

OBITUARIES

Laura Cross Wilson

1923-1994



Services for Laura Cross Wilson, 71, of Cross Plains, a former longtime resident of Colorado City, are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Leon Green officiating. Burial will be in Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Wilson died November 17, 1994 at her residence. She was born February 18, 1923 in Graham. She married Jesse Lee Wilson on April 4, 1972 in Ardore, Okla. He died December 30, 1989.

Mrs. Wilson had been a resident of Colorado City since 1971. She was a retired waitress and a member of the Four Square Gospel Church. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Colorado City.

Survivors include her mother, Polly Smith of Colorado City; two sons, Ray D. Self of Abilene and Danny L. Carroll of Midland; two daughters, Iris Ratliff of Cross Plains and Vivian Hill of Eunice, N.M.; one step daughter, Helen Bearden of Rush Springs, Okla.; two brothers, Eugene Cross of Wilson, Okla. and Hershel Cross of Snyder; five sisters, Bea Atwood of Abilene, Peggy Knutson of Hamlin, Mary Sue Farris of Cabot, Ark., Mattie Ayres of Hamlin and Wanda Smith of Hamlin; 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Luedell Sanders

Services for Luedell Sanders were held Wednesday, November 16 at Kiker-Seale Funeral Chapel with Rev. Robert Bracy officiating. Burial was in Mitchell Memorial Cemetery, Colorado City, under the direction of Wells Funeral Home, Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Sanders died November 12, 1994. She was born in Marque to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall. She lived in Colorado City most of her life and was a domestic worker and an employee of Colorado City Manufacturer. She lived in Midland for 10 years and her final years were spent in Wichita Falls.

Survivors include three daughters, Elizabeth Brandon of Portland, Ore., Louise Young and Diann Taylor, both of Wichita Falls; three sons, Lyncal James of Odessa, Gregory Sanders of Austin and Randy Sanders of Midland; one sister, Queen Bradley of Colorado City; two brothers, Willie Hall and James Hall, both of Colorado City; two daughters-in-law, Etta James-Harrison of Midway and Brenda Sanders of Midland; three sons-in-law, Billy Young and Thorney P. Taylor, both of Wichita Falls and Howard Brandon of Portland, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were Lyncal James, Gregory Sanders, Billy Young, Randy Sanders, Wayne Russell and Thorney P. Taylor, Sr.

Stenholm announces candidacy

Congressman Charles Stenholm, one of the most conservative members of the U.S. House of Representatives, has announced his candidacy for Democratic whip in the 104th Congress.

"On November 8 the nation's voters unequivocally told Congress they wanted change, and I believe the Democratic party must redefine itself if it is going to win back middle America's voters," said Stenholm.

"We have dangerously reduced the Big Tent of the Democratic Party to a Pup Tent and a great number of Americans feel left out in the rain," he said.

As the founder and coordinator of the Conservative Democratic Forum (CDF), Stenholm has worked tirelessly to bring a conservative perspective to the Democratic Party.

Stenholm observed that the election results were not only a referendum on the Clinton Administration, but also a message from the electorate that it is time for the Congress to change both the way it does business and the direction in which it is taking the country.

"We in the Democratic Party have an opportunity to redefine the Party and regain our majority status," said Stenholm. "I believe that my voice added to the leadership team will lead us in that direction."



Happy 66th Birthday to Dr. C. Douglas Smith

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Time doesn't change everything!

CISD SCHOOL BOARD

Regular board meeting held at 7 p.m. on November 14.

ROLL CALL: CISD Superintendent Russell Merket; CISD Tax Assessor/Collector Geneva Findley; Board President Larry Blassingame; and Trustees Diana Garza, Jesse Munoz, Tony Turner and Rosann Jameson.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approved the minutes from the last meetings;
- approved a request to solicit qualification proposals for Energy Services Company;
- approved budget amendment number three for the payment of a chartered bus for the Wolf Pack Marching Band when they participated in area finals;
- approved the payment of bills;
- approved the financial report and amendment to the tax roll;
- approved the amendment of policy CNA (LOCAL) Transportation Management: Reimbursement for extracurricular activities to the state of \$1.19;

- approval to amend policy GKD (LOCAL) Community Relations: Community use of school facilities. The board has agreed to lower a \$175 fee to \$50 for the Pee Wee Football League's use of the stadium;
- approval to amend policy FOD (LEGAL) Student Discipline: Expulsion in order to reflect changes in the new Federal law. Bringing a firearm on campus grounds is punishable with expulsion for a year;
- approved the advertising for bids for a new car to be used by the superintendent;

- approved the hiring Honeywell as the service energy company that will conduct a survey and submit a proposal for an energy savings plan;
- approved the AEIS report as given by Kitten Arthur;
- approved the Big Country Alcohol and Drug Testing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement Resolution;
- approved a contract with the law firm Ray, Wood & Fine to represent CISD in seeking adjustment for the education commissioner to its county education district's taxable values as authorized by the Texas Education Code;

- approved the purchase of security camera for the high school;
- tabled the request to approve the purchase of stadium type seats for "the Pit";

- approved the purchase of acoustical panels for the band halls at the high school;

- approved the building plans for CHS classrooms and restrooms;
- approved the Parents as School Partners Program with Southwestern Bell for Kelley Elementary.

PERSONNEL:

- Approved Coach Jerald Epperson's resignation effective the end of the semester to accept a job with the Wallace Unit;
- approved Mary McMullen and Joe Raff as CISD adjunct staff members in association with 4-H activities.

Called board meeting held November 16 at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CISD Superintendent Russell Merket; CISD Tax Assessor/Collector Geneva Findley; Board President Larry Blassingame; and Trustees Yolonda Molina, Roxie Strain, Diana Garza, Jesse Munoz, Tony Turner and Rossann Jameson.

EXECUTIVE ITEMS:

The board met in executive session to interview three final candidates for the principal vacancy at the high school.

