Public invited to Main Street Program meeting, *see story below*

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Answerline

Q. What committe assignments has State Rep. Scott Campbell received?

A. Campbell is vice-chairman of the defense affairs and state-federal relations committee and a member of the natural resources committee.

Briefly

Mitchell Co. Girls Softball
The Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will have sign-ups Monday, February 7 at 6 pm at the Civic Center; Thursday, February 10 at 5 p.m. at Loraine School; Saturday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Administration Gym; and Tuesday, February 15 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Must have birth certificate. For more information call Belinda Blassingame at 728-2455.

Super Bowl Bash
All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 6. Meet at Wolf Stadium at 3 p.m. for Flag Football. Then at 5 p.m. we will watch the game on a big screen at the First Baptist Church gym. Free food and door prizes.

Howl Night
Howl Night at Mardi Gras 2005 will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for $5 each from Ann Bazany at the CHS Library or call 728-3424.

No Pancake Supper
No pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 8 at All Saints Episcopal Church. Thanks for your support in the past.

Appraisal Fair
The Mitchell County Public Library, 340 Oak Street, will be hosting an antique/collectibles appraisal fair on Monday, February 21 starting at 6 p.m. The public is invited to bring in up to 3 items each to be evaluated by local antique dealers.

Band Booster Meeting
Parents of Colorado High School band students are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting Monday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in the CHS band hall.

CHS Job Fair
Colorado High School will be hosting a job fair on February 18. We would like to extend an invitation to any business that would like to participate in the Job Fair. Please call 728-3424 and leave your business name, contact person and a phone number.

Bible Study
Primera Iglesia El Calvario, 1635 Walnut, is currently holding Wednesday evening Bible Study for children ages 3-18 at 7 p.m. Supper follows services.

Head Start Applications
Head Start in Colorado City is looking for 4 year olds for enrollment now. Please pick up an application at the Head Start building, 111 E 9th St. or call Sendia Blake, if you have any questions, or need information about eligibility at 728-8833.

Deaths

Armstead, Hayes, Orosco

Around Town

Happy 7th birthday **Alexander Trujillo**... **Shante Kreis** winning a ribbon in Ft. Worth... Happy birthday **Ricky Cantu** (Feb. 3)... Happy belated birthday **Bobby Sanchez** (Jan. 28)... Ask **Sam Shrode** about the kissing goats...

Lake Levels

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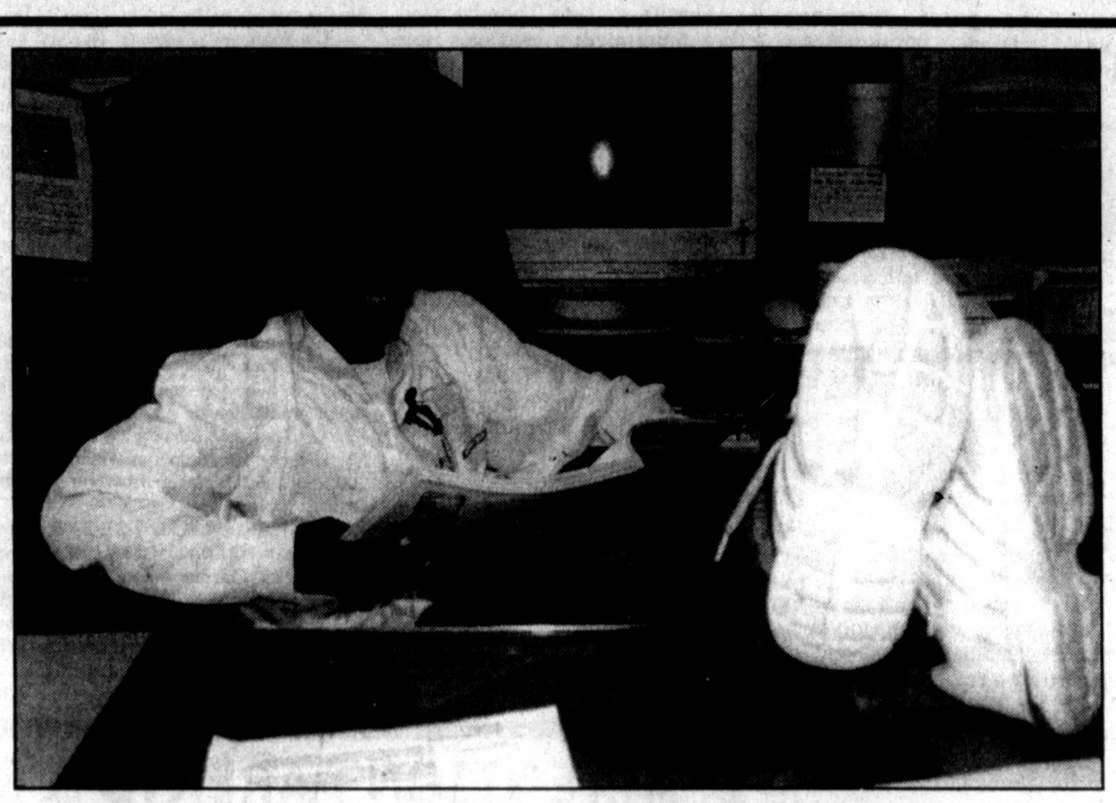

HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE DAY recently was Xavien Lenard, a fifth grader and son of April Lenard. Xavien earned the honor by saving $150 in Cowboy Cash dollars, which are good for behavior, homework, attendance, discipline and other positive factors. Xavien is shown here enjoying the seat usually occupied by Kitten Arthur.

Hospital finances still in weak state

Staffing cuts a possibility

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Mitchell County Hospital's financial picture continued to look gloomy at last week's Board of Directors meeting.

At the Jan. 25 meeting, Administrator Linda Mize said the hospital was in critical need of increasing its in-patient numbers. These are the patients that stay and receive care at the hospital, as opposed to out-patient care, in which patients don't stay at the hospital.

"We are booming in out-patient care, but our in-patient is dwindling," she explained.

Mize said the fall-off, combined with a weaker-than-expected winter season, is causing financial problems for the hospital.

"Maybe people are taking better care of themselves this flu season, because we haven't seen the numbers we expected," she said.

Mize acknowledged that staffing reductions of employees identified as "full-time equivalents" may be necessary. She said the staffing in this area was up by 20 compared to the same time last year.

"We have already reduced the number of full-time equivalents by seven this year through attrition," she said. "I don't want to cause a panic with our staff, but we may need to downsize in some areas."

Mize said the hospital was experiencing a shortfall in patient revenue by about $100,000 per month.

"We can't keep going at this pace," she added.

Mize said the in-patient care drop-off may be due to people going to specialists at other medical facilities.

"We have seen some out-migration of patients to specialists, which was somewhat expected," she said. "We can't compete with specialists."

She said a public relations effort may be needed to pursuade citizens that the hospital should be their top choice for in-patient care.

Other ideas for helping the hospital's financial picture include reducing the number of contract registered nurses and reducing overall expenses.

Mize said it would be cheaper for the hospital to pay overtime to its nurses because contract nurses receive a high hourly wage. Contract nurses have been used to help combat a shortage in nurses at the hospital.

At next month's meeting, directors will review the hospital's financial audit report. Mize warned the board that the hospital will likely fare poorly on the audit because of its current financial condition.

In other business, a veterans' memorial has been proposed for the Mitchell County Hospital grounds.

Several students from Colorado Middle School attended the meeting to present the proposal to the board.

CMS Principal Mark Merrell and CISD Superintendent Jim White accompanied the students.

CMS students who attended the meeting were Clint White, Morgan Maddox, Cheyenne Guelker, Lauren Munoz and Nathan McCright.

The memorial would be located on the north side of the hospital, on an island next to the parking lot. The location was described as ideal because there is nothing on the island now.

The students explained that the memorial project would be paid for through donations, fund-raising, possible grants and volunteer labor.

It is likely the memorial would include three flags -- the United States, Texas and Prisoners of War flags -- as well as emblems representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces, Merrell said.

The students also noted that the project would likely take about a year to complete.

Although the board took no action, Mize and the directors expressed their verbal support for the project.

"Thank you for recognizing veterans," Director Kenneth Rogers said.

Candidate filing period to begin

With city and school elections scheduled for May 7, candidate filing officially gets started next week.

The first day for candidate filing is Saturday, Feb. 5. However, since city and school offices are closed on Saturday, candidates can begin filing Monday, Feb. 7.

The filing period runs until March 7.

On the Colorado City Council, the seats of Mayor Bob Reily and council members Sammy Contreras, Bob McNeal and Brigada Hiser are up for election this year.

Contreras represents District 1, McNeal represents District 2 and Hiser represents District 3.

Reily has indicated he will file for re-election. Contreras said Monday he was undecided. McNeal and Hiser could not be reached by press time.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. March 7 at Colorado City Hall.

In the Colorado ISD trustee election, three places will be on the ballot.

The school board seats of Cliff Shiller, Diana Rios and Mike Ratliff are up for election. They represent places 1, 2 and 5, respectively.

The filing deadline is 5 p.m. March 7 at the CISD business office of Dobie Williams.

Trustees have the option of canceling the election if no one files to oppose the incumbents, as did occur last year.

Mitchell County Hospital Administrative Secretary Karen Holman said she expects the hospital board to call an election at its next meeting.

Places held by John Martinez, Kenneth Rogers and Florence Bodine are up for election.

Also, the vacant seat previously held by Larry Johnson is up for election. The board is expected to appoint Johnson's replacement at its meeting in February.

Holman said that after the

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Emergency farm loans available

Mitchell County has recently been named as a contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture, making farmers eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the each of the disaster designations.

Applications are available for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by three different disaster designations.

The three designations are: excessive rain that occurred from Sept. 1, 2004 through Oct. 15, 2004; excessive rain and flash flooding that occurred Oct. 1, 2004 and continuing; and excessive rain that occurred from Sept. 25, 2004 and continuing and hail that occurred on Oct. 22, 2004, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater.

Roger W. Kalina, Farm Loan manager, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses of the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emer-

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Black history celebrated

Two exhibits highlighting Black History Month are being unveiled at two locations in Colorado City.

An exhibit highlighting prominent African American individuals can be viewed at the Heart of West Texas Museum.

Also, Mitchell County Library has an exhibit that features African American art, including items donated by Virginia Dearen's daughter from the country of Zambia.

Bobbie Banks, who helped organize the exhibits, invites the community to come view them as part of Black History Month in February.

Because of time constraints due to potential inclement weather, the *Record* was unable to publish photos of the exhibits in this issue.

However, the *Record* will include the photos and more information about the exhibits in February during Black History Month.

