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Answerline

Q. When is the latest census figures going to be released?
A. According to a spokesman with the Census Bureau in Washington, they will be posted on the internet Thursday, December 28 at www.census.gov.

Briefly

Account Opened

An account has been opened for Neal and Sue Hawley at City National Bank to deflect costs since their house burned.

CHS Student Council

The Colorado High School Student Council is asking the community for donations to send a representative with the Texas Delegation to the National Association of Student Councils convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 27-July 2. If you are interested, mail donations to CHS Student Council, 1500 Lone Wolf Blvd, Colorado City, TX 79512.

Skate Night

Calvary Baptist Church will be sponsoring Skate Night this Friday, December 29 at the Wallace Center for kids ages K-8th grade. A snack bar is available. Entry fee is \$5 per child.

Chester Morris account

There has been an account at First Bank of West Texas in Loraine set up to off-set the medical expenses of Chester Morris.

Birth Certificates

Certified copies of birth certificates for anyone born in Texas can be obtained at the Mitchell Co. Clerk's office. The cost is \$11 each.

Immunizations offered

The Community Health Clinic, 1602 Chestnut, will give immunizations on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Family Planning will be at the clinic the second Tuesday of each month. Also, prenatal classes are still available free of charge for anyone interested.

Deaths

**Buchanan,
Chinn,
Etheredge,
Joyce, Long,
McCabe,
Pigott**

Around Town

Happy anniversary **Frank and Jessica Bassham** (Dec. 29)... Happy birthday **Kristi Hartwick** (Jan. 2)... Happy birthday **Rosendo Gonzales, Jr.**... Happy birthday **Craig Ginkinger** (Jan. 1)... Happy anniversary **Scott and Robbie Free**... Happy anniversary **Manuel DeLoera** (Jan. 2)...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2062.57'
Full at 2,070.30'
Down 7.07'
Lake Champion.....2037.92'
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Down 44.98'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2000

Black ice makes I-20 treacherous

Oddly accompanied by thunder and lightning between 4 and 6 a.m. Tuesday, an ice laden Arctic front slammed into Mitchell County and made roads and highways so treacherous that motorists were advised not to leave home at all if they could avoid it.

Holiday travelers on Interstate 20 initially did not slow down when the sun came up on black ice Monday morning, and they ran into scores of minor and more serious accidents here and in neighboring counties.

Many had sought shelter in motels and roadside parks by the end of the day, and what traffic there was proceeded much more cautiously on the big highway Tuesday.

State highway department crews abandoned comfortable Christmas surroundings and went to work at first light Monday, salting and graveling the interstate and Mitchell County state highways and farm to market roads in shifts that ran around the clock.

Black ice develops when ice melts and then refreezes, leaving a thin and often imperceptible layer of ice on the road.

It's so slippery that even drivers who are aware of it and cut their speed to 15 or 20 mph still may find themselves in the ditch.

A National Weather Service forecaster in Midland said the phenomenon of thunder and lightning in the midst of a snow storm is sometimes seen in the North and Northeast but rarely in Texas.

"They call it thunder snow," said Douglas Cain.

"Basically, you get enough lift of the moisture to generate a convective storm, or one with lightning. If you lift it high enough, you can get thunderstorms.

"It's a fairly rare event. It happens, but not very often in Texas."

Cain said the front was centered in an easterly progressing upper level low pressure system over New Mexico, and the freezing rain, sleet and snow were spinning counter clockwise toward the northeast.

It is expected to be mostly out of the area by Thursday.

West Central Texas was covered with two inches of snow and sleet Tuesday morning while the Lubbock and Gaines County areas had four to five inches, he said.

Another two to four inches were expected here Tuesday and Tuesday night.

Temperatures were to hit the low 20's again Wednesday night, by daytime highs will reach 35 degrees Wednesday and the upper 40's under part-

ly cloudy skies Thursday.

Nighttime readings will stay in the 20's through the weekend, but daytime temperatures are expected to be around 50 on Friday and Saturday and in the 50's on Sunday and New Year's Day.

Texas Department of Transportation crews started their trucks at 8 a.m. Monday, Christmas Day, and worked 12 hour shifts around the clock to put rock salt and gravel on bridges on Interstate 20, North and South Hwy. 208, Hwy. 163 south to Sterling County, East and West Hwy. 80 through Colorado City and FM 1229 from I-20 to Hwy. 350 in the far northwestern corner of the county.

"Nearly all the bridges are pretty bad," said TxDOT employee Scott Free Tuesday morning. "There is lots of black ice."

"It's pretty slick. You just better watch it because about the time you get comfortable, it's going to bite you."

Free said 16 TxDOT employees, working two per truck in four trucks, were starting to use an expensive chemical called Meltdown 20 as a supplement to the rock salt and gravel.

"We're going to try it on the big bridge at Loraine," he said.

Pregnant women hurt in highway crackups

Two pregnant women were involved in separate traffic accidents Monday morning on the Interstate 20 bridge at Loraine.

They were two of seven wrecks investigated on Christmas Day morning by Department of Public Safety Trooper Donald Wilks, and half a dozen more were reported by Trooper Carlos Diaz Monday afternoon and early evening around the same location -- the infamous Mile Marker 226 at the bridge.

Driver Christie Wells, 20, of Terrace, Okla., and 38 year old Earl Wells of Oklahoma City were westbound at 8:30 a.m. when their Jeep Grand Cherokee spun out of control on black ice and rolled once.

Mrs. Wells, reportedly six months pregnant, and Earl Wells were taken by Mitchell County EMS to the county hospital in Colorado City.

Mrs. Wells was treated for an ankle sprain and Earl Wells for bruised ribs, and both were released.

Trooper Wilks was assisted by Deputy Sheriff Darrell Campbell and members of the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department.

"We had some ice on the bridge this morning, and nobody wanted to slow down," Wilks said.

"We saw two of them happen."

Brian Ward, 21, of Big Spring and his wife Amy were eastbound at 7:45 a.m. when their 1988 Ford F-150 extended cab pickup slid into the concrete median and came to rest on the shoulder and right hand lane.

Suffering a bruised collarbone, Mrs. Ward was treated and released at the county hospital. She was also reported to be pregnant, although not as advanced as Mrs. Wells.

Other wrecks in the same area included fender benders in which a pickup rear-ended a Postal Service truck at 8:15 a.m., another when a car hit the guard rail and blew out a tire at 9:45 a.m. and three when vehicles slammed into guard rails but were able to drive away.

TDCJ multipurpose building planned



TDCJ BUILDING PLANNERS Ron Goebel and Jan Lemons updated county commissioners on the intention of a group of local citizens to have a multipurpose building constructed between the Wallace and Ware Unit prisons. In the background are County Clerk Debby Carlock, Bobby Lemons of the Board of Economic Development and Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

Museum crew to arrive in Jan. with prehistoric bison display

The Heart of West Texas Museum is seeking contributions for the prehistoric bison exhibit that is coming here in late January.

A crew from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science will be arrive on Jan. 30 or 31 to put the replicated bison in the central first floor of the 340 E. Third St. museum.

The museum and city are paying \$10,500 for it, and it will be a permanent exhibit -- seven feet tall at the shoulder and 10 1/2 feet long.

City Manager Steve Shutt said the Denver museum is in

the process of completing the replica of the ancient buffalo whose remains were found east of the East Hwy. 80 bridge on the south bank of Lone Wolf Creek in the summer of 1924.

The City Council has appropriated \$3,500 to remodel the museum and make room for the bison.

The city and museum have the \$10,500 in hand and are making payments to Denver. However, Shutt said contributions are needed to replenish museum funds.

Fuller Foods Thriftway owner Virginia Fuller gave \$5,000

in memory of her late husband Raymond, and other donations have been made.

Shutt said a number of other displays will have to be moved to make room for the bison, some of them to the upstairs.

"The interior room will be redone, and the movement and reorientation of the other displays will be made so that when you walk into the museum, you can walk in a certain direction and see different periods of the history of the Colorado City area, culminating with the bison as the grand finale," he said.

Two key figures in a local group's ambition to build a multipurpose building between the Wallace and Ware Unit prisons Friday said their plans are nearing fruition.

Showing a floor plan of the 50 by 150 foot prefabricated steel building, Goebel said they expect to break ground as early as late January.

It will also have a 20 by 50 foot area on one side and offer 8,500 square feet of floor space for counseling, classes and spiritual activities, he said.

The county has agreed to do the "dirt work" preparatory to laying the foundation, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Bill Preston of Loraine commented, "I guess we're ready when you're ready."

"How much notice would you need?" Goebel asked.

"Thirty minutes would be enough," said Commissioner Preston, chuckling with the rest

of the five man court.

The commissioners will send a front end loader, a bulldozer, a roadgrader and a composter for the two day job, along with eight road and bridge crewmen for a total expenditure of \$8,080, Ms. Lemons said.

Citizens may establish a memorial for a loved one with a donation.

Goebel said the last remaining step is for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to approve his bid documents and that bids can then be sought.

Referring to the multipurpose building group as "volunteers," the TDCJ has given it a design criteria manual to follow, specifying slopes, gradings, drainage and other requirements.

No court action was needed Friday because the panel had

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Preparations underway for livestock exhibition

One of Mitchell County's liveliest events, the 64th Annual 4-H and FFA Livestock Show, will run Jan. 11-13 in the County Fairgrounds' agricultural show barns off West Hwy. 80.

As much as an exhibition of the county's best cattle, swine, sheep and goats, it's a social event where families and leading citizens gather to watch bright eyed children and teenagers display their showmanship skills and vie for blue ribbons and bonus money.

Last year's late Saturday afternoon premium sale produced a surprising \$39,500 for the youngsters.

Show officials had expected no more than \$32,000.

Weigh ins will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the barns, where all animals have to be inside by 6.

With judges circling and exhibitors leading and prodding their animals to alertness in brightly lit arenas, it starts with the steer show at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, and continues with the swine show at 7.

The goat show is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, and the sheep show at 10, followed by the charming Pee Wee Goat Show, when small children are given goats to exhibit and all receive ribbons.

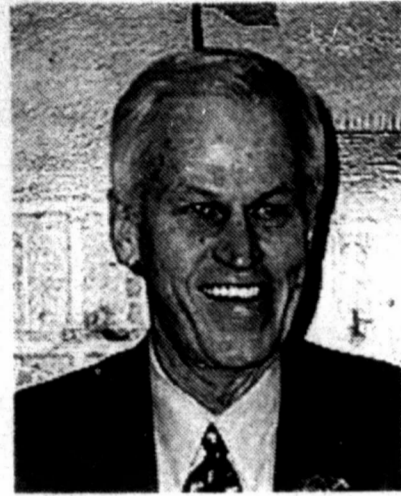
Buyers come from throughout West Central Texas and beyond for refreshments at 5 p.m. Saturday and the premium sale at 6.

Many Mitchell County businesses and organizations contribute, not buying the animals but merely paying bonuses.