Mitchell County receives payment for Nov. rebates

State Comptroller John Sharp sent a total of \$195.3 million in November sales tax to 1,072 cities and 111 counties throughout the state.

Texas cities received \$178.7 million in local sales tax returns, a figure that is up 4.1 percent over last November's payment of \$171.6 million.

Counties received a total payment of \$16.6 million for their November rebates, one percent less than last year's \$16.7 million payment.

Mitchell County received \$41,152.69, a 5.50 percent decrease from the \$43,497.67 paid to the county last year.

Colorado City received the largest city sales tax rebate in the

county of \$39,708.86; however, this figure is down 2.67 percent from its \$40,801.68 in November 1993.

The \$1,066.05 payment to the city of Lorraine was the second largest rebate in the county for November. This is down 21.45 percent from last year's payment of \$1,357.30.

Westbrook received the county's smallest rebate of \$377.78. This shows a considerable decrease of 71.77 percent from last year's payment of \$1,338.69.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Mitchell County Commissioners' Court

Regular Board meeting held at 1 p.m. on November 14.

ROLL CALL: Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo; Commissioners Precinct 1, Ed Roach; Precinct 2, Carl Guelker; Precinct 4, Bill Preston; County Auditor Georgie Griffin and Deputy County Clerk Debby Carlock.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of the minutes from previous meetings;
- approval of payment of bills;
- approval of the monthly reports;
- approval of the canvassed votes from the November 8 election;
- approval of the hiring of Southwest Supply and Environmental out of Garland for ADA/Safety Program assessment;
- approval of a request from Game Warden Randy Bullard to purchase a cellular phone for his vehicle;
- approval of enforcing a \$45 fee for the use of the rodeo arena with certain exemptions.

PERSONNEL:

- County Judge Ray Mayo swore in Kay Richmond as Justice of the Peace Precincts 2&3 effective immediately.

Called Board meeting held at 9 a.m. on November 15.

ROLL CALL: Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo; Commissioners Precinct 1, Ed Roach; Precinct 2, Carl Guelker; Precinct 4, Bill Preston; and Deputy County Clerk Debby Carlock.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The Commissioners met with City Manager Steve Shutt, Westbrook Mayor Bill Rees, Economic Development Board representative Woody Anderson and TxDOT personnel Steve Graham and Deacon McGill to discuss proposed highway project for the county.

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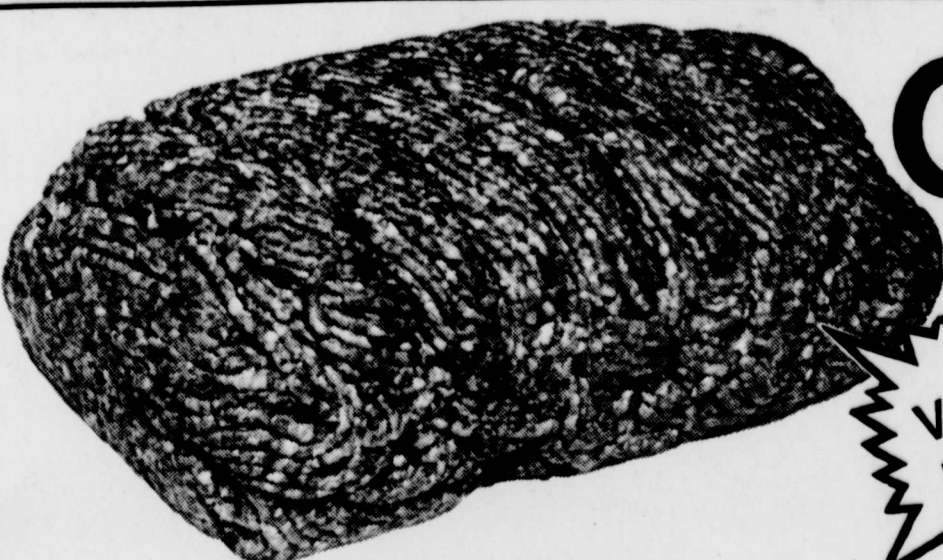
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Scammers are looking for older Americans

Older Americans are increasingly the favorite targets of scammers using the U.S. mail and interstate telephone lines to pitch crooked investment schemes, warn Postal Inspectors. One convicted con man referred to his senior victims as "WOOPIES" (well off older people).

Inspectors cite numerous cases worked from coast to coast that repeat a familiar pattern. Investors/victims bankroll the scammers' high rolling lifestyle rather than earning the promised high returns on their investments.

A northeast "financial planner" filched over \$5 million from 40 victims, including elderly members of his own family. He was arrested for mail fraud after causing his clients to obtain second mortgages or refinance existing mortgages to invest their cash in "muni-unit trusts," an investment vehicle unknown to legitimate brokers.

Victims who now cannot meet mortgage payments are receiving foreclosure notices. Inspectors tracked this crook down in Venezuela and had him returned to the United States to face charges.

A midwestern savings club operator was indicted in Chicago for defrauding over 623 individuals of more than \$13 million. The savings club plan offered unique incentives to its members -- the more cash they invested, the higher rate of return they were promised. Over half the investors were seniors, and many lost their life savings.

A San Diego-based telemarketer was charged with mail fraud after bilking 600 investors of \$7 million through the sale of an "equity plus metals purchase program." The scheme offered unwary investors fraudulent contracts in silver, gold, platinum and palladium. Unfortunately, the only precious metals found in this case were in the pockets of the crooks.

The biggest investment scheme of this year was indicted in Harrisburg, PA. Thirty-four Toronto-based gemstone telemarketers and ten Canadian firms were charged with mail fraud and wire fraud in connection with a scheme to sell vastly overpriced gemstones to thousands of stateside victims, many of them seniors. Their loss? Over \$35 million.

Postal Inspectors have this advice for potential investors:

(1) Be wary of high pressure sales tactics, promises of high investment returns and minimal risks.

(2) Take the time to check out the reputation of the offeror by contacting state and federal regulatory agencies.