With Greyhound set to leave, another option is available

With the Greyhound era poised to end Thursday, Feb. 3, Colorado City residents have at least one other mass transportation option.

Spartan Transportation, based in Levelland, operates in 11 counties, including Mitchell, and has mostly focused in the past on medical-related transport.

Brian Baker, a transit supervisor for the company, said the company already handles round trips between Colorado City and Big Spring for a fee of $10.

"We are already established in Colorado City," Baker said Monday. "Most of our trips have been medical-related, but we are also a means of public transportation."

To help offset its operating costs, Spartan is partially subsidized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) for providing its services in rural areas.

Baker emphasized that Spartan differs from Greyhound's service in several important areas.

For example, instead of daily service, Spartan currently operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Mitchell County.

"If the demand warrants, we could add additional days," he noted.

Also, instead of operating a bus stop, Spartan offers curb-to-curb service, in which the vehicle comes to pick up the passengers at their location.

In addition, the company mainly operates a 15-passenger van in the county. The company also has two buses in its fleet that can carry up to 20 people.

Baker also noted that the company's vehicles are wheelchair-accessible.

Spartan's area of coverage also is much smaller than Greyhound's. Baker said the service could extend as far east as Abilene and as far west as Midland.

"But we wouldn't be able to go as far as, say, El Paso," he added.

The coverage area also includes Lubbock as well as counties to the south of Mitchell, including Sterling and Coke counties.

The company also requests that reservations be made at least 24 hours in advance.

For reservations or more information on Spartan's fares, people can call toll-free at 1-800-462-8747.

Greyhound Lines recently decided to eliminate its bus stop in Colorado City.

While protests have been directed at the company, a spokesperson said recently that Greyhound was unlikely to change its decision because Colorado City's bus stop was deemed as unprofitable.

It is not known whether another bus line, such as Kerrville Bus Company, would be willing to take over the bus stop for Greyhound.

The Greyhound bus stop in Colorado City operated at the Gas 'N' Grub store.

Main Street meeting Tuesday

This is a final reminder of the Main Street awareness meeting scheduled for noon on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Civic Center.

The meeting is being held to raise awareness of the Texas Main Street Program and how it might benefit Colorado City.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 3, which will help in planning for the food. To register, call 728-5215.

The Noon Lions Club is sponsoring the meal for the Feb. 8 meeting. Lions Club members also will be on hand to help serve the meal.

Interest is building among local citizens about the program, which provides support to cities in rehabilitating and preserving historic commercial

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local news

Commissioners approve DA's drug budget

Mitchell County Commissioners belatedly approved the district attorney's drug forfeiture budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

District Attorney Mark Edwards asked for approval during a called meeting of the commissioners Monday, Jan. 31.

Edwards said the county's approval was required because of salaries in his office that are paid out of the budget.

He noted that the fiscal year for the budget began in September 2004 and runs through August 2005.

Edwards said approval should have been sought earlier but that "the paperwork didn't make it to the right place."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Preston said because the county runs on a calendar year and the district attorney runs on a fiscal year, it may be necessary to ensure better alignment in the future.

The total budget for the drug forfeiture fund is $326,879.30, with $280,079.30 going toward salaries and supplemental salaries.

Other items paid through the budget include supplies and equipment for law enforcement, contract labor, and education.

Edwards reminded commissioners that four investigators hired from the Abilene drug task force by his office were paid salaries through this budget.

Preston made the motion to approve the budget and Precinct 3 Commissioner Larry Johnson seconded. Precinct 1 Commissioner Jug Rees voted with them to make it unanimous. Precinct 2 Commissioner Carl Guelker did not make the meeting.

In other business, commissioners approved specifications for a new sheriff's vehicle and advertising for bids.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said the department's vehicles are replaced on a rotation basis, and that his vehicle was up for replacement.

He said the specifications did not differ greatly from the 2001 Ford Expedition he currently drives.

Toombs said he expected to receive bids for both an Expedition and a Chevy Tahoe.

Commissioners are scheduled to open the bids at 9 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Courthouse.

Also, commissioners approved selling a building held in trust to Tammy Barron for $500 in a tax sale.

The building, formerly known as Bojo's, is located near Lake Colorado City. Commissioners were told that Barron already owns the land where the building is located, and that plans were underway to renovate the building.

FILING

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directors call the election, prospective candidates can pick up an application from her office.

Candidate filing for the Loraine City Council begins Feb. 7 and runs until 5 p.m. March 7.

The seats of Mayor Catarino Martinez and council members Shirley Kendall and Carl Graham are up for election.

On the Loraine school board, seats held by Jeff Oliver, Louis Davila and Frank Sanchez are up for election.

Trustees are expected to call the election at a meeting in the near future.

Candidates can file with Loraine ISD business manager Debbie Finley in advance of the deadline at 5 p.m. March 7.

The Westbrook City Council conducts its elections during even-numbered years, so a Westbrook city election will not be held this year.

On the Westbrook school board, seats held by Chip Roemisch, Bonnie Hale and Michael Petty are up for election.

Trustees are expected to call the election at a meeting in the near future.

Candidates can file with Westbrook ISD business manager Teresa Matlock in advance of the deadline at 5 p.m. March 7.

Sue Young, executive director of the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District, said an election won't be held this year for the district.

All five director seats were on the ballot last year, and the terms are staggered. This means the next elections for the district are in 2006 and 2008, Young said.

POLICE REPORT

- On Monday, January 24, 2005 at about 4:40 p.m. Gregory Green, 22 year-old male, 2330 N. Hwy 208 was arrested at 17th & Delaney for outstanding Municipal Court warrants charging him with traffic offenses. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez
- On Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at about 7:07 p.m. Bruce Foster, 45 year-old male, 112 W. 6th Street was arrested in the 100 block of W. 6th Street for Public Intoxication following a report of a disturbance at that location. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez
- On Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at about 1:50 p.m. Floyd Rice, Westbrook, Texas reported a hit and run collision at Fuller Foods parking lot. His vehicle, a red 2002 Chevrolet pickup, was parked and unattended on the lot around 9:30 a.m. He discovered that another vehicle collided with the back bumper of his vehicle causing damage. The striking vehicle failed to comply with duties striking an unattended vehicle and left the scene. Damage is estimated at about $983.00. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Pat Taylor
- On Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at about 4:00 p.m. a 13 year-old juvenile female from Colorado City was taken into custody at the Police Department for Criminal Mischief. The offense involved damage done to a vehicle at Colorado Middle School that was reported last week. The juvenile was transferred to the custody of the juvenile officer and later released to her parent. Investigating Officer: Perez
- On Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at about 6:05 p.m. Isidro Molina, 68 year-old male, 433 Pine Street reported Theft. The offense occurred sometime after October 2004. A Sears lawnmower, an electric space heater and a battery charger were stolen from his residence. Estimated Loss: $350.00. Investigating Officer: Perez
- On Thursday, January 27, 2005 at about 7:54 a.m. Skinny's Convenience Store, 545 Hickory Street reported Theft. A person driving a vehicle described as a white 2002 Ford F-250 pickup drove off without paying for $44.89 in fuel. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Thursday, January 27, 2005 at about 11:28 a.m. Martha Miller, 200 E. 15th Street reported Criminal Mischief. A person had broken out the taillight of her green 1995 Lincoln 4-door. The vehicle had been parked along the street. Estimated Loss: $50.00. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Saturday, January 29, 2005 at about 1:05 a.m. Glenda Rivera, 26 year-old female, 2330 N. Hwy 208 reported Assault by Contact. Rivera reported that earlier in the nighttime a person that she knows struck her with a beer bottle. The victim did not require medical treatment. The alleged assault occurred at Rivera's.

Editor's Note...

Strong medicine

By Henry Martinez

If we could choose our time in history, perhaps we would go back to the era of country doctors -- a time when affordable house calls were more common than expensive hospital stays.

But those days are over. With the rapid advances in medicine over the past century, quality health care is now considered more of a right than a privilege.

Unfortunately, it comes with a price.

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With health care costs continuing to spiral out of control, we cannot separate the issue of quality medical care from the issue of finances.

Which leads me to today's subject -- the health of Mitchell County Hospital.

In an earlier column, I described the financial condition of the hospital as "critical," with the need to upgrade it to "stable." Based on the latest monthly report provided to the hospital district's Board of Directors, the prognosis remains bleak.

Like Larry Johnson before her, Bobbie Banks will face some tough challenges as the board president. The directors need our support, as they may face some difficult decisions in the coming months.

* * *

Much of the onus will lay squarely on the administration and staff, those who are closest to the hospital's day-to-day operations. This is the time when leadership, creativity and vision must come to the forefront.

When the board was told last week that the hospital was experiencing a shortfall in patient revenue of about $100,000 per month, Administrator Linda Mize said, "We can't keep going at this pace."

She is right. But to reverse course, there has to be more cost certainty at the hospital.

For instance, Mize cited higher-than-expected utility costs at the hospital, yet lower utility costs were promised when the new facility was being constructed. She also noted a staff increase of 20 employees compared to the same time last year and acknowledged that staffing reductions may be necessary. And to top it off, potential patients are increasingly choosing specialists at other area facilities instead of using our local hospital.

The prescription for improving the hospital's health won't be easy to fill, but it has to be done. Strong medicine is desperately needed.

Otherwise, Mitchell County Hospital won't require a house call from a country doctor. It will require a visit from a priest -- to administer last rites.

ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS!

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OBITUARIES

Jody Lynn Orosco
1970-2005

Jody Lynn Orosco, 34, died Jan. 25, 2005 in Snyder after a lengthy illness. Services were held Sat., Jan 29 in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with James Rinker officiating. Burial followed in Snyder Cemetery.

Jody was born in Gallup, New Mexico, on July 13, 1970. She resided in Snyder and attended both Snyder High School and Western Texas College. She was preceded in death by her step-father, Lanny Cawthron; her grandmother, Iris Aaron and an aunt, Mary Andrews.

She is survived by two daughters, Kaylynn and Kotie Orosco of Snyder, her life partner, Paul Boland of Snyder; her sister, Robin Cawthron-Whitaker of Snyder; her mother, Debby Miller of Snyder; her father, Joe Garcia of Gallup, New Mexico; grandparents, Joe and Mercedes Garcia of Gallup, New Mexico and Joe Aaron of Northfork, California; and two nieces, Sidney Iris Whitaker and Rylee Mae Whitaker, both of Snyder.

Maxine "Mickey" Armstead
1922-2005

Maxine "Mickey" Armstead, 82, of Monahans, died January 31, 2005 in Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 3 at the Immanuel Baptist Church with Reverend Larry Bennett and Reverend Dennis Tetters officiating. Burial will be in Monahans Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Family Funeral Services/Jackie Harkey.