Eight steers, a heifer, 140 hogs, 36 sheep and 70 goats
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local news

Bipartisanship is Stenholm's intention for new Congress



Rep. Charles Stenholm

Congressman Charles Stenholm of Abilene was gracious in accepting President elect George W. Bush's nomination of a rival for Secretary of Agriculture last week.

Rep. Stenholm had been endorsed by a number of the nation's leading agriculture groups for the Cabinet post, but President elect Bush nominated former California Secretary of Food and Agriculture Ann Veneman.

"I congratulate Ann Veneman on her nomination as Agriculture Secretary, and, as ranking member of the House

Agriculture Committee, I look forward to working closely with her and the department," he said in a statement issued Wednesday.

"I have been very fortunate to be in a no lose situation. On Nov. 7, a strong majority of the citizens of the 17th Congressional District renewed my contract for the job I have filled for the past 22 years and for which I asked again.

"Then over the past few weeks, I have had a whole different constituency from the agriculture community promoting me for another job that would be an honor as well as a challenge.

"It would be rewarding to receive this kind of support in either of the two situations. To have experienced both over the past six weeks has been humbling and gratifying."

Stenholm, head of the policy committee of the conservative Democratic Blue Dog Coalition in Congress, indicated that he will be willing to cross party lines in the upcoming national legislative session, where the 32 Blue Dogs may often be the "swing vote."

"I am excited about continuing to fight for the many is-

ues important to the 17th District, and I look forward to working in the 107th Congress with the new administration," he said.

"I am convinced that many good things can be accomplished for the people of America if we work to find the common ground which exists among us."

As the senior Democrat on the Agriculture Committee in Washington, D. C., Stenholm will become chairman if the Democrats gain five seats and control of the House of Representatives in the 2002 election.

There will be 221 Republicans, 212 Democrats and two independents in the House when the new Congress convenes in January.

A special election would have been held to replace him if he had been appointed to the Cabinet.

The first hat in the ring would have reportedly been that of Rhome Republican Darrell Clements, who unsuccessfully opposed Stenholm on Nov. 7.

Others who were said to be interested are Granbury Republican Shane Hunt, who lost to Clements in last spring's primary, Abilene City Councilman Rob Beckham, Hardin Simmons University President Lanny Hall, former Abilene Mayor Gary McCaleb and Hendrick Health Systems Vice President Celia Davis.

Rhome is in Wise County near Fort Worth.

Blood mobile coming

United Blood Services will be bringing the blood mobile to Big Spring on Thursday, December 28 from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This community blood drive located in the Walmart parking lot will be aiding Chase Bennett, a patient at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock and resident of Coahoma. Please contact Wilda Langford at 267-3363 for an appointment.

For the persons wanting to donate, they must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than

110 pounds and be in good health. To speed up the interview process as much as possible we also ask for proof of identification and a list of medications that they have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the twelve (12) area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Stabbing checked by cops

A 24 year old Colorado City man suffered two minor stab wounds on his upper right arm in a disturbance investigated at 9:17 a.m. Monday by city police.

Chief of Police Pat Taylor said Christopher Tyrone Emerson was cut with a knife or a broken bottle in an apartment at the Colorado City Apartments on North Hwy. 208.

He was taken in a private vehicle to Mitchell County Hospital, where he was treated and released.

The apartment door had been kicked in," Chief Taylor said, and a suspect identified.

He said the investigation had not been concluded.

A 36 year old Big Spring man was taken into custody for public intoxication by Officer Will Miller at the same apartment complex at 12:05 a.m. Monday after he was reported to be knocking loudly on an apartment door.



FROM THE INMATES, canned food, peanut butter and other items were loaded into Chaplain Wayne Horton's pickup truck just before Christmas for delivery to the Community Mission. Richard Rayfield of Fort Worth, left, and Tony Anderson of Dallas said the food was donated by Wallace Unit inmates from their cells.

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were shown last year.

Show superintendents are Stan McMullen of Loraine for cattle, Gary Don Rich of Westbrook for swine and Donald Smith and Mark Tolle, both of Colorado City, for sheep and goats.

The competitive show is a veritable bonanza for the top exhibitors, especially those who are headed to college.

In addition to the premium sale bonuses for grand champions, reserve grand champions, "Best of Breed" and class winning animals, belt buckles and a scholarship go to youngsters who display good showmanship, industry and sportsmanship.

Cap Rock Electric Cooperative gives a \$500 scholarship, and the Casey Market Memorial Award is a buckle for steer showmanship.

Cap Rock also gives the Top Hand Award Jacket.

The Tommy Stevens Memorial Buckle is for hard work and good sportsmanship and the Robert Cooper Memorial Buckle for the best showmanship of animals in two divisions.

There is a friendly competition among the four youth agriculture organizations in the county -- the Mitchell County 4-H Club and the Loraine, Westbrook and C-City Future Farmers of America chapters based at the public schools.

The 4-H Club is sponsored by the county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Last year's winners included Carlton Johnston of Loraine and the 4-H Club, grand and reserve champion steers; Robin Morris and Nathan Smith, grand and reserve champion lambs; Derick and Kassie Merket, grand and reserve champion hogs; and Mark Sheets

and Kelly Morris, grand and reserve champion goats.

Sheets, a Colorado High School senior and 4-H member who matriculated at Angelo State University in San Angelo, won the Casey Market Award and Cap Rock scholarship.

Jonathan Garcia took the Stevens buckle, Max Graham the Cooper buckle and Crystal Rich the Top Hand Jacket.

Garcia represented the Loraine FFA and Miss Rich the Westbrook FFA.

The Morrises, Merkets and young Smith and Graham are all C-City residents and 4-H Club members.

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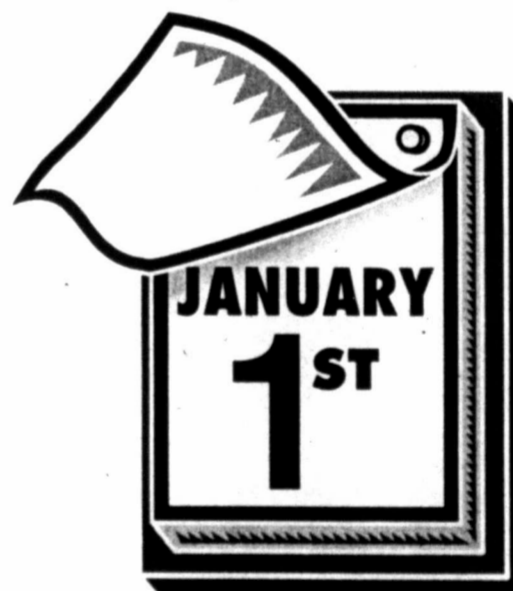
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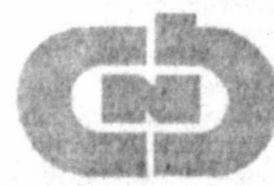


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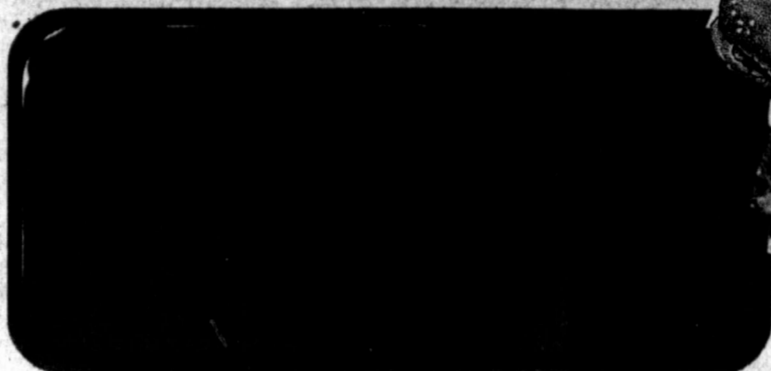
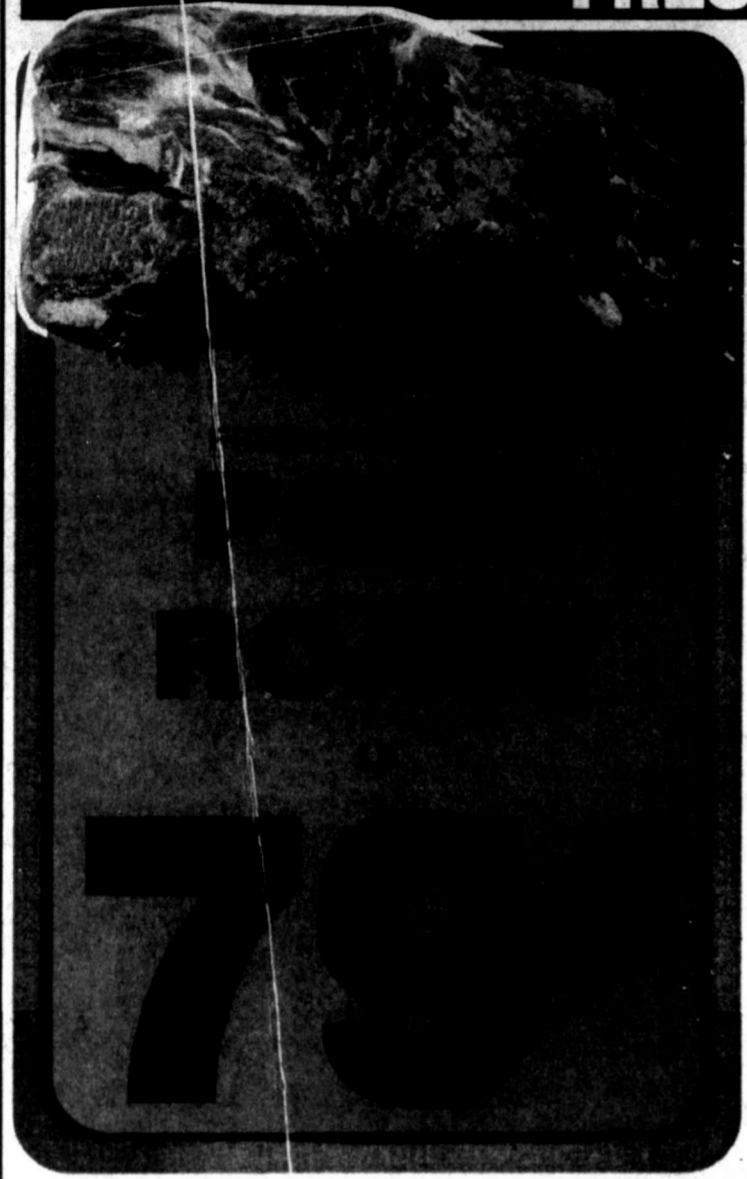
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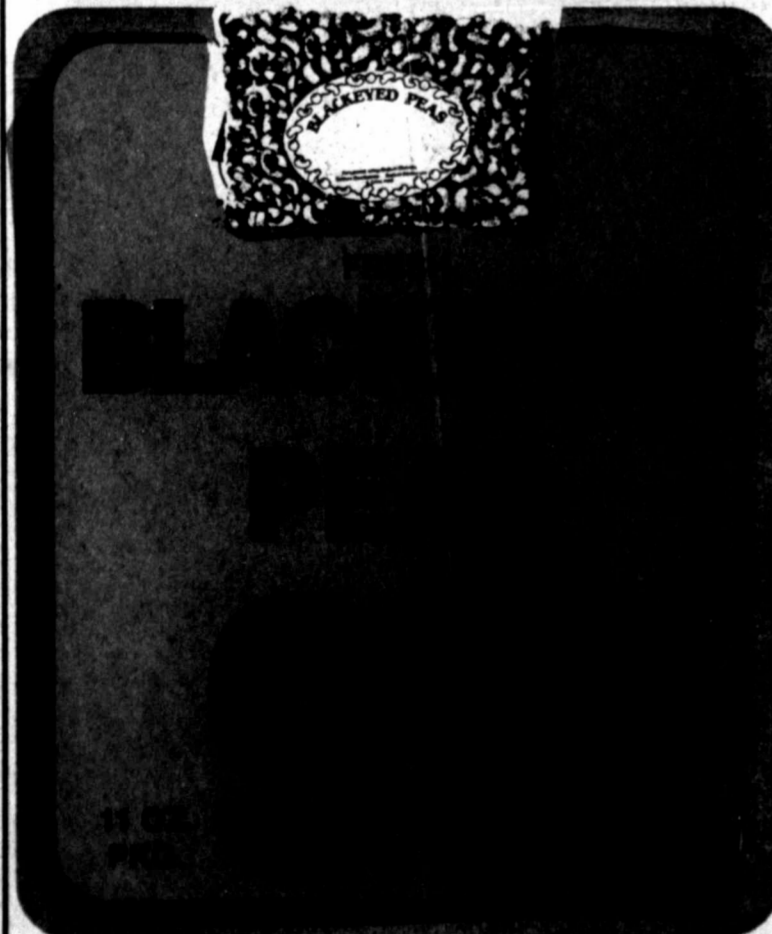
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Center reports child abuse cases



