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'Proud History, Promising Future'

Colorado City, Loraine & Westbrook



COLORADO CITY SENIORS Kolby Free (7), Alfredo Ventura (22), Ritchie Atkinson (60) and Mario Atkinson hold hands in a show of unity as they walk onto the field Friday for the coin toss in their game against Merkel. Free carried the uniform of teammate Orlando Moreno who died a day earlier. Merkel Middle School students posted a sign (above) at Wolf Stadium to show their support for Colorado City students.

BAND OF BROTHERS

County's students, athletes mourn the loss of one of their own

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

In the wake of a tragedy, students from all three Mitchell County schools found something positive last week. They found unity, compassion and a sense of brotherhood.

They found out just how closely linked Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook are as the death of Colorado High School's Orlando Moreno sent shockwaves through each community.

In Colorado City, school all but came to a standstill Thursday and Friday, while in Loraine and Westbrook friends and relatives of the outgoing Colorado City senior were left stunned when the news came in that the recently crowned Homecoming King had been found dead Thursday morning. Almost everyone in each of the three communities knew Moreno in some fashion.

And everyone felt the pain. "It's hard for me," said Loraine sophomore Tanner Foun-

tain, a longtime friend and fellow skateboarding enthusiast. "He was one of my best friends."

The same reaction was apparent in Westbrook, said eighth grader Chelsea Martinez.

"It was really upsetting cause some of the Westbrook kids used to skate with him and were friends of his," she said.

A multi-sport standout for the Wolves, Moreno had many relatives in the Loraine school, including cousins Jacob Sanchez and Michelle Sanchez and special education paraprofessional Gloria Lucas.

Fountain, the Sanchezes and Lucas joined hundreds of friends, relatives and community members in attending the funeral services for Moreno on Saturday afternoon at Colorado High School. He was laid to rest in the Mitchell County Cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

Despite the loss, the student/athletes at Colorado High School and Colorado Middle School voted to continue with their scheduled games against Merkel. CISD Superintendent Jim White said school officials asked members of the CMS and CHS teams of their desires and found most of the players wanted to play ... as a show of support for Moreno

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Orlando Moreno



COLORADO CITY'S DANIEL PEREZ (41) and Randon Hawthorn wait for the Merkel offense during the fourth quarter Friday. The Wolves had their jerseys marked with "Orlando 11" in honor of teammate Orlando Moreno.

Early voting for rollback ends Nov. 2

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Early voting for the Colorado City and Loraine school district rollback elections will come to an end on Friday, Nov. 2. Voting is currently under way at each school district's respective administration offices. Early voting for the election began on Monday, Oct. 22.

According to CISD officials approximately 62 residents had taken advantage of the early voting opportunity as of Tuesday, Oct. 30. In Loraine, six residents had voted.

Both school districts stand to gain huge financial windfalls from the state if taxpayers in the Colorado Independent School District and the Loraine Independent School District approve a request to set the effective tax rate at \$1.17. The proposed tax rate is 20 cents per \$100 valuation lower than the current rate. Under Tier II guidelines, CISD would gain about \$800,000 additional state and local funds. Loraine would generate an additional \$122,000 in state and local funding.

According to CISD figures, should local taxpayers approve the rate at \$1.17, the school district would be able to collect an additional \$375,000 each year from the state as part of its Tier II funding for schools. That \$375,000, plus the additional local tax revenue it would generate, would total about \$800,000.

"If we don't take this one-time opportunity to set it at \$1.17, that is money that

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Edwards says he will not seek re-election as DA

Mark Edwards, the district attorney for the 32nd Judicial District, announced last week he will not be seeking re-election, ending more than a decade of service.

Edwards, who was first elected in 1996 and took office on Jan. 1, 2007, handled numerous cases during his 11 years in the position, including obtaining a guilty verdict against Gladys Gerst, the



Mark Edwards

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Hunter's Appreciation Dinner set for Nov. 2 at Railhead Building

The 16th Annual Mitchell County Hunters Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, in the Railhead Building in Colorado City. The event will begin at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$8 per person. As part of the banquet, several drawings will be held. Among the items to be drawn for are a Weatherby Vanguard Sporter - 270 Winchester with a Burris scope valued at more than \$1,200. The rifle was do-

nated by Fuller Foods. Also, drawings for a Henry Golden Boy .22 mag., a Ruger m-77 25-06, a Howa Youth 243, a Remington Express 12-gauge model 870 shotgun, a Ruger M77 22-250 and a Diamond Archery kit valued at \$650 will be held.

The event is being sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce and Fuller Foods.

For more info contact 728-3403.



NATHAN PILCHER AND KYNZIE AVALOS punch out a piece of pumpkin while helping their Head Start class create a Jack-O-Lantern on Monday, Oct. 29

Mitchell County man killed in shotgun mishap on October 25

A 66-year-old Mitchell County man died in an apparent accidental shooting Thursday, Oct. 25, officials with the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office said.

According to law enforcement records, a family member of Freddy Leon Womack found him lying beside County Road 222 in northwestern Mitchell County about 11:25 a.m. Thursday.

Womack, who was pronounced dead by Mitchell County Justice of the Peace Kay Richmond, died from a single gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Investigators said Womack appeared to be working on a fence west of his home when the 20-gauge shotgun he carried became entangled in the fence and went off.

Around Town

Happy 1st birthday Jeremiah Green (Nov. 7)... Good luck regional cross country runners... Happy birthday Tyler Plagens (Nov. 1)... Rylan Senter going "cluck, cluck, cluck."

Answerline

Q. How many shopping days are there before Christmas?
A. As of Nov. 1, there will be exactly 54 days available for people to get those gifts under the Christmas tree.

Obituaries

Orlando Moreno,
Colorado City

Freddy Womack,
Colorado City

Briefs

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Parents are urged to bring children's immunization records. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

Flu Clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an adult flu clinic Mon., Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

the Westbrook school, 102 E. Bertner. Flu shots will cost \$10 and pneumococcal shots will cost \$20. Medicaid and Medicare will be accepted. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

Prophetic Teaching

Seneca L. Lee, Church of God in Christ, Christ Christianity Party, will hold prophetic Bible teaching on Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. and Tuesdays through Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Mitchell County Public Library. There will also be a Christian Administrative Prayer

Meeting on Nov. 6 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Singing Men

The Singing Men of West Texas will be in concert at the First Baptist Church Thurs., Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

Chili Luncheon

The Loraine Booster Club will have a chili luncheon Sun., Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 8 and under. The menu will consist of chili, cornbread, crackers, peach cobbler and tea.

Thought of the Week

You can't have everything.
Where would you put it?
Steven Wright

Lake Levels

(as of Oct. 30, 2007)

Lake Colorado City...2067.94'
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Lake Champion...2051.11'
Full at 2083' Down 31.89'

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Freddy Womack 1941-2007

MITCHELL COUNTY - Mr. Freddy Womack, age 66, died on Thursday, October 25, 2007, near his residence. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Paul Smith officiating.

Mr. Womack was born on January 4, 1941, to R.C. Womack and Viola Rogers Womack in Colorado City. He retired from TXU after 33 years. Mr. Womack started the Bluegrass Festival in Colorado City.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Eddy Lee Womack.

Mr. Womack is survived by his wife of 36 years, Edith Womack of Colorado City; sons, Mike Womack and wife, Shelia of Sundown, Todd Womack and wife, Marcia of Colorado City, Shane Harbour and wife, Trinity of Colfax, Louisiana; brothers, Ray Womack, Robert Womack, Jim Womack and Don Womack; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Orlando Moreno 1989-2007

COLORADO CITY - Mr. Orlando Moreno, age 18, of Colorado City died Thursday, October 25, 2007, at his residence. Funeral mass was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Colorado High School Auditorium. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Orlando was born September 27, 1989, in Sweetwater to Tanis and Alice Ornelas Moreno and had been a lifelong resident of Colorado City. He was a senior at Colorado High School and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his parents, Tanis and Alice Moreno of Colorado City; his paternal grandfather, Tanis Moreno, Sr. of Sweetwater; his maternal grandparents, Larry and Estella Ornelas of Colorado City; a brother, Simon Moreno of Abilene; two sisters, Veronica Gomez of Bay City and Velma Casares of Big Lake.



KCCB'S PEARL JEFFERSON and Marge Kolman (far left) present gift certificates to several "Yard of the Month" winners from 2007. Receiving certificates were (from left to right) Denise Farmer, Lee Snead, Martha Holstine (for Martha Smith) and Gwen and Randy Henderson. The photo was taken in front of the Henderson's home in Colorado City.

KCCB awards certificates to 'Yard' winners

Keep Colorado City Beautiful awarded gift certificates to several members of its 2007 Yard of the Month recipients on Sept. 27. In all, four winners of the award were presented with certificates.

Gift certificates for \$75 from Neff's Nursery were presented to Marth Smith and Randy and Gwen

Henderson. Bill and Denise Farmer and Lee Snead were given certificates valued at \$50 from Colorado Feed and Seed.

KCCB representative Pearl Jefferson presented the awards to the respective "Yard of the Month" winners.

Kiwanian's Coat Drive now under way

The annual Kiwanian's Coat Drive is now under way in Mitchell County.

Jan Lemons, who is helping with the effort, said any individual having a coat, or coats, they would like to donate to the drive can do so by dropping items off at The City National Bank in downtown Colorado City. The bank will accept coats during regular business hours for through Monday, Nov. 12. Members of the Kiwanian's, who kicked off the drive last week, are planning to distribute the coats shortly after the Nov. 12 deadline.

"We're asking people to get them to us as soon as possible," said Lemons, noting children's coats are still needed.

Individuals wishing to donate coats can contact Lemons via phone for more information at (325) 728-3678 or (325) 242-0075.

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VERONICA ROMAN LOOKS toward her mother, Charity, while talking to an Indian maiden at the Heart of West Texas Museum during Halloween trick-or-treating activities. The Museum had several "live" characters to entrain youngsters -- and parents -- during the activity.

Landowners need to apply for EQIP by Nov. 16 for next round of funding

Agricultural landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 16, to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

All eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16 will be ranked for 2008 funding.

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation.

Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer.

New in 2008 will be a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice.

Brush management will again be given high priority in Mitchell County. Practices eligible for cost-share include: brush management for mesquite, prickly pear or cedar, range seeding, livestock pipeline, well, pond, water storage facility and cross fencing. Salt cedar management is also eligible for cost-share.

To sign up for EQIP or to get more information, contact the NRCS office in the G-Kell building, 2302 N. Hwy. 208, Colorado City, TX 79512 or phone (325) 728-3473.

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TDCJ to hold accelerated CO training academy on Jan. 15

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will hold an accelerated Correctional Officer training academy from Dec. 14, 2007 to Jan. 14, 2008 at the Wallace/Ware Units in Colorado City.

Anyone interested in part-time or full-time employment as a Correctional Officer should take this opportunity to attend this 200-hour training academy between semesters.

