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Answerline

Q. Will the city pool be opened again this summer?
A. According to city officials, the City Pool will once again be in operation for swimmers this summer.

Briefs

Band Boosters
The CHS Band Boosters will meet Monday, February 13th, 2017, at 6 pm in the HS Band Hall.

Campout Planning
Campout on Lone Wolf Creek in Ruddick Park is being planned for April. A planning meeting will take place on Thurs., Feb. 9th at 6 p.m. at the Lake Colorado City State Park Rec Hall. Help is needed to make the campout a great event. For more information, call the state park at 325-728-3931.

Softball Signups
The Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will hold signups on Thurs., Feb. 9th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the CC Thompson Room. Cost is \$60 for the first player and \$50 for each additional player. Eligible players are ages 5 to 14. Bring copy of birth certificate if first year player or new to the league. For more information, call John Martinez at 325-728-8367.

Garden Club
The next meeting of the Colorado City Garden Club will be held March 3rd at the Heritage House at 11:30 a.m. The program, "Museum Musings", will be presented by Patty Pharis, curator of the Heart of West Texas Museum. Guests are welcome. Please call Georgia Harris before February 27th at 704-467-6245 for a reservation.

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Lubbock
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Roscoe

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City begins budget work; cuts ahead

The city council of Colorado City took on the daunting task of coming up with a budget that will slash costs while continuing to provide services for citizens. The council agreed with recommendations by City Manager David Hoover to cut the city's overall budget by over \$1 million, for a proposed budget of \$5,781,200.

Hoover said the budget, as it stands after Monday's meeting, is a no-fluff budget and will see the city operating with skeleton crews in all departments, except for the police department.

"There's really no extra funds," Hoover

said. "If nothing too devastating happens, then we'll, hopefully, be able to continue to provide services to the citizens here."

Citizens should see things stay, basically, the same. Hoover warned that skeleton crews often means pulling employees from one department to help with urgent tasks in another and that slows services at times.

The city manager expressed his gratitude for offender crews from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice that help keep the Colorado City Cemetery and Ruddick Park mowed and cleaned.

"Without their help, we'd never be able to get the cemetery done," he said.

While there were few non-essential services left in the city's budget, as of Tuesday, there were still plans to open the City Pool this summer for the kids. Approximately \$73,000 was budgeted for the pool last year, and that amount was reduced to \$66,460 for the upcoming year. Of the money budgeted, only \$55,222 has been spent.

The council discussed the lack of activities available for kids already, and it was decided that keeping the pool open would

be something they would like to see happen despite the rising costs of chemicals. However, the budget is not finalized and will not be adopted until March.

Code enforcement took the biggest hit, as over \$100,000 was cut out of the Building Code Department. The current 2016-17 budget allowed for \$147,740, of which only \$70,000 has been utilized. The proposed 2017-18 budget will allow for \$47,260.

Similarly, in 2016-17, \$53,000 was earmarked for the Colorado City Airport. See BUDGET, page 5

Loraine man dies in I-20 accident

A 38-year-old Loraine man was killed in a one-vehicle accident early Sunday morning in Nolan County. The only passenger in the vehicle was treated for minor injuries and released from the hospital in Sweetwater.

According to a report issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Anthony Antonio Aguilar and Mary Ann

Limones, both of Loraine, were traveling west in a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe on I-20 at approximately 2:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 5th.

The accident occurred about 6.4 miles west of Roscoe in Nolan County.

The vehicle veered off to the



Anthony Aguilar

north side of the road, began to spin and went into a side skid, rolling over to its left. Aguilar, the driver, wasn't wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The 37-year-old Limones

was transported to Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater where she was treated for minor injuries and released. DPS Troopers determined that she was wearing her seatbelt when the accident took place.

The weather was cloudy and the road was wet. The crash is still under investigation by DPS.

Filing deadline nears

With the filing deadline quickly approaching, candidates are throwing their hats into the ring to be put on ballots in city and school elections coming up in May.

Since last week, Cliff Shiller has filed to represent District 2 on the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees. The current District 2 representative is John Martinez.

Shane Johnson filed for reelection to represent CISD District 5. Shiller and Johnson join Veronica Boone in their bid for election. Boone filed for reelection last week.

Potential candidates can go by the CISD Administration Building at 1132 Hickory Street to pick up an application. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 5 p.m.

Recently-appointed councilman Timothy Boyd filed his application for candidacy, as he will be seeking to keep his position.

See ELECTION, page 5



GIVING HIS TIME - City Secretary Donna Madrid (left) performed the official swearing in of Charles Rice as the representative of District 2 of the City of Colorado City Council. Rice takes the seat vacated by Craig Jolley.



STEPPING UP - Timothy Boyd (right) was sworn in to take the District 5 seat on the city council recently vacated by Keith Hiser. Boyd was one of three candidates applying for the position, and he was sworn in by City Secretary Donna Madrid.

Two sworn in as city council members

Two men were sworn onto the city council for the City of Colorado City in a called meeting Monday night. Charles Rice and Timothy Boyd will represent Districts 2 and 5, respectively. The seats were vacated by Craig Jolley and Keith Hiser.

Rice had been appointed to the seat at an earlier meeting, but he had to be sworn in to have a quorum for the budget workshop meeting that followed. Marcelo Alvarez and Andrew Fuller were

absent. Rice, Sammy Contreras, Mayor Jim Baum, and Travis Lynch were present.

Following the swearing in of Rice, the meeting was called to order and the first item up for consideration was the resignation of Keith Hiser, who is in the process of moving to East Texas. Hiser submitted a letter of resignation at city hall last week.

After accepting the resignation, the council was ready to consider appointing someone to

fill the vacant seat on the council. Three citizens from District 5 submitted applications for appointment to the position, Wade Sands, Timothy Marquez and Timothy Boyd.

The council convened in closed session and interviewed each of the three men separately. Because all three were considered good candidates for the position, voting was conducted by the council by ballot. When the votes were counted by City Secretary Donna Madrid, Timothy

Boyd was the candidate selected.

Boyd was sworn in immediately, so the council could proceed with city business.

Mayor Jim Baum took the time to thank all three applicants and expressed on behalf of the council what a hard decision it had been to make. He said he thought all three would have made a good councilman and welcomed them to run for election in May.

Lowrance looking forward to "driving down the highway"

"I would have to say it's been a fun ride," Donny Lowrance said of his 23-year career with the Windham School District. That's certainly fitting for a car guy who didn't know how much he would come to love teaching.

Lowrance has recently retired from a career as an Automotive Instructor for Windham within the fences of the TDCJ Wallace Unit. It's a job he started in 1994 never expecting it to continue all these years. But continue it did and with it, he developed a love of teaching he also never expected.

The story of Donny Lowrance begins in Colorado City 38 years ago, when he and his family moved here from Pecos. He said

he was 17 years old and thought it was the end of the world. His dad came here as an administrator with Colorado ISD, and looking back now Lowrance says it was the best thing that ever happened to him.