A GENEROUS GIFT of \$1,000 was made to the Tri County Children's Advocacy Center in Sweetwater by the Allstate Foundation, represented by Stan Tucker of Rotan, center. Others are, from left, center representatives and board members Lisa Arnold, Mark Edwards, Sharon Nash, the Rev. Larry Holder and Leigh Ann Erwin.

Serving Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher Counties, the Tri County Children's Advocacy Center in Sweetwater will be able to improve its services with a \$1,000 grant from the Allstate Foundation, says Director Lisa Arnold.

"The number of reported

child abuse victims in rural Texas has increased substantially, but the emotional and medical needs of the victims are not being met," she said.

"With the help of the Allstate Foundation, the center hopes to fill that gap by providing a support system for

child abuse victims and assisting the various agencies that are involved with the investigative, legal and medical processes."

Rotan insurance agent Stan Tucker applied for the grant from the Allstate Foundation, an affiliate of Allstate Insur-

ance Co.

Ms. Arnold accepted it with board members Leigh Ann Erwin of Colorado City, Sharon Nash of Roscoe, the Rev. Larry Holder of Rotan and District Attorney Mark Edwards of Sweetwater, who is the board president.

The center serves the three counties of the 32nd Judicial District and has just completed its first quarter of operations.

It works with city and county law enforcement agencies and refers some cases to the Child Protective Services Agency of the Texas Department of Human Services.

From Sept. 1 through Nov. 30, it handled 57 cases that resulted in criminal investigations -- 12 with the Colorado City Police Department and three with the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

There were two with the Fisher County Sheriff's Office, four with the Nolan County Sheriff's Office, 10 with the Sweetwater Police Department and 26 with Child Protective Services.

Of the 74 children who received services for the first time at the 317 Oak St. center in Sweetwater, 44 were girls and 30 boys, or 60 to 40 percent, Ms. Arnold said.

Three children had continuing services from before Sept. 1.

The ethnic breakdown was 36 white children, 32 Hispanics and four blacks.

Twenty nine were 5 years old and younger, 32 6-12 and 13 13-17.

The largest "category of victimization" was physical abuse, which affected 41 children or 56 percent.

Others were "sexual abuse

and neglect, 14 children each or 36 percent, and both physical and sexual abuse, three children or four percent.

Forty alleged offenders, or 56 percent, were females, compared to 32 males or 45 percent.

Six were juveniles. Thirty five alleged offenders were biological mothers, 17 biological fathers, six other relatives, five step fathers, four boyfriends of mothers, three non-relatives and one step mother.

Other board members are Treasurer Susan Wallis of C-City; Mary Rose Bowen, Bill Crockett and Dorothy Fowler,

all of Lorraine; Frank Cockrell, Dot Harris, Jackie Martin and Nancy Sparks, all of Rotan; and, all of Sweetwater, Vice President Pam Rhodes, Secretary Jim Kelley, Jeanne Brewer, Ruth Ann Campbell, Kathy Kennedy, Gail Lawrence, Peggy Parrott and Dr. Jeremy Smola.

Ms. Arnold said the board is trying to recruit more members because it has lost a few who were unable regularly to attend its 5:30 p.m. meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the center.

She may be reached at 235-1818, which is toll free from C-City.

OIL & GAS NEWS

Showing ability to pump 94 barrels of oil daily, the No. 40 Earl E. Morrison has been brought on line in the Westbrook Field, Mitchell County,

six miles of Westbrook. Chevron U.S.A. is the operator.

Drilled to total depth of 2850 feet, the well will produce from perforations in the Upper Clear Fork Formation.

Production will range from 2433 to 2833 feet into the wellbore.

Pumping oil at the rate of 30 barrels per day on open choke, the No. 2 Biegel has been brought on line in the East Howard Iatan Field, Mitchell County.

Crownquest Operating drilled the well. It probed to 3500 ft bottom and will produce from perfo-

rations ranging from 2529 to 3445 feet into the wellbore.

Drillsite was approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Westbrook.

The No. 28 E.H. Brown "A" has been completed Mitchell County's East Howard Iatan Field approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Westbrook.

Crownquest Operating is the operator.

Crownquest took the hole to a 3470 ft bottom and perforated for crude ranging from 2520 to 3332 feet into the wellbore.

The well showed ability to pump 28 barrels of oil per day on open choke.



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HMO coverage may change

People whose HMO insurance groups are withdrawing from Medicare health insurance coverage on Jan. 1 must meet a March 4 deadline to apply for "Medigap" coverage.

Those who lose Medicare HMO coverage automatically return to original Medicare for basic coverage.

But Medicare has coverage gaps like 2001's \$752 deductible for a hospital stay, a \$100 Medicare Part B deductible and a 20 percent copayment for each doctor's visit.

Federal law gives members of Medicare HMO's who are withdrawing the right to "guaranteed issue" when buying Medicare policies.

Guaranteed issue means an insurance company cannot deny Medigap coverage because of a person's medical condition or health history.

It is also prohibited from imposing a waiting period for coverage of pre-existing medical conditions or charging a higher premium because of a person's health history.

But after March 4, a company can deny a Medigap application because of health problems even if the applicant has recently lost Medicare HMO coverage.

"It is easy, then, to understand the difficulties faced by enrollees losing their coverage at year's end," said Commissioner Jose Montemayor of the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

"This is particularly true because many of them are having to repeat this process for

the second consecutive year. The situation justifies an additional effort to inform enrollees of their options once their plan ceases to cover them."

Commissioner Montemayor said 200,000 Texans will lose their Medicare HMO coverage on Jan. 1.

The department's "Medicare Supplement Insurance Handbook and Rate Guide" lists all companies that sell Medigap insurance in the state, along with their telephone numbers and rates for the 10 standard Medigap plans.

You may get a free copy by calling 1-800-599-7467.

The Texas Health Information, Counseling and Advocacy Program provides free counseling on options to cover costs not paid by Medicare.

The phone number and location of the nearest counselor may be obtained by calling 1-800-252-9240.

Administrator Rick Rickard of the Mitchell County Hospital District said Friday that many HMO's have already been bailing out of covering Medicare recipients because they have not proved sufficiently profitable.

He did not know which ones have and which have not, but he said the top five HMO's who cover people here are HealthSmart, Multiplan, First Care, United Health Care and HMO Blue, which is the Blue Cross affiliated company.

Multiplan operates from Austin while HealthSmart and First Care have Lubbock offices.

Checking Insurance Department records, Austin spokesman Lee Jones said United and HMO Blue "dumped" their Medicare coverage on Jan. 1, 2000, and First Care did so a year before that.

He could not find any information about HealthSmart or Multiplan, but of course anyone who is covered by them should have been notified if their coverage is about to be terminated.

"I hope people will remember that they lose their right to guaranteed issue if they miss the March 4 deadline," Montemayor said in a statewide news release last Thursday.

"Choosing a company and a Medigap plan takes time, so people who aren't joining another Medicare HMO should start shopping as soon as possible."

ARRESTS

Shana D'Lynn Killian, 30, task force, DWLS, 12-19.
 Jerry Don Hatley, 35, task force, DPS warrants, 12-19.
 Robert Licon, 33, task force, DPS warrants, 12-19.
 Frederick Alexander Givens, 28, MCSO, mtr, 12-21.
 Roger Ostrander, 17, THP, DPS warrants Scurry Co., 12-22.
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 Ramon Hernandez Muniz, 23, THP, DWLI, 12-23.
 Robert Ruben Sanchez, 36, CCPD, PI, 12-24.
 David Junior Emerson, 21, THP, Scurry Co. warrants, 12-24.

Wintertime necessitates cautionary measures

With cold weather approaching, now is a good time to take stock around your house so you can be comfortable and safe this winter. Officials at TXU Electric & Gas say that taking a few precautions now can help you keep your house cozy and also save money and energy.

First of all, it is a good idea to have your heating system inspected by a professional technician. This will reduce your chances of equipment failure and will help the unit run more efficiently. You should also replace or clean the filter on your furnace every 30 days.

Economy Issues:
 Inside your house, make sure weather stripping around your doors and windows is in good condition, and replace it if necessary. Also check to see if the attic, basement or crawl space have the recommended level of insulation. In addition,

to take advantage of nature's heat, keep blinds or draperies opened on sunny days to let the sun's warmth in. This is especially important on any windows or glass doors receiving direct sunlight. And conserve energy by keeping doors and windows closed when the heater is on.

Space Heaters:
 If you have a space heater, remove any cobwebs, dust or dirt and make sure the grill is intact and in place. If the heater is vented, make sure the vent is operating properly. If there is no vent or oxygen cut-off switch, provide outside ventilation such as a slightly open window.

And as an added precaution, make sure you keep space heaters away from furniture, draperies and other combustible materials.


Natural Gas Safety:
 Be sure pilot and main burners on gas appliances pro-

duce a blue flame, indicating the gas-and-air mixture is safe. If the flame is yellow or red, call a certified heating and air conditioning contractor immediately.

When you re-light a pilot light, first strike a match and hold it to the opening. Then slowly turn the gas on. You should find instructions attached to the appliance.