TDCJ now offers higher starting salaries for bachelor degree graduates, veterans and former TDCJ security staff. To apply, download and complete an application from the TDCJ website www.tdcj.state.tx.us or pick up a copy at the Wallace/Ware Units

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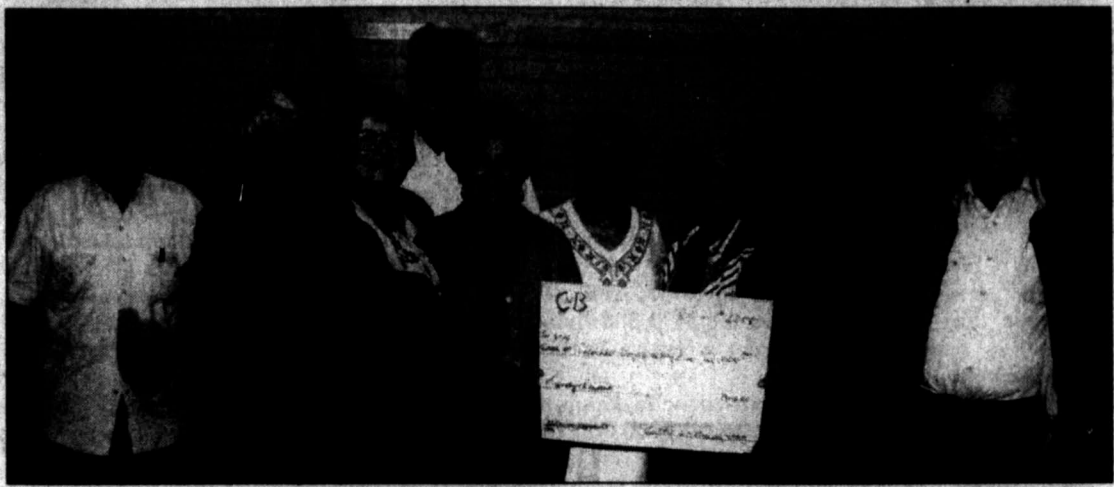


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LOCAL NEWS



COLORADO CITY CITY COUNCILWOMAN Carol Sue Dakan, who is a member of the Colorado City Cemetery Advisory Board, accepts a \$20,000 donation from Mitchell County Historical Commission members A.W. Phillips (far right) and Bobbie Banks (second from right) during the CCCB meeting. Present for the donation were (from left to right) were Joy Dockrey, Shirley Delaney, Dakan, Bill Barlow, Shirley Scott, Mary Stice, Nell Holman, Banks and Phillips.

Colorado City Cemetery digs up big donation from MCHC

Colorado City City Councilwoman Carol Sue Dakan knew if the word got out about plans to upgrade the Colorado City Cemetery, the money would come.

It came in a big way Monday afternoon. Members of the Mitchell County Historical Commission presented the Colorado City Cemetery Advisory Board with a donation of \$20,000 to be used for capital improvements at the historic cemetery. The funds were provided through money left to the historical commission by the late Hilma Joyce of Loraine.

The donation, with what the cemetery association had already raised, will enable the organization to begin the first phase of its improvement project. The cemetery's main road could be repaved next month.

"We are so thankful to the Mitchell County Historical Association," said Dakan. "This (donation) is a God-send. It shows people do care about the cemetery and our community as a whole."

MCHC member A.W. Phillips said the group's

decision to donate the funds was an effort to help preserve the historic cemetery. The Colorado City Cemetery is home to several historically-significant graves, including those of veterans that served in the Civil War, World War I and World War II.

"We've been very careful on how we have spent the money," said board member Shirley Delaney, noting a portion of the contribution from Joyce was used for the First Methodist Church and as a scholarship for a Loraine High School student. "This is something we thought would be beneficial to everyone."

Dakan said the donation put the cemetery association well ahead of its 10-year schedule for improvements at the cemetery. Additional donations would only mean the plan will move along faster.

"This is only the first phase," she said. "We still need donations, and are still seeking them. This shows we are serious about making the improvements at the cemetery."

'The Game Plan' to show this weekend at 3M Palace Theater

Area movie-goers will get the chance to see one of the summer's biggest hits this weekend when the 3M Palace Theater debuts the box office hit, "The Game Plan." The show, which features Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, will be shown Nov. 2-3.

"We are so excited to announce we will be showing it this weekend," said Beatrice Monroe. "We hope and pray this movie will be the one that allows us to bring in the newer releases."

According to movie distributors, theaters that have high ticket sales receive first-option on newer releases.

In "The Game Plan," Johnson plays Boston Rebels quarterback Joe Kingman, a tough player known for his ability to take fe-

rocious hits.

Blessed with amazing strength and agility, Kingman is helping lead the Rebels' run at the championship ... and living the ultimate bachelor fantasy life as a cool, rich and famous athlete. His life is suddenly dropped for a loss when he discovers Peyton, the 8-year-old daughter he never knew existed, on his doorstep.

Kingman must learn to juggle his old lifestyle of parties, practices and dates with supermodels while tackling the new challenges of ballet, bedtime stories and baby dolls -- all without fumbling.

The show will be presented Friday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., and on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

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will be left on the table," CISD Superintendent Jim White said. "It isn't like we can't use it."

Stoddard, too, urges local residents to vote in favor of the rollback, saying it would be beneficial to the Loraine school.

"We wish to remind you of the opportunity to vote to provide and additional .13 cents in tax for the Loraine Independent School District," he said. "We are asking you to set the tax rate at \$1.17 which is the highest rate now allowed by state law for a school district to collect. This will generate an additional \$34,000 for our district in local taxes and an additional \$88,000 from

the State of Texas in school funding due to our voters maximizing their tax rate."

Stoddard also noted the \$1.17 tax rate will be 20 cents less than what was collected last year in 2006, and 33 cents less than what was collected in 2005 when the tax rate was \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Early voting is available in Colorado City beginning at 8 a.m. at the CISD Administration Building, located at 1132 Hickory. In Loraine, voting is being held at the LISD Administrative office.

The General Election will be held Nov. 6, 2007.

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and his family.

On Thursday afternoon, Monseis Ybarra, a cousin of Moreno's, echoed the Wolves' sentiments.

"We're going to play for him," he said.

"We're going to win this for him," added teammate Anthony Rivera moments before the CMS seventh and eighth grade teams took to the field at Wolf Stadium and cruised to easy wins.

Colorado City residence is destroyed by fire

An effort to clean up a lawn resulted in the loss of a Colorado City residence last week.

According to Colorado City Fire Department officials, a home in the 700 block of 7th Street was destroyed on Thursday, Oct. 18, when a small fire started to burn tall grass and weeds in the back yard at 737 East 7th got out of control and burned a home inhabited by Larry Joe Martin.

According to emergency responders, the blaze was not a result of an electrical malfunction as no electrical wiring was connected to the house. CCVFD officers also reported finding propane and gasoline tanks in the home.

Colorado City law enforcement officials are investigating the fire.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for all the prayers, food, flowers and cards sent to our family during our time of great sorrow. There were so many people, we could never name everyone, but your concern for our family is greatly appreciated.

The family of
Orlando Moreno

During the game, several members of the CMS seventh grade team had Moreno's familiar No. 11 painted on their faces.

On Friday night, the high school football team showed its support for Moreno, a standout wide receiver/defensive back and kicker. Each member of the team placed Moreno's jersey number on the back of their helmet, wore red bands and had "Orlando 11" screened on the

upper left side of their uniforms in their game against Mendota. Prior to the start of the game, the Wolves' team captains -- Kolby Fret, Alfredo Ventura, Mario Atkinson and Ritchie Atkinson -- took Moreno's CHS uniform onto the field for the coin toss.

Saturday's flag and youth football league games were cancelled so players could attend Moreno's funeral.

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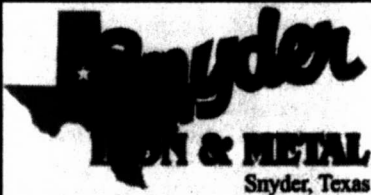
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Our high school student body and staff have just begun to go through something as difficult as anything I can imagine any group of students and teachers ever having to go through. That is the passing of one of their own. I suppose that their loss is second only to the loss experienced by the parents and family of Orlando Moreno.

The purpose of this letter is to bring to the attention of the people of Colorado City the actions of several people the morning of Orlando's passing that, in my opinion, have way surpassed the call of duty.

Everyone would naturally expect the staff of CHS to circle their wagons and do the best they could to take care of the needs of our students. And, they certainly did that, and more, to a person. The way they worked to console all our kids and the level of compassion that they demonstrated has left me in utter awe. Plus, we had many teachers and staff from all our other campuses come over to assist. Many of them had taught Orlando when he was younger, but all wanted to help. As the Superintendent of CISD, I am extremely proud of the way they handled themselves during a situation of extreme duress.

But, there were others, too, who came running to our assistance. First, I want to thank all our counselors throughout our school district. They were magnificent.

Next, I'll have to admit that I have no idea how they got the word or even how they got there, but it was a sight to behold. We had many of the preachers, reverends, pastors, priests and chaplains, whatever term you want to call them, from many different denominations on hand to help our kids either in large groups, small groups, individually, whatever they needed. I am so tempted to write down names, but I know that if I tried, I would inadvertently leave someone's name off the list. But, they know who they are and we certainly know who they are and they were absolutely awesome! They were truly a Godsend. As a community and as individual churches, we are blessed by these people of God. I could never thank them enough and this is but one small effort.

At one point during the morning, we were standing in a group trying to decide how best to handle lunch that day. We really wanted all the kids to stay on campus and eat if we could get them to do so. Our cafeteria ladies at the HS normally serve about half the enrollment of our HS on any given day, so we know we would be OK for that many of the kids. We decided to try to contact Gas 'n' Grub and Pizza Hut and see how many pizzas they could prepare for us on pretty short order. It was our plan to try to order 50 from each if they could accommodate us. These two businesses, on very short order, mind you, went to work and turned out a bunch of pizzas. They were truly lifesavers. Royce Clay happened to be standing nearby when we were discussing this. Royce came up and just told us to bill all those pizzas to his bank, the City National Bank of Colorado City. We were simply astounded and truly moved by such a generous offer.

Next, we started discussing drinks for the kids. We were just going to order several cases of soft drinks and water from Fuller Foods. While we were attempting to do this, Rick Alvarez took it upon himself and Fuller's grocery to tell us that they were going to furnish for our people all the drinks, a meat tray for our faculty and I'm not sure what all else. There was some bread, chips, condiments, paper plates, etc. On top of that, Rick and some of his employees at Fuller's loaded up all that stuff (there was literally the back of a pickup absolutely full!) and delivered it to us and unloaded it as well.

Folks, these people were not asked to do this—they just did it. I am not smart enough to come up with the words to adequately describe the depths of my appreciation or the degree to which I was moved by their actions—actions which were precluded by absolutely no hesitation whatsoever.

I know that there are a few people who know about this, but everyone who was involved even a little bit should know. That is why I write today. I want everyone to know

that when the unimaginable happens, there are those in our community who do not hesitate. Rather they respond energetically, efficiently, willfully and at once!

The initial shock of such a sad event has passed, but there are going to be plenty of tough times in the days, weeks and months ahead. If you are so inclined, please pass along a prayer for our student body and the staff at CHS and especially the family. I can assure you that none will go unused.