The C-City school system afforded Lowrance opportunities he may not have been offered at a bigger school. And it wasn't long until he was enjoying life here. He met his wife, Donna, while in school, and they dated for a bit and lost touch. After getting married and eventually divorced, Lowrance said he married Donna when they were 36 and he credits her with some of the best things in his life.



Donny Lowrance

"She's always been my biggest cheerleader," he said.

Lowrance said that race cars were his first love, and though he

didn't find much success in racing, it's something he got to do a lot as an adult. The love of cars led him straight into a career too. He enjoyed his time as a Snap-On dealer, but he didn't like the fact that he spent a lot of time on the road away from home.

The opportunity to be an instructor presented itself when the Wallace Unit opened in 1994. Lowrance thought it would be a good thing to do for the next four years or so, but he found that he enjoyed sharing his skills and knowledge with the offenders enrolled in the program. He also found that he enjoyed making a positive impact on their lives.

Lowrance said a longtime educator once told him that he taught from the heart not his head. "If you do that, the guys buy in," he said, adding that offenders could never figure out his "angle" because there wasn't one. "You get what you see right here," Lowrance said, describing himself.

Besides teaching offenders about cars and car repair, Lowrance took the time to teach them life skills. As part of the classroom time, offenders had to develop bank accounts, buy and sell cars on paper, write out tickets and make "money", all to teach them how to do things

See LOWRANCE, page 5

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES



TALENTED MUSICIANS – CHS Band Director Sam Hale (far left) brought a clarinet ensemble with him to entertain the Colorado City Lions Club on Friday. (l-r) Ashlin Alvarez, Maryetta Polanco, Jonathan Casares and Berkley Wood performed a Class I ensemble piece, which is the hardest class in competition. The students were set to go to contest on Saturday in San Angelo.

Students perform at Lions Club

Colorado High Band Director Sam Hale presented the program for the Colorado City Lions Club weekly meeting on Friday, and he brought four young musicians with him. The group performed a clarinet ensemble for Lions, and they were set to compete in solo and ensemble contest the following day in San Angelo.

Hale said that people told him to prepare himself for a tough experience coming in as the new

band director, but that's not what he's found so far. He said the 45 members of the Colorado High School Band are sweet, hard-working kids who try to do what is asked of them.

The band director said that he and his family have had such a good experience since coming here. "This is the nicest town with the kindest people," he said. "We love living here."

When students work hard and

perform well, credit should be given to them, their parents and even their community, Hale said.

"I get to go to work and smile every day," he said, expressing how much he enjoys what he does.

CHS Band students Ashlin Alvarez, Maryetta Polanco, Jonathan Casares and Berkley Wood made up the ensemble. They performed a Class I ensemble piece called *American Sketch*. Hale said that Class I is as hard as it gets in solo and ensemble competition.

The group performed for Lions and were well-prepared to go to competition at Angelo State University in San Angelo the next day.

"We're comfortable standing toe to toe with any competition," Hale said of the group, adding that Colorado City has had a strong band program for years.

Most kids in band own their own instruments, while certain instruments are owned by Colorado ISD. Program director Janet McCollum expressed her desire to see the Lions Club donate \$250 to the band program to help with students' instrument repairs and other needs. Everyone agreed the donation would be good.

Ronell Smith Cunyus

Ronell Smith Cunyus, 79, daughter of Arnel and Rochelle Smith, passed away on February 3, 2017.

Robert "Anthony" Aguilar

LORAIN - Robert Antonio "Anthony" Aguilar, 38 passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 5th. Anthony spent most of his career dedicated to his profession in the oil field as a truck supervisor. His love of family could be seen in all he did. Anthony's children, Daniel Mathew Finley, Skylar Sierra Aguilar, and Robert Anthony Aguilar III will have memories of their dad to cherish forever.



He is survived by his mother, Rose Mary Aguilar; sister, Amanda Roberta Aguilar; and brother, TJ Aguilar. He will be missed by Mary Ann Limones, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Anthony is preceded in death by his father, Robert Anthony Aguilar.

A funeral service for Anthony will be held on Friday, February 10th at 10 am at St. Joseph's Church in Loraine. Interment will follow at Loraine Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday evening February 9th from 5 to 8 pm at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with a Rosary service taking place at 6pm.

Online condolences may be made on line at www.kikerscale.com.

Betty Shawn 1927-2016

LUBBOCK – Betty Shawn, loving wife and mother, went peacefully to be with her savior February 5, 2017. Betty was born in Punkin Center on May 5, 1927, grew up in Electra, and she met the love of her life, married and moved to Colorado City. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed singing in the choir, teaching Sunday school and leading the BYW group for many years. Betty loved the Lord, life and her family.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Wayne; sons, Stan and Tracy; daughters-in-law, Margie and Leslynn; granddaughter, Megan and husband Josh; and great-granddaughter, Lillian. She was preceded in death by her son, Steve and grandson, Corbin.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 10th at First Baptist Church in Colorado City. Online condolences may be made at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Stubblefield 1932-2016

COLORADO CITY – Barbara Stubblefield, age 84, passed away on February 6, 2017 after a long illness. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 10:30 am at the 22nd and Austin Church of Christ with Brandon Denton and Royce Clay officiating. Burial will follow in the Stubblefield family plot in Colorado City Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Barbara was born on August 28, 1932 in Wadsworth to Murray and Mary Louise Seerden. Her childhood was challenging. Her father's work caused the family to move several times a year. She lived in 28 states but still managed to be an A+, straight A student. Her life changed after graduat-



ing from high school in Hobbs, New Mexico. She enrolled in college at Eastern New Mexico at Porttallas. During her first year in college, she was elected "Sun Princess" and represented her college at a football game in El Paso. She married while in college at Eastern New Mexico. From this union, one son and daughter were born, Ronald and Cathy. This marriage ended and she met and married David C. Stubblefield on June 2, 1962 in Arlington.

Barbara was working as a legal secretary when she met David who was a salesman for I.B.M. Corp. in Midland. They lived there for seven years until David's transfer to Cheyenne, Wyoming. While there, she became active selling cosmetics for a Dallas-based company. She took on the task as director of this company and won several awards. She held sales meetings and recruited ladies to sell cosmetics. She continued this work for seven years until they moved to San Antonio. She then became a real estate broker and was very successful in this business. She continued this business until they retired and moved to Colorado City in January of 2005.

Since January of 2006, Barbara had been mostly confined to her home due to multiple physical problems.

Those left to cherish Barbara's memory are her loving husband, David; one son, Ronald Christeson and wife Wendy of Horseshoe Bay; as well as four grandsons, Matthew, Corey, Chad, and John.