If you smell gas in your house, don't touch any electrical switch and don't strike a match or do anything that might cause a spark. Leave your house immediately, go to a neighbor's home, and call TXU Gas at 800-817-8090. Don't call from your home because some telephones use a small amount of electricity that may produce a spark.

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The CCR Column

Stenholm's prospects encouraging

By Bob Campbell

We're disappointed Charlie Stenholm is not going to be the new Secretary of Agriculture, but something better might be in the offing for him.

As my dad used to joke about being Pope, there would have been no room for advancement.

The party that's out of power in the White House nearly always gains -- and sometimes a good deal -- in the mid term election.

It happened in 1994, when the Republicans won the House and Newt Gingrich, Tom DeLay, Dick Armey and others took power.

We think President George W. Bush will do a good job, but there is something about the mid term that makes voters want to even things out.

It's 221 to 212 with two independents now, so a gain of five would make it 217-216 for the Democrats and put Charlie in the cat bird's seat on the Ag Committee.

He passed up three possible appointments as Ag Secretary under the first President Bush and President Clinton to stay in position to become chairman and one of the most important men in Washington.

There is an off chance the 17th Congressional District will expand into Fort Worth to add constituents.

If that happens, it will probably end up going to a Republican, which is likely what would have happened anyway if Stenholm had been named Ag Secretary instead of California Ann Veneman.

Ms. Veneman was a deputy ag secretary under the first President Bush.

We have no objection to being represented by Republicans in the State House and Senate or in Congress.

It's always better to work with the people who are already in office, if at all possible, rather than waste time waiting for them to be defeated.

The earnest and hard working Republican State Sen. Troy Fraser of Marble Falls, a Big Spring native, represents us well.

We don't want to lose him, and we call on him to use his authority as co-chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee to keep Mitchell County in the 24th Senatorial District.

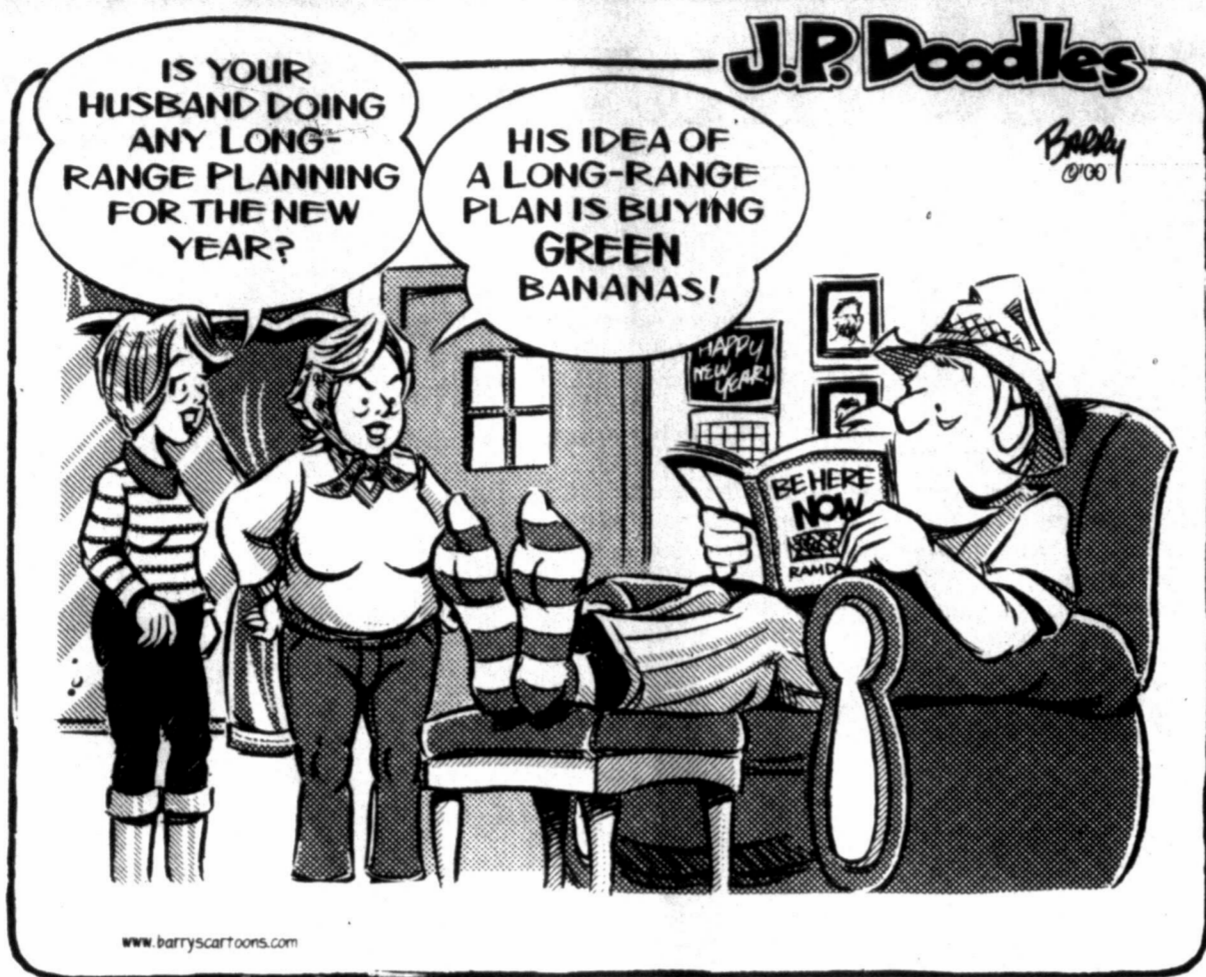
We shouldn't have to be tossed around like the Florida recount.

We also enjoy the representation of the savvy and powerful Reps. Stenholm and Rob Junell so much that we would hate to lose them.

Considering the special relationship Rob has with Mitchell County and the very impressive job he has done for us, we felt obliged to support, or at least not oppose, his endorsement of President elect Bush.

And we are confident there are more good turns he will be able to do for us in the upcoming state legislative session. He may have taken some criticism from his party for endorsing Bush, but we were confident he would not steer us wrong.

If you're lucky enough to have a good political leader, you have to let him lead.



The back forty

by Roger Pond



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History was made in Florida this November. And I'm not talking about elections. I'm talking about the historic journey of eleven sandhill cranes following an ultralight plane, piloted by a man in a crane costume.

Associated Press writer, Pat Leisner, reported on the flight of the young sandhills from the Necedah National Wildlife refuge in Wisconsin to a preserve near Crystal River, Florida. The 39-day journey was the longest mated bird migration in history.

The experimental flight was a precursor to a similar project with the nearly extinct whooping crane. Biologists decided to try it with the sandhills first. Maybe sandhill cranes travel better, or have to stop for the bathroom less often.

Wildlife officials have learned they can raise cranes in Wisconsin, but they need some way to teach them how to migrate south. An amazing feat by anyone's standards.

The Associated Press story states, "Eleven sand-colored teenage birds following a

yellow-bellied ultralight swooped out of a cloudless sky from 1400 feet and glided to a grassy landing in a vast Gulf Coast preserve to winter in the Sunshine State."

I wish I could write like that. I would have probably said, "They set their wings and splashed down like a wing-tipped widgeon."

I can see why the ultralight sailed in from 1400 feet. Anybody leading a flock of cranes over Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee during goose season had better be up there quite a ways.

I'm also concerned about a man in a crane costume finding something to eat on a trip from Wisconsin to Florida. It's hard enough for the average snowbird to decide where to stop for lunch, but that costume must be a real drag.

This fellow can't just walk into a restaurant, take off his beak and say, "I'll have the burger basket -- and a bag of crawdads for my friends here. Sorry about the carpet. I'll pay to have that cleaned."

And, how about taking eight teenagers to Florida in

the first place? I don't care if they are cranes; they're going to find some way to get into trouble.

What is the Fish and Wildlife Service supposed to do next spring? Go back to Florida and take these youngsters back to Wisconsin?

I can't imagine the navigational issues for a project like this. It's hard enough for

folks to find their way from Wisconsin to Florida on the highway, let alone in a half-baked airplane.

One of my friends tells about a couple who migrates from Ohio to Florida each fall. One year they got lost in Cincinnati. So they turned around, drove 60 miles back home and started all over again.

Some folks think this couple got confused -- like those South Florida retirees who had trouble with their election ballots. A Florida disc jockey puts the quietus on that.

"These folks can play six bingo cards at once," he says. "They shouldn't have any trouble with their ballots."

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by Charley & Guy Orbison
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- TX Jim Lehrer book
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The Windmill Museum

By Tumbleweed Smith



The American Wind Power Center in Lubbock. It is a windmill museum, opened just two years ago. It was a dream of Billie Wolfe, a home economics teacher at Texas Tech, who recognized the significance of the windmill in American history. She knew that the best way to tell the story of the windmill was with a permanent display.

Although she passed away before the museum officially opened, she knew that work had started on fulfilling her ambitious undertaking.

Plans for the facility began in 1993 when a non-profit organization was founded to acquire some restored early windmills. The city of Lubbock provided 28 acres of rolling hills to be the site of the historic landmarks. The rarest of the windmills are exhibited indoors.

Director Coy Harris says the goal is to have the most comprehensive collection of historic windmills in the world. He's already got a good start.

"We have a Southern Cross Windmill, produced in South Africa; a Buchanan Windmill, which was in use from 1884 to 1890 and an Ozark Windmill manufactured from 1910 to 1930."

Also on the grounds are windmills with names like Eclipse, Aermotor, Monitor, Samson, Challenger and Axtell.

The windmill was invented in Persia around 600 A.D. The American windmill dates back to 1854 when Daniel Halladay, a New England machinist, got the first American windmill patent. Within the next seventy-five years, more than 700 companies manufactured a variety of windmills which were sold and erected across the Great Plains.

Scrap metal drives during both world wars took their toll on windmills, so the old ones are quite rare.

The windmill, more than any other invention, helped settle the American West. It supplied water for steam engines roaring toward the pacific and permitted ranchers to fence and breed cattle. The tall structures also helped farmers to live on land that had no rivers, streams or lakes.

Many rural families have donated the windmills to the American Wind Power Center because they want them preserved and displayed so generations of people can learn from them.

Some people left the windmills up long after they were pumping water. They just wanted to see them and remember.

The US has three windmill companies still in operation. Two of those are in Texas. The Aermotor company has planted its roots in San Angelo. The Parrish windmill is made in Earth. The Dempster company, which is the longest surviving company, is in Beatrice, Nebraska.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm. It gets about 500 visitors a month from all over the world. For more information, call 806-747-8734. The website is windmill.com.

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OBITUARIES

Hilda Matilda Ohlenbusch Etheredge 1914-2000

Hilda Matilda Ohlenbusch Etheredge, 86, of Roscoe, Texas, died December 20, 2000 at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater, Texas. Services were Saturday, December 23, 2000 at First Salem Lutheran Church with Rev. Glenn Dittmer officiating. Burial followed in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Roscoe.