Ms. Armstead was born July 4, 1922 in Seminole, Oklahoma. She was a bank teller.

Survivors include two sons, James Armstead and Kim Armstead of Big Spring; a daughter, Randi Tuman of Ft. Worth; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Armstead and a son, Rocky Armstead.

Elmer Hayes
1927-2005

Elmer Hayes, 78 of Lubbock died near Albuquerque, NM. Visitation was held be Friday, at Resthaven Funeral Home. Celebration of Life services were held Saturday, January 29, 2005 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Rev. John Burk officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Elmer Lee Hayes was born January 8, 1927 in Ada, Oklahoma to P. P. and Winnie (Crownover) Hayes. Elmer was raised in Ada until he was eight and then moved to Loraine, Texas. He entered the US Army, served in World War II, and returned to Loraine after his discharge. Elmer farmed for many years and in 1953 moved to the Cotton Center-Mayfield area where he began repairing cotton gins. He worked for Moss Gordan Lint Cleaner for 10 years and in 1966, he was co-owner and operator of Independent Gin Repair. Elmer retired in the late 1980's.

Elmer was a member of Lake Ridge United Methodist Church. He enjoyed his family and spent many hours in his yard. Elmer also was an avid John Wayne fan, enjoying many of his films.

His parents, a sister, Eloise Faulkenberry and a grandson, Michael Tod Yarbrough, precede Elmer in death.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Hayes of Lubbock, children, Linda Reed of Dallas, Jerry Arnett and wife Terry of Ore., Sheila Alley and Nancy Pope, both of Colorado City and Larry Hayes and wife Ronda of San Angelo, a sister, Doris McGuire and husband Jake of Seattle, Wash. and brother V. J. Hayes and wife Stella Mae of Calif., 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

C-City sales tax up; Loraine, W'brook down

Colorado City saw a slight increase in its January sales tax payment from the same time last year, according to the most recent State Comptroller's report.

The city's payment in January was $30,259.35, a 2.42 percent increase from the $29,544.07 payment the prior year.

The cities of Loraine and Westbrook saw decreases in sales tax payments in January compared to the same time last year.

Loraine received a payment of $104.68, a 32.43 percent decrease compared to last year's payment of $154.93.

Westbrook received a payment of $655.23, a 7.53 percent decrease compared to last January's payment of $708.63.

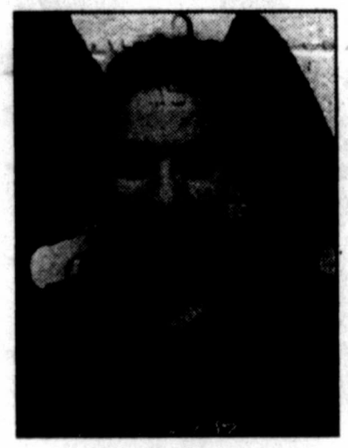
Mitchell County received a net payment of $11,876.01 in January, an increase of 5.22 percent from January 2004.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations of local tax revenue represent sales that occurred in November.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent Texas cities $223.1 million in sales tax allocations, 9.4 percent more than January 2004.

Texas counties received January sales tax rebates of $19.5 million, up 11.6 percent compared to a year ago.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 11.



JUNELL RUTH

Loraine JH girls conclude hoops season

The Loraine junior high school basketball teams finished out their season on a high note Monday night, sweeping the Ira teams.

The girls defeated Ira by a score of 55-17.

In the first quarter Loraine blasted Ira 20-0 to set the tone for the remainder of the game. The Lady Bulldogs carried a 28-8 lead into the locker room at half.

Loraine increased their lead to 42-17 by the end of the third period. The Lady Bulldogs closed out on a 13-0 run in the final period.

Junell Ruth led Loraine with 23 points while Megan Sanchez racked up 15 points.

The girls, coached by Gloria Lucas, ended their season with a record of 14-2, and second place to Roby in district play.

The boys won their rematch with Ira, defeating them by a score of 43-25.

The Bulldogs led 7-6 at the end of the first quarter and 18-14 at the half.

Loraine increased the lead to 27-20 at the end of three quarters before finishing strong with a 16-5 run in the final quarter of play.

Johnny Burns led Loraine with 18 points while Marcus Stanford added 8 to the total.

The junior high squad finished the season at 12-4 on the season tied with Ira for second place with two district losses.

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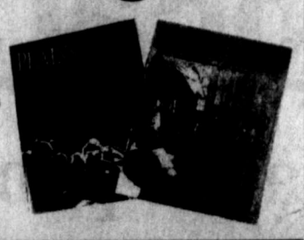

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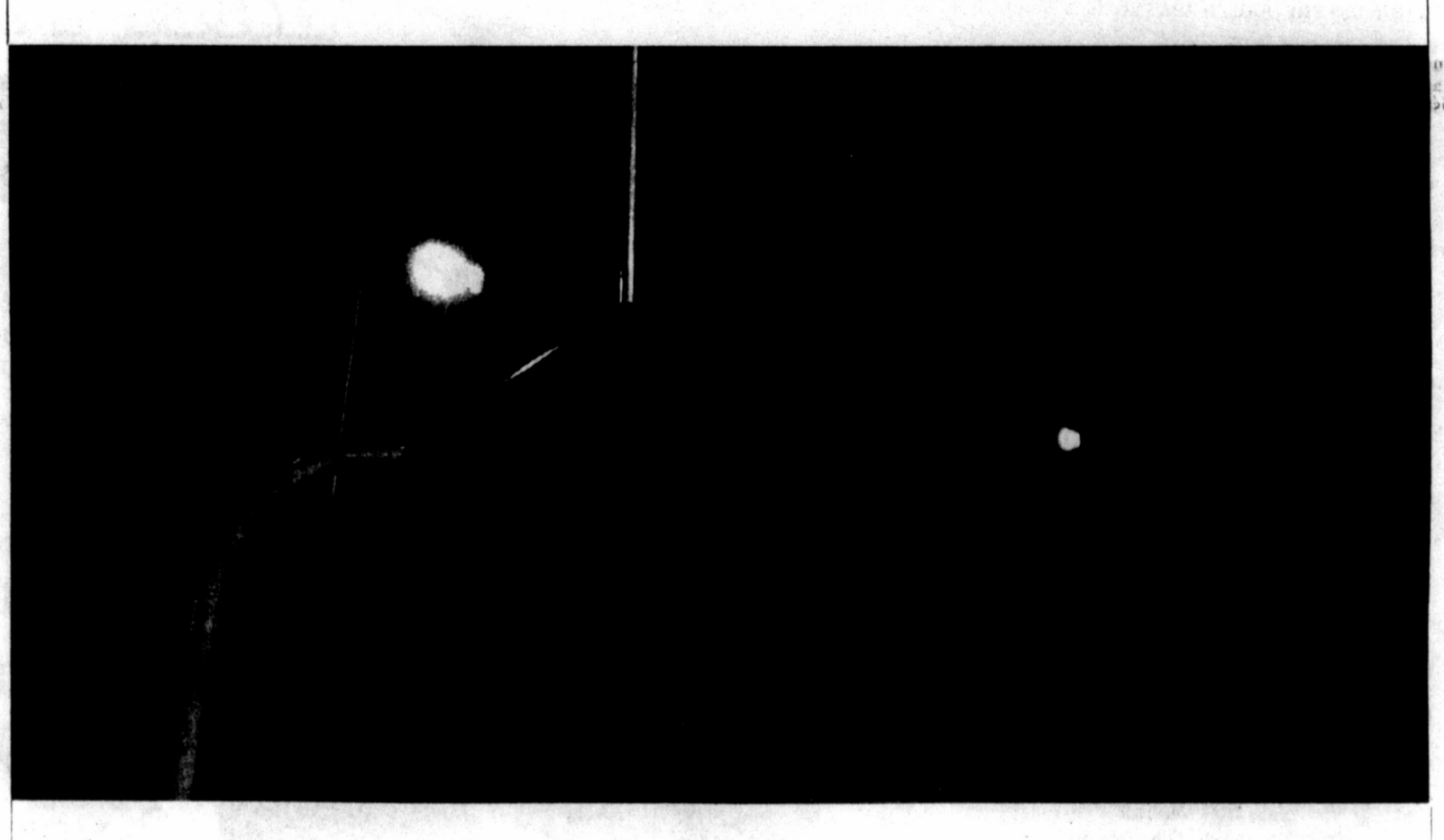

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Lamb program referendum conducted

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service today announced the final procedures for a continuance referendum under the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information order, more commonly known as the Lamb Checkoff Program, and also announced that the referendum will be conducted Jan. 31 through Feb. 28, 2005.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. To be eligible to participate, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, that shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the period of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2004.

Beginning Jan. 31, 2005, and continuing through Feb. 28, 2005, persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from County FSA Offices either in person, by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained via the internet at http://www.ams.usda.gov /lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm.

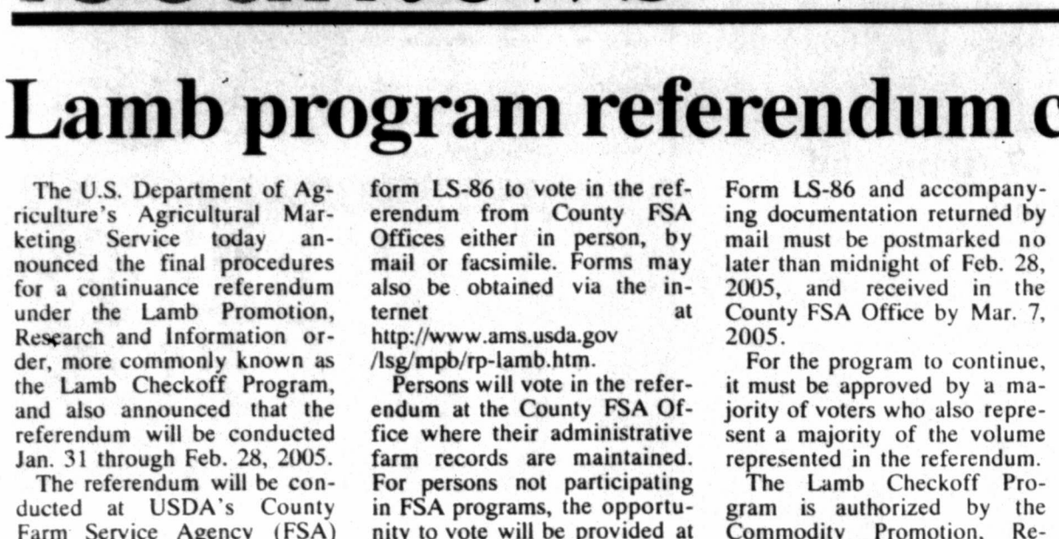
Persons will vote in the referendum at the County FSA Office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA Office where the person owns or rents land. Form LS-86 and supporting documentation may be returned in person, by mail, or facsimile to the appropriate County FSA Office. Form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate County Office before the close of business of Feb. 28, 2005. Form LS-86 and accompanying documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight of Feb. 28, 2005, and received in the County FSA Office by Mar. 7, 2005.