(3) Seek advice before investing from trusted friend or family members and seek professional counsel.

(4) Remember, when it comes to making sound investment decisions, nothing returns more on your investment than doing your homework before you part with your cash.

New at Mitchell County Hospital...

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Mitchell County Hospital is pleased to announce association with Dr. Nalin H. Tolia, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S. Dr. Tolia performed three cataract extractions at Mitchell County Hospital on November 10.

Dr. Tolia has been engaged in private practice in Odessa/Midland since 1974. In his ophthalmology practice, Dr. Tolia specializes in cataract extraction with intraocular lens implant (small incision and no stitch). He also treats a wide variety of other eye diseases in his practice.

Dr. Tolia is a clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Texas Tech University School of Medicine and Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

Dr. Tolia served a five-year appointment to the Board of Trustees at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and now serves on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners District Three Review Committee. He has also served on the Board of

dren's Hospital, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of the Permian

Basin and served as President of the Ector County Medical Society in 1989.

He is married to Dr. Kamal Tolia, a gynecologist. They have two sons.

Dr. Tolia can be seen by referral from Dr. Robert Sheets at Sheets Eye Clinic, 2145 Hickory, or from the doctors at Family Medical Associates, Dr. Dan Scott, Dr. Dee Roach or Dr. Gus Gross.

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MARKET REPORT

The market was steady and active on a run of 970 head of cattle for the Wednesday, November 16th sale at the Sweetwater Cattle Auction. Stocker and feeder cattle were steady with packer cows and bulls 2 to 3 cwt. higher. Pairs and bred cows were \$50 higher. There will be no sale Wednesday, November 23.

Steers: 300 - 400 lbs., 87¢ - \$1.03; 400 - 500 lbs., 84¢ - 96¢; 500 - 600 lbs., 73¢ - 81¢; 600 - 700 lbs., 70¢ - 75¢.

Heifers: 300 - 400 lbs., 84¢ - 90¢; 400 - 500 lbs., 76¢ - 82¢; 500 - 600 lbs., 67¢ - 73¢; 600 - 700 lbs., 64¢ - 71¢.

Bred Cows: Good, \$550 - \$650; Older and plainer, \$400 - \$550.

Pairs: Good, \$650 - \$800. Older and plainer, \$550 - \$650.

Packer Cows: Good, \$38 - \$45; Low yielding, \$30 - \$38.

Packer Bulls: Good, \$53 - \$56; Low yielding, \$48 - \$53.

WALLACE CALENDAR

November 21-26, 1994

Monday

Medicaid Transportation 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
GED and Adult Basic Education 6:00-10:00 p.m.
WordPerfect Class Continues 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Medicaid Transportation 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Benefits Counseling (By appointment) 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Ceramics for Seniors 9:00 a.m.
Blood Pressure Check 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Celebrate November Birthdays 11:40 a.m.
Noon Meal, Sr. Citizens 12:00 noon
Table Games 12:30-4:00 p.m.
WordPerfect Class Continues 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Calligraphy Class Continues 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Medicaid Transportation 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
All afternoon activities cancelled this week only.

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day—Center closed.

Friday

Center closed for Thanksgiving holidays.
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Sims endorses eradication program

Senator Bill Sims emphasized the importance of voter approval of the Central Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication program at a recent press conference.

"It's my dream that our grandchildren won't even know what a boll weevil is. That is a VERY real possibility within a few years of the implementation of this fantastic program," he said.

Senator Sims joined a bipartisan group that included Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and State Senator-elect Tom Haywood in encouraging farmers to aggressively support the boll weevil eradication initiative.

Approximately 8,000 ballots have been sent to farmers in the Central Rolling Plains zone and all voting must be completed by December.

Perry feels this election is "the most important (in which) farmers in this area will ever participate." The eradication program implemented by Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Arizona has resulted in 1.7

million boll weevil-free acres.

Perry concluded, "we must eliminate the boll weevil to take Texas' cotton industry to the next level and remain the world leader in an ever-competitive marketplace."

In closing, Senator Sims said, "We're not just talking about controlling a pesky insect. We're

talking about determining our own future and preserving a way of life.

"If we fail to take advantage of this opportunity to control the boll weevil, changes in federal pesticide restrictions may prevent its elimination in the future. I hope everyone will support the cotton industry and get rid of the boll

weevil. It's the right thing to do!"

In order for the boll weevil program to be approved, a two-thirds majority vote of cotton producers is being sought.

The National Cotton Council estimates a return of \$12.1 dollars for every dollar invested in the eradication effort.

Nat'l. Farm-City Week set

Agriculture is one of the most important industries in Texas and the United States. Many businesses, financial institutions and individuals are involved in providing supplies, credit and services to farmers and ranchers.

To recognize this contribution that agriculture makes to the United States and its interdependence with urban communities, National Farm-City Week is being celebrated November 18-24. The Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are taking part in activities in this state.

"With an increasing demand for

food and fiber worldwide, and because of the importance of agricultural exports to this nation's trade balance, agriculture is destined to play an ever greater role in the future," said Joe Raff, County Extension Agent.

Cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings and agriculturally related activities in Texas totalled \$14.1 billion in 1993, up from \$12.6 billion in 1992. Texas remains in second place behind California in farm receipts.

"A large area of productive soils and excellent export and transportation facilities favor farming and

ranching operations in Texas," Raff said.

Texas ranks first in sales of cattle and calves, sheep and wool, goats and mohair and cotton. It also is first in the value of real estate, the number of farms and ranches and the amount of farm and ranch land.

Agriculture ranks second only to the petroleum industry in the production of raw material.

"It is an extremely important industry," he said. "In many regions of the state, it is a mainstay of the economy and agriculture supplies the food and fiber that nurtures major metropolitan areas."

Farm assets in Texas, which include land, buildings, livestock, machinery, crops and livestock on hand, and financial assets, are estimated at \$74 billion. The average farm size now is 703 acres; in 1950 (the earliest year for which figures are available), the average farm size was only 435 acres.

