5th Street in Colorado City, Texas, for the public's review and copying, and the a copy of the proposed new and amended rules can also be found on the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District's website, at www.lonewolfgcd.org

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SPORTS

Lendermon continues to represent C-City in powerlifting

Darian Lendermon is a Colorado High graduate who competed on the school's powerlifting team, and earned a 1st place finish at the state meet as a senior. She is now competing at the college level and, after a 1st place finish at nationals, has been invited to compete in the USAPL Raw Worlds competition in Finland.

Lendermon is currently enrolled in the radiology program at Howard Junior College in San

Angelo and competes on the Angelo State University Powerlifting team. Last summer she traveled to Aurora, Colorado to compete in the national meet and won 1st place in the 57 kg weight class. Only the top two finishers in each weight class qualify to compete in the world competition.

After winning her class at nationals, Lendermon received some distressing news. She was told that she may not be able to

compete in the world meet because she was only 19. After some time passed, she found out that she had, in fact, been invited to travel to Salo, Finland, to represent the USA at the meet in June.

Her love for the male-dominated sport began when she was a freshman at CHS. She said she had always looked up to weightlifters and was hanging around in the school's weight room one day. Powerlifting coach B.J. Graham approached Lendermon

and asked her if she wanted to join the team. She said yes and so began her love for the sport.

Graham said that Lendermon performed well in the 123-pound weight class from the beginning. Her dedication and drive impressed the coach. As a sophomore, she earned a trip to the state meet but did not finish the competition due to a back injury.

Because there's no such thing as "powerlifting season" to the ambitious young lady, Lendermon says she spent the summer months healing and working to build her strength. As a junior in high school, she earned her second trip to the state meet where she finished 2nd in her weight class.

"I told Coach Graham, 'Second place is ok, but I just really want to win first,'" Lendermon said. So, she set that goal for herself and started the hard work it would take to achieve it.

"I spent that summer in the weight room too," she said. "I worked really hard." She credits her dad, Sam, and Coach Graham for part of her success, saying that she wouldn't be where she is now without them.

Sure enough, her goal was realized when she won the state meet in her weight class as a senior in 2013, earning her the name "Lenderbeast."

When she first entered college at Angelo State University, Lendermon didn't know if she should even bother with powerlifting. With a little encouragement from friends, she joined the college team and has been working and achieving success at that level too.

Lendermon said that she qualified to compete in the national collegiate meet, and competition was tough. "It came down to the deadlift," she said, "but I accomplished something that I wanted to do." Her 1st place finish at the national contest was a dream

come true for the girl from Colorado City.

"I was proud of myself, because I set a goal and worked really hard to achieve it," she said last week.

Coach Graham said that, while he's very happy to hear of Lendermon's success, it does not surprise him at all because of her work ethic. "She works hard and is self-motivated and does anything you ask her to do," Graham said. "She even out-lifted some of the boys while she was in high school."

Along with serving as the CHS Powerlifting coach, Graham teaches a P.E. class at Hutchinson Elementary. He said he holds Lendermon up as an example to the younger kids and tell them hard work and determination, like the powerlifter's, is what it takes to succeed. She is happy to serve as that example.

"I want them (the younger kids) to know they can do something big, even if they come from a small town," she said, "because

I come from a small town too."

Because there's no NCAA division for powerlifting, Lendermon has to raise funds to pay for her trip to Finland. She needs to raise \$3,195 which will pay for her flight to Finland, food, hotel equipment and contest fee.

She has set up a gofundme account online and is taking donations from anyone who would like to help support her trip to represent the USA Powerlifting team in the world competition. Some Colorado City folks have already donated to help Lendermon realize her dream of competing in the meet.

Anyone wanting to help can look her up on Facebook and click on the link to her gofundme page to make a donation before June 1st.

"I would greatly appreciate getting support from my family and friends to make this trip the best that it can be," she said. Lendermon is the daughter of Sam and Misty Lendermon of Colorado City.



FINISHED STRONG— The Colorado City seventh grade A girls team finished their season 11-1. Members of the team are (l-r) Lexi Santana, A'liyah Espinoza, Nia Williams, Coach Keelan Wiley, Harley Haag, Savannah Shiller and Azmen Garner. Photo courtesy of Nikki Findley.

CHS girls ranked 8th in softball poll

At least one team in the Crossroads region is drawing major attention from the softball pollsters.

The Colorado City High School Lady Wolves were ranked No. 8 in the Texas Girls Coaches' Association's preseason softball poll. The Lady Wolves who are coached by Ami Martinez,

advanced three rounds deep into the state playoffs a year ago.

Colorado City will compete in the new District 5-3A, along with Reagan County, Coahoma and Sonora.

East Bernard was tabbed the No.1 team in the preseason poll, which was released on Tuesday. East Bernard edged out Natalia

and Santa Gertrudis Academy for No. 1 ranking. Hawley, Hallettsville, Brock and Brownfield rounded out the top seven.

LaGrange was the No. 1-ranked team in Class 4A.

This story ran in the Big Spring Herald on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.



LENDERBEAST— Darian Lendermon is still setting goals, working hard and enjoying success in powerlifting. The fierce competitor earned a trip to a world meet in Finland by placed 1st at a national meet in Colorado. She lifts as part of Angelo State University's powerlifting team. Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.

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Colorado City, Texas 79512
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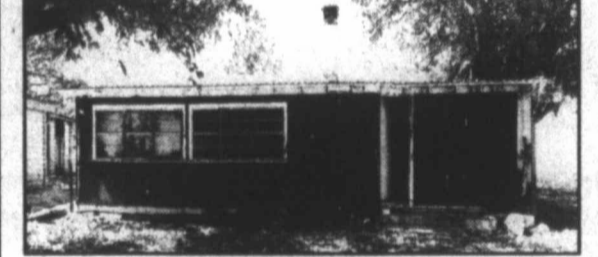
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LOCAL NEWS

An exhibit with heart...

Museum displays Valentine cards from days gone by

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Heart of West Texas Museum is the home to a display of valentines shared between classmates of the Valley View School from back in the 1920s and 30s.

Museum Curator Patty Pharis and board member Mary Smith took the donated valentines and added some of the toys from the Thompson collection to make a cute display reminiscent of school days long passed.

Pharis said that the cute cards were donated from someone who wishes to remain anonymous, but clues of identification can be found on the back of each piece. One of the cards has writing on the back that reads, "From: Dorothy Mae Mote To: Rex

McDaniel."

Last Friday, there were three visitors at the museum who were there just to check out the valentines. Nell Hoback, Christine Mearse and Carmen Evans enjoyed looking at the display which features the valentines, toys, an old school desk and a photo of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students attending Valley View School in Miss Killian's class in 1935.

Along with the desk, toys and cards, a young girl mannequin holding a red balloon adorns the display. Pharis said that Smith should be credited for the display, as she was the creator and Pharis served as helper.



LOVE IS TIMELESS - Patty Pharis, curator of the Heart of West Texas Museum, shows valentines from the late 1920s and early 30s to Christine Mearse (far right) and Carmen Evans. The valentines were from classmates of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders attending Valley View School during that era.

Valentine's Day Dining Guide

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