Dean Alexander 1930-2017

NOLAN COUNTY – Dean Alexander, age 86, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2017, at The Hoyt Place in Sweetwater. Funeral services are pending with McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Mr. Alexander was born October 8, 1930, in Nolan County, south of Roscoe. He was a lifelong resident of Roscoe until 1990, when he moved to Austin, Houston and Corpus Christi. He married Doris Lee Harvey on August 5, 1951 in Denton and was a farmer until his retirement. He was a member of the Jehovah Witnesses.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Lee Harvey Alexander on May 24, 1986; his mother, Johnnie Lee Graham Alexander on October 2, 1997; and his father, William J. "Bill" Alexander on May 3, 1985.

Mr. Alexander is survived by a daughter, Lee Ann Chancellor and husband, David of Laramie, Wyoming; two sons, Mike Alexander and his wife, Melinda of Colorado City and Kim Alexander and his wife, Marsha of Roscoe; a brother, Stanley G. Alexander and wife, Nancy of Austin; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

W'brook Boy Scouts plan pancake supper on February 11th

Westbrook Cub Scout Pack 79 is planning a delicious fundraiser, and scouts are counting on citizens to come out and help them raise money for their scouting adventures. The scouts will hold a pancake supper on Saturday at Buck's Café in Westbrook.

Everyone should come hungry to the pancake supper that will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. this Saturday, February 11th. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from any Pack 79 Scout, at Buck's Café or by calling 325-242-4824.

Tickets are \$8 each if they are purchased in advance, and they will be sold for \$9 each at the door on Saturday.

All proceeds benefit the scouts of Pack 79.

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

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Bob Reilly Early Learning Center, 1111 East 9th Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their written requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on February 23, 2017 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on February 23, 2017 and reviewed by Administrative Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council at the Bob Reilly Early Learning Center, 1111 E. 9th Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 11, 2017. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations. Previous Grant Recipients should review your 2016 Contract prior to submittal.

Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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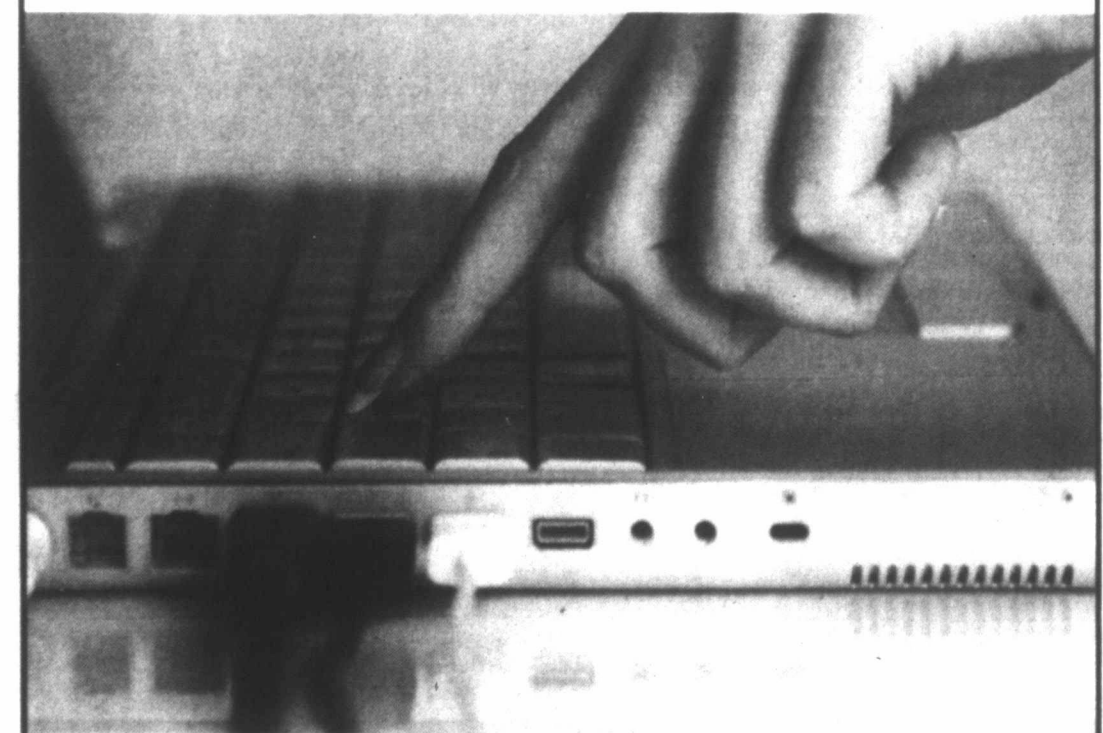
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LOCAL NEWS

"Paintings of the Southwest" highlighted at local bank

"Paintings of the Southwest" is the theme for Carolyn Walker's art show this year at FirstBank & Trust in Colorado City. The show will be on display in February during regular banking hours.

Walker has painted and taught art for many years at Colorado High School and in her studio. Since retiring from teaching in public school, she has traveled extensively, teaching at Regional Service Centers, as well as workshops throughout Texas and New Mexico.

The artist's work has won many awards including Best of Show in shows in Texas, and her work has been accepted in national shows. Walker was a founding member of the West

Texas Art Guild, and she also belongs to the San Angelo Art Club, the West Texas Watercolor Society and Artists of Texas.

Presently, Walker teaches both adult and children's art classes in her studio, located next to Wood's Boots on I-20. She also teaches art in Sweetwater at Cornerstone Christian School and at The Shop, where she has a class for children after school.

Up next for Walker will be a six-week watercolor workshop at Sweetwater Frame & Gallery starting the first of March. She will be teaching other workshops in Lubbock and in Breckenridge in the spring.

Though she stays quite busy, Walker is happy with her full schedule.

"I have the best of two worlds: painting and teaching. I am very fortunate to be able to work with wonderful people who are interested in learning about art and how to express themselves through their artwork," Walker said.

Sharing her love of art is at the top of her list of goals. "Capturing the beauty of a flower, a sunset, a horse or whatever the subject is my main objective, so that others can enjoy it and learn to appreciate art," Walker said.

Viewing the veteran artist's work is always a treat, so take the time to visit FirstBank & Trust to take a look at her work. If you find something you'd like to own, pieces are available for purchase.



TEACHER AND ARTIST – Carolyn Walker, a founding member of the West Texas Art Guild, has a collection of artwork called "Paintings of the Southwest" on display in the lobby of FirstBank & Trust. The collection will be on display for viewing and purchase throughout the month of February. Photo courtesy of Linda Mathis.

POLICE REPORT

On January 28th at approximately 2:19 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Hickory St. in reference to a shoplifting theft that had occurred. All relevant information was gathered and a report was completed.

On Saturday, January 28th at approximately 6:57 p.m., an officer observed a vehicle fail to signal within required distance. The officer initiated a traffic stop in the 400 block of East 8th St. After making contact with the driver and verifying information, the driver was not eligible to drive and had been previously convicted of Driving While License Invalid. Driver was placed under arrest for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Convictions. Vehicle was released to a family member. Driver was transported to Mitchell County Jail and released to the on duty jail staff without incident.