Jim White
Superintendent, CISD

Letter to the Editor:

My little dog Pepper has been missing since Sunday, August 19. Pepper is a white, short-haired male Chihuahua. He stands about 10 or 11 inches tall and weighed about six seven pounds when last seen; he is nurtured.

At first glance Pepper looks to be solid white, but if you look closely, you can see he has small black spots on his skin beneath the hair. This is more visible in the summer months when he has shed his winter coat. He also has some black on the very edge of his ears.

Pepper has a visible sore spot on the back of his head that comes and goes. At times it gets large and requires medical treatment. Pepper has a limp in his right back leg. It may only be apparent when viewing his as he walks away from you; it is worse when the weather is colder. His limp is due to an injury he received at a very early age.

Pepper is very important to me. He belonged to my mother. She rescued him from an abusive owner when he was very small and he rescued her from a very lonely life after my father passed away. Mother and Pepper shared three years together. She passed away nine years ago. Before leaving this world, she asked me to take Pepper as my own. Although I knew he was spoiled rotten, had to be hand fed—because that is how she fed him, I still accepted the responsibility. I never cared for dogs in the house. I never cared for Chihuahuas. And I surely did not care to hand feed him. However, Pepper refused to eat; he almost starved to death and he mourned the death of my mother even more than I did. So, as a last resort, I began to hand feed him. After a while, Pepper got better and he accepted us as his family. We all grew to love him more each day.

We have had Pepper's picture in the newspaper, on the KVMC website and in radio announcements and on channel 6. We have put out bulletins at several local stores. We have offered a \$100 reward for his safe return. Still, no one has returned Pepper. I believe that he is still out there somewhere. He may even be somewhere very close.

We miss him very much and need to have him come home. Maybe you know someone who has my dog or maybe you have my dog and you missed all the publicity. The reward for Pepper's safe return is still being offered.

When last seen, he was wearing a red collar with a rabies tag. He was lost from the corner of 14th and Watson streets. If you have seen Pepper, please call 728-8891 or KVMC radio at 728-5224. You help will be greatly appreciated.

Also, I would like to thank all the people that have tried so hard to help me in my search for Pepper. A special thanks to Jim and Linda Baum, Kathy Geiger and Doc Gray.

Thank you,
Lorena Turnbow

Letter to the Editor:

Colorado Independent School District has called for an election in which voters will have the option to approve a tax rate of \$1.17 for every \$100 of evaluation on property owner's property. For most, this will include homes and/or land that you own. I wanted to write this letter for the purpose of, at the very least, giving the voters an explanation of why we are trying to get this approved.

The critical point in this election is that, by approving a rate of \$1.17, voters will be foregoing a larger tax cut that they could have coming to them if they do not approve the rate of \$1.17. That rate is \$1.04.

The Colorado Board of Trustees and the

administration understand full well what we are asking the voters of our district to give up. We are all taxpayers, too, who could use the larger break just like anyone else could. Our Board has looked at this thing from all angles imaginable. I want to assure the taxpayers, to whom we are all responsible, that we would only do this if we felt there was no other avenue for us to travel. Simply put, we see no other way, nor any better time.

I would like to take a minute to two to try to explain as briefly as I can why we feel this is necessary, what is at stake, and why now (this year) is better than any other time.

For years, public school districts have been screaming and pleading for some new, additional money from the state. The state has done virtually nothing to assist local districts to keep up with the dramatic hikes that we have seen in the past few years in the costs of heating and cooling fuels, insurance rates, gasoline and diesel expenses, and virtually everything else that we purchase. I can think of nothing off the top of my head which costs us the same one year as it did the year before.

Yet, while all this is happening, the amount of money that we can raise has not increased accordingly. In fact, it has not increased. CISD taxed at the maximum rate we could for nine years, \$1.50. I have never seen nor heard of a Board which would ever set a higher tax rate than they absolutely believed they had to.

When any district's tax rate was at the max, \$1.50, the only way they could earn more money from the state was to see its student enrollment increase. In the past decade that is something which was not happening in west Texas. For some reason that I cannot explain, C-City was more fortunate than many west Texas districts in that we did not lose a bunch of students. We didn't gain them, but we didn't lose them either. Most districts lost a ton of kids.

Our taxable values in the district have gone up some over time, and this has been due mainly to an increase of activity in the oil field. You would think that this would mean more money for the school district. And, it actually does... but (and you knew there would be one) the TEA templates that we use have some automated adjustments built into them in various places. This property value increase is one of them. When property taxes increase, state aid decreases. We just cannot get ahead. We can't even stay where we were. It's a vicious cycle and we lose at every turn.

This past August, our Board adopted a budget that was over \$1 million in the red over and above what we anticipate we will take in this year from taxes and state aid. This in itself is nothing new for CISD as we have adopted a deficit budget every year I have been here (this is my 6th). Only once was it a budget with a deficit this large. Last year, in a year which I, personally, felt was our best year at budgeting or getting our budget to most closely reflect what we truly took in and paid out, we were only able to put a little over \$120,000 into fund balance at the end of the year. What makes that truly frightening is that our budget was only projected to be in the red to the tune of some \$558,000. So, if our experience this year is anything like last year, and I believe it will be, that \$120,000 to the good we finished the year with, will be eaten up in a New York minute if and when our deficit is truly \$450,000 more than it was the previous year.

The reasons I'm worried are these: I don't see any of our expenses going down. Each year the salary scale for our teachers costs, with no raise at all from the state, an additional \$150,000+ over the year before because with each year of experience, our teachers move up an additional step on the ladder of experience and each step is a little more money than the previous step. Worse, I don't see any new money to speak of. The legislature did meet a little over a year ago, but, once again, did nothing meaningful for public school districts.

They did pass a small teacher pay raise. It was so small that the teachers would hardly realize anything at all from it by the time retirement and taxes were taken out of it. I think our average raise per teacher would have been a little more than \$38 per month before anything was taken out. Our Board added a little to that to try to give them something which they could realize, but, once again, that was out of local monies.

They did add something new which had not existed before. It is called the High School Allotment. It is the only true new money we got besides that rather insignificant portion for that "raise" I mentioned. Even with that, the step increases in the future for that are ours. But, back to the HS Allotment. This is money which came with strings attached—it can only be spent on kids in high school grades and grade 8, which was added as an afterthought. Our total new money from the HS Allotment amounted to some \$75,000. This would not pay for a single new school bus. But, we're going to do the best we can with it.

Now, I would like to address the "Why now?" question. This year is the only year we could hold this election, and, if the voters approve it, the school district wins the opportunity to have a tremendous amount of cash added to its budget while AT THE SAME TIME, THE VOTERS GET A SIGNIFICANT TAX REDUCTION. This year and this year only, if the voters approve this rate of \$1.17, the taxpayers will receive a tax bill which will be 20 cents LOWER per \$100 than it was this past year. It was \$1.37 last year and it would now be \$1.17. Taxpayers will still get nearly 61% of the tax break they would be getting with no election whatsoever. And, the school would get approximately

an additional \$800,000 per year in extra tax monies and state aid.

That extra \$800,000 comes primarily from two places. First, the high tax rate of \$1.17, compared to \$1.04, will bring in an extra \$286,973. Then, there is the issue of state aid. In particular we are discussing Tier II, Third Level of state aid. Strangely, at a tax rate of \$1.04, there is not one red cent available of state aid, Tier II, Third Level. But, when you plug in a tax rate of \$1.17, that "zero" suddenly jumps up to \$376,888. We would absolutely be leaving \$376,888 "lying on the table" if we do not at least make the attempt to capture it.

These two items alone make up the lion's share of that projected \$800,000 the school district would realize. The rest comes from smaller amounts in other portions of the template from special programs and from the fact that we budget conservatively, overestimating our expenses and underestimating our revenues—something I believe any small budgeting entity should and would do. Still, while we are doing this, we cannot afford to underestimate too much because the money that we do receive with which to operate is based on the numbers that we send it. If we cut it down too much, we would be short-changing ourselves perhaps too much. We still need to operate on a daily basis and provide services for our kids and to pay our bills. So, there is a balancing act to this budgeting business which can sometimes amount to walking a very fine line.

Finally, what happens if our voters do not approve the tax rate of \$1.17? Time will tell. We are currently operating on a budget of \$1.04 because you cannot assume that people will support giving up some tax relief just because you ask them to. What we all need to realize, or one of the things, I believe is this: whatever our voters decide is what we all will have to live with until the legislature sees fit once again to change the laws that affect school finance. That could be next year or it could be like the last time education finance laws were changed, several sessions ago. I, personally, do not believe that we can count on the legislature to do anything great for schools because, as a rule, they have never done much. So, if that assumption is correct, I believe that the first year, we may be OK, but we had better take a running start at cutting back on our expenses. In the school business, that means cutting programs or people. Our fund balance is currently about \$2.8 million, or less than four months operating expense. If we go four years of finishing the year \$700,000 in the red, we will be flat broke.

I'm not interested, and don't believe anyone else is either, in running a barebones school system. Not that it has one thing to do with me, but CISD has a lot of things going on for kids. I have never seen a school district our size do as many different things for our kids as we do here. Again, that was going on long before I ever arrived on the scene. But, what is important to realize, I believe, is that each and every one of these things are done with one purpose in mind. And, that is to give all our kids the maximum enjoyment out of school that they can get. This helps keep them in school and gets diplomas in their hands. If and when we start cutting back on the experiences that we can provide for our kids, it becomes harder and harder to keep them in school. When you get to the point of all you're able to offer is a barebones education based completely on a minimal type program, the kids lose and the town loses.

More importantly, I don't believe that our town or any town can long afford a school system which is not effective at keeping its kids in school. High dropout rates have historically led to higher unemployment rates, higher crime rates, higher teenage pregnancy rates and, all in all, just higher numbers of people who are making no positive, much less significant, contributions to the society in which they live.

This is NOT to say that everyone who drops out automatically becomes a drag on society. We all know people who have dropped out and have made and are making excellent friends and neighbors and are doing their parts to make our communities nicer places to live. But, today, more than ever before, dropping out of high school is literally an almost sure-fire dead end to a teenager. They can't hold jobs because they cannot get a job to begin with. They are faced with a very bleak future—one which holds almost no options available to them whatsoever.

Finally, somebody is going to have to support them, and that somebody is going to be you and I. Naturally, my hope and my belief is by investing now in our educational system, we will be reaping huge dividends for many years to come and that our entire city and community will be the big winner.

This is asking a lot. The Board and I are well aware of this. For any school board or administration to call for a rollback election if it did not believe that it was absolutely essential is unimaginable. I never dreamed that I would be in this position. I have always believed that any rollback election was to be avoided like the plague. We will live with whatever the voters tell us they want. But, the Board felt it was its responsibility, when it learned that this was an option, to lay this out for the voting public to consider and, ultimately, to decide upon. I will assure everyone that CISD will do the very best it can with whatever decision is reached.

Jim White
Superintendent, CISD

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing to the people of Colorado City. Our Community Mission is expressing a need for money to cover the cost of their

food supply.