Commercial farms with sales of more than \$100,000 account for 9 percent of the 185,000 farms in Texas, but generate about 80 percent of the total sales.

"That's not to discount the contribution of small farms," he said. "Small farms are important and provide residents in a rural area with the opportunity to grow crops and raise livestock."

Today, the average U.S. consumer spends about 11 percent of his or her income on food, compared with 17.5 percent in 1960 (the earliest year for which these figures are available).

"The efficiency of food production and a competitive food industry provide consumers with quality food at a reasonable cost," he said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Perry urges eradication passage

Dear Editor:

I know from first-hand experience how hard it is to be a cotton farmer in the Central Rolling Plains. As Agriculture Commissioner, I have had the opportunity

to see other states producing cotton without the fear—and cost—of boll weevils. Farmers in states that have eradicated the boll weevil are returning to cotton production in record numbers.

If we don't take care of our boll weevil problem, we will effectively be out of cotton production because we can't compete with states that do not have to fight this pest.

Cotton farmers and landowners in the Central Rolling Plains can take control of their own destiny by approving the boll weevil eradication program this month through a mail-ballot referendum.

In February, our neighbors to the south, in the Southern Rolling Plains, overwhelmingly said "yes" to this program and have already begun eradication efforts. Lower Rio Grande Valley producers also approved the program and will start eradication in the spring. Now you can join the effort by approving and implementing an eradication plan.

Cotton farmers fought hard to get the Boll Weevil Eradication Law passed almost two years ago. They know eradicating this pest is vital to survival. Each year, farmers watch the cost of boll weevil control rise—\$225 million last year across the state—and see the pest take a bigger bite out of their cotton production—\$20 million in annual crop losses.

But it doesn't have to be that way—the technology is available to eliminate these losses.

Cotton sales generated \$53 million last year in the Central Rolling Plains. That money travels through the community in many ways, multiplying its effect as it goes. When farmers make more money, our entire community benefits. What's more, the eradication program will create jobs during the program's duration.

Of course, there are costs associated with the program. But I believe the benefits outweigh these costs. Without the program, we'll continue to struggle against this devastating pest and see more farmers unable to stay in business. Vote yes for boll weevil eradication.

If you have questions about the boll weevil eradication program, you can call toll-free 1-800-687-1212.

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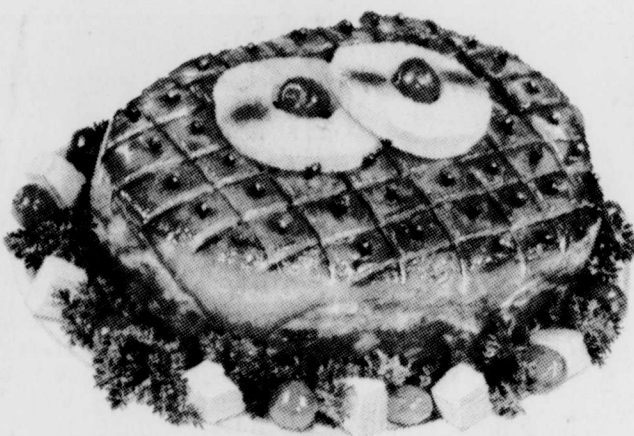
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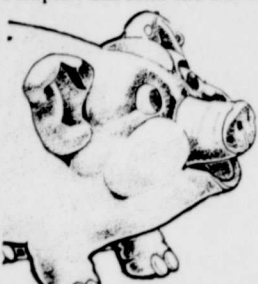
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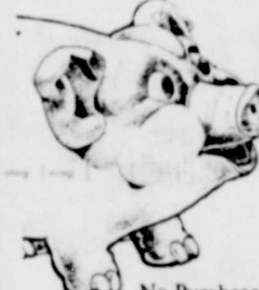
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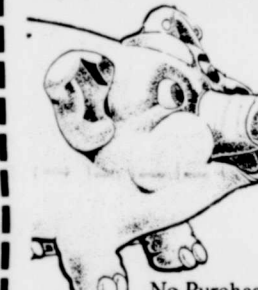
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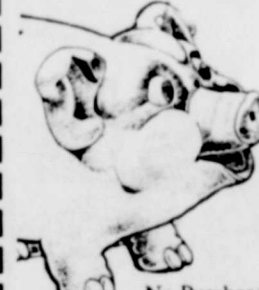
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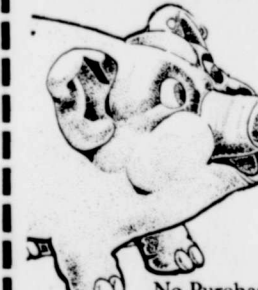
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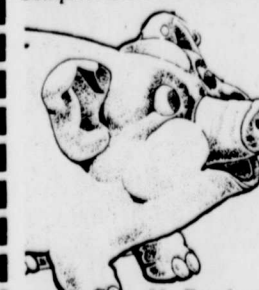
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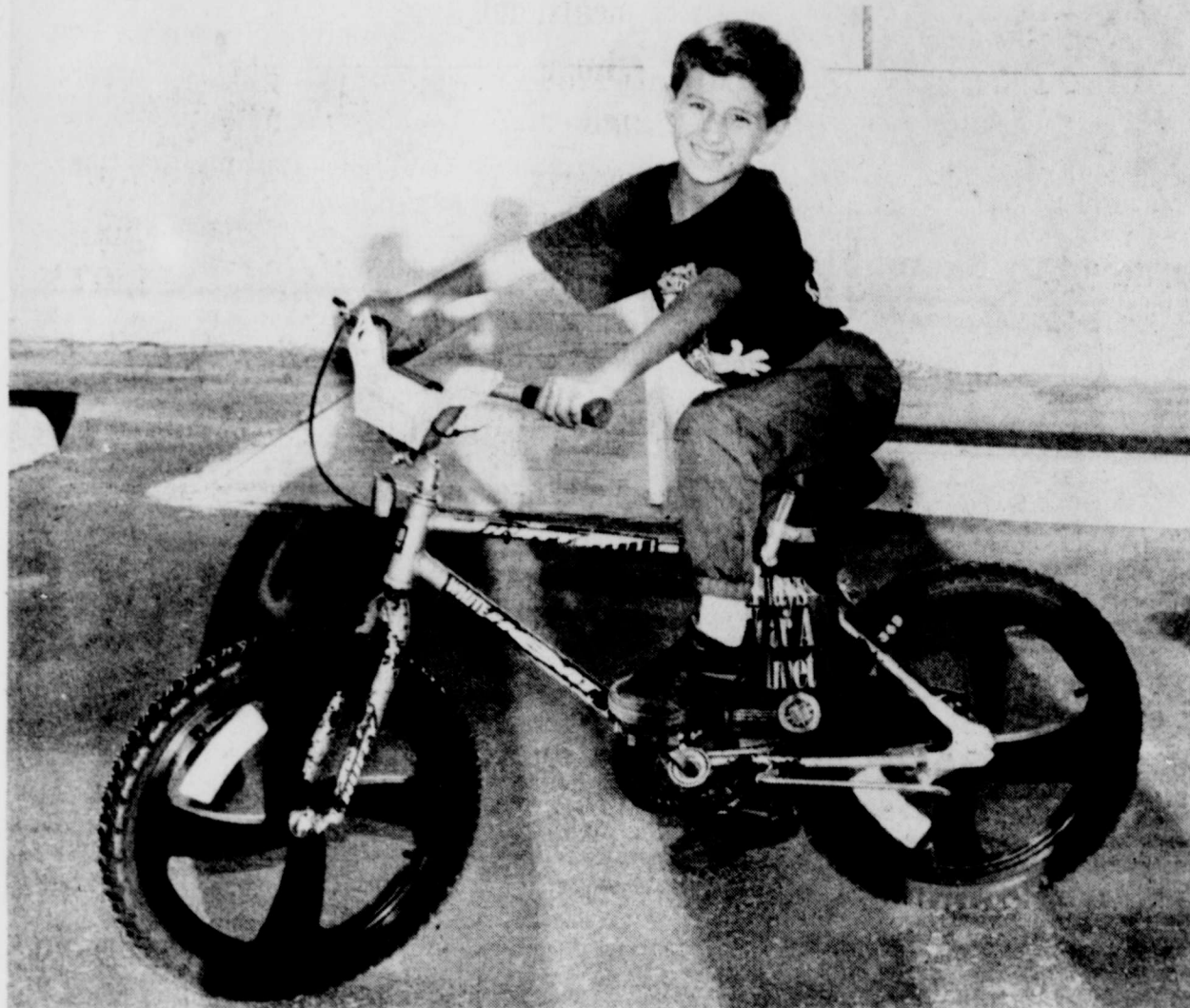
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SCHOOL NEWS