On January 29th at approximately 5:07 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of E. 12th St. for a report of a vehicle that had been damaged. Criminal mischief was confirmed and a report was completed.

On January 31st at approximately 6:51 p.m., an officer was dispatched to 101 E. I-20 in reference to an unwanted subject. The officer made contact with the property manager and the subject. The subject had been previously warned not to come onto the property. The subject was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass and transported to Mitchell County Jail where he was released to the on duty

jail staff without incident.

On January 31st at approximately 11:13 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop at the 1400 block of Hickory St. During the course of a traffic stop, an officer observed several bottles of alcohol in the vehicle and an open container was observed. The driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated.

On February 1st at approximately 5:59 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1900 block of Colorado St. in reference to a item stolen from a back porch. Information was gathered and a report was completed.

On February 2nd at approximately 12:14 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Locust St. in reference to a burglary. A burglary was confirmed and a report was completed.

On February 4th at approximately 8:39 p.m., an officer observed a vehicle speeding. Driver was unable to provide a valid driver's license or insurance. Driver was placed under arrest for Driving While License Invalid Without Financial Responsibility. Subject was then taken into custody and transported to Mitchell County

Monday is deadline for Chamber nominees

Next Monday is the deadline to submit nominations to the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce for the 2016 Citizens of the Year, Agriculture Award and the Westbrook, Colorado City and Loraine Outstanding Educator Awards. The awards will be presented at the 108th Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The criteria for the Citizen of the Year:

- the individual must be at least eighteen years of age,
- lived in Mitchell County for the entire twelve month period,
- helped in the community the previous twelve months, and
- the work cannot be part of the job description of the individual

The criteria for the Agriculture Award:

- must be a family or business that is actively involved in farming and/or ranching,

- be involved in their community, and
- forward thinking in their operations

The criteria for the Outstanding Educator:

- must teach at Colorado ISD, Loraine ISD, or Westbrook ISD
- must have taught at least a full school year at that school
- can be nominated by peers, parents or students.

Entry forms can be picked up at the chamber office or printed from the website www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com and must be returned to the chamber office at 157 West 2nd Street on or before 4 p.m. on Monday, February 13th. Forms can be picked up 24 hours a day. They are in envelopes taped to the outside of the Chamber of Commerce office door.

Zafra named MCHD employee of month

By Audra Hoback, MCHD Marketing Director/Grant Writer

Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Pepe Zafra as the February Employee of the Month. Zafra has worked for MCHD in the Housekeeping Department for one year.

Zafra is described



Pepe Zafra

by co-workers as, "Uplifting, friendly, positive and an absolute joy to work with. He is a hard worker that is always dependable and helpful."

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Some Borden County highlights

Borden County and the county seat of Gail were both named for Gail Borden. "He was a Texas patriot who had a newspaper during the Texas revolution," says Lisa Mahler, who works with the museum in Gail. "There are stories of him moving his printing press trying to stay ahead of the Mexican soldiers. They were chasing him and toward the end of the war they caught him, arrested him and threw his printing press into the Brazos River. Prior to going into journalism he was an inventor living in New York. Gail Borden was one of those who tried his hand at various things like how to can meat. He is best remembered for inventing condensed milk, that saved the lives of many babies."

Garza County, adjacent to Borden County to the north, has Post as its county seat. It was named for the cereal man, C. W. Post. He wanted to build a utopian community. The road from Gail to Post is scenic with red hills like those near Sedona, Arizona. Two landmarks around Gail are Mushaway Peak and Gail Mountain.

Lisa Mahler grew up in Borden County and her family has a ranch there. She is in the process of remodeling the museum in Gail. She has discovered some treasures in boxes, shelves and cabinets that reflect the area's history. These include a harness, hand tools, photos, baby clothes and a 13-gallon butter churn. Lisa says the population of the county is only about 640 now, but it was once a crossroads for freight and mail. "It had hotels, saloons, livery stables, millinery shops and mercantile and confection stores, barber shops and banks and now there's one little building left from the original courthouse square." The museum is open the second Saturday of each month.

Other towns in the county were Durham, Treadway and Julia, now ghost towns. "When the early cattlemen started arriving, the grass was so tall that it touched a horse's belly. And the creeks all ran fulltime."

It took a while for Borden County to be able to communicate with the outside world. "My parents didn't get a phone until 1953. They didn't get electricity until 1949."

A school district was formed soon after oil was discovered in the 1940's. "Citizens put together a school board from the different corners of the county. My dad was school board president and there were no phones to get the school board notices out. My dad was a pilot and he had a speaker on his Piper Cub; so he would fly over all the homes of school board members and announce 'school board meeting tonight.'"

Borden County now has an impressive 22 million dollar school complex. About half the student body is transfer students because of the high quality of education the school district offers. Sixty percent of graduates of Borden County High School go to college. Nolan Ryan traveled to Gail to dedicate the new baseball field a couple of years ago. People in Borden County are happy right now because their high school 6-man football team won state for the 4th time. School colors are red, white, and blue.

Texas Prayer Caucus held Call to Prayer

By Teresa Beckmeyer

The Texas Prayer Caucus held the first-ever Call to Prayer for Texas on Monday morning on the south steps of the Texas Capitol. The event was hosted by Rep. Scott Sanford, chairman of the Legislative Prayer Caucus, and Rep. Matt Krause, Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Prayer Caucus. The Texas Prayer Caucus is a network of the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation.

The event was attended by a large group of representatives and senators, and was headlined by many of those same members of the legislature. Rep. Scott Sanford acted as the event's emcee, and the caucus' co-chair, Rep. Matt Krause, led the event's opening prayer. Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., and Sen. Jane Nelson led the pledges. Former U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes spoke about the work of the foundation from the national to the state level.

Pastor of the Denton Bible Church, Tommy Nelson, gave a

brief sermon to the group reminding them that, "We pray for Austin and we pray for Washington." Senator Charles Perry spoke next, reinforcing the importance of prayer for state legislators. He asserted that it was important for leaders to communicate with God through prayer in order to be equipped for the tough decisions that legislators make on a daily basis.

Attorney General Ken Paxton, who is frequently outspoken on the issue of religious liberty, spoke about the issues for which elected officials need the most prayer: "If you're praying for us, pray for courage."

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick closed out the event, referencing the debate over letting members of the opposite sex in the restroom of their choice, focusing on what he deemed religious liberty issues.

Approximately 150 citizens, legislators, and activists were in attendance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

As I wrote previously, Bonnie Cushing and I have held several star parties and comet parties in Colorado City as one of the many hobbies we share is Advanced Amateur Astronomy.

A major, beautiful celestial event is approaching on Monday, August 21, this year. It will be a solar eclipse that will be visible across the entire United States. It will be heavily covered by national news. Bonnie and I would like to feature the beautiful event for all you wonderful people in Mitchell County.