There are so many people in our community that count on this food bank to feed their families throughout the year, but especially now with the holidays getting near. The mission may be the only way some of them will have a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

We all need to come together as a community and donate what we can; \$1, \$5, anything will help and be appreciated by these people at the mission that give so much of their time and effort into keeping this mission open and running to serve Mitchell County.

We can also donate canned goods, clothes, blankets, anything to help.

Cassie Davidson
Traditional Christian Knights

Dear Parents and Students of CHS,

Last week, we endured an unspeakable tragedy within our community. The loss of Orlando Moreno was devastating to everyone—especially our students and teachers. The support of the parents, business owners, and churches of Colorado City has been tremendous. Our week would have been impossible without each and every one of you. Thank you!

There really is not a good way to break news such as the death of a student to a closely-knit school. We did the best that we could at just listening to our hearts. In case you have not heard, here is how we handled Thursday and Friday:

•An emergency staff meeting was called to tell the teachers what happened. Teachers then told their first period classes.

•All available CISD Counselors (Jincy Ross, Charlotte Upshaw, Jody Womack, and former counselor Kim Anderson) were immediately dispatched to CHS.

•Community clergy members (ministers, youth ministers, and parent volunteers) were mobilized to both CHS and CMS. They were on hand in the auditorium and available for one-on-one grief counseling.

•Each class met with a district counselor and was given the opportunity to write letters, make signs, print pictures, and do other activities that were displayed and then given to the Moreno family.

•Seniors were sent to class meetings where they had a "debriefing" session with Mr. and Mrs. Ross. (We talked about grief, gave information, and answered questions, and made plans for Friday.)

•It was recommended to CHS by the Mitchell County Sheriff to have students remain on campus throughout the day. With the help of City National Bank, Pizza Pro, Pizza Hut, Fuller Foods, the CHS Band Booster Club, and numerous churches we were able to accomplish this.

•Students finished the rest of Thursday and Friday in their classes.

•Mr. and Mrs. Ross met with the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade classes on Friday to debrief them. Grief counselors remained on hand throughout both of those days.

We have started down the long road towards healing. It is not going to be easy, but our kids and community are so strong. We will all be here every step of the way. It will take all of us to aid in the healing process. Here are some of the events planned for our kids:

•Kiker-Seale with the Ministerial Alliance has taken the lead in getting Mark Chase, a speaker from the Dawson McAllister group to come give a program to our kids on November 10th at 7:30 p.m. (CHS Auditorium)

•Jincy Ross (CHS Counselor) has contacted Region 14 Education Service Center, MHMR, and Rivercrest Hospital and will be scheduling other events focused on grief management and suicide prevention.

•Individual counseling is available to each one of our students as needed. We can also refer them to clergy members or other healthcare professionals if their needs are not being met.

My plea to you as parents and friends of CHS students is to **just be aware**. If you notice your child or a friend is unable to start healing, let someone (a teacher, the counselor, a minister, a healthcare professional, another parent) know. That person may not know how to ask for help. If you notice changes in your child or your friends that concern you, let someone know.

Each person's road to healing will be as unique as their individual personality traits. We will be available to help in any capacity that we can—just call! We have a wealth of counseling expertise within our staff here at CHS and the entire district. **They are here anytime**. If you are not comfortable confiding in a school counselor, please contact your family minister, doctor, or other professional healthcare provider.

Again, thank you so much for the outpouring of support in the last few days. We have a long way to go, but our kids are strong and resilient. As we continue down the road of healing, if you have questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact us. Please keep our school, community, and the Moreno family in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Ross, CHS Principal
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LOCAL NEWS

Sweetwater attorney to run for DA spot in 2008 Democratic primary

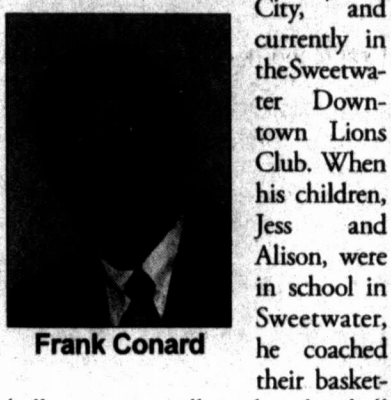
Sweetwater attorney Frank Conard has announced his intention to run for the office of 32nd District Attorney in the March 2008 Democratic primary.

Conard has practiced law in this area of West Texas for the past 25 years, and served as District Attorney from 1989 through 1996. He currently practices in the Frank Conard Law Firm, located at 307 Locust Street in Sweetwater, and is a board-certified personal injury trial lawyer.

Conard has lived in this area of Texas most of his life, graduating from Colorado High School, Colorado City, in 1966, from Texas Tech University in 1973, and from Baylor Law School in 1981. He is a military veteran, having served in the U.S. Army as a light weapons leader on an "A" team with the 7 Special Forces Group, and was honorably discharged in 1970. Conard was also a deputy sheriff for Nolan County from 1976 to 1979.

Conard has donated his time over the years to serve the community on the boards of directors of different organizations, including the United

Way Board (past president), the Nolan County Coliseum Board (currently serving), the Bitter Creek Water Association Board (past president and currently serving), and the Lang-Aycock Day Care Center Board. He has been a member of the Lions Club for over 25 years, first in Colorado



Frank Conard

City, and currently in the Sweetwater Downtown Lions Club. When his children, Jess and Alison, were in school in Sweetwater, he coached their basketball teams as well as their baseball and softball teams.

Conard is an accomplished trial lawyer, admitted to the State Bar of Texas, the Northern and Western Federal District Courts, the United States 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He is currently board certi-

fied in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and has been a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas for many years. He has also been admitted to the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, a group of trial lawyers recognized for their superior accomplishments.

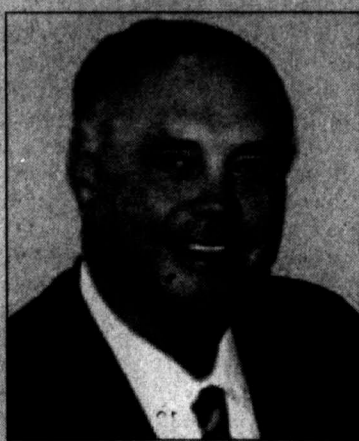
He served on the Board of Directors of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association and on the Board of Directors of the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force, serving one year as the first prosecutor to be elected chairman of the group.

State Rep. Darby launches re-election campaign

Citing the successful effort to re-align Angelo State University with the Texas Tech University system and his service on the House Appropriations Committee, Drew Darby announced his intention to seek re-election to his Texas House of Representatives District 72 position before enthusiastic supporters on Oct. 15.

"I love this job, and I want keep it," Darby said.

"In June 2005, I stood on these very steps and pledged I would stand up for West Texas in Austin, and that's what I did. Send me back to Austin, and I pledge to you I will continue to stand up



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DREW DARBY will be seeking re-election.

for West Texas," Darby said.

"There is a struggle in Texas

today between rural interests and urban interests, and I am proud to be a voice for the rural interests, for the people I represent in House District 72," Darby said.

"I am particularly proud of the work we did with Angelo State's re-alignment with Texas Tech. This is an effort that will pay dividends for both schools for decades to come. We fought for better pay for our teachers and retired teachers, for funding for our junior colleges, and debt relief for our school districts. It was a good session, and I ask for your vote and your support so I can continue to be your voice in Austin," Darby said.

EDWARDS

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former executive director of People for Progress, Inc. and a former Sweetwater city commission member.

Other notable cases during Edwards' tenure included a 75-year prison sentence for Michael McCoy for delivery of cocaine, and a 60-year sentence for Trinity Joe Campbell, who was convicted of aggravated sexual assault in the Nolan County Library restroom.

In 1999, Edwards tried a murder case in Mitchell County in which a 17-year-old watched his father run over his mother. In that case, Edwards was able to obtain a 99-year sentence against Freddy Diaz.

Also in April of 1999, an agent with a local drug task force seized \$9.9 million in cash from an 18-wheeler. That forfeiture of money remains the largest monetary seizure in the State of Texas, and ranks as the second largest in the U.S.

Edwards lamented his decision to not seek re-election, saying he was fond of the people and communities in the district, but that he wanted to take advantage of other opportunities.

"I love the people I work with at the courthouses in Fisher, Mitchell

and Nolan counties, and I especially love the people I work with in my office. They are dedicated to doing what is right and to making our communities a better place to live ... but I have an opportunity that I cannot pass up."

It is time for me to do something else in my life," he added.

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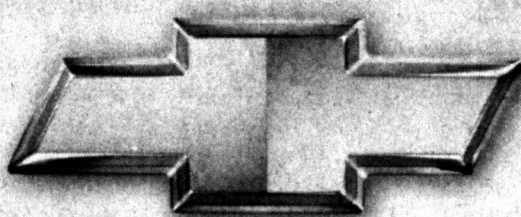
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SOCIETY



THE CLASS OF 1957 held their 50th reunion recently at Colorado Middle School Cafeteria. Those attending were: Back Row Left to Right: Billy Wood, Billy Stinson, Jimmy Gilstrap, Fred McDowell, Jimmy Moore, Jim Windham, John Houston, Charles Dunn, Wesley Fortenberry, Rodney Oliver, Harvey Sherman, Donald Holman, Don Peck. Middle Row (standing): Raymond Womack, Janice Myers Sivley, Nell Webb Wolf, Dolores Jones Roe. Front Row: Delbert Lewis, Randy McEntire, Bertie Lou Dorn Mackey, Nelda Smith Bruce, Joe Phariss, Fredine Theis Ward, Bennie Ray Hodges, Yvonne (Toots) Jones Robertson, Mary Louise Jones Rich, Laverne Williams Smith, Mary Ann Fisher Holman, Nelda Thurman Davis. Not pictured: Joyce Black Bynum.

CHS class of '57 holds reunion

The Colorado High School Class of 1957 met Friday, October 19, 20 to celebrate their 50th class reunion in the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria.

The class met Friday, October 19 for a general visiting session. Refreshments were served and

dinner was provided. Everyone enjoyed renewing old friendship, catching up on news and families.

During the evening, groups met at different locations for more visiting.

Saturday, October 20, many members of the class met for breakfast for more visiting, laughs and conversation.

A program was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday and lasted until 7 p.m. when everyone began to leave for all parts of the state.

During the afternoon the group was given a tour of the old high school building, then dinner was served by Gas 'n' Grub and David Stubblefield.

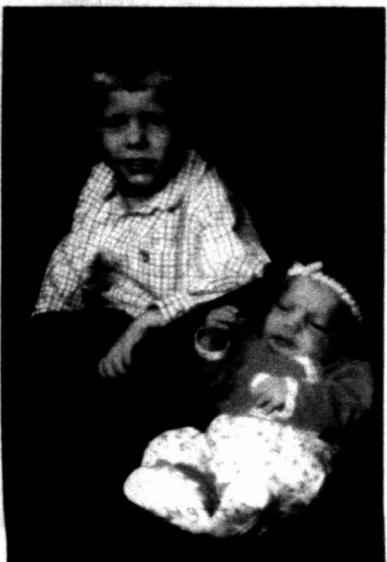
During the Saturday meeting, a business conference was held with the group deciding to donate \$700 to the Gladys Miller Memorial Scholarship and \$700 to the Colorado City Cemetery Donation Fund. It was determined the class would meet again in three

years - the year 2010 - and the dates would coincide with the Old Timers Reunion held each year by the community.