BIKE WINNER—MARCELO MARTINEZ, 7, son of Sally and Alfredo Ventura of Colorado City, was the grand prize winner in the October 22 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-a-thon. Marcelo rode 14 miles and collected the most money.

Fall GED classes successful

Fall GED classes at the Wallace Center are off to a fast start this year. In September and October over 20 students from the local class have gone to the testing centers at Big Spring and Snyder to take the GED examination.

Orphie Conner and Bob Reily, teachers of the local class, said they were both surprised and pleased with the number of students who have progressed. Conner added that she felt that the economic growth the area is starting to produce has something

to do with the success of the class. "We feel that the coming of the 80 John Wallace Unit had much to do with our increased attendance," Conner said. "The job opportunities in Colorado City have greatly increased with the opening of the detention unit."

She added that these new job opportunities have encouraged more people to complete the GED course.

"People can see where a GED certificate will qualify them for a job, or a better job than they had before," she said. "The only drawback is that we are already losing 20 students, so we need more."

Conner and Reily urge anyone interested in obtaining their GED certification to come by the Wallace Center on Monday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. Classes are informal and provided without cost to the students.

Emergency aid available to farmers

Approximately \$1 billion in emergency aid will be available to farmers whose crops were damaged by adverse weather conditions in 1994, President Clinton recently announced.

Producers who suffered crop loss in excess of 35 percent of normal production and who have crop insurance, and uninsured producers who lost 40 percent of normal production are eligible for assistance.

Producers suffering crop losses due to natural disaster may apply for benefits beginning December 1 at the county Farm Service Agency (ASCS) office.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado City Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal with Toast, Donuts, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday - Cereal with Toast, Breakfast Burritos, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Lunch

Monday - Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday - Beef Stew, Hot Rolls, Cherry Ice Cream Cup, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Colorado City Secondary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal with Toast, Donuts, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday - Cereal with Toast, Breakfast Burritos, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Lunch

Monday - Barbecue Beef Sandwich or Fried Fish, French Fries, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday - Foot Long Hot Dogs or Green Chili Casserole with Cornbread, Spicy Pintos, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Loraine ISD Breakfast

Monday - Cereal with Toast, Donuts, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday - Cereal with Toast, Breakfast Burritos, Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Loraine ISD Lunch

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Tuesday - Foot Long Hot Dogs or Green Chili Casserole with Cornbread, Spicy Pintos, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast

Monday - Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday - Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Lunch

Monday - Steak Fingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Bread, Wild Blueberry Crisp, Milk.

Tuesday - Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Teddy Grahams, Milk.

Wednesday - No School. Thanksgiving Holiday.

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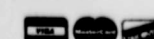
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Valley Fair Lodge residents enjoy CMS P.A.L.S.

Twice a week two groups of students who participate in the Peer Assistant Leadership group (PALS) from Colorado Middle School visit Valley Fair Lodge.

Colorado Middle School started their program three years ago and Valley Fair residents have benefited along with the students since the program's inception.