Mrs. Etheredge was born February 2, 1914 in Loraine, Texas. She married Clifford C. "Pete" Etheredge. She was a homemaker and lived in the Roscoe community all her life. She was a member of First Salem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford C. "Pete" Etheredge of Roscoe; two sons, Jay Etheredge of Houston and Cliff Etheredge of Wastella; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one brother, Albert Ohlenbusch of McGregor, Texas.

Charles Hook Buchanan 1923-2000

Charles Hook Buchanan, 77, of Colorado City died Thursday, December 21, 2000 in a local hospital. Graveside services were held Friday, December 22, 2000 in Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Buchanan was born July 17, 1923. He was a carpenter and lifelong resident of Colorado City.

He is survived by four daughters, Juliet Rico and Maria Rico and their mother, Magdalena Montemayor, all of Navasota, Texas; Pam Hutchenson and Beverly Buchanan of Ft. Worth, Texas, and four grandchildren.

Jack Long 1922-2000

Mr. Jack Long, 78, of Colorado City, died Thursday, December 21, 2000 at his residence. Graveside services were held Saturday, December 23, 2000 in the Colorado City Cemetery with Kerry Cain officiating. Kiker-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Long was born June 2, 1922 in Mitchell County to Robert and Ora Long and had been a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. He married Billie Marie Seward on August 3, 1946 in Colorado City. He was a farmer, a member of the First United Methodist Church and a US Army veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Marie Long of Colorado City; a daughter, Reggie Jones and husband, David of Gardendale; one son, Jack Lee Long, Jr. and wife, Janet of Bullverde, Texas; a sister, Louville Brown of Colorado City and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parent and a brother, Leonard Long.

Marilyn Kay Ellis Chinn 1952-2000

Marilyn Kay Ellis Chinn, 48, of El Paso died Thursday, December 21, 2000 in a care center in El Paso. Services were held Saturday, December 23, 2000 at the 22nd and Austin St. Church of Christ with Kerry Cain officiating. Burial followed in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chinn was born to Ather and Mary Ellis in Abilene, Texas on January 8, 1952. She was raised in Mitchell County and had lived in Lubbock for 22 years and El Paso for the past three years. She was a member of the 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ. She was a State Farm Insurance Representative and a member of the Toastmasters.

She is survived by her parents, Ather and Mary Ellis of Colorado City; her son, Jackie and wife Kay Chinn of El Paso; two brothers, Bill and Wife Fay Ellis of Amarillo and Jackie and wife Lisa Ellis of El Paso and ex-husband John Chinn.

The family has requested memorials be made to Regency of El Paso, 221 Bartlett Dr., El Paso, Texas 79912 or Hospice of El Paso.

Onita Bernell Ward Pigott 1941-2000

Onita Bernell Ward Pigott, 59, of Colorado City, died Monday, December 18, 2000. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at College Park Church of God, followed by graveside services at Colorado City Cemetery in Colorado City, Texas, conducted by Brother F.M. Small and Brother Jeff Eason.

Onita "Bernell" Pigott was born on May 17, 1941 in Menard, Texas to James and Mary Ward. She was a life long resident of Howard County, until moving to Colorado City in August. She had been employed at Cowboy's Steakhouse until her illness a year ago and had also worked at the Warehouse Cafe.

She is survived by one son, Larry Don Towery of the home; her mother, Mary Ward; three sisters, Debbie Harbuck of Coahoma, Della Riffe of Andrews, Mary Smother of Colorado City; three brothers, James Ward of Big Spring, Joe Ward of Colorado City, and Freddy Ward of Safford, AZ; two grandchildren, Emily of Big Spring and Justin of Colorado City and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and a loving mother-in-law, Bea Newsome.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Ward and one brother Donald Ward.

Arrangements were under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Marcella King McCabe 1915-2000

Marcella King McCabe, 85, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, December 23, 2000 in an Odessa Hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 2:30 pm Thursday, December 28, 2000, with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 pm to 2 pm Thursday.

Marcella was born on July 29, 1915 in Big Spring. She had been a longtime resident of Canterbury Inn and was a member of the Spring City Senior Citizens. Mrs. McCabe was an artist, ceramist and loved the outdoors. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a Charter Member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Fuqua of Midland; two daughters and one son-in-law, Jean Sneed and Eddie and Bill Johnson of Odessa; one sister, Pauline Pearce of Odessa; five grandchildren, Vicki Bardin of Midland, Mark Johnson and his wife Kellye of Odessa, Jody Sneed and his wife Gail of Midland, Sherri Ford and her husband Mark of North Richland Hills, and Jerry Fuqua II of Midland; eight great-grandchildren, Stevie and Cole Johnson of Odessa, Landon Bardin and Josh and Matt Sneed all of Midland, Chase and Dylan Ford of North Richland Hills, Adam Spencer Fuqua of Big Lake, and two nephews and their wives, Jack and Marie Milam of Odessa and Dick and Joyce Milam of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to Asbury United Methodist Church, 4001 E University, Odessa, Texas, 79762.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mary Hilma Joyce 1914-2000

Mary Hilma Joyce, 86, of El Paso died Sunday, December 10, 2000. A memorial service was held December 14, 2000 in Futrell Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Loraine, Texas.

Mrs. Joyce was born in Colorado City May 24, 1914. She was a teacher for the El Paso Independent School District where she was instrumental in developing the Distributive Education Program. She received many awards from civic organizations and was listed in Who's Who of American Women in 1997-1998. She was active in the Red Cross many years. She was preceded in death by her father Berry Otis Joyce, her mother Gladys Linam Joyce and her brother Berry Joyce.

Survivors include an aunt Leona Linam, several cousins and many friends.

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previously agreed to help.

Other business in the 9 a.m. called meeting included a 25 minute executive session with Board of Economic Development representatives Bobby Lemons and Windi Fuller.

The commissioners reconvened at 10:25 and voted to spend \$4,383 for six lots north of the end of Oak Street and south of the west end of 17th Street in Northwest Colorado City.

It adjourned at 10:28. The property will be used to lay a drainage pipeline from Mitchell County Cemetery and address the concerns of citizens who have protested the flooding of their loved ones' graves.

Genard and Carolyn Moreno will be paid \$3,200 for three lots, Bill Sadler \$250 for one lot and Colorado Independent School District \$933 for two lots.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs presented two bids for a new Ford Expedition with law enforcement features -- \$28,059 from Wilson Motors in Snyder and \$29,382 from Lone Wolf Autoplex of C-City.

Sheriff Toombs said he preferred to take the local bid, and Preston said the difference was within the court's discretion to accept a local bid if it is no more than 10 percent higher than one from out of town.

Commissioners Ed Roach of C-City and Carl Guelker of Cuthbert disagreed, saying the \$1,323 difference was big enough that the Wilson bid should be taken.

"It's a lot of difference," Commissioner Roach said. "I'm afraid the other people are going to quit bidding at all."

Commissioner Guelker moved to take Wilson's offer, seconded by Roach. The mo-

tion was unanimously approved.

The court had allocated \$22,000 in the county's calendar 2001 budget for the sheriff's office to buy a sport utility vehicle, and the sheriff said he will use money from his drug profits forfeiture account to pay the difference.

Recently elected Constable Tommy Scott attended the meeting to inquire about getting a salary and health insurance in connection with his impending work for the peace justice offices of Judges Kay Richmond and Glenda Haltom.

County Judge Ray Mayo said no money was set aside for a constable in last summer's budget workshops, and Auditor Susan Buckalew said the constable will not be eligible for insurance unless he becomes a salaried official in 2002.

Constable Scott indicated he will request funding at workshops this July.

A proposed replat of a housing development at Lake C-City, northeast of the Sportsman's Club off County Road 252, was tabled to give the court time to seek advice from County Attorney Mark Piland, who has been hospitalized after back surgery in San Angelo.

Developer Lois Bohannon reported selling 10 of 253 lots since the development was originally platted in 1983, and she asked the court to approve returning the remaining lots to an agricultural use designation.

The commissioners okayed spending \$400 to have a dedicated telephone line installed in the office of District Clerk Sharon Hammond.

Ms. Hammond reported having qualified for \$1,000 a month in funding from the TDCJ to cover expenses associated with prosecuting state

prison inmates, which she said will cover the line's \$35 a month fee.

She said it will be used to receive faxes and possibly for an Internet connection.

Ms. Hammond is also using the money to buy a computer in cooperation with Mayo and Piland, who are connecting their offices to that of County Clerk Debby Carlock and the records there.

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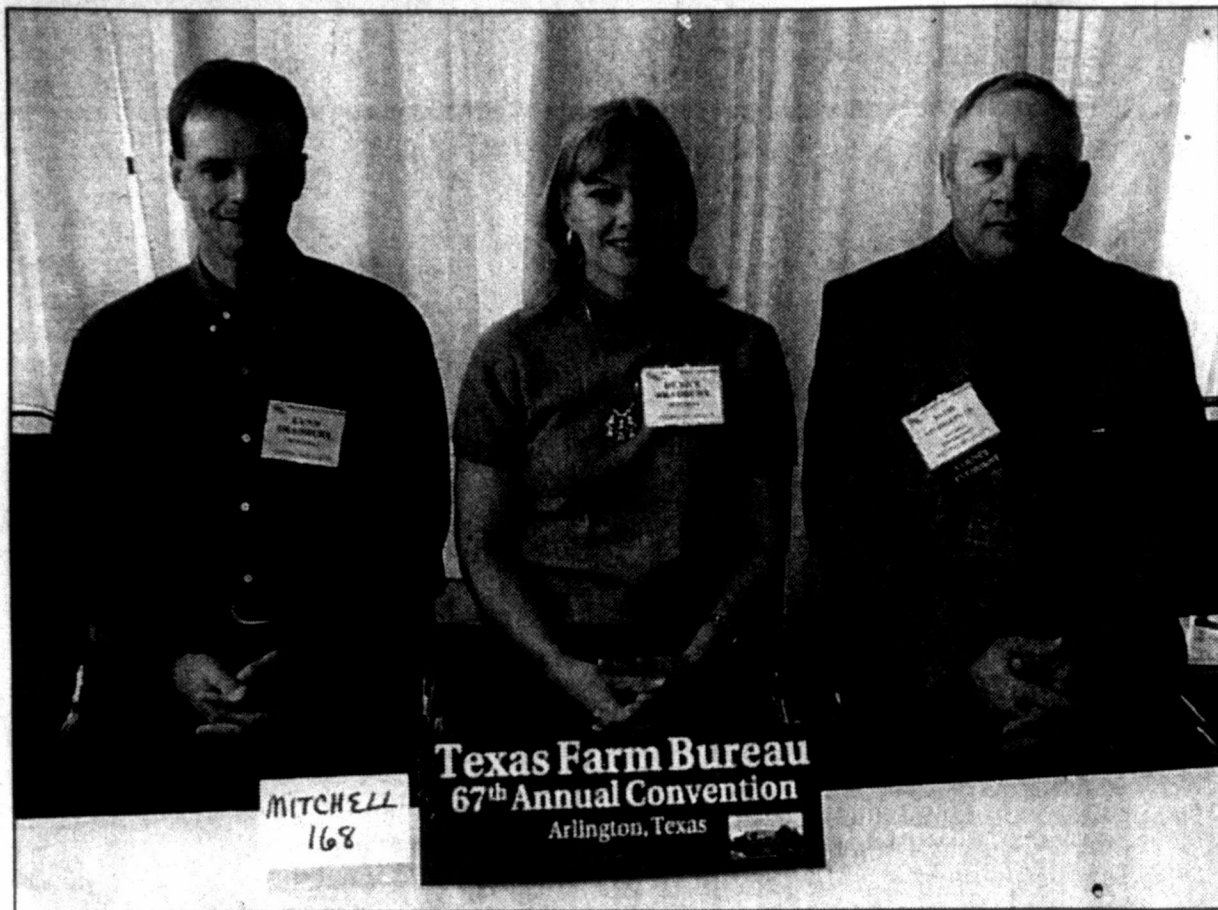
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VOTING DELEGATES REPRESENTING the Mitchell County Farm Bureau at the 67th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Arlington November 26-November 29 were (l-r) Lynn Bradbury, Denice Bradbury and David Stubblefield.