Bonnie and I have three beautiful telescopes here in Big Spring, and we've named our venture the Celesta Fiesta Observatory. Joe Wheelock at McDonald Observatory is our private science consultant. Oceanside Photo and Telescope in California is our equipment consultant.

Joe has calculated the details of the event for Big Spring on Monday, August 21st as 75% totality, beginning at 10:35 a.m., reaching a maximum at 11:45 a.m.

and ending at 1:30 p.m. These redactions ought to be very accurate for Colorado City, too.

Unless one has special eye protection, one should never look at the sun nor a solar eclipse, as even a glance can damage or destroy one's eyesight! Oceanside Photo and Telescope has provided our Celesta Fiesta Observatory with plenty of solar eclipse safety glasses.

A solar eclipse occurs when the orbit of the moon around the Earth places the moon between the sun and the Earth. The moon, therefore, casts a shadow that tracks across the sun.

I shall not be able to come to Colorado City to present a solar eclipse party at which folks can safely see the magnificent event, as I shall be working in a different community that day. However, Bonnie and I believe we can creatively make a suggestion.

Bonnie and I are sponsoring a solar eclipse party and complimentary luncheon for our beautiful friends, another hobby, the Houston Ballet. We feel we

have appropriate suggestions for our wonderful friends in Colorado City, too.

The solar eclipse will occur on a workday, during a lunch hour. Perhaps there may be a business in Colorado City that has a goal of connecting the community with their cause. We should like the beautiful event to be considered.

For the Houston Ballet, Connie and I are providing plenty of solar eclipse safety glasses and Applewood Smoked Weiners, mustard, chow chow, and iced tea. Maybe a business in Colorado City might also be interested in a similar feature.

Maybe there would be a group who would like to provide hotdogs; bottled water, as it could be a hot day in August; and a trash can into which folks could pitch their trash.

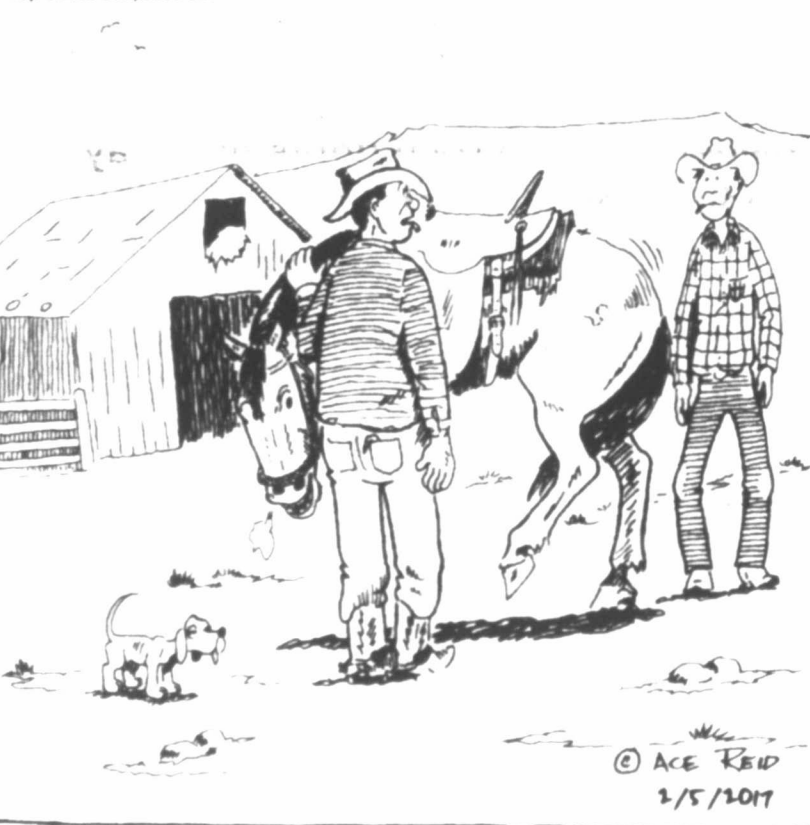
Bonnie and I of our Celesta Fiesta Observatory would love to supply the sponsor with the safety glasses for guests. Just an idea...

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- Feb. 13 CISD Board Meeting
- Feb. 13 Last Day to Nominate for Awards
- Feb. 17 Last Day to File for Candidacy
- Feb. 18 Roadrunner Loop Work Day
- Feb. 18 Geocaching 101
- Feb. 18 All Around the Campfire
- Feb. 21 City Council Meeting
- Feb. 23 Free Tax Filing
- Mar. 27 Culpepper & Merriweather Circus

- State Park Rec Center
- Administration Bldg.
- Chamber of Commerce
- City, Schools
- State Park
- State Park
- State Park
- Bob Reilly Learning Center
- Library
- Ruddick Park

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LOCAL NEWS

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ARTISTIC SOUL — Hometown artist Bill Worrell came back to C-City last week to hold an art installation at a private residence and do a watercolor demonstration for the Colorado City Garden Club. He is seen here painting, while members like (l-r) Patty Pharis, Jill White, Leslie Scott, Janie Henderson, Carol Compton and Vicki Weaver watch.

Worrell speaks at Garden Club

If you've lived in C-City for any considerable amount of time, you've heard the name of Bill Worrell. While he's best known here as a musician, Worrell is an artist in every sense of the word. He plays guitar, sings, writes, paints, sculpts and more.

The Worrell Gallery, owned by lifelong friend Jay Adams and his wife, Mary, is in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and houses many of Worrell's works. His artwork speaks of ancient civilizations and one of his sculptures has been dubbed as "one of the most photographed pieces of art in Santa Fe."

Worrell came back to his hometown last week to hold a private art installation and give a watercolor demonstration to the Colorado City Garden Club. Everyone at the monthly meeting got a taste of the world of a well-rounded artist.

The meeting was held in the education building of the First United Methodist Church, a structure familiar to Worrell. In talking to club members, he said it was nice to come to the church and see his dad's name, John Worrell, on a plaque.

The artist was warm and friendly, laughing easily with those attending as he struggled with a roll of tape. He had advice for budding artists, telling them to try out brushes on cheap paper to see how they can be used.

As a painter, Worrell tires of painting on canvas. In his quest to find an exciting surface on which to paint, he found himself throwing sand on paper on top of gesso, a medium applied to canvas before it's ready for painting. When he found the sandy paper months later, he painted what could easily have been a cave painting done by Native Americans, with the sand spar-

ling through the paint.

A couple of Worrell's "sand paintings" were passed around and were admired by garden club members.

As he talked, Worrell demonstrated how tiny brushes were good for delicate limbs and lines, while wide brushes are better for washes of color. He also reminisced about "the old days" when he was a student in Colorado City. With a warm and entertaining manner, he lamented the fact that today's public education often leaves out the arts.