Teachers/coaches Brian Hayes and Tom Kelly said the purpose of PALS is to learn understanding about role models through community contact and to develop leadership skills.

This program brings together two widely-spread age groups that seldom interact. The students and residents have easily found a common ground and look forward to their next visit.



PALS PARTICIPANTS, back row, l to r: Julie Ellis, Ricky Molina, Jeff Ellis, Chris Valenzuela, Larry White, Pat Bell. Middle row, l to r: Liandra Bueno, Valerie Franco, Nicole Arispe, Adam Myers, Ed Hernandez, Ann Marie Scott, Jared Foster, Ben McNeal. Middle row, l to r: Alison Stepp, Holly Gwyn, Michelle Campbell, Sofia Salazar, Cristi Graham, Margaret Jameson, Misty Blankenship. Front row, l to r: Bryan Hayes, sponsor, Ernestine Moore, Fannie Cooper, Sarah Selvera, Eddy Barclay, Cristy Hull, Tom Kelly, sponsor.

American Cancer Society meets at Villa

The American Cancer Society held their monthly meeting at the Villa Restaurant on November 15 at noon. Mildred Free opened the meeting with a welcome to those present, followed by a prayer offered by Doris Henderson.

Virginia Dearen read the minutes of October's meeting; the minutes were approved. Anna Staats gave the treasurer's report followed by information on the distribution of literature and supplies for the Great American Smokeout.

The American Cancer Society is concerned with students who are smoking and wish to make them aware of the damage that can be caused to the body by this action. The schools were the primary recipients of the supplies and literature.

Laverne Chalker reported on the current activities of the Road to Recovery. For those not familiar with the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery, it is comprised of a number of local citizens who

drive cancer patients to Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo and Abilene for chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Any person who has been advised by his or her doctor that these treatments are required and necessary, and who could use

assistance in getting to a treatment center, is encouraged to call any number of the American Cancer Society for more information on this service.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting of the American Cancer Society will be

on January 17. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Those in attendance were Doris Henderson, Laverne Chalker, Marian Craddock, Mildred Free, Lillian Vest, Anna Staats, Virginia Dearen and Phyllis Lane.

Students' "I Can" course continued



Colby Slater

Colby Slater has lived in Colorado City for 14 years. The son of J.D. and Rhonda Slater,

Colby likes living here because his friends are here.

Colby is a country music fan and would like to become a country singer someday.

His favorite subject in school is ag and his favorite sport is golf. He says he wishes he knew how to rewire a house.

Colby likes the game Monopoly, vanilla ice cream and pepperoni pizza.

The most interesting place Colby says he has been is Glorieta, N.M. His dream vacation is a trip to Hawaii.

Colby says he would spend his last \$10 on his family. If there were one thing he could change about the world, he would stop the killing.



Amy Evans

Amy Evans is a 12-year resident of Colorado City. She likes living here because "everyone knows everyone."

The daughter of Bruce and Gail Evans, Amy enjoys theatre arts in school. She likes hard rock/heavy metal/alternative music and wishes she knew how to play the guitar or bass.

Amy's favorite city outside of

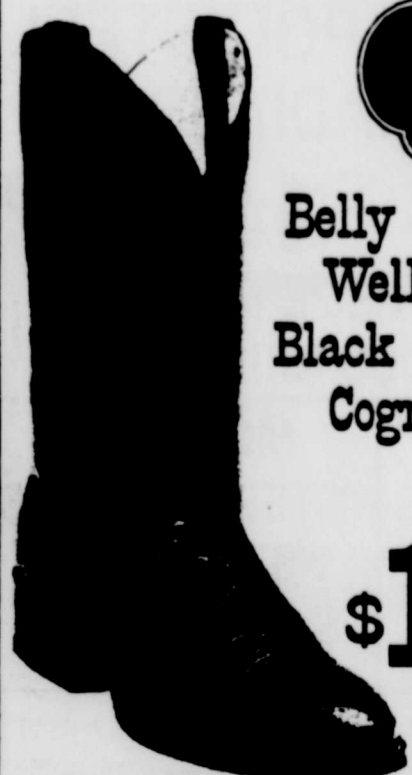
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SPORTS

1994-95 LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	GJV	BJV	GV	BY
Tuesday, Nov. 22	Miles	There	5:00				
Saturday, Dec. 26	Abilene High JV	Here	4:00				
Thursday, Dec. 1	Abilene Cooper JV	There	6:30				
Thursday, Dec. 1	Ira Tournament	There	TBA				
Friday, Dec. 2	Ira Tournament	There	TBA				
Saturday, Dec. 3	Ira Tournament	There	TBA				
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Highland	Here	6:30				
Thursday, Dec. 8	Highland Tourn.	There	TBA				
Friday, Dec. 9	Highland Tourn.	There	TBA				
Saturday, Dec. 10	Highland Tourn.	There	TBA				
Monday, Dec. 12	Abilene Christian	There	6:00				
Friday, Dec. 16	Roscoe	There	4:00				
Thursday, Dec. 29	Abilene High JV	There	6:00				
Friday, Dec. 30	Abilene Cooper JV	Here	4:00				
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Robert Lee	There	4:00				
Friday, Jan. 6	Grady	There	6:30				
Tuesday, Jan. 10	Rotan	Here	5:00				
Thursday, Jan. 12	Post Tournament	There	TBA				
Saturday, Jan. 14	Post Tournament	There	TBA				
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Highland	There	6:30				
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Ira	There	6:30				
Friday, Jan. 27	Hermleigh	Here	6:30				
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Westbrook	Here	6:30				
Friday, Feb. 3	Ira	Here	6:30				
Tuesday, Feb. 7	Hermleigh	There	6:30				
Friday, Feb. 10	Westbrook	There	6:30				

1994-95 LORAIN JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	G	B
Monday, Nov. 14	Highland	Here	6:00		
Monday, Nov. 28	Highland	There	6:00		
Thursday, Dec. 8	Sterling City Tournament	TBA			
Friday, Dec. 9	Sterling City Tournament	TBA			
Saturday, Dec. 10	Sterling City Tournament	TBA			
Monday, Dec. 12	Ira	There	6:00		
Monday, Jan. 9	Hermleigh	There	6:00		
Monday, Jan. 16	Westbrook	Here	6:00		
Thursday, Jan. 19	Highland Tournament	TBA			
Friday, Jan. 20	Highland Tournament	TBA			
Saturday, Jan. 21	Highland Tournament	TBA			
Monday, Jan. 23	Ira	Here	6:00		
Monday, Jan. 30	Hermleigh	Here	6:00		
Monday, Feb. 6	Westbrook	There	6:00		

Tips for Firearm Safety

Firearms are commonplace in most farm and ranch households but familiarity does not stop accidents from occurring.