Local Farm Bureau delegates take part in state confab

Three voting delegates from Mitchell County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 67th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention November 26-November 29 in Arlington.

They were Lynn Bradbury, Denice Bradbury and David Stubblefield.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1200 delegates from 208 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the

American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Orlando, Florida.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; Dale Jeskie of Alamo, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Donald Patman of Waxahachie.

This year's youth winners were Jade Lusk of Nocona, Miss Farm Bureau; Abigail Wilks of Deaf Smith County, Talent Find winner; Kerri Schneider of Guadalupe County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 2000" was Kevin Huffman of McGregor.

Ms. Stafford earns her UT B.S. degree

Tara DaNell Stafford of Colorado City was among 341 degree candidates recognized by the University of Texas at Tyler in fall commencement ceremonies. Stafford was a candidate for a B.S. in nursing.

Commencement remarks were given by Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

President Rodney H. Mabry certified degree candidates and A.W. Riter Jr., member, UT System Board of Regents, conferred degrees.

Presentation of degree candidates was by Dr. W.A. Baker, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and by the representatives of each of the university's colleges.

Ms. Younger entertains Garden Club

The Colorado City Garden Club met at Bama's House for their monthly meeting.

Gayle Younger entertained the members with a lovely selection of Christmas music. Mabel Merritt led in prayer.

After a delicious meal, President Wilma Reynolds led the club in a short business meeting. Hostesses for the meeting were Flo Bodine, Leslie Scott, Mabel Merritt, and Janie Henderson. Twenty-five members attended the December meeting.

IRS seeks right recipients for 8,000 refund checks

Return to sender. That's the message the Internal Revenue Service received when it tried to send more than 8,000 tax refund checks to Texans this year. The post office returned the checks to the tax agency this year because they were undeliverable.

According to the IRS, the 8,046 checks returned to the agency were worth a total of \$5,279,989. There are 50 tax refund checks each totaling \$10,000 or more. The biggest unclaimed check in Texas is \$71,617.74 and the smallest is \$1. The average unclaimed refund is \$674.

Nationally, 91,827 federal tax refunds totaling \$67.9 million were returned to the IRS this year. California had the largest number of unclaimed refunds (14,648) in the nation, followed by New York (8,519), Florida (8,208) and Texas (8,046).

The IRS asks Texans who are still waiting for their tax refund to call 1-800-829-1040 to learn how they can claim the money.

Refund checks usually go unclaimed because people move without notifying the IRS. Another reason refund checks go undelivered is because the return address information is wrong. Often, numbers are transposed or information is incomplete. A death or marriage can result in a returned check. The IRS encourages estate executors to check whether a refund check might be involved. Newly married taxpayers are urged to notify the IRS promptly if there is a change of name or address.

Taxpayers can file IRS form 8822, "Change of Address,"

to let the IRS know of address or name changes. The form is available by calling 1-800-829-3676 or Texans can download it by going to the IRS' homepage at www.irs.gov.

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"Super Sports" named

Hutchinson Elementary has released their list of P.E. Super Sports for the third six weeks of the school year.

The main emphasis this six weeks has been the sport of soccer and the skills of short and long jump rope. Super Sports are picked on participa-

tion and sportsmanship.

Third grade - Frankie Atkinson, Auburn Marney, Carissa Sutton, Kirk Leverton, Adrianna Munoz, Kyle Lemons, Megan Montoya, Ricky Ventura, Joe Velasquez and Margaret Martinez.

Fourth grade - Christine Jackson, Ryan Gainey, Court-

ney Hogland, Chris Vondra, Elena Rodriguez, Carlos Valenzuela, Corey Foster, Breanna Green and Amber Campos.

Fifth grade - David Arispe, LaTasha McDuffie, B.J. Perez, Christa Valvida, Celena Gonzales and Nidia Bueno.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Editor:

The Tiger Den of the Cub Scouts would like to thank the following business for helping with their food and toy drive: Dollar General, Family Dollar, Alco, Home Health, Fullers and Mitchell County Courthouse. A special thanks to those in the community who donated items to our drive.

Dear Editor,

The Loraine ISD would like to thank West Texas Recycling

and Remediation Company, Inc. of Colorado City, operators of the Mitchell County Quarry, for purchasing Christmas gifts for several of the children who attend the school. Specifically, the school would like to thank Lisa Garner, Steve Garner and Bill Julian, the owners of the company, for their thoughtfulness and generosity during the Christmas season. The families and students will be very appreciative.

Miss Wood leaves for mission

Crystal Wood of Colorado City has been appointed as a semester missionary and will serve through Texas Baptist Student Missions, a division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Wood will spend the spring semester of 2001 in Haldensleben, Germany, helping develop the youth ministry of Haldensleben Baptist Church. Woods' previous missions experience includes a two-week term in Haldensleben last summer and a short-term stay in El Paso.

Woods graduated this month from Texas Tech University with a degree in Family Studies.

Texas Baptist Student Missions sends hundreds of college students around the world each year. For more information, please visit our website at www.GoNowMissions.com.

Rivera is an airman

Air Force Airman David B. Rivera has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Esther Martinez of Sunset Drive, San Angelo, Texas and grandson of Sally and Emilio Martinez of Elm St., Colorado City, Texas.

The airman is a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School, Colorado City.