For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of voters who also represent a majority of the volume represented in the referendum.

The Lamb Checkoff Program is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996. This program provides for assessments on the sale of lamb and lamb products and for an industry board to carry out promotion, research and information programs designed to increase the demand for lamb and lamb products.

The referendum is mandated by the Act and requires that the Secretary of Agriculture conduct a referendum either before its going into effect or within 3 years after assessments first begin under an order. The order provides that the referendum be held within 3 years after assessments first begin. Assessments began July 1, 2002. AMS oversees the activities of the program.

The procedures and notice for the referendum will be published in the December 27, 2005, Federal Register. For more information, contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA at Stop 0251, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251 or by telephone at 202-720-1115.



AREA YOUNGSTERS PARTICIPATED in a youth deer hunt with game wardens Jan. 15.

Youth deer hunt held

Area game wardens held their annual youth deer hunt Jan. 15, Mitchell County Game Warden Randy Bullard said.

Nine youngsters participated in the hunt: Nick Kaucher, Tim Atkins, Robert McGuire, Allison Bray, Nathan Smith, Chase Wylie, Jordan Truelove, Jimmy Grissom and Jordan Johnson.

Three deer and three turkeys were harvested. The game wardens cooked deer burritos, burgers and chili for the youth and their hunting guides.

A safe shooting seminar was conducted as the youngsters were taught safe and responsible firearm handling and shooting skills.

A laser shot hunting simulator also was set up to teach proper shot placement, good hunting ethics and "shoot / don't shoot" scenarios.

Other game wardens who participated were: Mel Reed, Snyder; Ken Nevins, Sweetwater; Steve Urban, Seminole; Brent Satsky, Littlefield; and Bobby Ferguson, Lamesa.

Hunting guides/mentors were Charles Rice, Ray Ellis, Jeff Ellis, Patrick Partin, Dale Haltom, Pat Crow, Curtis Rogers, Gene Rogers, David Waldrip, Morris Chaney, Billy May and Ralph Chavez.

Bullard extended special thanks to Fuller Foods, Sonic, C.C. Quality Meats, Landers Ranch, Kip Wadleigh, Mike Nelson and all the people who opened up their deer leases for the event.

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Willis and Louise Taylor

Golden wedding anniversary celebrated by Mr. & Mrs.Taylor

Willis and Louise Taylor celebrated there 50th wedding anniversary on January 29, 2005 with a reception in Colorado City.

The reception was hosted by there four children; Tim & Donnette Taylor of North Richland Hills, Linda and Barry Pennel of Corinth, Rod and Lori Taylor of Abilene and Stan & Shelia Taylor of Corpus Christi.

There were guests in attendance from Morgan Mill, Coahoma, Colorado City, Loraine, Wichita Falls, Georgetown, San Angelo, Stephenvile and Denton.

Willis Taylor and Louise Robinson met in Goldsmith, Texas in December of 1954. After a short courtship they married on January 29, 1955 in Lovington, New Mexico in the home of a Baptist pastor. They spent their honeymoon in El Paso Texas.

During their marriage they have lived in Goldsmith, Crane, Penwell, Midkiff, Mitchell County, Deleon and Erath County before returning to Colorado City in December of 2003.

They have five grandchildren: Ashley Taylor of Corpus Christi, Cody and Zane Taylor of North Richland Hills, and Stetson and Stanton Taylor of Abilene.

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Loved ones honored by memorials

Giving a gift to the Mitchell County Public Library is a loving and lasting way to honor the memory of someone who was special in your life. In the last few months, the library has received the following memorials:

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Don Delaney from Earl and Sheila Plagens and Arlene and Catherine Morris;

Ronnie and Sheryl Lamb from William and Margaret Ann Conaway;

Dewey McAnear from Mrs. W.J. Camp;

Jack McKinney from Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

Wilma Jean McKinney from Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

Tom Moore from Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

Katherine Pickens from Gwen Wistrand, Betty Howell, Friends of the Library, Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

W.R. Powell from Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

Vickie Rees from Mitchell County Employees, the Curtis Latimer family and Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

Fred Smith from Jo and Beeman Dockrey;

Mrs. Max Stewart from George Womack;

Pete Upshaw from Mitchell County Library Employees; and

Marjorie Stubblefield Walker from Jo and Beeman Dockrey.

JOY class celebrates birthdays

The JOY Sunday School class of Westbrook Baptist Church met for a fellowship meal recently. Everyone enjoyed pizza to celebrate December birthdays of Ruby Chambers and Judy Moore.

In attendance were Betty Brumly, Gladys Hayes, Irene Edwards, Clola Whitesides, Francis Ranne, Marcil Moody, Naomi Williamson, Ruby Chambers, Judy Moore and special guests Jessie Dorn and Missy Smith.

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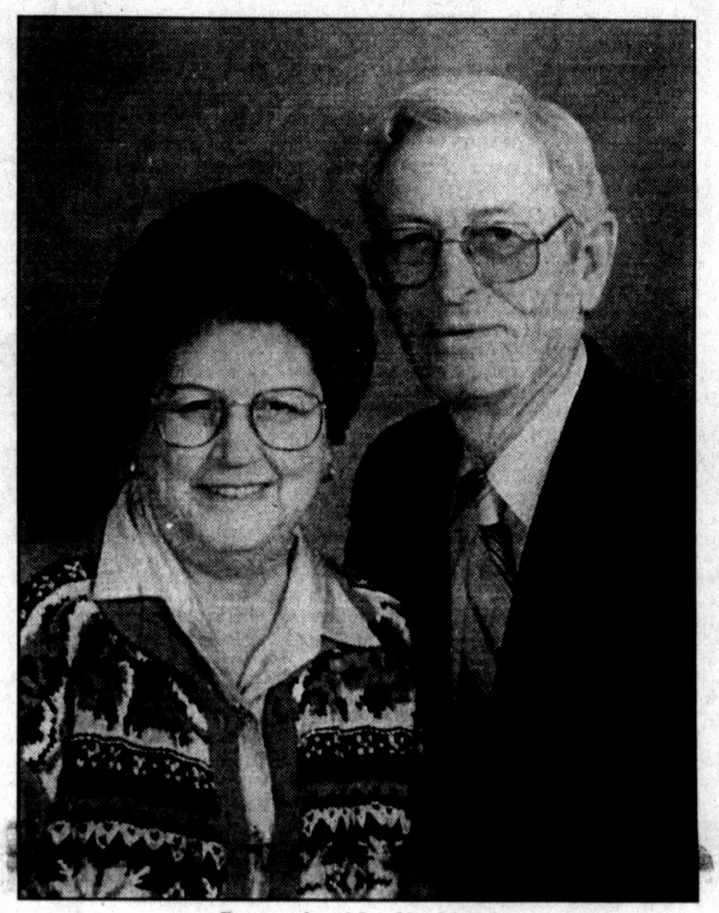
structures.

The meeting is being organized by the city's Beautification Action Team (BAT), which has been tasked with examining the feasibility of the program for Colorado City.

For those who cannot attend the Feb. 8 meeting, a second awareness meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Civic Center.

Up to five cities each year are chosen to participate in the Texas Main Street program. The next application deadline is July 29.



Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams

McAdams couple celebrates 50th wedding anniversary

Durwood and Ina Vay (McCoy) McAdams of Loraine, are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on February 3rd 1954 in Guymon, OK amidst a winter blizzard.

The couple have been blessed with 5 children: Jimmy & Karen (Seay) of Valley Mills,TX, Gary and Annette (Rudy) of Valley Mills,TX, Alan & Sabra (Buck) of Turpin OK, Mace of Edwards, CA, and Jalane and Michael Pointer of Paris, Texas. They have 12 wonderful grandchildren: Ronnie, Melissa, Brewn, Jared, Sharayha, Megan, Austin, Andra, Brady, Zachary, Macie, and Hutton and are awaiting the arrival of their first great-grandchild in April.

The couple enjoy spending time with their family, performing musically together, and attending Bluegrass and Gospel music events.

Durwood is retired from the oilfield and dirtwork business, Ina Vay who has been a homemaker currently manages the Loraine Senior Center. The family is planning a reception for them this summer.

LOANS

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gency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance pgoram will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Sept. 12, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is to address problems with our City Council. It seems they have lost touch with the citizens in regards to what we want for the city now and in the future. Your position on this council is to represent the city as a whole, not your individual, family or friend's wants and wishes.

The citizens want Colorado City cleaned up and presentable for the possibility of new businesses to our area.

Here are just two examples for the citizens to consider. The citizens have asked over and over to get a street sweeper. The City has the availability to get one, yet the City Council voted against it. In another decision they made, instead of taking care of buisness all at once, they decided to go with smaller loan at a much higher interest rate. This is our tax money, people.

City Council members represent the citizens in Colorado City. That means every one of you must present yourselves with professionalism. It does not give you the right to spread false gossip about city employees, their friends and neighbors. There is one City Council person who really needs to take a look at your conduct before someone files a lawsuit against the city. As far as I am concerned, you should resign. You know who you are; this needs to be addressed during an executive meeting.

The same city council person has claimed in the past that certain department heads have no leadership skills. Department heads can only be a leader when the city council allows them to do their job. I think our City Department Heads do a great job. Do the citizens of Colorado City know how the Emergency Action Plan was developed? Do you know we almost lost all federal funding because of the non-action of the City Council? Do you know how we received all the grant money for the emergency equipment for the fire department, police department and city hall? It was not the City Council members.

We have Paul Catoe as our City Manager who is doing a good job. The City Council needs to start listening to him on some of his suggestions and ideas they have a negative viewpoint on his ideas. To the City Council members who read this, feel angry or upset, then maybe you need to step back and take a look at you decisions and reasons for being on the City Council.

Citizens, call your City Council representative and voice your opinion. We do need the street sweeper and ask why they went for a higher interest loan. Attend the City Council meetings and find out what is really happening. Remember, this is your City and home.

Respectfully submitted,
M.A. Brophy

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Dear Colorado City Community Member,

You are cordially invited to attend a Main Street Awareness Luncheon on Tuesday, February 8 at 12 noon in the Colorado City Civic Center. The luncheon will be catered by Bama's House and will be sponsored by the Lions Club as a service to the community.