"Most firearm accidents happen while people are cleaning or hunting with guns," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "Prevention is the best weapon against these firearm casualties."

Families should make sure that the home has a safe and secure storage place for guns that is beyond the reach of children and careless adults.

Store firearms and ammunition separately and keep both locked up.

Hunting is a natural sport for many rural families. Perry said that hunting accidents can be prevented by following these basic safety rules:

- Control the direction of your firearm muzzle. Carry your firearm safely. Keep the safety on and your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Identify your target and know what is beyond it.
- Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and you have only the proper size ammunition for the firearm you are carrying.
- Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the action open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas.
- Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with firearms.
- Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
- Never shoot a bullet at a flat or hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood altering drugs before or while shooting.
- "The best advice for gun safety is to treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm," Perry said.

Basketball results

Lady Wolves

The Colorado City High School Lady Wolves Varsity Basketball team won against Coahoma, 54-52.

Scoring for the team were Shelley Gailey, 15; Crissy Crawford, 13; Tracy Scott, seven; Bethany Bridgford, seven and Jini Sparkman, six.

The JV team lost to Coahoma, 42-47.

Scoring were Melissa Rivera, 15; Casi Joiner, seven; Vanessa Shepard, Crystal Nelson and Jamie Ellis, six each.

8th grade B girls

The Colorado City 8th grade girls B basketball team played Sweetwater in Sweetwater on November 18, losing 18-23.

Scoring for Colorado City were Kim Sharp with 10 points; Julie Ellis, four; Lilia Quiroz, four and Amanda Rivera, two.

Coach Bryan Hayes said, "The girls did a great job in the second half, especially the fourth quarter. Julie Ellis played exceptional defense. Not a bad job for the first game of the year."

The next game is Monday, November 21, 5:00 at Greenwood.

8th grade A girls

The Colorado City 8th grade girls A basketball team won, 26-24, against Sweetwater on November 18. They played in Sweetwater.

Scorers were Jamie Mason, 13; Edwina Ceballos, four; Elizabeth Rivbera, four; Staci Turnbow, three and Kendra Anderson, two.

"I think we have had a great attitude carryover from volleyball. The girls know how to win and found a way to get it done. We looked pretty rough but had tons of effort to make up for it," Coach Bryan Hayes said.

"We got two clutch free throw with 24 seconds left from Jamie Mason to win it; although many made contributions to the success of the team! Any time you can start

a season with a win it is a very positive point," he said.

The next game is 6 p.m. November 21 at Greenwood.

7th grade A girls

The Colorado City 7th grade girls A basketball team lost to

Sweetwater, 17-28, on November

18 in Sweetwater.

Scoring for Colorado city were Margaret Jameson, 10; Leiza Rivera, four and Lacy Watson, two.

The next game will be 5 p.m. at Greenwood on November 21.

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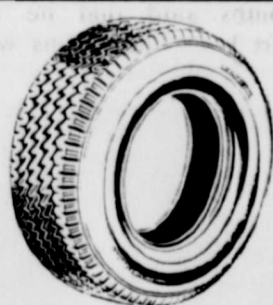
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Miss Merry Christmas Candidates

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Candis Moore



Robin Rodriguez



Amber Wyrosdick



Nicole Aguilar



Lauren Anderson



Francis Dawson



Elizabeth King Britton



Krystle Aguilar

HAIR

FROM PAGE 1

Texas 'Open Courts Provision' in the Texas Constitution, our argument is that the courts should intervene when the school district can bring forward no compelling reason to allow a violation of the Texas Equal Rights Amendment."

In Wednesday's hearing Rees argued that having long hair in Colorado City may mean not having a job.

Justice Bob Gammage sternly questioned Rees' argument and at one point quipped that two justices on the Supreme Court, John Cornyn and Raul Gonzalez, wouldn't be able to get jobs in Colorado City because of their hair length.

Barber said he agrees with Rees' argument, but only to a point.

"Mr. Rees is correct when he argues that the school system should teach local and societal values," he said. "But, it is al-

together another thing to add to these prejudices in an attempt to teach about them."

Wednesday's arguments centered around the rights of individuals and their families vs. the rights of school boards to make regulations governing students.

Rees argues that the Constitution does not extend to employers and private citizens, but instead applies only to government.

"The school system is trying to teach students about local, societal values," he said. "If we didn't teach them rules, we wouldn't be teaching them how to live in the real world."

In late 1993, State District Judge Jess Holloway ruled against the dress code, but this ruling was later overturned by the 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland.

The case is expected to be decided within the next few months.

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GUNS

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Houston area, Richardson, Texas and Wichita, Kan., have been identified.

Toombs said the first known break-in occurred approximately three months ago at a home south of Westbrook from which four guns were stolen. These have all been recovered in this investigation.

Another home was broken into

during the day near Lake Champion on Monday, October 24 in which eight rifles and shotguns were taken from the residence. These weapons have also been recovered by investigators.

The following Friday, October 29 a residence on Highway 350 was also broken into during the day.

Three hand guns were stolen from the residence. They have been identified as a .38 caliber, 9mm semi-automatic and 25 semi-automatic.

Martinez apparently sold the guns to a subject who is not a resident of the county and the department is still trying to locate this individual.