Worrell's art career spans more than 30 years, and he admits to getting his first blue ribbon for artwork when he was about 20 years old. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology with a minor in English from Texas Tech University and a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting and drawing with a minor in sculpture from the University of North Texas.

During his 18 years of teaching at colleges and universities, Worrell held a doctoral fellowship at UNT, as Associate Professor of Art at Odessa College, and was Professor of Art at Houston Baptist University. Worrell has a home and studio on the banks of the Llano River in Mason County.

According to the website www.billworrell.com, Worrell's work

can be found in fine art galleries and collections across the United States, as well as in private and corporate collections worldwide. He has been a featured artist in more than one hundred one-man shows and exhibitions and in numerous two-man and group exhibitions. His 17-foot, three-inch monumental bronze entitled "The Maker of Peace," owned by the State of Texas, overlooks the ancient Fate Bell rock shelter at Seminole Canyon State Historical Park between Langtry and Comstock, Texas, west of Del Rio.

Though his work is quite valuable and his talents widely celebrated, Worrell gives the impression of being a kind and gentle Texas boy who heart and soul perfectly made for art in all its forms. He brought his 11-year-old dog, Ellie Mae Lucille Worrell, with him to the meeting. She charmed club members, just as Worrell did.

The next meeting of the Colorado City Garden Club will be held March 3rd at the Heritage House at 11:30 a.m. The program, "Museum Musings," will be presented by Patty Pharis, curator of the Heart of West Texas Museum.

Guests are welcome. Please call Georgia Harris before February 27th at 704-467-6245 for a reservation.

they had never been taught before.

The life skills being taught became so real to the offenders, Lowrance was under investigation by the Office of Inspector General for a while. Prison officials thought that Lowrance was actually selling cars to offenders, which makes him laugh to this day.

Lowrance still enjoys getting letters from former students who tell him that he changed their lives. He said he always replies that he just gave them the skills and they changed their own lives.

A few other benefits came with the teaching job. For instance, it allowed Lowrance the opportunity to spend more time with his kids. His day began at 4 a.m. each day and ended around noon, so he could pick his kids up from school if needed. The day-in and day-out aspect of sharing his skills also made him a better technician, he said, and it paid the bills.

"Teaching made me a better person. I can see now that I've been teaching all of my life, first with my kids, then employees and then at the prison," he said.

While teaching at the prison, Lowrance made an impression on about 60 offenders per year for 23 years.

In 2013, he was nominated for Teacher of the Year and made it to the top three finalists in the state. He said that every success he's had in his life has been made possible with the help of his wife. When he didn't want to pursue something she saw value in, she was right there to encourage him and help him.

Lowrance also credits his parents, Doyle and the late Pat Lowrance, with making him to be the man he has become, along with many people in C-City.

"I'm the product of the good citizens of this town," he said, citing Phil Anderson as someone who had a major influence on him. Being raised a Christian man has remained the foundation for his life, always pointing him in the direction he should take.

What's next for the car man from Colorado City? Well, to everyone's surprise, he and his wife are leaving. They are setting off on their next big adventure!

The couple has sold everything they owned except for what is

housed inside their Coach Motorhome and inside a small storage building in Lubbock. They are hitting the road on Sunday and their first stop is Port Aransas. That's where they plan to spend the next month.

Then, it's on to Atlanta, Georgia, and the Carolinas, where his kids will come and bring their families. Lowrance is the father of two grown kids, Bradley, who lives in Lubbock, and Katelyn who is married and lives in Levelland. He also has two grandkids who have a lot of fun with Nanny and Papa D.

The Lowrances have promised to make Colorado City a stop on their traveling tour, and everyone sure hopes they will.

BUDGET

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The proposed budget slashed the amount to \$7,000. Though Len Hobbs, the man who is contracted as the airport manager, had promised to begin improvements right away, no work has begun at the facility.

City officials based the proposed budget on the current tax rate. Hoover said he just didn't feel like the city could ask the

citizens to pay more taxes at this time. He said he, as a taxpayer himself, was feeling the pinch of taxes now and he knows other citizens are in the same position.

The plan, for now, is to keep the tax rate the same for another year. The city's tax rate now stands at \$.692239 per \$100 of value on property.

Fatal Swelling

Invokana is a treatment for Type 2 Diabetes. Lawsuits allege that Invokana may be linked to heart attacks, kidney failure and ketoacidosis, which is a diabetic coma that can lead to fatal swelling in the brain. The FDA has warned about possible kidney injury and ketoacidosis. If you have taken Invokana and have one of these conditions, call us today for professional insight.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own and occupy their residence on January 1, 2017, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2016, or has become eligible for a new homestead exemption. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. Homeowners can apply for the deferral by contacting the appraisal district that appraised the property and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to persons who are over 65 years of age (see next paragraph).

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2017. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100% exemption for 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121 or at their website at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/forms/>

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30-day filing extension is available by written request.

AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Taxpayers may receive certain notices required by law from the local appraisal district in electronic format. Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district to receive a form requesting electronic communications and how that communication should be transmitted.

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ELECTION

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tion as representative of District 5 on the city council of Colorado City. Boyd joins Contreras, who turned in his application to be re-elected to represent District 1 for another term.

The seats of mayor, District 1, 2 and 5 are up for election in May. So far, no one has filed for District 2 or to run for mayor. Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot should go by City Hall at 180 W. 3rd Street in Colorado City to pick up an application.

John Chaney remains the only candidate who has filed in the Loraine ISD Board of Trustees election. Three at-large position are up for election and are currently held by Chaney, Dewayne Smith, and Joey Lujan.

Applications for candidacy can be picked up at the administration office, located at 800 S. Lightfoot in Loraine, inside the main building in Room 608.

Filing will continue through Friday, February 17th.

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SCHOOL NEWS, SPORTS



TOUGH COMPETITORS – The CHS Band had 18 band students participate in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest in San Angelo on Saturday, February 4th. They are: Berkley Wood, Jonathan Casares, Maryetta Polanco, Ashlin Alvarez, Don Guazo, Braden Coronado, Tori Smith, Bell Douglas, Olean Pineda, McKinna Komppa, Lauren Sims, Jacob King, Garren Smith, Adam Clifton, Jordan Smith, Trinity Douglas, Selvy Lee, and Braden Upshaw. Photo courtesy of Sam Hale.

CHS band students compete in solo and ensemble contest

On Saturday, February 4th, 18 members of the Colorado High School Band traveled to San Angelo to compete in the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest on the campus of Angelo State University. Students earned 14 Division 1 medals and five Division 2 medals.

Westbrook junior class to hold Valentine's dance

The junior class at Westbrook ISD will hold a Valentine's Day dance to help raise funds for the class. There will be more than dancing, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The dance is planned for Friday, February 10th from 9 p.m. to midnight in the school cafeteria. Admission is \$9 per person, and all proceeds benefit the junior class.