Also during the meeting, class members were brought up to date on the Gladys Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund which was begun by the Class of '57 seven years ago. Seven Colorado High School graduates have each received a \$1,000 scholarship during the seven years since the inception of the scholarship. The scholarship is open for donation from anyone interested in participating and being a part of this worthwhile venture to remember Miss Gladys Miller. Donations to the Gladys Miller Memorial Scholarship may be sent (check made to that fund) to Charles Ray Dunn, 972 Marshall Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

Visitors attending the reunion were Bob Reily, Mamie Lou New, Brooks Teague and Hollis Gainey.

BIRTHS



Christine, Ricky and Hunter Heady of Roscoe would like to announce the birth of Tatum Heady, born on Sept. 27, 2007.

Tatum weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dianna and Richard Heady of Roscoe, Tina Milwee of Odessa and Dan and Mary Nell Westmoreland of Midland.

Great-grandparents are John

Bostick of Roscoe, Jeanette and Gerald Chapman of Kermit and Bill and Ann Heady of Chandler.

Jessica and Wesley Chambliss are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rhiannon Skye Chambliss.

She was born Oct. 23, 2007 at 3:32 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Proud grandparents are Greg and Nancy Chambliss of Colorado City and Jack and Debbie Chambliss of Loraine.

Great-grandparents are Gilbert and Marie Chaney and the late Nolan and Frances Bird, all of Colorado City.

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SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary included (left to right) Luis Rueda, Alexis Munoz, Jameela Garrus and Ezra Palmer.

Students of the week named at Hutchinson

Hutchinson Elementary has named its Students of the Week. They are Luis Rueda, Alexis Munoz, Jameela Garrus and Ezra Palmer.

Luis, the son of Maria and Concepcion Rueda, is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. He enjoys spending time with his pets, a dog and a cat. Science is his favorite subject, and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is playing outside at

recess and going to Safety City. Alexis, a fourth grader is Mrs. Godina's class, is the daughter of Manuel and Lenore Munoz. She enjoys taking care of her horse, Flash, and reading is her favorite subject. P.E. is her favorite thing about her school.

Jameela, daughter of Charles Garrus and Kethunia Evans, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Geiger's room. Math and spelling are

her favorite subjects, and she enjoys spending time with her dog, Smokey. Recess is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Ezra, a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class, is the son of Tabitha and Richard Palmer. His favorite subject is science, and the teachers are his favorite thing about his school. He enjoys spending time with his pets, Fatboy, Katie, Smocky, Taz and Blue.



DONNICA FOWLER, 2007 CHS graduate, is currently a member of the Angelo State University Flag Corps, performing at Ram football games.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, orange pieces, milk.
Tuesday - steak fingers, gravy, golden corn, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday - pizza, sweet peas, peaches, milk.
Thursday - corn dog, green beans, crushed pineapple, milk.
Friday - hamburger on a bun, potato salad, chilled pears, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Breakfast Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - sausage, toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - pancakes, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Lunch Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - pizza, green beans, carrot sticks with ranch, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - grilled ham and cheese, pork n beans, pickle spears, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - corn dog, baked beans, potato salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - wolf burgers at Hutchinson, turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy.

green beans, cranberries, hot roll, ambrosia, choice of milk at Kelley.

CMS & CHS Breakfast Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, biscuit & sausage, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, sausage & biscuit, pancake with syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - taco salad, tasty rib basket, pizza, French fries, green beans, cookie, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, chili beans,

chilled tomatoes, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, spaghetti with meat sauce, golden corn, Texas toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - chef salad with bacon, burrito with cheese, nacho grande, pinto beans, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - garden salad & wolf burger at CMS, turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberries, hot rolls, ambrosia, choice of milk at CHS.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - toast & jelly, yogurt, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Hot Pockets, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - pancakes, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu
Nov. 5-9

Monday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk.
Tuesday - golden fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, garlic bread stick, milk.
Wednesday - Frito pie, pinto beans, seasoned corn, orange smile, cornbread, milk.
Thursday - chicken and noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, sherbet, milk.
Friday - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk.



KELLEY ELEMENTARY RECOGNIZED these pre-kindergarten students by awarding them with Golden Paw pins at the Character Counts ceremony held recently: Sarah Beights, Danielle Beltran, Samuel Camp, Markeisha Connelly, Alina Hernandez, Jaycee Holman, Jayden Kirby, Caleigh Oakley, Destiny Read, Matthew Rivera, Sheree Vanderpool, Zoe Matlock, Kayla Casares, Kirsten Lastly, Lina Rivera, Destiny Sepeda, Claudia Cabrera, Lacy Clark, Chalyn Henderson, Raven Morvnat, Morgan Parham, Carter Peasley, Ezekiel Randle, Mason Randle, Brett Ross, Madison Sims, Trey Syler, Jayden Wooddell, Destiny Sosa and Nariah Hawthorn. Pins were presented by the Colorado High School Cheerleaders.



KELLEY ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTENERS who were honored at the recent Character Counts ceremony were: Randy Haggerton, Estrella Carrillo, Josiah Silva, Poonam Patel, Courtney Wooddell, Sera Stephens, Halley Mann, Savannah Shiller, Shea Matos, Samme Herrera, Emily Ducasse, KeAndrea Emerson, Lexi Santana, Rico Santana, Joshua Sosa, Nathan Morgan, Brooke Oden, Matt Rich, Taylor Wood, Shyanne Gollnick and Morgan Forbes. The CHS Cheerleaders presented the students with Golden Paw pins.

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SCHOOL NEWS

COUNSELOR'S CONNECTION

By Jincy Ross,
CHS Counselor

Hey Seniors! I sure am glad to be at CHS. The first six weeks have been extremely hectic, but I really like being at high school. I taught most of you either at Hutchinson or in band at some point, so I feel like I know many of you. Please know that you can come by and talk to me anytime about anything! I'll be happy to lend a listening ear or help you with your college plans. The "Counselor's Connection" newsletter will be given to you at the end of each six weeks.

So, What's Coming Up?
Saturday, December 8th:
The ACT is back at CHS!

We're proud to offer the chance for you to take the ACT at your very own campus. The test will be given in the cafeteria. If you need to take the ACT, the best way to register is online. If you don't have computer access or a credit card, you may fill out a paper application which is found in the hallway outside the Counselor's Office.

Registration deadline for the December ACT test is November 2nd. If you would like to take the ACT but don't have the money, please come see me.

Thursday, November 1st:
Financial Aid Workshop

CHS will host a Financial Aid Workshop on Thursday, November 1st at 6 pm in the cafeteria. The workshop is for college-bound seniors and their parents. The presentation will last one hour and will cover the importance of grants, scholarships, and student loans. The presenter, Don Hilton from Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Abilene, will also cover the importance of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). A \$100 scholarship drawing will be given away during the presentation! Remember, completing the FAFSA is the way to get "big bucks" for college money. Refreshments will be provided.

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I nominated some of you for the United States Achievement Academy. This nomination went to students who had at least a 3.0 GPA and who also exude leadership skills, cooperative attitudes, dependability, and a desire to learn and improve. The nomination envelopes will come to me, and I will distribute them to you. Being nominated also qualifies you for scholarships, so please read what is inside your envelope when you receive it.

Senior Boxes:

You will receive "mail" in your senior boxes at least once every six weeks. We will announce when you have mail. This "mail" may be the newsletter from me or a scholarship that I think looks good. Please watch the deadlines on scholarships—they tend to sneak up on you.

College Days:

You are allowed two (and only two!) college days per year. College days can be used to visit the campuses in which you are interested. However, you must stay at CHS until 9:30 on your college day for attendance purposes. You can pick up a college day form

from the Counselor's Office before you leave, and you must return it to Mrs. Forbes so that you won't be counted absent. You must get a college employee to sign your form before you leave the campus. Remember, that's two college days per year, not per semester. Choose them carefully.

That's it for now. If I can help you make a plan for after you graduate, or if you need help finding a school that has the career in which you are interested, please come see me. I'm here to help you guys. Enjoy this last year of high school and remember: Make smart choices.



THE PRIDE OF Wolf Country Marching Band featured section is the French Horn section. Members of the section are: (l-r) Nick Reyna, Christa Valdivia, Macall Maddox and Deanna Turner.

Wolf Tracks - CHS News

By Sarah Smith, CHS senior

Thank You

CHS students and faculty would like to thank all of those who supported us Thursday as we coped with the loss of our classmate Orlando Moreno.

"The outpouring of support from the community was tremendous," Principal Jeremy Ross said. "The thoughts and prayers from our community really helped us through this trying time."

CHS would especially like to thank City National Bank for donating pizza so that all the students could all eat lunch together. Also, we would like to show appreciation to Fuller Foods and several area churches for donating drinks.

National Honor Society Induction

The National Honor Society will be inducting some new members this week.

"To be accepted into NHS a student has to not only exhibit academic excellence but also be a leader in their school and community," NHS Sponsor, Christie Bonner said. "We look for kids that show great character."

Eleven students applied for NHS and letters of congratulation will be delivered to the new inductees this week.

"It would be an achievement to be categorized in an elite group like National Honor Society," applicant Matt Sowa said.

To be inducted, students must meet several specific requirements: maintain at least a 90 average grade in Math, English, Science and History courses; demonstrate leadership and community service; receive positive reviews from teachers; and complete and essay outlining why they want to be in NHS.

Anson Game

Don't forget to support the Wolves as they play in Anson at 7:30 p.m. this Friday.

"We're going to work hard during practice and try to get ourselves together," offensive lineman, Ritchie Atkinson said.

This will be the last away game of the regular season for the varsity team. The final home game will be November 9th.

Other Events

- The Lady Wolves concluded their season Monday. They had a good season and made it playoffs.
- Drama students are selling tickets for the annual dinner theatre to be held in November.
- CHS will host a college and career day Wednesday. Areas recruiters will be present to share information with students.
- The deadline to register for the December 8th ACT is fast approaching. Local students interesting in taking the test at Colorado High School can use the test center code 164100 to register online or by mail.

The student council has been hard at work again this week. All CHS students were encouraged to wear pink for breast cancer awareness month on Tuesday. Signs have been posted around the school reminding students to pick up and properly dispose of their trash to keep our school clean.

Annual college fair held at CHS

Colorado High School held its third-annual College Fair on Wednesday, October 31 in the CHS Gym. The fair began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at noon. The fair was intended for all CHS and Wallace Accelerated High School junior and senior students, as well as Loraine and Westbrook students. Also, any adult in the community who is looking for a career or job change was welcome to attend.

A variety of schools attended the college fair, including four year universities, two year colleges, all branches of the military, and many vocational schools. The four year universities that attended are Angelo State, Texas Tech, UTPB, McMurry, Hardin-Simmons, West Texas A&M, and Sul Ross. Two year colleges that attended are Howard College, Midland College, Odessa College, WTC, South Plains College, and Cisco Junior College. The branches of the military represented were Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the National Guard. Vocational schools that were at CHS are TSTC, Covenant Nursing, Art Institute of Dallas, Aladdin Beauty College, Allied Health Programs, American Commercial College, DeVry University, and UTI of Houston, just to name a few. Representatives from Department of Public Safety, Mitchell County Game Warden, TDCJ, and TSTC Wind Technology also attended the college fair.