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SCHOOL MENUS

<p>Colorado ISD Breakfast Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday! Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Biscuits & gravy or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk. Thursday - Breakfast pizza or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk. Friday - Scrambled eggs & toast or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk.</p> <p>Colorado ISD Kelley and Hutchinson Elementary Lunch Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday! Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, choice of milk. Thursday - Hot dog on a bun, pork-n-beans, french fries, dalmatian pudding, choice of milk. Friday - Wolf burger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, potato wedges, chilled peaches, choice of milk.</p> <p>Colorado ISD Jr. High and High School</p>	<p>Lunch Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday! Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, dinner roll, choice of milk. Thursday - Grilled patti melt or spaghetti w/meat sauce, mixed vegetables, french fries, chilled peaches, choice of milk. Friday - Hot dog on a bun or chicken patty on a bun, lettuce & tomato, potato wedges, dalmatian pudding, choice of milk.</p> <p>Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday! Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Cheese toast, fruit juice, milk. Thursday - Oatmeal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk. Friday - Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.</p> <p>Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday!</p>	<p>Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Mini corn dogs, ranch style beans, potato wedge, peaches, milk. Thursday - Pepperoni pizza, black-eyed peas, applesauce, milk. Friday - Burritos, corn on the cob, mixed fruit, milk.</p> <p>Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday! Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Cereal, toast, juice milk. Thursday - Donut, toast, fruit, milk. Friday - Cereal, toast, juice, milk.</p> <p>Loraine ISD Lunch Menu January 3-5 Monday - School holiday! Tuesday - School holiday! Wednesday - Pizza, corn, salad, sliced apple, milk. Thursday - Beans, chili, broccoli w/cheese, jello salad, cookies, cornbread, milk. Friday - Hamburgers, french fries, salad, shape-up, milk.</p>
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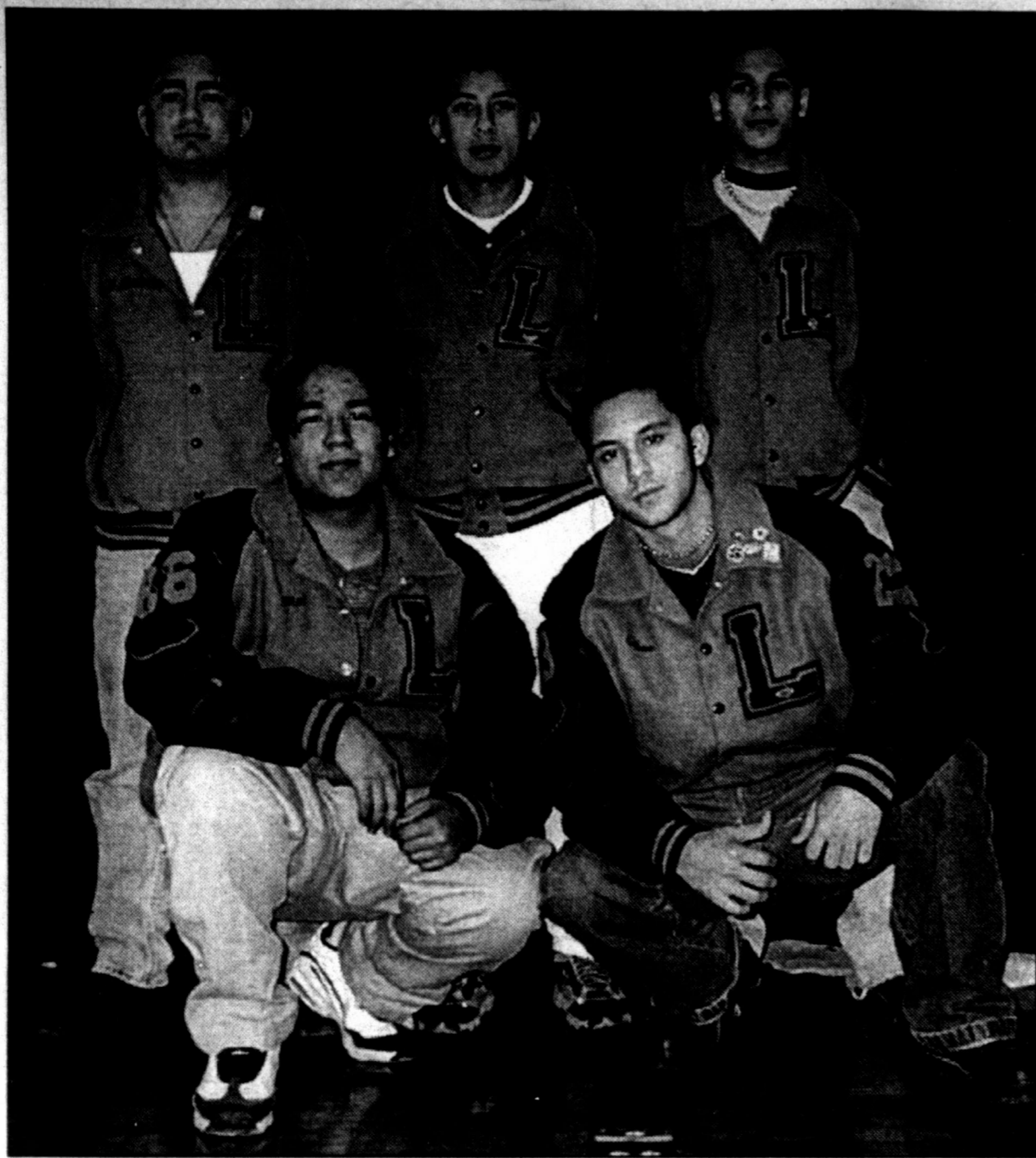
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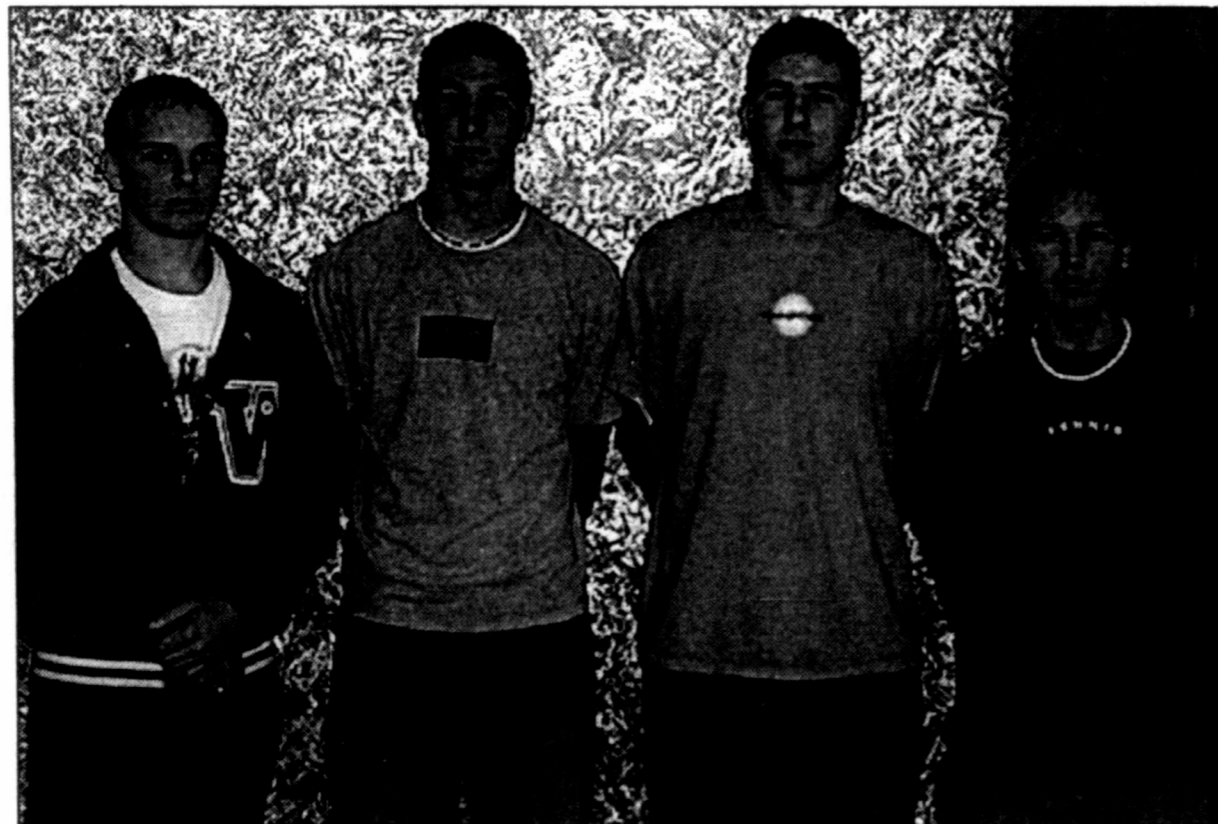
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LORAIN BULLDOGS receiving district six all-district six man honors are standing (l-r) Tony Rivera, defensive-end-2nd team; Luis Rico, deep back-1st team and linebacker-2nd team; Johnny Lopez, offensive end-2nd team and safety/kicker, honorable mention; kneeling (l-r) Daniel Martinez, center, honorable mention and Elias Barrera, running back, honorable mention.



RECEIVING DISTRICT SIX ALL DISTRICT six man honors for the Westbrook Wildcats are (l-r) Adam Roemish, quarterback, 2nd team; Cody Rich, offensive end and punter, 2nd team and linebacker, honorable mention; Colt Rich defensive end-honorable mention and Jim Bob Hale, linebacker-honorable mention. Not pictured Chris Matlock, Mario Gonzales and Ty Calloway.

Loraine, Westbrook players are named to dream teams

The district six all-district six-man team finds a few Bulldogs and a couple of Wildcats receiving honors on the first and second teams.

Loraine's Luis Rico was voted by the district six

coaches to the first team as deep back and to the second team at linebacker. Johnny Lopez (offensive end) and Tony Rivera (defensive end) were named to the 2nd team, while Lopez (safety/kicker),

Elias Barrera (running back) and Daniel Martinez (center), all received honorable mention.

Westbrook's Cody Rich was named second team all-district at offensive end and punter, along with quarterback Adam Roemish.

Rich received honorable mention at linebacker, as did his brother, Colt at defensive end. Other Wildcats receiving honorable mention were Chris Matlock (running back/linebacker), Mario Gonzalez (runningback), Ty Calloway (safety), and Jim Bob Hale (linebacker).

Loraine's Rico was given another honor by being named first alternate to participate in a summer six-man all-star game, to be played at the annual six-man coaches clinic on July 16.

"They deserved it. They all had a good season," said Bulldogs head coach Victor Garcia. "I'm proud of them."

"It's hard to get recognition when you don't win the district, so I'm very happy with the results," said Wildcats head coach. "I think our players are expecting to do even better next year."

Wolves keep season rolling

The Wolves varsity basketball team used a suffocating defense to help propel them to their ninth win in their last 10 games in a 60-42 victory over class 3A Crane on Tuesday, December 19 at the Pit.

The Golden Cranes were held to 13 points in the second and third quarters as the Wolves (9-3), relentless pressure forced turnover after turnover leading to easy baskets.

The Wolves set the tone early, thanks to powerful blocked shots by Marquise Lenard and Cort Arthur, but the Golden Cranes held firm and took a 17-14 lead into the

second quarter despite nine first quarter points from Lenard.

Aaron Waldrip and Chase Phariss nailed a couple of three pointers early in the second quarter for Colorado City, and the Wolves never looked back. Waldrip rained in another three soon after to make it 30-23, Andrew Spear hit a clean jumper and Ian Bassham added a couple of fine defensive plays to propel the Wolves to a 37-28 halftime lead.

The Wolves bench kept up the scoring in the second half, with Jacobie Russell going coast to coast and Kevin Wright grabbing key re-

bounds.

Phariss caught fire in the fourth quarter with a couple more threes and Spear locked the game down with another to cement the 55-38 victory.

Lenard led the way for Colorado City with 19 points and added six rebounds. Phariss dropped in 13 points and had five assists, Spear scored 11, Waldrip six points, Wright four points and nine rebounds, Bassham three points and six assists, Arthur two points and five steals and Russell two points.

Next up for Colorado City will be the Reagan County tournament December 28-30.

Lady Wolves edge Crane, 64-62

The Lady Wolves 18-point lead was nearly erased by a spirited Lady Golden Cranes comeback, but Alison Lopez's jump shot at the buzzer was the difference for Colorado City in a 64-62 win over Crane Tuesday, December 19 at the Pit.

It was the final game for Colorado City (7-7), before their holiday break, and the win over the class 3A Lady Golden Cranes marked a substantial turnaround for the Lady Wolves from their 2-5 start this season.

Colorado City's offense started strong, with Lopez and Vanessa Quintero scoring off sharp passes from Kassi Redwine and Kim Rivera to give the Lady Wolves a 12-5 first quarter lead.

Crane made their first run of the game to close within one, but Teri Phariss swished a jumper to put the Lady Wolves ahead 18-15 late in the quarter.

After allowing the Lady Golden Cranes to pull ahead in the second quarter, Quintero and Redwine nailed jumpers to spark a Colorado City 10-0 run.

The Lady Wolves' defense held strong the rest of the quarter, with some help from the bench as Erica Grant's long jumper and Kotia Russell's rebound and layup helped Colorado City to a 35-27 halftime lead.

By the third quarter, the Lady Wolves were rolling. Redwine zipped another pass to Phariss for a layup and Lopez sank a three pointer to put Colorado City ahead 44-30 midway through the third quarter.

The Lady Wolves continued to roll ending the third quarter with a 50-34 lead.

The Lady Golden Cranes had other ideas, however, stormed back by forcing turn-

overs and hitting clutch baskets to erase the Lady Wolves lead.

With six seconds left and the score tied at 62, Lady Wolves head coach Darrin Leverton called a timeout to set up the final play.

Redwine tossed the ball to Lopez, who faked out her defender to give her an open look and she made the most of it, nailing the jump shot as time expired to give the Lady Wolves a dramatic 64-62 victory.

Lopez scored 26 points in the win, with Redwine adding 10 points and seven assists, Phariss nine points and five rebounds, Quintero seven points and five boards, Rivera four points, and Russell, Grant, Guerra and Hannah Bassham two points each.

The Lady Wolves will play in the Reagan County basketball tournament the weekend of December 28-30.

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The family of Charles A. Northcutt

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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Westbrook ISD is accepting bids on the purchase of a blue 2000 Suburban 1500 LS. Bids may be submitted to Westbrook ISD Administration Office, P.O. Box 99, Westbrook, Texas 79565. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2001.

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Westbrook ISD
P.O. Box 99
Westbrook, Texas 79565

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Inquiries concerning specifications should be addressed to Mr. Todd Burleson, (915)644-2311.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR DISTRICT WIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE PROGRAM
PURPOSE OF SOLICITATION:
The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit qualification proposals from Energy Services companies that have the ability and experience in managing energy conservation programs. This shall include the ability to identify, design, install and maintain an energy conservation program of a comprehensive nature. A comprehensive feature of the energy conservation program must include an educational program effecting energy attitudes and energy habits of school employees and students. It shall also include the firms' ability to provide additional services related to water treatment, security intrusion-fire alarm systems, and mechanical systems which relate to heating, cooling, and water conservation. Respondents shall demonstrate the ability to arrange financing for the preceding identified needs and services over a seven to ten year period of time through savings achieved via cost avoidance/reduction of energy. In essence, this RFP is seeking energy conservation companies/firms which qualify to provide a turnkey energy conservation program and all of the previously listed features. Please note that responses to this RFP must be received on Friday, January 12, 2001 by 3:00 p.m. at the address below. One (1) unbound original and five (5) copies of the response must be sealed and delivered to:

Westbrook Independent School District
P.O. Box 99
102 Bertner
Westbrook, Texas 79565

RE: Proposal for Districtwide Energy Conservation Services Program

ATTENTION: Mr. Todd Burleson

Westbrook ISD reserves the right to reject as non-responsive, any proposals that do not contain the requested information. Late responses will not be accepted and will be returned to the submitting company unopened. Westbrook ISD is not liable for any cost incurred by any person or firm responding to this RFP.