The Beautification Action Team (BAT) believes that our community is ready to take the next step toward the revitalization of our downtown area, and the Main Street Project is the perfect program to do so. The important factors behind revitalization are not just economic ones, they are also issues of community, pride, and the preservations of our history and cultural environments.

If the Tuesday luncheon doesn't meet your schedule, please join us for a repeat of the informational meeting on Thursday evening, February 10 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Because we are catering the meal, we will need a complete count of those who plan to attend the luncheon by Thursday, February 3. Please RSVP to Kitten Arthur at Hutchinson Elementary at 728-5215, if you plan to attend. No RSVP is necessary for the evening meeting.

Hope to see you there.

Kitten Arthur
Beautification Action Team

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Household Finance Coporation III, Vidal Rios Vice-Pres., Lupe Gracia, TTEE to Dolores Wood, Asgmt. of Lien/DT.

Merit Partners LP, Merit Energy Co. Gen. Partner, Fred N. Diem Vice President to Merit Energy Partners V LP, Merit Partners LP Gen. Partner, Merit Energy Co. Gen. Partner, Fred N. Diem Vice President to Asg. Prod. Payment.

Tom A. Morrison IV, Howard A. Morrison to Oncor Electric Delivery Co., Easement & R/W.

Don Driver, Jeanette Driver to Kenneth Jerry Wynn, Judy Wynn, Warranty Deed.

Kenneth Jerry Wynn, Judy Wynn to Bobby Lemons TTEE, Don Driver, Jeanette Driver, Deed of Trust.

Mitsuko Anderson to Amy Singleton, Release of Lien/DT.

Zane S. Beaird, Linda Beaird to Kathleen S. Brown, Release of Lien/DT.

Leo D. Ellis to Ray Ellis, Warranty Deed.

Jerry Doyle Rankin, Affaint, Bill Crockett Affiant to Roy Elmo Rankin deceased, Bobbie Merle Rankin deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

Andrew Copeland Mitchell Jr. Affiant to Clara Mae Mitchell deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

Luther Virgil Wilton Jr. Affiant to Verda Louise Wilton deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

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Janiece Blassingame to Lodena F. Blassingame, Quitclaim Deed.

Nathan Hoyle, Cheryl Hoyle to Royce D. Clay TTEE, City National Bank, Colo. City, Deed of Trust.

Lodena F. Blassingame, Larry Blassingame, Agent & Atty-in-Fact to Nathan Hoyle, Cheryl Hoyle, Warranty Deed.

Lodena Alpine Feaster Blassingame to Larry Blassingame, Power of Attorney.

Carolyn Ann Perry TTEE & Ind. Exec., Marjorie Walker, deceased to Carolyn Ann Perry, Leslie Dale Hale, Trustees Deed.

First National Bank, Colo. City, Mark Waldrip, Pres/CEO to Larry Raff, P/Rel. of Lien/DT.

Patrick Toombs, Mitchell Co. Sheriff, Mitchell County Sheriff to Carson K. Bennett, Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Deputation.

Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff, Mitchell County Sheriff to Donald Earl Phillips, Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Deputation.

City National Bank, Colo. City, Royce C. Clay Pres. to Rodney K. Dockrey, Sharon E. Dockrey, Release of Lien/DT.

Mary Read Winterrowd, Ind. Exec., Aleen Brown Read Estate to David Brown Read, Mary Read Winterrowd, Distribution Deed.

Veronica Jean Gonzales to Carmen Corona Gonzales, Affidavit.

Fleet National Bank, Adm. Agent, Allison I. R. Goodwin, Director to ETC Texas LTD, ETC Oklahoma Pipeline LTD., Release.

Dr. Scott Mays to David Cotton TTEE, Emily Hatfield Trust, Deed of Trust.

Mark S. McKinney to Nancy McKinney, Power of Attorney.

Robert Ray Nobles II, Cynthia G. Nobels to County of Mitchell, Warranty Deed.

First National Bank of Colorado City, TX, Mark Waldrip, Pres. to Robert Ray Nobles II, Cynthia C. Nobles, P/Rel. of Lien/DT.

Kenneth R. Johnson to Public, Dorothy C. Johnson Family Trust, Fulfillment of Vacancy.

T.L. Rees Sr. Affiant to Public, Affidavit of Nonproduction.

R.B. Golden Jr., Voleta J. Golden to Madera Land & Investments LLC, Warranty Deed.

Timothy K. Irvine Exec. Dir., Texas Dept. of Housing & Community Affair, Ricky A. Schneider, Cynde L. Schneider to Benny D. Mansfield, Jayne R. Mansfield, Statement of Home Location.

Manuela (Nellie) Jordan to John Robert Jordan, Consuelo Ponko, Succ. Agent, Power of Attorney.

John Robert Jordan to Manuela (Nellie) Jordan, Consuelo Ponko, Succ. Agent, Power of Attorney.

State National Bank to George McDonald, Indiv., MSD Alpha Life Trust, Abstract Judgement.

Citifinancial Inc., Merhl Gibson, Vice Pres. to Arthur Rivera Jr., Maria Elena Rivera, Release of Lien/DT.

Don Ray Free to Sonia Klein, Warranty Deed.

State of Texas to Savannah Ross & Company LLC, Bud Richardson II, Registered Agent, Abstract Judgement.

Mitchell County Sheriff, Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff to Jimmy Dale Browne, Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Deputation.

City of Loraine, Catarino Martinez, Mayor, Loraine ISD, Mitchell Co. Education Dist., Frank Garcia, Pres. Board of TTEES, Mitchell County, Ray Mayo, County Judge to Clifford E. McLeod, Myretta McLeod, Tax Resale Deed.

Billy Joe Wood, Bernicee Wood to Billy Don Wood, Leada Beth Wood, Partition Deed.

Long Beach Mortgage Company, Heather Patel, Asst. Vice-Pres., William H. Brittain, Brittain aka, W.H. Brittain aka, William Hugh Brittain aka, Sharon M. Brittain to Wachovia Bank NA TTEE, First Union National Bank FSA, Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Asgmt. of Lien/DT.

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ARRESTS

Gillis Ellis Jr., 52, MCSO, theft, 1-24-05.

Gregory Green, city wrts x3, 1-24-05.

Bruce Ed Foster, 45, CCPD, PI, 1-25-05.

David Franco Arispe, 37, MCSO, city wrts x2, no DL, FTMFR, 1-26-05.

Salistino G. Martinez, 50, THP, DWLI, 1-26-05.

Jimmy Ray Pickett Jr., 27, THP, DWI 1st, 1-29-05.

Philip B. Martinez, 24, THP, Scurry Co. x2 warrants, 1-30-05.

Joel Luis Silva, 19, THP, evading arrest, fail to identify, Scurry Co. wrt, 1-30-05.

Ashley L. Vanderpool, 17, THP, harboring a fugitive, 1-30-05.

James Wade Smith, 32, DA Office, DWLI, Jones Co. wrt., 1-31-05.

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Ernesto Rene Diaz, 1-28-2005, theft >=$50<$500.

Mark Randal Chamberlain, 1-28-2005, driving while intoxicated.

Michael Dewayne Mitchell, 1-28-2005, poss. marij. <2 oz.

Your city at work...

By Paul Catoe
City Manager, Colorado City

A delegation of 12 people from Colorado City attended a Main Street Workshop in Odessa on December 1, 2004. Since that time, the program has been discussed locally with a public meeting now scheduled for February 8, 2005 at 12 noon at the Civic Center. A delegation will also meet with the city council on the evening of February 8, at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Some of the information provided in this article is taken directly from the Main Street hand outs provided by the staff of the Texas Historical Commission.

In 1981 a new philosophy for revitalizing central business districts evolved on the state level. The concept was and is to rehabilitate existing structures by capitalizing on the unique character of the buildings while developing progressive marketing and management techniques. Preservation and rehabilitation of historic commercial buildings provides the necessary image for the downtown area and serves as a unifying factor to encourage area merchants and building owners to reinvest in the downtown area. The Texas Main Street program funds up to (5) Texas cities annually. Each of the funded cities are expected to fund a full-time program manager who is employed by the city and who reports to the city manager. The Main Street program is a three year program which can be extended on an annual basis. The annual budget for this project varies from city to city but could run approximately $60,000 annually per city.

Since 1981, figures from the Texas Main Street Program reflects more than $1 billion has been reinvested in the downtown areas of Texas for those official and self-initiated cities. More than 5,000 new businesses have been established in the downtown areas of these cities creating more than 20,000 new jobs. These figures indicate that the Main Street concept continues to work for Texas cities.

The Main Street Program has been successful in many Texas cities since 1981. One goal of the city will be to personally visit with the staff of some of these participating cities and to gain as much insight as possible into the application process. Generally, most cities are not funded with their first application; however, some cities have been successful is obtaining funding their first year. Each year competition for designation as a Main Street City is very strong as there are always more cities which apply for designation than can be approved.

The Main Street program could perhaps be the most important opportunity facing our community. It is therefore critical that the residents of Colorado City show their support for this worthwhile program. In order to apply for designation as a Main Street Community, the city must submit an intent to apply by Monday, May 2, 2005. The actual application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2005.

Riding the Jungle Trapeze and the Snorkeling Machine

By Tumbleweed Smith

While touring the Caribbean over the holidays, I saw a man wearing a t-shirt that read: "When was the last time you did something you've never done before?"

I could have answered yesterday or the day before... or just a few minutes ago. I don't know why it is that some people never do anything new and exciting except on vacation. Granted, vacations are times when we experience new places and people and activities, but don't you think during the ordinary course of day-to-day living there should be some excitement there, too?

I've seen people who lead extremely sedentary lives get on a cruise ship and just go crazy. We had lunch onetime on a cruise with a couple of ladies who were in their 80's. When we asked them what they did during the morning they said they rafted on the rapids, one of the most demanding shore excursions offered.

Anyway... when we signed up for the cruise, we said we wanted to do the canopy tour at Roatan, an island off Honduras. Sounds innocent enough. We were put in a harness that had a small pulley on it. While we stood on a platform a hundred feet above the ground, we were lifted up and our pulley placed on a cable. We sailed 200 yards through the jungle treetops. We did that from eleven different stations. Never did that before.

At Cozumel we donned fins, masks and snorkels and then grabbed hold of a machine resembling a vacuum cleaner canister. It had a fan on the front of it and if you pointed it downward, it took you with it into the beautiful home of coral and tropical fish. Shades of James Bond. Never did that before, either.