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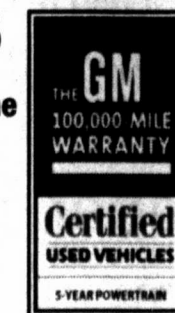
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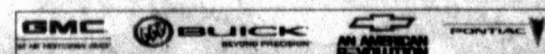


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LORAININE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

I'm very pleased to report that Tommy Wright is out of the hospital and back at home. Janie says he is better but still not too strong yet.

You may send him a card at 2609 N. Hwy. 208, Colorado City, TX 79512. Our well wishes still apply.

Gerrie and James Wooddell are anxious to see their son, Jimmy and his wife, Linda. They now live in Columbus. They will arrive this week, and they plan to stay two days with his parents.

Coming to Loraine for the



centennial and school homecoming and church anniversary were the children of A.K. and Billie Sheffield. Belinda Hailey and son, L.B., from San Antonio were here for the festivities and stayed the weekend. All had a great time!

Wanda Applin was guest pianist at the United Methodist Church in Loraine Sunday morning. She accompanied Betty Chandler while she sang a beautiful old hymn "I Shall Not Be Moved".

City Secretary Connie Ponko says things have slowed down considerably after all the recent festivities and excitement of the centennial, homecoming, and church reunion, but farmers and ginners are creating excitement of a different kind since cotton crops are bountiful, indeed.

The city employees have been working on water leaks that have occurred. Tall grass and weeds have taken up a lot of their time also.

Belated condolences go out to the family and friends of Agnes Manske from Peshigo, Wisconsin. She was Jan Millering's mother. Mrs. Manske was 90 years old, unwell and living in a care facility for quite some time.

Jan, her brother, Aaron Thomson and his son, James and daughter, Sammi, flew to Wisconsin last Saturday for her service.

All eight siblings were there.

Mayor McAdams reports that sales tax on the forthcoming water bill will be about 7 cents.

Also, she and Durwood have been under the weather. We send them both get well wishes.

Oscar Singleton called recently to chat and catch up on family news. He was surprised but pleased for everyone that this area will have, and already has, so many wind turbines.

Since he used to live here he knows all about the wind power. Oscar still lives in Abilene and has retired.

This past weekend, Danny and Pam Butler met Dawn and Paul Kropp and daughters, Danielle, Elizabeth and Rebekah at Alvarado, south of Fort Worth to attend the Women's Professional Rodeo Association World Finals. They enjoy every minute with the "grand girls".

Pam's niece, Brooke Hughes-Wilson, qualified for the finals in the calf tie-down. After placing in all five rounds at the world finals, Brooke received the title of Reserve World Champion in her event. She also received Rookie of the Year and her horse T.J. received the Horse of the Year award. Other family members from New Mexico joined the Butlers at the event. The families had fun eating out and visiting.

A Gideon speaker, Bill Wilson, spoke to church members at First Baptist Church before Bro. Dale Hartley gave the morning message last Sunday.

Providing special music for the First Baptist Church Sunday were Jennifer Zuniga and Cindy Hackfeld. Vida May McDaniel was the visiting pianist in the absence of Ina Vay McAdams.

It has been reported that Al-lie Ruth Wiggins likes her new home. You may write her at this address: c/o Marcy House, 2301 Wasson, Apt. 138, Big Spring,

TX 79720. I'm sure she would appreciate a card.

Bro. Dale and Helen Hartley attended the Texas Baptist State Convention in Amarillo after providing morning worship service in Loraine on Sunday.

The critter landlady from the north country, FM 1899, is rather downhearted lately. Beep Beep the roadrunner has returned to the casa but without his missus. He keeps looking at their old nest but she never shows up.

It's likely she ran off with a younger roadrunner, some bird brain with more money and a fancy condo in Georgia.

If Beep Beep will stay, he knows the landlady will feed him. And when spring comes around, he will be ready for a fast-running, long-legged beauty.

Wednesday is birthday dinner day at the Loraine Senior Center. Debbie Mitchell is scheduled to provide music.

Those having birthdays in October are Billie Sheffield, Doris Graham, Diane Sanders, Connie Cranfill, Aubrey Wilson, Evelyn White, Jim Harris, Billie Powell, Louie Spann, Mary Helen Motley and Bill Taylor.

Last Monday at the center, Wanda Applin played music and

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noon meal. Visitors to the center were Sylvia and Jimmy Rascon.

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SPORTS

Rio Vista ends Lady Wolves' playoff run

Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves' volleyball season came to a tough end Monday evening as the Rio Vista Lady Eagles pounded out a hard-fought five-game victory in front of a large crowd at the Maverick Gym in Eastland. Rio Vista,

19-12 overall, rallied from a 2-1 deficit win 25-22, 21-25, 21-25, 25-20 and 15-8 win.

The loss marks the second year in a row the Lady Wolves' season has ended with a playoff loss to Rio Vista.

The Lady Eagles, the No. 3 team from the District 8-2A race, used the presence of senior

Katie Martin to capture a narrow 25-22 win in the first game in the best-of-five format.

Colorado City, anchored by solid play from Crystal Stewart, Jessica Hernandez and LaCresha Johnson, rallied back. The Lady Wolves notched back-to-back wins 25-21 wins in Game 2 and Game 3 to build a 2-1 advantage.

The Lady Eagles managed to rally back to win Game 4 by a 25-20 margin.

In the decisive Game 5, Rio Vista got off to a quick start, building a large lead that the CHS girls were unable to overcome.

Colorado City, making its third straight trip to the postsea-

son, finished the 2007 season as the District 7-2A runner-up.

The Bangs Lady Dragoms, the 7-2A third-place finisher, was also slated for action this week. Bangs played state-ranked Grandview on Tuesday.

District champion Grape Creek received a bye in the first round.



STANDINGS

District 5-2A

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Stanton	4	1	6	2
Haskell	4	1	6	2
Merkel	4	1	4	4
Coahoma	3	2	3	5
Stamford	2	3	4	4
Hawley	2	3	3	5
Colorado City	1	4	3	5
Anson	0	5	1	7

This week's games
Colorado City at Anson, Stanton at Coahoma, Haskell at Hawley, Stamford at Merkel.

Six-Man

District 3, Div. I

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Robert Lee	2	0	6	2
Highland	2	1	5	4
Ira	1	1	7	1
Water Valley	1	1	3	6
Westbrook	0	3	3	6

This week's games
Ira at Highland, Robert Lee at Water Valley, Westbrook is Open.

Six-Man

District 4, Div. II

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Jayton	3	0	5	3
Hermleigh	1	1	4	4
Loraine	1	1	3	5
Borden County	1	1	2	5
Trent	0	3	3	6

This week's games
Loraine at Trent, Borden County at Hermleigh, Jayton is Open.

C-City Pee Wee Football League

Team	Overall W	Overall L
Snyder Steelers	3	0
C-City Wolves	3	0
C-City Longhorns	2	2
C-City Texans	0	3
C-City Giants	0	3

Last week's games
No games were played last week.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Bulldogs to open '07 hoops season Thursday

The 2007-2008 high school basketball season will make its official debut in Mitchell County on Thursday, Nov. 1, when the Loraine High School Lady Bulldogs get their season under way with a game against the Aspermont Lady Hornets.

Loraine, under the tutelage of head coach Tonja Edens, will be led into the game by junior Felicia Gibson and senior Junell Ruth.

The game will begin at 6 p.m. in Loraine's new gym.

Lady Wolves to open hoops season Nov. 6

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves will open their 2007-2008 basketball campaign on Nov. 6 against the Forsan Lady Buffaloes. The JV and varsity games will played at "The Pit."

The JV girls are scheduled to tip off the action at 5:30 p.m. The varsity will follow at 7 p.m.

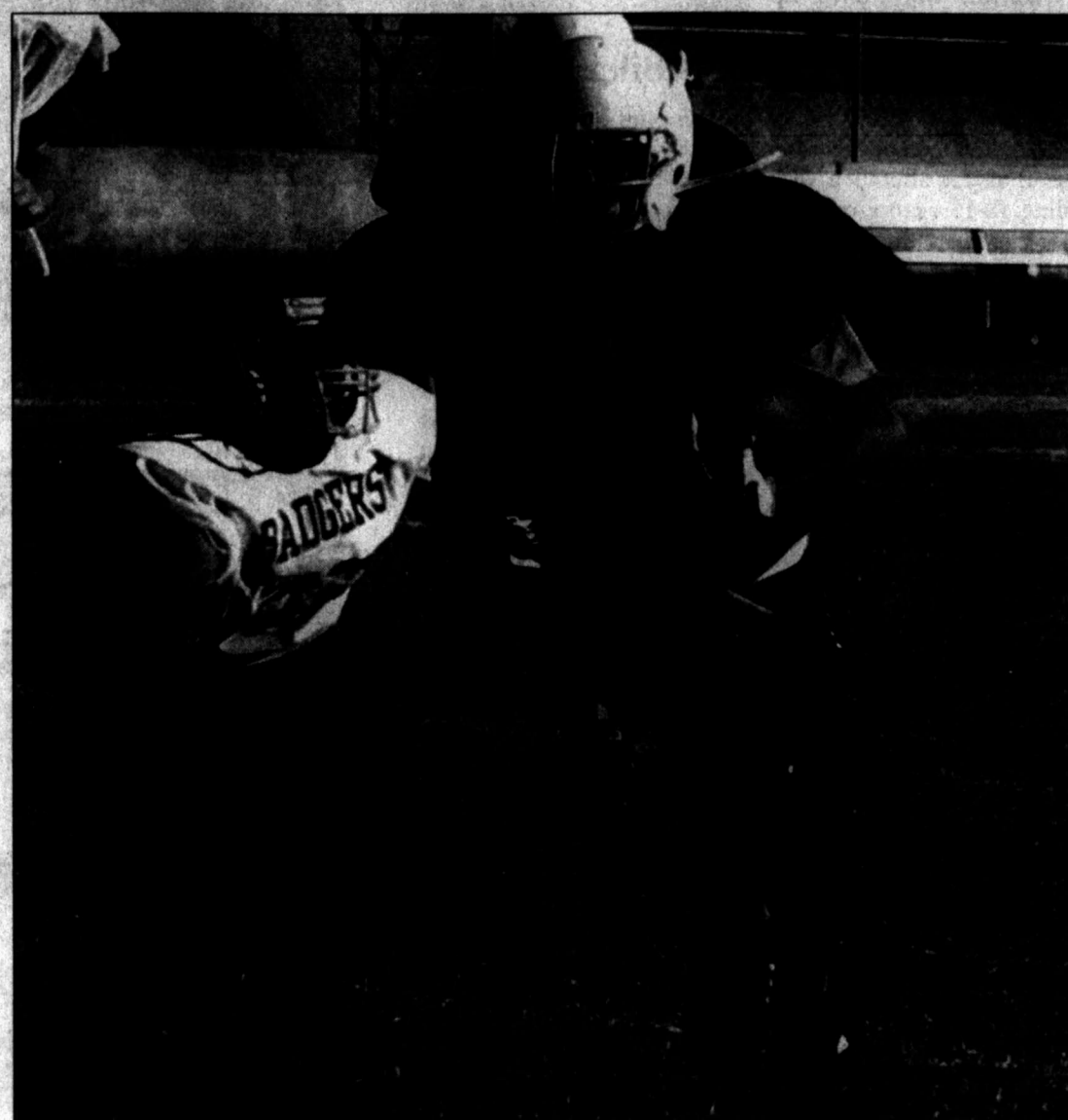
Conner wins CCBC's second tournament

The Colorado City Bass Club held its second tournament of the season at Lake Thomas recently. There were a lot of fish to weigh in.