There will be dancing, games and a small concession stand that will be selling drinks, candy and some desserts. There will also be a photo booth to capture special memories with friends and family.

Show your valentine a good time, while you both have a little fun! Come out and support the junior class.

Day weekend. Results of solos and ensembles follow.

The clarinet ensemble consisting of Berkley Wood, Jonathan Casares, Maryetta Polanco and Ashlin Alvarez received a Division 1 rating with "American Sketch". Adam Clifton received a Division 1 rating with a snare drum solo called "Mean Man Matt".

Don Guazo, Braden Coronado, Tori Smith, Bell Douglas and Olean Pineda formed a brass quintet and received a Division 1 rating on "Shepherds Hey". A brass quartet, consisting of McKinna Komppa, Lauren Sims, Jacob King, and Garren Smith, also received a Division 1 with "Quartet #1".

The percussion quintet performed "Overture in Percussion" and received a Division 2 rating. Members of the quintet were Jordan Smith, Trinity Douglas, Selvy Lee, Adam Clifton and Braden Upshaw.

"We are proud of all our students that participated in the contest," CHS Band Director Sam Hale said.

SCHOOL MENUS

COLORADO ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 13-Feb 17

Monday- Waffles, bacon, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Biscuit n gravy, scrambled eggs, ham, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Cinnamon roll, sausage, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Sausage, egg and cheese, pretzel sandwich, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Breakfast burrito, hash browns, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

COLORADO ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 13-Feb 17

Monday- Hamburger, hamburger garnish, baby carrots, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Hot ham and cheese sandwich, tomato cucumber cup, garden salad, snowball salad, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Texas basket, carrot coins, apple slices, cookie, choice of milk.

Thursday - BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, choice of milk.

Friday - Philly cheese steak sandwich, potato rounds, green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, choice of milk.

LORAIN ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 13-Feb 17

Monday- Cereal, toast, pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Cereal, toast, cheesy toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Cereal, toast, biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Cereal, toast, breakfast strudel, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Cereal, toast, breakfast burrito, hashbrowns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LORAIN ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 13-Feb 17

Monday- Corn dog and tots, baked beans, broccoli bites, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk.

Tuesday - Nachos grande, refried beans, salsa, garnish, cucumber dipper, tiny tomato cup, pears, lime sherbet, milk.

Wednesday - X-Treme burrito, salsa, veggie cup, lettuce and tomato garnish, mandarin oranges, milk.

Thursday - Salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruit gelatin, milk.

Friday - Hot dog, corn chips, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, fresh grapes, cookie, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST MENU Feb 13-Feb 17

Monday- Quesidilla, cereal, toast, milk.

Tuesday - French toast sticks, cereal, milk.

Wednesday - Cheese omelet w/ tortilla, cereal, milk.

Thursday - Empanadas, cereal, milk.

Friday - Cinnamon roll, cereal, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD LUNCH MENU Feb 13-Feb 17

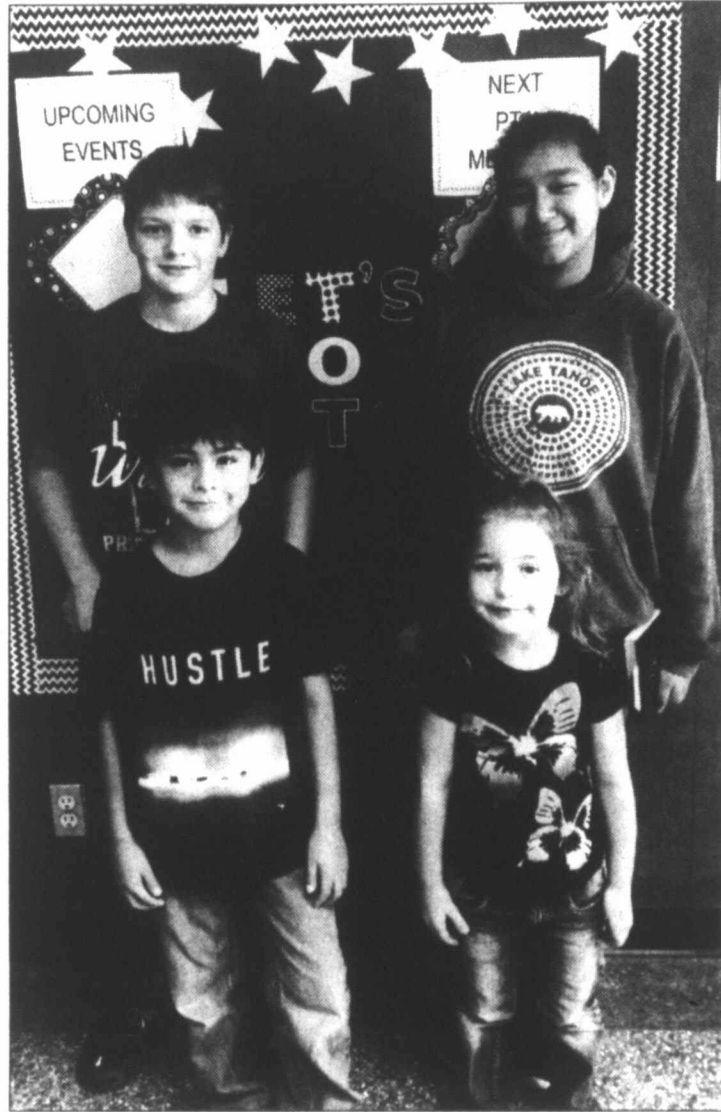
Monday- Chicken spaghetti, corn tossed salad, bread sticks, pudding

cup, milk.
Tuesday - Steak fingers with gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, lemon bars, milk.

Wednesday - Nacho supreme, refried beans, spanish rice, salsa, brownie, milk.

Thursday - Loaded baked potato with fixins, salad, hot rolls, snowball salad, milk.

Friday - Hamburger, cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh carrots with ranch, chocolate chip cookie, milk.



WISD STUDENTS OF MONTH – Four students have been chosen as Students of the Month at Westbrook. They are: (back, l-r) Colton Walters, Bailee Salazar; (front) Davin Lara and Maysa Kendrick. Photo courtesy of Sandra Sullivan.

Wolves win big over Coahoma

The Wolves varsity basketball team traveled to Coahoma on Friday, January 27th and came away with a convincing 64-43 win over the Bulldogs. The win improves Colorado City's record to 14-9.

A big lead at the end of the first quarter gave the Wolves what they needed to get the win. At the end of the first quarter, Colorado City led Coahoma 26-8. Both teams scored 11 points in the second quarter, and the

Wolves enjoyed a 37-19 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs closed the gap to 8 points in the third period, but the Wolves were on fire in the final frame ending the game with a 64-43 victory.

Markis Monroe led in the scoring department with 22 points. Omar Boone and Kwentin Malveaux each scored 16 in the contest. Monroe and Tommy James were recognized for superior performances on defense.