At Belize, the only English speaking country in Central America, we ran into Robert Cavness who gave us a tour of an unexplored Mayan ruin. He operates a large mahogany plantation owned by Texan Walter Mischer. Robert's bodyguard, Juan, got out his machete and hacked away at the jungle overgrowth so we could get to the site. We saw things nobody else on the cruise got to see. Robert entered a van and drove us at least a hundred miles, even though gas was four dollars a gallon. He took us to a new museum a friend of his had just opened. It shows among other things how chicle, the main ingredient in chewing gum, is harvested. We saw a sign advertising Cow Foot Soup. Never saw that before.

We got to meet Robert through his brother, Toby, a partner in the Fort Davis Drug Store. When we told Toby we were going to Belize he suggested we get in touch with Robert and he would show us around. So we imposed. It was fabulous.

My New Year's resolution is to do more things I haven't done before.

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school news

A FRIEND IN NEED... Colorado FCCLA members, Heather Sturdivant and Lacy Combs made and delivered a lap robe to Kristene Bell.

FCCLA members help elderly

Colorado High School students involved in FCCLA, a leadership club, have been making lap robes and organizers for the elderly in the community. After completion of the projects, students then deliver them as part of the "Friend in Need" program.

Club members received help from Dolores Wood, Jan Lemons and the Kiwanis Club with this project.

Various FCCLA members will enter the Chapter Service Star Event competition at the regional FCCLA meeting in Abilene on Feb. 25.

P.E. Super Stars announced

Hutchinson Elementary has announced the P.E. Super Stars for the third six weeks of the 2004-2005 school year.

Fifth grade - Stephen Flores, Alyssa Bonner, Neal Denson, Angenette Gonzales, Tara Higgins, Alex Salazar, Ashley Alaniz, and Aaron Mendoza.

Fourth grade - Destyne Gaona, Simon Reyes, Kenadee Williams, Shea Duncan, Micah Minkina, Daniel Dillon, Leslie Davila and Aaron Grider.

Third grade - Harlene Blythe, Jonathan Castillo, Allison Burrola, Joe Arguijo, Tori Barrera, Ricky Roman, Alexis Lopez, and R.J. Silva.

Super Stars are chosen each six weeks based on sportsmanship and participation. This six weeks Hutchinson students have concentrated on the sports of football and basketball. Skills that are being practiced are dribbling, ball handling and long jump rope.

The fifth graders' goal on long jump rope is 100 jumps without a miss. Can you do it?

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for January in Westbrook are: (first row, l-r) Gavino Silva and Holly Bradbury; (second row) Casey Bass and Brianna Brown; (third row) Aaron Vicars and Hanna Berber; (fourth row) Johnathan Beaird and Stormi Stephens.

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS did well recently at the Lubbock Coronado UIL Academic Meet. Students, from left, are Nathan Smith, Terah Lelek, Tommie Bocanegra, Carl Ramsey, Catherine Dolan, Nydia Bueno and Diana Bueno. Smith, Lelek and Bocanegra won first in Social Studies team competition, with Smith taking first-place individual honors and Lelek taking second place. Ramsey, Dolan and the Buenos won first in the Spelling Vocabulary team competition, with Diana taking first-place individual honors, Nydia taking fourth place and Dolan taking fifth place. The students' sponsor is Orphie Conner.

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ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
2004 CASH-INSURANCE TRUST FUND				
CASH-CITY NATL. BANK	169,315.69	11,911.56	52,368.43-	128,858.82
FUND TOTALS	169,315.69	11,911.56	52,368.43-	128,858.82
2004 GENERAL				
CASH-CITY NATL. BANK	2,374,862.92	3,025,064.16	3,383,752.19-	2,016,174.89
TEX-POOL	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	2,374,862.92	3,025,064.16	3,383,752.19-	2,016,174.89
2004 SPECIAL REVENUE-SPORTS COMPLEX				
CASH	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	.00	.00	.00	.00
2004 ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIAL				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	1,648,561.07	1,096,458.94	679,309.92-	2,065,710.09
CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL BANK	.00	.00	.00	.00
TEX-POOL	.00	.00	.00	.00
1ST NAT'L CD	90,000.00	.00	.00	90,000.00
FBWT CD ACCOUNT	101,791.20	2,035.35	2,153.47-	101,673.08
FUND TOTALS	1,840,352.27	1,098,494.29	681,463.39-	2,257,383.17
2004 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 1				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	206,874.83	287,788.49	290,128.39-	204,534.93
TEX-POOL	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	206,874.83	287,788.49	290,128.39-	204,534.93
2004 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 2				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	202,661.77	435,880.51	504,834.39-	133,707.89
FUND TOTALS	202,661.77	435,880.51	504,834.39-	133,707.89
2004 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 3				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	200,978.42	285,558.32	294,224.25-	192,312.49
TEX-POOL	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	200,978.42	285,558.32	294,224.25-	192,312.49
2004 ROAD AND BRIDGE-PREC. 4				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	298,120.89	142,885.02	313,263.16-	127,742.75
FUND TOTALS	298,120.89	142,885.02	313,263.16-	127,742.75
2004 PUBLIC LIBRARY				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	130,499.43	71,087.52	119,989.72-	81,597.23
TEX-POOL	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND TOTALS	130,499.43	71,087.52	119,989.72-	81,597.23
2004 LAW LIBRARY				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	5,855.30	4,658.39	7,503.73-	3,009.96
FUND TOTALS	5,855.30	4,658.39	7,503.73-	3,009.96
2004 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	162,374.73	43,950.60	23,670.68-	182,654.65
FUND TOTALS	162,374.73	43,950.60	23,670.68-	182,654.65
2004 BAD CHECK				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	8,973.61	.00	.00	8,973.61
FUND TOTALS	8,973.61	.00	.00	8,973.61
2004 DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	3,006.05	54.99	.00	3,061.04
FUND TOTALS	3,006.05	54.99	.00	3,061.04
2004 CAPITAL PROJECTS				
CASH-CITY NAT'L.	48,979.69	405,342.31	450,190.04-	4,131.96
FUND TOTALS	48,979.69	405,342.31	450,190.04-	4,131.96
2004 PAYROLL CLEARING				
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	.00	.00	.00	.00
CASH-CITY NATIONAL BANK	1,265.81	1,337,749.11	1,337,558.70-	1,456.22
FUND TOTALS	1,265.81	1,337,749.11	1,337,558.70-	1,456.22
2004 TAX CLEARING				
CASH-CITY NATL. BANK	366,775.06	814,872.45	409,859.40-	771,788.11
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FUND TOTALS	366,775.06	814,872.45	409,859.40-	771,788.11
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school news

KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Crockett's first grade class at Kelley Elementary holds a morning meeting daily where students practice counting, days of the week and colors in English, Spanish and Latin. Students in Mrs. Crockett's class include: (back row, l-r) Rion Maxwell, Hazel Gonzales, Jeff Rodriguez, Sebastian Martinez, Ben McQuirk, Jonathan Casares; (middle row) Kassady Groebl, Cameron Davidson, Robert Parras, Javon Walthall; (front row) Juanita Arizmendi, Caleb Chaney, Donndric Jones, Jalessa Williams, Anthony Alvarez and Kaedan Molina.

HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are (l-r) Manuel Bueno, Raegan Costabile, and Jeffrey Hickson.

Students of week named

Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Manuel Bueno, Raegan Costabile and Jeffrey Hickson.

Manuel is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. His parents are Manuel and Maria Bueno. He has a cat named Popper. His favorite subject is reading. His favorite thing about Hutchinson is playing at the big playground.

Raegan is a fourth grader in Mrs. Weaver's class. Her parents are Amanda and Ryan Costabile. Her hobby is playing softball. Her favorite subject is spelling. Her favorite thing aboug Hutchinson if going to P.E. and playing with Coach A.

Jeffrey is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. His parents are Tonya and Randy Cooper. His hobby is playing golf. His favorite subject is reading and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is going on AR trips.

A student from each grade level is chosen weekly as the student of the week, and a picture is placed in the newspaper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teachers. The student receives a "dog tag" necklace imprinted with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.

SCHOOL MENUS

Kelley and Hutchinson Elementary, Headstart and Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Staff development day

Tuesday - Toast and jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Powder French toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Sausage w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley and Hutchinson Elementary and Headstart Lunch Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Staff development day.

Tuesday - Beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Spaghetti w/meat, sweet peas, garlic toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - Nacho grande, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - Wolf burger Frnech fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Lunch Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Staff development day

Tuesday - Chef salad w/chicken, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chef salad w/ham, grilled ham n cheese, turkey n noodles, mashed potatoes, golden corn, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.

Thursday - Mexican bean salad, chili dog, nacho grande, pinto beans, Spanish rice, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - Garden salad, wolf burger basket, French fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Staff development day

Tuesday - Dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, waffle w/syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Lunch Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Staff development day

Tuesday - Chef salad with chicken, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chef salad with ham, turkey n noodles, mashed potatoes, golden corn, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.

Thursday - Mexican bean salad, nacho grande, pinto beans, Spanish rice, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - Garden salad, wolf burger basket, French fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Loraine School Breakfast Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Sausage biscuit, juice, jelly, milk.

Wednesday - Pancakes syrup, fruit, milk.

Thursday - Pizza, juice, milk.

Friday - Funnel cake, fruit, milk.

Loraine School Lunch Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Pizza pockets, corn on cob, salad dressing, apples, milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/meat, English peas, carrot salad, bread sticks, shape-up, milk.

Wednesday - Fish portions, macaroni w/cheese, green beans, bread, peaches, milk.

Thursday - Burritos w/cheese, okra, beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday - Grilled cheese sandwich, french fries, corn, pickles, ketchup, Rice Krispy bar, milk.

Westbrook School Breakfast Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Sausage n blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook School Lunch Menu
Feb. 7-11

Monday - Oven fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, chocolate pudding cups, milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/meatsauce, black-eyed peas, scalloped potatoes, fruit cups, garlic bread, milk.

Wednesday - Homemade hotdogs w/cheese, corn, pear halves, milk.

Thursday - Tacos w/cheese, salsa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peaches, milk.

Friday - Bologna, pimento cheese, peanut butter, turkey salad sandwiches, French fries, pork n beans, vanilla pudding cups, milk.

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Fitness awards given

Sixty-four Hutchinson Elementary students received fitness awards after taking the fitness test in the fall.

Students are tested on speed, flexibility and endurance. The six tests are the one-mile run, 50-yard dash, site search, climbing rope, two-minute sit-ups and standing jump.