Ronney Conner took first place and Wendell Pinkerton finished second. Conner also had the big bass, weighing in at 10 pounds.

In all, eight members participated in the CCBC tournament.

The club's next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 at First National Bank, beginning at 7:30 p.m.



COLORADO CITY RUNNING BACK Nathan Jackson outruns a Merkel defender to the end zone Thursday afternoon at Wolf Stadium. Making his first start of the year, the CMS seventh grade standout rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns and also returned a fumble 51 yards and helped power Colorado City to a 38-12 rout of Merkel.

Bulldogs look to keep playoff drive alive against Gorillas

The Loraine High School Bulldogs may have two games left in their regular season, but they know their playoffs begin Friday.

Make no mistake about it, Loraine is in a must-win situation.

The Bulldogs, who snapped a 4-game losing streak two weeks ago with a 38-28 win over Borden County, needs a win Friday over Trent to remain in the postseason chase. A win over the struggling Gorillas would enable Loraine to head into a Week 10 showdown

with rival Hermleigh needing a win to end a 13-year playoff drought.

In Trent, Loraine will be facing a team that has struggled as of late. The Gorillas, who are coming off a 36-30 loss to Borden County, have lost six of their last seven games.

Overall, Trent is 3-6 for the year and 0-3 in District 4, Division II play.

Despite their problem in generating wins, Trent is led by speedy

See LORAIN, Page 15

Westbrook falls to Water Valley, 45-26

The Water Valley Wildcats outscored Westbrook by a 31-16 clip in the first half last Friday and claimed a tough 45-26 victory.

With the loss, Westbrook fell to 3-6 for the year, and to 0-3 in Dis-

trict 3, Division I action.

Westbrook senior Colton Nobles turned in a solid effort in the loss, catching five passes for 97 yards.

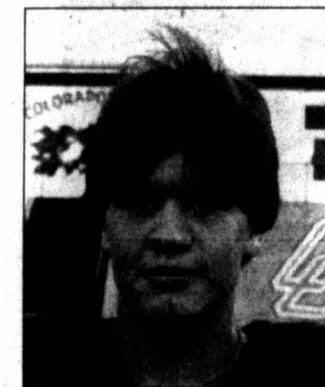
Westbrook closes out its 2007 season on Nov. 9 against Robert Lee.

Colorado City Wolves PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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SPORTS

8th grade stays perfect with rout of Merkel

Derek Gainey rushed for 230 yards and three touchdowns and Monseis Ybarra, Anthony Rivera and the Colorado Middle School defense recorded three sacks while leading the Wolves' eighth grade team to a convincing 37-14 victory over the Merkel Badger Thursday at Wolf Stadium.

The win kept CMS' season record perfect, upping the Wolves' mark to 8-0.

Colorado City removed any question of which team would emerge victorious in the first 16 minutes of the District 5-2A matchup. The Wolves scored on three of their first nine plays from scrimmage and jumped to a commanding 23-6 lead.

Gainey, a strong-armed quarterback, gave Colorado City the lead on CMS' second offensive

play. After opening the game with an incomplete pass, Gainey took the snap from center and raced up the middle for 67 yards and a touchdown.

Jason Rodriguez hauled in the two-point conversion pass seconds later, giving the Wolves an 8-0 lead with 4 seconds left in the first quarter.

Merkel controlled the ball almost the entire first period. The Badgers opened the game with a 12-play drive that consumed all but 20 seconds of the initial frame before ending on a 4th-and-2 play from the CMS 33.

Benny Jones came up big for Colorado City midway through the second. He staked the Wolves to a 16-0 lead by turning a short pass from Gainey into a 33-yard scoring effort. Jones, who caught

the ball near the visitor's sideline, reversed the direction of the play and broke two tackles at the Merkel 30 to score.

Gainey had set up the score on play earlier with a 20-yard strike to Rodriguez.

After Merkel had scored to cut the CMS lead to 15-6 with 5:02 left, Gainey went back to work.

He staked Colorado City to a 23-6 advantage by scoring on a 49-yard run at the 2:09 mark.

The Wolves, who rolled up 345 yards in the game, added to

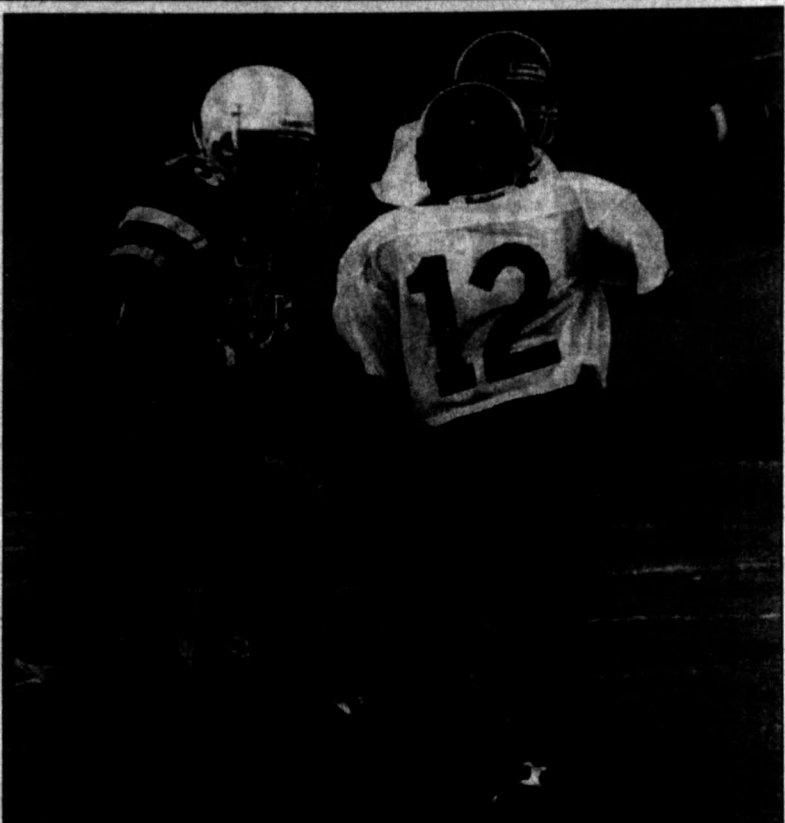
their lead on the second play of the fourth quarter when Gainey picked up his second rushing TD of the game on a short 3-yard run.

Merkel didn't quit, however. The Badgers drove the ball 57 yards on their next series to pull to within 30-14.

Gainey, who completed 6-of-11 passes for 104 yards, closed out the CMS rout with 1:20 remaining with a 39-yard scoring run.

Running back Brandon Gibson helped power the LJHS squad. He scored one of the team's three TDs.

Matthew Sanchez and Jon Hermsillo also played well.



COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL defensive end Monseis Ybarra prepares to hit the Merkel quarterback during the first quarter of the Wolves' 37-14 victory last Thursday at Wolf Stadium. Ybarra and the CMS defense held Merkel to less than 160 total yards.

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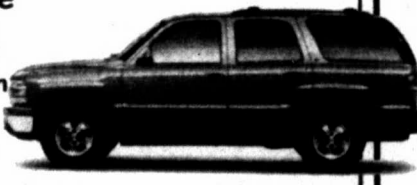


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MEMBERS OF THE CMS 8TH GRADE football team are (back row, left to right) Chris Beltran, Stephen Flores, Tyler Hammond, Dillon Gilbert, Benny Jones, Ryan Rivera, Monseis Ybarra, Matthew Potter, Anthony Rivera, Walter Thompson, (middle row) Will McKinney, Romiro Reyes, Juan Beltran, Julio Rodriguez, Derek Gainey, Aaron Mendoza, Jason Rodriguez, Colton Cannon, (front) Tyler Lorenz, Willie Hernandez, Ross Salmon, David Dunn Gloria, Jadrian Dominguez.

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SPORTS

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all, struggled to find its offensive game in the first three quarters. The Wolves managed just 154 total yards in the contest — 58 of those coming on its final possession.

Trailing 18-0, CHS quarterback Clint White came up big in the Wolves' final drive. He completed five of his six passing attempts in the possession to key a 8-play, 58-yard series that culminated with a 16-yard scoring pass to Richard Luera with 1:29 remaining.

Luera hauled in his only reception of the game at the Merkel 8 and danced his way past a defender on the sideline for Colorado City's first TD since Oct. 5 against Stanton.

For the game, White completed 10 of his 22 attempts for 94 yards.

The Colorado City defense held its own against the Badgers' option offense in the early moments of the contest. Merkel's first two possessions of the first quarter ended poorly.

Colorado High School defensive end Matt Sowa ended the Badgers' first series by coming up big on a third-and-2 call from the C-City 42. He pulled down Merkel's running back after a short gain and forced a punt.

Manuel Garza ended the Badgers' next series by picking off an errant pass from MHS quarterback Chisum Cope at the CHS 15.

Unfortunately for the Wolves, the Colorado City offense had just as much trouble moving the ball as Merkel. After a 15-yard run by Alfredo Ventura in the Wolves' initial series, Colorado City managed just 12 yards before punting.

Colorado City's only other possession of the first quarter ended after three plays with an interception.



COLORADO CITY'S RUNNING BACK ALFREDO VENTURA follows the blocks of linemen Ritchie Atkinson (61) and Mario Atkinson (60) as he scrambled for a 15 yard gain during the first quarter Friday. Ventura finished the game as the Wolves' top rusher.

The Badgers, now 4-4 overall and tied with Haskell and Stanton for the 5-2A lead, broke into the scoring column late in the second quarter. Cope capped a 8-play, 72-yard drive by pushing his way into the end zone from a yard out.

Cope's TD gave Merkel a 6-0 lead with 3:30 left in the first half.

The CHS offense managed to cross midfield just once in the first half, reaching the Badger 46 on their final series before punting.

The Wolves, who have lost their last four outings, began showing signs of life in the third. Sparked by receptions of 14 yards by junior wide receiver Derek Gutierrez and 11 by wideout Nick Hart, Colorado City put together an impressive 10-play effort that ended at the Badger 25 on a failed fourth-and-4 attempt.

The CHS defense, which held

Merkel to just 270 total yards, stymied the Badger offense in the third. Merkel managed just 36 yards in the third quarter.