Rinehart has been identified as the buyer of the recovered weapons. Toombs said that he felt Rinehart knew these guns were stolen when he purchased them.

"We think he knew they were stolen, however, he hasn't admitted to it," he said. "He may have had an idea but didn't ask a lot of questions."

Although Rinehart has told investigators he is only a collector,

the department feels that he re-sold these guns as well.

"Thirty-eight guns is a lot of guns for one person to have," Toombs said. "Unless you're a serious collector of guns and have a lot of antiques. None of these are antique."

Among the weapons recovered are several deer rifles, shotguns, a .38 revolver, 9 mm and several semi-automatics.

Toombs said the suspects had plans to break in to at least four more houses in the area. He added that the victims are all acquainted with the suspects.

One of the investigating officers, Deputy Mike Redwine, said he was proud that "three burglaries were solved in one shot."

TAAS

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state and regional averages in reading and were above state and regional figures in both writing and math.

"The fifth grade seems to be a turning point for our students," Arthur said.

Additionally, students grades six through ten were ranked either between or above state and regional averages in all the categories tested.

The indicator also showed that the student attendance rate for the district was 95.4 percent and the dropout rate was 3.2 percent.

Both Colorado High and Middle Schools will be honored at the upcoming TSSAS Awards Banquet for their recognized improvements on the TAAS test.

Arthur added that she was proud of the improvements made at each campus and recognized the hard work that went into the achievement.

The AEIS report is available for staff and public inspection on each campus in the district and in the office of the superintendent of schools.

COUNTY

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have already been made, including the lowering of control panels and the addition of Braille to the controls of the courthouse elevator; making several county buildings ADA compliant; and adding required handrails to handicapped ramps.

The county is currently in the process of rebuilding the Ag Barn's restroom facilities to meet with ADA safety requirements and standards.

An additional requirement for the county will encompass replacing all

the current signs in county buildings with ADA approved signs.

ADA signs include Braille, international symbols and are placed on the opening side of the door, exactly 60 inches from the floor to the center of the sign. The cost for the signs is expected to average between \$20 and \$25 each.

In addition to the cost of the signs, Southwest Supply and Environmental will charge the county a maximum of \$1,500 or \$45 an hour for their services.

PARADE

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lighting ceremony at the courthouse.

In addition, she will also win a free photo session and 8X10 from Harley Bynum Photography of Snyder.

The courthouse lighting ceremony, planned for Saturday evening, will include entertainment

and free refreshments of coffee, wassail, hot chocolate and cookies.

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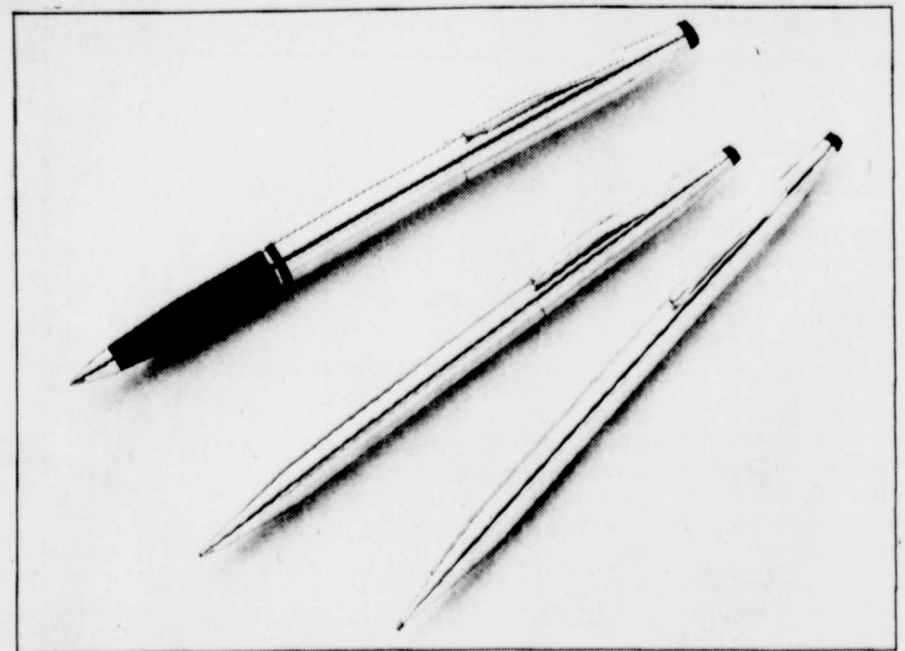
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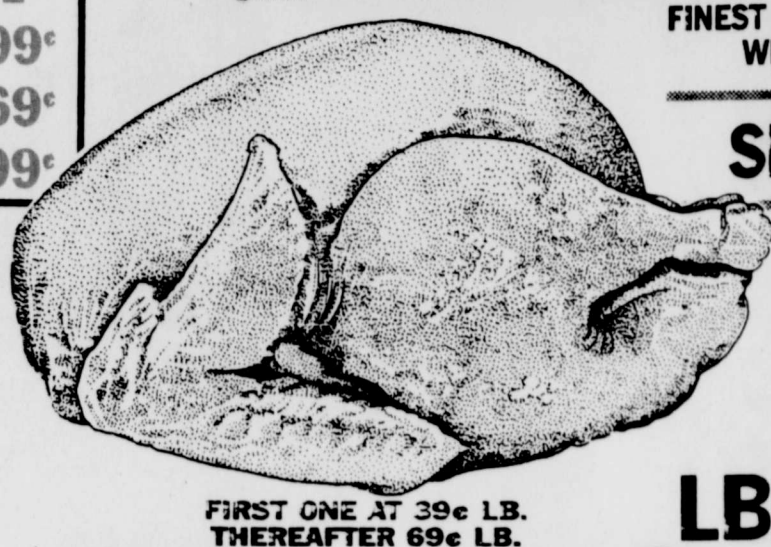
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