Those students who earned awards are:

Third grade - Alison Burrola, Douglas Garcia, Marissa Molina, Alicia Orozco, Tanner Bruington, Josh Sutton, Adrian Ausbie, Maricela Espinoza, Shirley Hemphill, Heather Merket, Mary Campbell, Felipe Garcia, Taylor Griffith, Rene Hernandez, Draven Valverde, Jay Williams, Rankin Bullard, Sarena Lujan, Latysha Richardson, Cody Tolle.

Fourth grade - Mark Henderson, Corbin Castillo, Sean Williamson, Alfredo Bueno, Shea Duncan, Darian Lendermon, Whitney Ortiz, Jacob Rizo, Samantha Thomson, Sebastian Turner, Kenadee Williams, Amber Espinoza, Corbin Lewis, Jacqueline Mendoza, Micah Minkina, Ashlea Stone, Leslie Davila, Elsa Garcia, Robbie Gonzales, Brittany Vasquez.

Fifth grade - Luis Garcia, Tylor Lorenz, Kaley Molina, Kendra Tillis, Bethany Blassingame, Colton Cannon, Alexia Espinoza, Derek Gainey, Tyler Hammond, Casie Lemons, Reba Williams, Heather Barrera, Megan Bullard, David Gloria, Cody Walker, Ashley Alaniz, Benny Jones, Xavien Lenard, Lauran Meeks, Ann Marie Morrison, Ross Salmon, Tanner Spraberry, Ashlee Von Hassell, and Frankie Gaona.

Reily ranked Eagle Scout

Chris Reily achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 18, 2004, just prior to his fifteenth birthday.

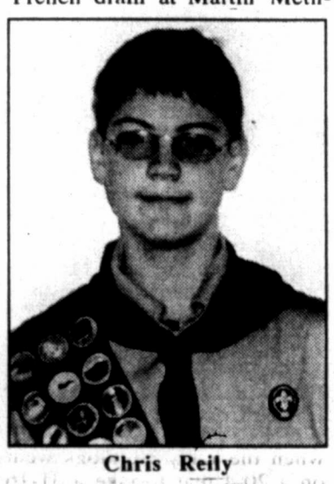
Chris is a member of Troop 250 in Bedford and has been an active scout for almost four years. He participated in week-long High Adventure camps in Texas and Colorado. Last summer he canoed over 65 miles through northern Minnesota and Canada.

Chris is active in his community, his church and is a member of the Harwood Honors Band.

As a service project last summer, Chris installed a French drain at Martin Methodist Church. He worked mowing lawns and babysitting to fund the project.

Chris plans to remain active in the scouting program and his troop.

Chris is the son of Bill and Jackie Reily of Bedford and the grandson of Bob and Charlene Reily of Colorado City and Mel and Colleen Palmer of Abilene.



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record sports

Wolves drop third game in a row with loss to Anson

Hopes for a playoff spot in basketball this season for the Colorado Wolves took a dark turn last Friday night in Anson when the league-leading Tigers defeated the Wolves by a score of 49-40.

The Wolves jumped off to a 19-8 first quarter lead, but the lead had been narrowed down to 25-23 at the half.

Anson outscored the Wolves 11-7 in the third period, taking their first lead of the game at 28-27, finishing the quarter up by two points at 34-32.

Anson closed out the game with a 15-8 fourth quarter run to solidify the win.

Cyrus Goodman led the Wolves with 15 points while Henry Reyna put up 10 points to also make double figures.

Nolan Frizzell nailed two treys in rolling up eight points.

The loss drops the Wolves into a tie with Stamford for fourth place in District 4-2A standings, both with 2-3 records.

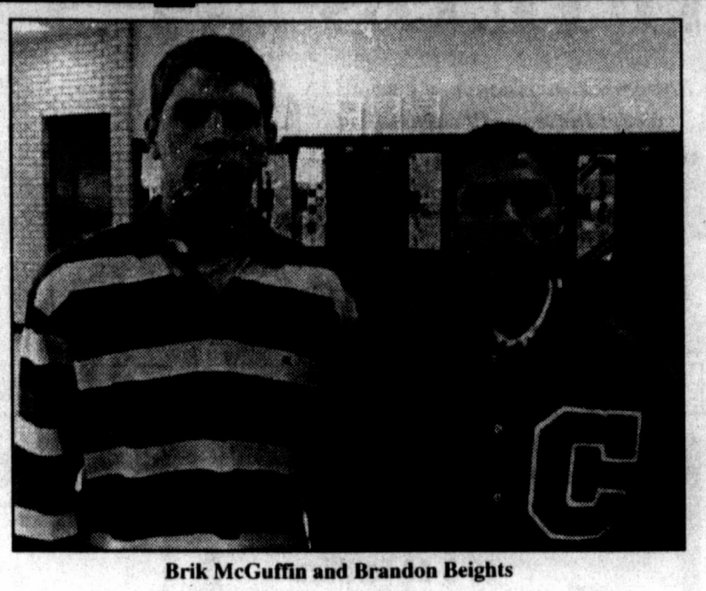
The Lady Wolves lost to the Lady Tigers of Anson by a score of 66-49.

Anson took a 25-9 first quarter lead before the Lady Wolves cut the margin to 42-22 at the half.

At the end of three quarters the Lady Tigers were up by a score of 58-33. The last quarter went to Anson by a slim margin of 18-16.

Sophomore Jessica Castillo popped 18 points in leading the Lady Wolves with Brittany Hill canning 7.

The Lady Wolves district mark moves to 0-7 on the season.



Brik McGuffin and Brandon Beights

Three Wolves football players selected for All-State team

Three Colorado Wolves have been named honorable mention all-state for their football skills.

Named were senior Hann Ollison at wide receiver, junior Brik McGuffin at quarterback, and Brandon Beights at a defensive back slot.

These three played a huge role in the Wolves making it to the third round of the state playoffs, and a 10-3 season record.

Stamford upsets Wolves, 62-56

After winning their first two district games, the Colorado Wolves fell prey to the upset minded Stamford Bulldogs last Tuesday when the visitors came from behind to claim a 62-56 win.

The Wolves took the first quarter with a 16-12 run before going into the second half of play with a 23-22 margin.

The third quarter belonged to Stamford who went on a 19-9 run that put them ahead 41-32. The Wolves closed out the game on a 24-21 fourth quarter split.

Nolan Frizzell had 15 points off the bench, canning five treys on only 8 attempts. Hann Ollison added 14 points while Cyrus Goodman had 12 points in the second half after going scoreless in the first half.

The Wolves district record moved to 2-1 with the loss.

In the girls game Stamford took a 56-29 win over the Lady Wolves who moved to 0-5 in district play.

The Lady Wolves ended the first quarter ahead by a score of 12-11. That early lead was erased in the second quarter when the Lady Bulldogs went on a 20-4 tear to take a 31-16 lead into the locker room at the half.

The run continued in the third quarter with Stamford outscoring the Lady Wolves 12-4 for a 43-20 lead. The final quarter went to Stamford by a 13-9 count.

Whitney Merket led the Lady Wolves with 10 points while Brittany Hill added 7.

C-City JV Red loses to Stanton

The Colorado Wolves JV basketball team came up a little short last Monday when Stanton defeated them by a score of 38-29.

Wendell Ramsey led the Wolves with 12 points while Greg Rodriquez added 9 which included a trey.

The Wolves trailed 14-8 at the end of the first quarter, and 20-16 at the half.

Stanton led 23-20 at the end of three quarters of play.

"These kids played a hard fought battle," said coach Harold Sowa. "Their skills are improving with each game. We came out playing pressure basketball and ended up falling short. I am very proud of them."

CMS girls lose to Forsan girls

The CMS 7th Grade "A" and "B" team girls lost to Forsan in games played Monday night.

The "A" team lost 22-8 while the "B" team lost 23-7.

Inez Salinas had 4 points in leading the "B" team.

The 8th grade girls lost their game with Forsan by a score of 38-13.

Diesha Smith had 7 points while Amber Campos put up 6.

Wildcats keep pace with Roby for district title

The Westbrook Wildcats kept pace with the Roby Lions for the district basketball title Friday night with a 59-50 win over the Blackwell Hornets.

Both Westbrook and Roby were tied for first place with identical 6-1 district marks after Friday nights play.

Westbrook fell behind the Hornets 13-11 after one quarter of play, but the Wildcats came back with a 24-18 second quarter run to take a 35-31 half time lead.

Both teams came out cold in the third quarter, scoring only five points each to leave the score in favor of Westbrook 40-36.

The Wildcats finished the last quarter by outscoring Blackwell 19-14.

Josiah Hannon was high point man with 14 points while Jared Matlock, Jordan Johnson, and Trey Chavez all contributed 12 points.

The Wildcats season record now moves to 11-3.

The Lady Wildcats were also successful, defeating the Blackwell girls by a score of 67-39.

The Lady Wildcats started on a tear, running up a 26-6 first quarter lead. By halftime the lead was up to 38-12.

Blackwell put up a little more fight in the second half with the Westbrook girls only garnering a 16-15 edge in the third quarter. The final quarter went to Westbrook by a slim 13-12 margin.

Allison Bray scored 17 points in leading the Lady Wildcats while Codi Waldrep added 15. Lauren Johnson also was in double figures with 12.

Lady Wolf powerlifters place 3rd

The Colorado Lady Wolves placed third out of a field of 10 teams competing at the Coahoma powerlifting meet held last Saturday.

Felicia Franco grabbed first place honors in the 123's weight class while Ebony Walthall took a second place in the 148's. Krystal Phariss also took a second place in the 220's weight category.

Toni Diaz added a third place finish in the 181's class while Donnica Fowler placed fourth in the 148's division.

Brien Toombs led the boys division with a third place finish in the 114's class with Nathan Hawkins taking a fourth place in the 123's weight class. All-District football player Michael Luera also took a fourth in the 148's classification while David Arispe grabbed a fifth place in the 123's weight class.

The next meet for the CHS boys and girls will be on February 10th in Anson.

Wolves varsity tennis team defeats Sweetwater

The Colorado Wolves tennis team racked up a 6-4 win over the Sweetwater Mustang squad in action played on January 25 in Sweetwater.

Taking wins were Veronica Quiroz who won her match 8-5, Theresa Molina who won 8-3, and Catherine Dolan who won 8-3.

The doubles team of Quiroz and Brittany Farquhar won their match 8-5 while the team of Molina-Dolan lost by a score of 8-1.

Bo Parham won an 8-6 decision in boys singles while Tristan Hanks won his match by a score of 8-5.

The doubles team of Hanks-Parham lost 3-8 while the team of Ryan Denson-Michael Chambers fell by a score of 3-8. They also lost another match by a score of 0-8.

The JV squads lost by a score of 0-13.

Playing for the JV team were Lili Reyes, Dara Kelly, Marisa Arispe, and Sidney Johnson in the girls singles. Reyes-Kelly lost in doubles matches as did the team of Arispe-Johnson.