The Badgers managed to stretch their lead to 12-0 early in the fourth quarter when senior running back Guy Workman broke free on a 30-yard run.

The Badgers added another TD on their ensuing series, upping their lead to 18-0 with 3:23 to play on a 12-yard scamper by running back Rodrick White.

White finished the game with 111 yards on 19 carries, becoming one of only a handful of backs to have reached the 100-yard plateau against the stingy Wolf defense.

Ventura led the Colorado City rushing attack, gaining 35 yards on 9 attempts. White added 21 yards on 10 tries, while J.C. Johnson rushed for four yards on two attempts.

TIGERS

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son enter Week 9 of the regular season sporting lengthy losing streaks.

The Wolves, despite coming off a tough 18-6 loss to Merkel last week, should have the upper hand offensively in the showdown. The Wolves' spread offense has shown the ability to move the ball against opposing defenses this season.

Against Merkel, quarterback Clint White got the CHS offense rolling late in the fourth quarter. He drove the Wolves 58 yards in the final two minutes to notch a score.

Receiver Richard Luera spoiled the Badgers' attempt at recording a shutout by pulling in a pass from White and dancing into the end zone.

The Wolves' passing game should be effective against Anson, which began the year with just two returning starters from last year's playoff squad. The Tigers have given up more than 700 yards via the pass this year.

That should be welcome news for White and his talented corps of receivers. Through eight games, the Wolves' passing attack has racked

up almost 1,000 yards.

White, a junior, has adapted to the CHS spread offense well. He has completed 77 of his 169 passes for 852 yards, and rushed 232 yards.

Tyler Higgins, Simon Reyna and Luera lead a talented cast of receivers. Higgins leads all CHS receivers with 13 receptions. Reyna and Luera have caught 11 and six, respectively.

The return of junior wideout Derek Gutierrez should only make the receiving corps that much better. Gutierrez caught several passes last week against Merkel in only his second week back from an injury

he sustained in the preseason.

Much of Colorado City's rushing game will sit on the shoulder of White and senior Alfredo Ventura.

Ventura was the team's top rusher this fall, gaining 269 yards on just 51 attempts.

Anson, which has lost seven straight games, is led by quarterback Garrett Brown and Aaron Blankenship. Both have started games this season for the Tigers.

Ernest Galvan and Brown are Anson's top rushers. Galvan has gained 283 yards on 57 rushes this season. Brown has amassed 200 yards on 52 attempts.

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THE NEWLY ELECTED Colorado City Bass Club officers for the 2007-08 year are (left to right) Bo Merket, Benard McMahan and Byrie Chapman.

Jackson powers CMS Wolves to 38-12 romp over Badgers

Nathan Jackson rushed for two touchdowns and returned a fumble 51 yards for another score Thursday afternoon as the Colorado Middle School seventh grade cruised to an easy 38-12 victory over the Merkel Middle School Badgers at Wolf Stadium.

Jackson, making his first start at running back this season, finished the game with 130 yards on six carries and helped power the Wolves to their sixth win in eight outings.

Offensively, Colorado City put on a clinic on how to run an offense against Merkel. The Wolves ran just seven offensive plays in the first half and scored on two of those. On those seven plays, Colorado City rolled up 86 yards — an average of more than 11 yards per snap.

Colorado City didn't waste any time in cranking up its offense. After Mark Henderson had returned the opening kick to the Merkel 38, he quickly put the Wolves into scoring position. On CMS' first play he raced 21 yards around the right end to the Badger 17.

LORAIN

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running back Tanner Bryan. The junior has rushed for more than 700 yards in the Gorillas' last seven games. Earlier this year, he rushed for more than 100 yards in his team's 30-26 win over Westbrook.

Westbrook, as most Loraine faithful know, defeated the Bulldogs 54-52 in Week 4 of the season.

Running back Anthony Beaver is also a weapon out of the THS backfield. He is the team's second-leading rusher and top receiver.

Loraine, 3-5 overall and 1-1 in loop play, will be facing a Gorilla defense that has been riddled over the past three weeks. Trent has allowed 152 points in their last four games.

In that span, the THS offense has also struggled, scoring just 50 points.

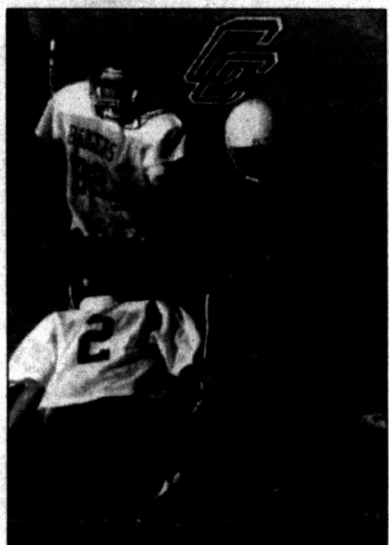
Running back Stefan Limones leads Loraine into the contest. Limones rushed for more than 150 yards two weeks ago in the Bulldogs' win over Borden County.

Freshman running back Jacob Benavimondez should also see plenty of time, as should junior quarterback Jacob Sanchez.

The key to Loraine's ability to keep its postseason aspirations alive will likely be how well the LHS defense can contain Bryan. Loraine has struggled to bottle up opposing offenses over the last few weeks. Prior to defeating Borden County, Loraine had been outscored by a 219-78 margin in its previous four games.

Loraine will be making its first appearance in Trent's new \$1.7 million artificial turf stadium. Trent opened the facility this year with a win over Westbrook.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.



CMS QUARTERBACK Mark Henderson sidesteps a Merkel defender en route to scoring one of his two rushing touchdowns Thursday.

One play later, Jackson took a handoff from Henderson and scampered 17 yards to the end zone, giving Colorado City an 8-0 lead with just 47 seconds having expired off the game clock.

Jaime Espinoza and the Wolf defense flexed its muscle moments later. After Espinoza had led off Merkel's first possession with a sack, Jackson stripped the ball from the Badger running

back and streaked 51 yards for a touchdown and a 16-0 cushion.

The Badgers pulled to within 16-6 early in the second quarter, scoring on an 18-yard pass with 2:19 left in the first half.

The Wolves answered right back. Henderson capped Colorado City's second offensive series of the half by scoring on a 3-yard run.

Henderson's TD run staked the Wolves to a 24-6 cushion at the intermission.

Henderson, who rushed for 53 yards and two TDS on just 4 carries, upped the CMS lead to 32-6 on Colorado City's second play of the third quarter by dancing in from the 4. Jacob Rizo had set up Henderson's run one play earlier by hauling in a 35-yard pass.

The Wolves added to their lead the next time they touched the ball. After the CMS defense had held Merkel on a 4th-and 10 play from the Wolves' 20, Jackson inflated the Wolves' lead to 38-6 by breaking off an 80-yard jaunt on first down.

In all, the Wolves' scored on their first four offensive possessions of the contest.

Merkel's only other score of the game came with 4:06 left in the game via a 27-yard pass play.

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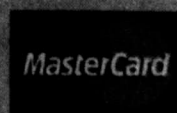
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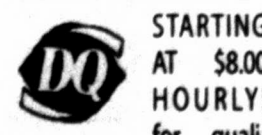


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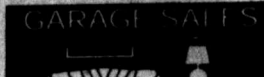
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New 1380 LCR 248 - Lakefront Cherry Creek, extra nice! A must see! 90's
1155 Register Rd. - 3 bdrm, 1 lg bathrooms, lg kitchen, 6-year-old mobile home, on 80' waterfront, 12x20 Morgan bldg on deeded lot. Very Nice! 2518 Bohannon Rd., Single wide mobile home. 3-1 with a deck. Located on two lots at Colorado City Lake.
New 1142 LCR 248. **UNDER CONTRACT** finished garage, dock.
New 945 LCR 311 1989 Jim Walters Home, 2-1-2cp, great waterfront w/dock, great patio w/beautiful view.
COLORADO CITY - LAKE LAND
New - Great Waterfront lots on 311 on east side of lake. They have to be cleared. Don't miss out on these! Priced to sell!
50.12 acres in Wagon Wheel Addition, not waterfront. Lots 4 & 5.
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New - 405 18th, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 40's, Under Contract within 24 hrs!
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Studio 20, Walker Art Studio to sponsor county-wide art show

Leada Wood of Studio 20 and Carolyn Walker of Walker Art Studio will be sponsoring a county-wide Children's Art Show at the Railhead Building on Nov. 17-18. The show will be held in conjunction with Railhead Trade Days.

The show will have five age divisions for children, including 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. All children will receive ribbons, with the top three participants in each age division having their artwork displayed at Studio 20 and the Walker Gallery for a month, beginning Nov. 18. The studios will host a reception for the artists on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Children can enter the art show free of charge, although only one entry can be entered per child. Each entry can be no larger than 16 inches by 20 inches in total size. Artwork should not be framed, but should be matted, if possible, or mounted on a larger piece of paper.

Items that can be used for artwork include pencil, crayon, charcoal, pastel, watercolor and acrylic. Oils will be accepted as long as the artwork is on a flat surface.

Photography will also be accepted and should be mounted.

All artwork is due by Nov. 13 and may be delivered to Studio 20 or Walker Art Studio.

For more information contact Carolyn Walker at 728-2184 or Leada Wood at 728-3497.

Caswell receives 60 year honor from Masonic Lodge

October 18, 2007, Loraine Masonic Lodge 1307, honored Max Caswell as he received recognition for his 60 years of service in the Masonic Lodge.

The ceremony was open to the public.

A meal was served about 8 p.m. at the Loraine Senior Citizen Center. There was a brief ceremony, following the meal, to present Caswell his 60-year award from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Caswell retired from the railroad in Colorado City and now resides in Sweetwater.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 20, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each city within Atmos' service territory to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 25, 2007. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,428,700 residential, 122,600 commercial, and 960 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$50,946,000 or 3.5%, including gas costs, or 13.49% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class within the incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$70.85*	\$72.42*	\$1.57	2.22%	8.27%
Commercial	\$296.15*	\$305.36*	\$9.21	3.11%	22.72%
Industrial	\$2,975*	\$3,143*	\$167.89	5.64%	38.95%
Transportation	\$19.88	\$687.77	\$167.89	32.29%	38.95%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$7.55 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include changes to Rider GCR, Rider WNA and proposed Riders for a rate review mechanism and conservation & energy efficiency program. The Company proposes to revise its weather normalization adjustment ("WNA") mechanism to exclude non-weather sensitive commercial customers and to modify the WNA mechanism to calculate the WNA adjustment based on weather stations at a regional level rather than under the current practice of associating all towns with a single weather location for purposes of determining the WNA adjustment. The Company proposes a change to its Rider GCR to allow the recovery of the gas cost component of uncollectible expense through the Rider GCR instead of through base rates and to update the Upstream Allocation (Factor D) to reflect the factors as proposed in the Company's Class Cost of Service Study. In addition, the Company proposes a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM"), Rate Schedule RRM, to provide for an annual review by the cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and rate base investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. The Company proposes a gas conservation & energy efficiency program and tariff to authorize the program. Finally, the Company is asking for authority to make future filings with the regulatory authority on an electronic basis, rather than by paper copy.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el ciudad de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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