Please direct all questions regarding this RFP and the program it represents to:

Mr. Todd Burleson
915-644-2311

The City of Colorado City is currently accepting bids for a cleaning person/crew for the Civic Center. Duties include cleaning up after dances and other functions such as sweeping, mopping, moving of tables, chairs and stage, cleaning of restroom and kitchen and waxing and buffing floors. References required. For more information and/or inquiries, you may call 915-728-2072; Attn: Belinda Blassingame, 157 W. 2nd, Colorado City, Texas 79512. Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2001. The City of Colorado City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and negotiate with the apparent successful bid or bidders. The City of Colorado City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Mitchell County Hospital District, 1543 Chestnut Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512 is seeking to contract with a general contractor for construction of a new acute care hospital under the terms and conditions generally described below.

The new facilities for the Mitchell County Hospital District include the replacement of the existing hospital and the construction of a medical clinic building. The new health care complex will contain approximately 60,000 square feet. The new hospital will include 30 acute care beds.

Plans, specifications and other data concerning the project will be available through the offices of Cox Design Associates, 4201 Bee Cave Road, Suite A-100, Austin, Texas 78746.

To be considered, bids must be received in the office of the Administrator, Mitchell County Hospital District, 1543 Chestnut Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512, no later than 3:00 p.m. January 25, 2001. Such bids will be opened and read in the administrative conference room at the same location on January 25, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who also meets and provides proof of satisfying the following criteria:

- A. At least five (5) years of general contractor experience.
 - B. Managed at least ten (10) projects licensed by the Texas Department of Health.
 - C. Have generated \$25,000,000 in total billings in the previous three (3) years.
 - D. Financial ability to secure performance and payment bonding for 100% of project costs.
- All bids must include the following:
- A. Names, address and phone number of the company or the person to provide services.
 - B. Prior experience in construction of acute care hospitals.

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C. Amount of bid.
D. Proposed schedule of construction.
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Mitchell County Hospital District

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By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Greetings. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and friends. Did you get a gift that you couldn't or wouldn't use? Most of us do!

"My Christmas Surprise"
Aunt Lizzie gave me a "thing a ma jig" with a little lid on top.

What's it for, I asked her? And you may believe it or not, but she said "Her cats ashes were in the win, and she prized it beyon bounds."

I hurried home to empty the thing and filled it with coffee grounds.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth is something I've always read. But when the gift is something gross. Just pour it in your flower bed.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Just in Fun!

Jason Kendall was home for Christmas with his family over the weekend. Next week Holly and Kevin Rygard, their children Austin and Blake will be here to celebrate Christmas. Shirley is looking forward to playing with her grandchildren.

Coming home for Christmas to be with Irene Kidd were Clovis and Jean Hale, Joe Bill and Jeanette Hale and their children, Cody and Hattie, Dusty and Kristi Hale and Luke, all of Austin. Bill and Barbara Long of Savannah, Georgia, also Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Chandler of Snyder were here for the day.

Celebrating the holiday with Gene and Pat White were their children Virgil and Valerie Pruitt and son Keegan from Roscoe.

Exciting news from the Whites is that they moved into their new home and had their first Christmas there. Congratulations on your new home!

Having Christmas dinner with Lonnie and Helen Williams Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Boyd of Brownwood. Last week, visitors were Helen's neices, Delores Grimes and Debbie Banks and her four children, all of Lufkin.

Having Christmas with J.A. and Yvonne Sadler were Pat and Pat and Brittany Sadler from Anadorka, Oklahoma; Mike and Sharon Sadler and Heather Sadler of Lubbock; Amy Hudgins of New Braunfels; Dick and Mary Colsen from Dripping Springs; and John and Bertie Colsen from Sweetwater.

Danny, Pam and Krystal Butler celebrated Christmas in New Mexico with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hughes on their ranch.

Bea Looney enjoyed her Christmas visitors, sister Pat and Steve Berry of Lubbock and Stephanie and Tom Klies of Levenworth, KS and their children Jack and Bob.

Ralston Bruce of Loraine, Bryon and Molly Bruce and their son Brad from Colorado City, had Christmas last week with Scott and Jana Edmonds of Snyder.

Visiting Annabelle Jones over Christmas have been Sherri Fuller and son Robert of Albuquerque, Sue Hobbs of Midland, Lori Arona and son Marcus, and Mary Helen Kennedy of Colorado City. Bill and Barbara Long are here and will stay through the 28th. They reside in Savannah, Georgia.

Sunday after church, old friends, Juanice Butler, Vida Mae McDaniel and Iris Preston had a Christmas dinner in Colorado City.

Dot Oliver enjoyed the holiday with her children, Sheila and Gerald Owens and daughter of San Antonio and Debbie and Ronnie Blair of Colorado City and their two daughters and their family from Premont, Texas. Also Vicky Bland and her children of Snyder, Brenda and Jeff Oliver of Loraine, Bruce and Margie Cobb of San Antonio and their children. Santa Claus stopped by the Oliver house Monday afternoon and everyone had a great time.

Allie Ruth Wiggins had Christmas in Ackerly, Texas with her sister-in-law, Mr. and

Mrs. Auda Vee Graham, and family.

"Senior Center"
The Senior Center was in a holiday mood on the 20th as the Norwood's and Charles Dunn played some Christmas songs for us. They always sound good.

On December 22, Aida Pantoja brought a group of Spanish dancers to perform for us.

The children are a Catholic church group and they really put on a great show. Some of the youngest looked to be around two or three years old, dressed to the nines in their big sombreros and spanish attire. They were so cute! The girls were all pretty in colorful skirts and blouses with full skirts and ruffles. The boys were handsome in their attire as well.

Taking part in the dance were Annette Davila, Alejandro Lopez, Felicia Gibson, Hector Lopez, Ariel Bailey, Joel Martinez, Jr., Madeline Gibson, Jacob Garcia, and Kevin Pantoja. The teacher, Aida, danced as well. We enjoyed them all.

We will have our regular birthday party, December 27 with Ken Northcutt.

December 29, Sarah Gohery, Gus Armstrong and Charles Dunn will play for us.

The center will be closed for New Year's Day Monday, but will be on our regular schedule starting back, January 3 on Wednesday.

"A Womans Thoughts On Life"

1. This isn't clutter, these are my antiques!
2. If I can't be skinny, let all my friends be fat.
3. Discover wildlife, have kids!
4. I'm not aging, I just need repotting.
5. I cleaned house yesterday, wish you could have seen it.
6. I don't repeat gossip, so you better get it first time around.
7. Your secrets are safe with me and all my friends.
8. This house is protected by killer dust bunnies.

See you around town. You're the best!

FSA director elected

The recent FSA Election resulted by electing Lynn Bradbury to serve a three-year term on the Mitchell County FSA Committee. Lynn will be representing Community #3, which encompasses the southeastern quarter of Mitchell County, south of I-20 and east of Hwy 208.

Brandon Fuller was elected to serve as the first alternate and Karen Holman was elected as the second alternate.

The Mitchell County FSA Committee is responsible for administering FSA programs enacted by the U.S. Congress and approved for the county under the direction of the Texas State FSA Committee. These programs are carried out on a daily basis through the

County office personnel as directed by the various program handbooks with jobs including reviewing, and certifying forms, reports and other documents as required. The County Committee is responsible for the approval of local program applications as well as hiring the County Executive Director who is responsible for the day to day operations of the County Office.

The current members of the Mitchell County FSA Committee are Robert Cox, Lynn Bradbury and Eddie Strain. The minority advisor is Frank Garcia.

An organizational meeting of the Mitchell County FSA committee will be held January 3, 2001

Healthier children's diets are outlined

You're eight years old and starving after a long day at school. As soon as you get home, you head straight for the kitchen to see what's around to snack on.

What do you find? Rice cakes with peanut butter! Celery stalks with cheese! Do you eat them? No way! Instead, you do what many other kids would do in the same situation -- hunt for potato chips, ice cream or chocolate chip cookies, and if you can't find them, whine.

Getting children to eat healthy snacks is an on-going battle with many parents, especially since so many of these children so obviously prefer less-healthy foods, such as burgers and fries, hot dogs, sweet desserts and snack chips.

But it doesn't have to be that way. According to Dr. Sharon F. Robinson, nutrition specialist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, tips on healthy snacking are just a mouse-click away.

The web site <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/CyclesMenu/CycleMenus.htm> is a good resource for parents and care providers who want to feed children better, she said. Recipes and healthy eating tips on this site are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. Although designed for after-school programs, the recipes would work just as well in a home kitchen.

Can't get the kids interested in carrot sticks or stuffed celery? Try sliced canned peaches in light syrup or pineapple chunks or orange wedges. They won't touch broccoli or cauliflower, even with ranch dressing for dipping (although the ranch dressing itself is a hit)? How about soft pretzel with honey mustard?

For heartier after-school snacking, give them chicken roll-ups, each made with 0.9-ounce flour tortilla, 0.5 ounce low-fat diced cooked chicken,

0.5 ounce low-fat cheddar cheese and a tablespoon or so of salsa. Or maybe a ham sandwich made with 0.9 ounce of pita bread, 0.5 ounce each of ham and Swiss cheese and a tablespoon of mustard.

Want to give them something soothing to drink after a long, hot, sweaty day at school? Maybe a peach smoothie would hit the spot. For each smoothie, combine 3/4 cup of sliced peaches with four ounces of low-fat milk and one cup of ice, and blend until smooth.

For quicker, grab-and-go snacks, try graham crackers, fresh fruit such as apples or bananas, whole wheat crackers or small bagels.

Low-fat milk and, of course, water, are also vital ingredients in healthy diets.

OIL & GAS NEWS

Pumping 51 barrels of oil per day, a new producer has come on line in the Westbrook Field, Mitchell County, 4.5 miles west of the Westbrook townsite.

The well will be known as the No. 438 Southwest Westbrook. Grub Petroleum management Inc. is the operator.

Bottomed at 3,350 ft TD, the well was perforated to produce from 3,030 to 3,070 feet into the wellbore.

Merit Energy Co. has filed for permit to conduct a recompletion at the No. 44 V.T. McCabe in the North Jameson Field. Originally drilled to 7,111 feet, the well will be seeking added pay in the Ellenburger Formation.

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