STANDINGS

BOYS BASKETBALL
District 4-2A

	District W-L	Overall W-L
Anson	5-0	16-7
Coahoma	4-1	17-8
C-City	2-3	11-12
Stanton	2-3	11-11
Stamford	2-3	12-12
Hawley	0-5	8-19

GIRLS BASKETBALL
District 4-2A

	District W-L	Overall W-L
Anson	6-1	16-9
Stamford	6-1	17-11
Coahoma	4-3	9-14
Hawley	3-4	9-19
Stanton	2-5	11-14
C-City	0-7	2-25

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REQUEST FOR BIDS - The City of Colorado City is seeking sealed bids for an Outdoor Aerosol Mosquito Spraying System. Sealed bids may be hand delivered to the City Hall at 180 West 3rd, Colorado City, Texas 79512 or mailed to P.O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. All sealed bids shall be received at the City Hall by 12:00 Noon on February 25th, 2005. Bids will then be opened at 1:30 p.m. on February 25th, 2005 at the office of the City Secretary. Bids received after the due date will not be considered. Sealed bids shall include (1) original and (7) copies. The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked Bids for Outdoor Aerosol Mosquito Spraying System. Bids will then be considered by the City Council at their next regular meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 8th, 2005 at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids or to negotiate a contract with the apparent successful bidder.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF MITCHELL

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of WILMA JEAN McKENNEY, deceased, late of Mitchell County, Texas, by C. RAY MAYO, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 24th day of January, 2005, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to JOYCE MARIAM McCLURE, 7230 CR 238, Colorado City, Texas 79512, within the time prescribed by law.
EXECUTED this 24th day of January, 2005.
JOYCE MARIAM McCLURE,
Independent Executrix of the
Estate of WILMA JEAN McKENNEY, deceased

BID REQUEST

Mitchell County Commissioners Court will receive sealed bids at the Office of the County Judge or County Auditor until 9:00 a.m., February 28, 2005 for one (1) Sheriff's Office vehicle.
Specifications are available at the Office of the County Auditor or Sheriff. Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and/or waive any and all formalities.

LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission scratch-off games will close on March 2, 2005. You have until August 29, 2005, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#446 WEEKLY GRAND** ($2) overall odds are 1 in 4.56, **#453 TRIPLER BINGO** ($2) overall odds are 1 in 4.05, **#454 $35,000 CROSSWORD** ($3) overall odds are 1 in 3.12, **#474 VEGAS NIGHTS** ($10) overall odds are 1 in 3.29, **#477 LIFE IN THE CASH LANE** ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.07, **#490 WILD 8'S** ($1) overall odds are 1 in 4.77. In addition, **#499 SET FOR LIFE** ($10) with overall odds of 1 in 3.49 will close March 14, 2005. Players have until September 10, 2005, to redeem any tickets for the **SET FOR LIFE** game. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including $599. Prizes of $600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over $999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at **1-800-37-LOTTO** or visit the Lottery Web site at **www.txlottery.org** for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. Play Responsibly. Remember, it's just a game. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education by contributing to the Foundation School Fund.

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Applications are now being accepted at Lake Colorado City State Park for the following summer part-time positions: Clerk I, Custodian I and Maintenance Assistant. Duties vary according to position and complete job descriptions can be obtained at Park headquarters or at www.tpwd.state.tx.us. For more information call 325-728-3931 or come by park headquarters in person to pick up application forms. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm on Feb. 15, 2005.

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loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Hi readers. I hope you had a good week while staying warm and dry.

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February came in like a cold lion and I hope it goes out like a lamb, a warm lamb.

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Glenda Haltom says Edgar is scheduled to have a knee replacement surgery on February 14. Edgar has planted 20 bunches of onions. While he is recuperating he can watch his onions grow if it gets warm enough. We wish him a speedy recovery and a good crop of onions.

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Teresa and Johnny Hughes of Dalhart spent the week with her mother, Charlene Walker.

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Connie Harshaw and her daughter Sam returned home Sunday after staying three days in Ft. Worth for the fat stock show in Ft. Worth. Sam showed her boer goat and came in 19th out of 75 entries.

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Diane Sanders said last week that recently she had traveled to Dallas and to Waco with her husband Jim in his new truck. It was comfortable and exciting, she reported.

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Etta G. Williams and her family surprised her husband Isiah (Ike) with a birthday party last Sunday.

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The tax man cameth and he tooketh away far away on a cold damp day.

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First Baptist Church of Loraine hosted a fifth Sunday singing last Sunday evening. Coming together were Loraine United Methodist and New Life Ministeries members and guests along with the host church. A nice crowd attended and enjoyed the singing by several different artists. After the program, a refreshment and social event also took place.

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I spoke with Addie Mahony last week. She is still having a difficult time with her speaking voice but no pain. She is upbeat and doing well. I should say she stays in a friendly upbeat manner.

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If that little groundhog sees his shadow Wednesday, I would like to give him a little spanking. Six more weeks of damp and freezing weather is on a low scale of index happiness.

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Betty Chandler reported that she enjoyed working at city hall two days last week while Connie Harshaw went to the Ft. Worth Stock Show with her daughter.

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Maz Webb kept her little four year old granddaughter all week last week. She and her family live in Stephenville. Maz met them in Abilene to shorten their trip. She said her granddaughter was no trouble at all and she and Linton Ray enjoyed her so much.

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Singers at 5th Sunday singing included Danny Butler, Roland Graham accompanied by Keifer Cauble, Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams, New Life Ministries adult group and the childrens group. Lillie Funderburg and friend, Ken Northcutt sang and played piano. They all did such a nice job of singing.

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Let me know if I left anyone out, I will add them at a later date.

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Gerrie and Dub Woodell had guests to visit last week. Gerrie's sister, Joyce Honeycutt of Benton, Ark., along with her daughter, Tracy and husband plus their daughter as well. They stayed three days with the Woodells.

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Forrest Hubbard, (Gerrie Woodell's brother), fell and broke a hip and had surgery Monday at Hendrick in Abilene. We hope he does well and has a speedy recovery.

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It was good to speak with Debbie Young this week to find that she had a call from her husband Monday, January 31. He is still in Baghdad. He is safe at this time. We will continue to pray for all the service men and women safety.

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I learned last week that the first chewing gum in this country was Bees Wax and Tree Sap. If you ever have a test on the above information you will be prepared.

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Paula's Chicken Stew

3 cups of cooked chicken (cut into bite size)
1 can tomatoes
1 can creamed corn
3 tsp liquid smoke
1 cup diced onion
1 T vinegar
1/2 cup ketchup
1/2 cup barbeque sauce
1/4 cup sugar
Seasonings of your choice
Worschestshire Sauce
1 qt. of chicken stock

Sautee onions in 1/4 cup oil and 1/4 cup of butter. Add all other ingredients and simmer for 35 minutes.

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Senior Center

Last Monday, Monday, January 24, bingo was played before lunch.

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We had a nice birthday dinner last Wednesday, chicken with dressing and trimmings. Debbie and Judy gave a musical program.

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Ken Northcutt was kind enough to come give his musical program last Friday.

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Sweetwater line dancers came over and cut up some didoes on the dance floor Monday, January 31.

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Visitors to the center last week were, Peggy and Ray Harmon of Greenville, Barbara and Darrell Bennett of Littlefield, Falris Moore, Myrtle Lee of Big Spring and Corine Martinez of Midland.

Loraine boys defeat Trent, girls lose

The Loraine boys shut down the Trent Gorillas last Friday night in action played at Trent while the girls went down in defeat.

The boys outscored Trent 25-11 in the first half of play before jumping to a 43-26 third quarter lead. In the last quarter both teams scored 15 points in the Bulldogs 58-41 win.

Michael Walker scored 24 points to lead the Bulldogs with freshman Derrick Martinez adding 10 to the count.

The JV boys also came away with a win, defeating Trent by a score of 38-24.

The Loraine girls were not as lucky, losing to the Trent Lady Gorillas by a score of 58-39.

Trent led 12-8 at the end of the first quarter before going into the half with a lead of 27-19 over Loraine.

Trent increased the lead to 46-25 at the end of three quarters with a 19-6 run. The last quarter belonged to Loraine as they outscored Trent 14-12.

April Bailey had 22 points for Loraine with Erin Coffey adding 8 points to the total.

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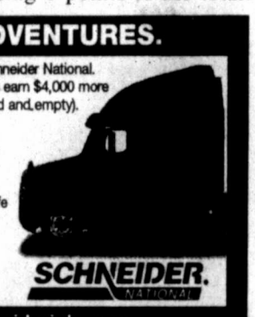

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Loraine girls coach used to winning

She may not have a college degree, and she may just be a teacher's aide, but one thing for sure, she knows how to coach young girls.

After coaching the high school JV basketball girls team last season coach Gloria Lucas was asked to head up the junior high school girls basketball and track programs.

To say she has been successful at it would be an understatement.

Though she had to miss the teams final game against Ira Monday night due to another commitment, the team finished up on a winning note with a strong win which gave the team a season record of 14-2. Head high school girls coach Jeff Stockton had the honors of getting the final "W" of the season for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lucas, a 1980 graduate of Loraine High School, was quite an athlete in high school, participating in basketball, track, and volleyball. She won regional in the 200-meter dash her senior year of high school.

While her daughter Heather and son Ryan were growing up her and her husband Rick were kept busy coaching little dribblers, summer league girls softball, and baseball.

She has always had a love for the coaching field, and husband Rick has always supported and encouraged her endeavors. He coached the junior high boys team to a 12-4 record this season.

Both Heather, a 2002 Loraine graduate, and Ryan, a 2004 Loraine grade who played football last fall for McMurry University, were both outstanding athletes during their high school days and both are considering going into the coaching field after their college days.

It seems to run in the family!

Roby Lions dominate Loraine teams

The Roby Lions came and conquered last Friday night when they visited Loraine, taking both varsity games as well as the JV boys game.

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs fell behind 20-5 at the end of the first quarter before going into the lockers at half trailing 44-23.

The third quarter also went to Roby by a margin of 24-7, giving Roby a 68-30 lead going into the final quarter. A final quarter run of 14-8 put the Lady Bulldogs away by a score of 82-38.

April Bailey had 18 points for Loraine.

The Loraine boys could not do much better, falling behind 22-10 at the end of the first quarter, and 37-21 at the half.

Roby owned the last quarter 16-10 in the 70-41 rout of the Bulldogs.

Michael Walker led Loraine with 13 points while Marcus Williams added 8.

The JV boys lost to Roby by a score of 48-38.

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