Loraine sr. class to hold dance

The Loraine senior class of 2017 is putting on a daddy/daughter and mom/son Boot, Scoot and Boogie Dance on Thursday, February 9th. Everyone is welcome to attend, and tickets are on sale now.

Tickets may be purchased in the school office for \$25 for a parent and one child, \$40 for a parent and two children, and \$50 for a parent and three children.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with photos and a meal, with the western dance to follow. The last day to buy tickets is Wednesday, February 8th.

For more information, call the school at 737-2225.

C-City boys win over Badgers, 64-58

The Colorado City Wolves varsity basketball team beat the Merkel Badgers in district action at home last Tuesday. The 64-58 win brings the Wolves' record to 15 wins and 9 losses for the season.

It was a close game throughout, and the Wolves had a slim 8-6 lead after the first period. At halftime, the Wolves kept the two-point lead, 13-11. Merkel rallied back in the third period and led 42-39 before going into

the final frame.

The Wolves scored 25 points in the last quarter to get the 64-58 win.

Markis Monroe scored more than 1/3 of the Wolves' points to lead offensively with 25 points. Tommy James and Omar Boone also scored in double digits, with 15 and 14 points respectively. Anthony Gutierrez was recognized for his stellar performance on defense.

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LOCAL NEWS



Lady Wolves headed to playoffs

The Lady Wolves ended the district basketball season Tuesday night in Colorado City, losing to district champion Jim Ned 36 to 18. The loss means the Lady Wolves enter the playoffs next week as the number three seed from their district.

Who the Colorado City girls will play, when and where will be determined later this week. Coach Barry Kimball said he expects to play the bi-district game on Monday, February 13th.

Conley Niblett was the top scorer for the Lady Wolves, with 6 points. Kaci Phariss and Kaitlin Kimball each scored 4 points as well.

WORKING FOR EVERY POINT - The Lady Wolves varsity basketball team (in white) played their last game of the regular season Tuesday night at home. Though the girls lost to state-ranked Jim Ned, the Lady Wolves held Jim Ned to only 36 points. Makaylah Rivera (shooting) goes up for a rebound, while teammates Conley Niblett (33) and Kaitlin Kimball run in for the rebound.



PUTTING UP A BASKET - Gabriel Salazar (34) scores a basket for the Wolves as Omar Boone (15) holds off a Jim Ned defender in the Wolves 61-58 victory at home Tuesday night. Markis Monroe led the scoring effort for the Wolves with 34 points, and Boone scored 11, as the Wolves beat the Indians in overtime.

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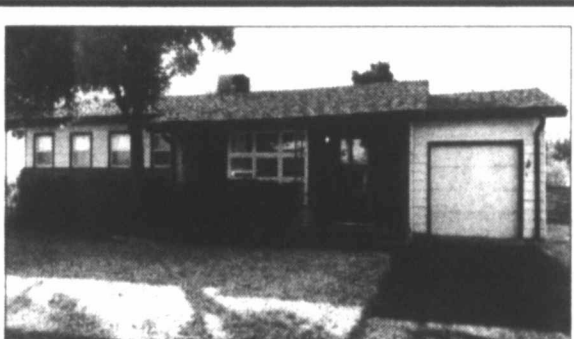
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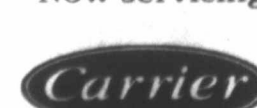
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February events set at park

What do you know about creating a hiking trail? Have you ever wondered what Geocaching is all about? And, what could be better than a candlelight dinner?

Personnel at the Lake Colorado City State Park have a few programs planned for Saturday, February 18th that should suit just about every personality.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with an opportunity to be part of something big! Volunteers are needed to help work on the creation of a new hiking trail, Roadrunner Loop. There are a few things volunteers should keep in mind.

Workers should wear appropriate clothing to work outdoors and bring along their favorite pair of work gloves. Hand tools and safety equipment will be provided, along with plenty of water. The work day is expected to last until noon.

Email the park at kyle.ohaver@tpwd.texas.gov or call the office to get information on how to sign up as a statewide volunteer.

Geocaching is a way to bridge technology and nature, and it helps get people outdoors and moving. Superintendent Kyle O'Haver will present Geocaching 101, a program that gives a basic introduction about geocaching with lots of hands-on experience.

The class is set to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. It's fun for the whole family and good for kids ages 8 to 108. Class size is limited, so call the park at 728-3931 to reserve a spot.

Later in the evening, the sweetheart edition of All Around the Campfire will be held. What could be better than cooking hotdogs on a campfire while listening to stories and eating some sweet treats like smores and monkey bread?

The campfire program is set to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be games and a night hike to go with the campfire if the weather permits. If the weather is bad, the program will be moved indoors.

There is no cost for the programs however you will still need to pay daily entrance fees of \$4 per adult and children 12 and under are free. If you have a valid Texas State Park Pass there is no charge.

There's no charge for the volunteers who come to help with the trail during that time. Volunteers must be at least 16 to work without a guardian. Those 17 years or younger will need a guardian's signature on a volunteer form.

For more information or to have a form emailed to you, call the park office at 325-728-3931.

Benefit saddle raffle to benefit Goebel fund

Tickets are on sale now for a benefit raffle to help defray medical expenses for Justin Goebel. Local citizen Barry Holman has offered a custom-built saddle, valued at \$2,000.

A drawing for the saddle is set for April 3rd and tickets cost \$25 each or \$100 for five. The saddle will be custom built to the specifications of the winner's choice up to the price of base saddle, estimated to be about \$2,000.

Goebel is a local veterinarian who was severely injured in an automobile accident on Monday, January 16th. He has already had multiple surgeries and more are scheduled. Justin and his wife Ika are both veterinarians in Mitchell County. They have one son, Ethan, and are expecting another child in May.

To purchase a ticket, contact Shari Holman at 325-436-2655 or Barry Holman at 325-436-8061.

Library tax help to be available February 23

The day is quickly approaching to get your taxes filed at the local library. Anyone hoping to take advantage of the free service should be rounding up the necessary documents and calling the library to make an appointment.

Expert tax preparers from AARP will come to Colorado City to the Mitchell County Public Library for income tax return preparation again this year. This service is free and offered to all in the community.

Taxes will be filed at the

library on Thursday, February 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to use the service should go by or call the library to sign up.

Tax returns will be filed electronically, and there are a few things that citizens should bring with them to their appointment. Two forms of identification are a must. One should be a photo ID, such as driver's license or Texas ID Card. The second must be the original or a copy of your Social Security card, Form SSA-1099 or the ITIN Card or letter.

Tax documents from 2016 and 2015 tax returns should also be taken to the library. Examples of 2016

tax documents are: Social Security statements, W-2s, 1099s, health insurance 1095A or B forms, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposits, receipts if itemizing, 1098T college expenses, child care expenses, property taxes, medical and charitable gifts.

Local librarians are excited to offer the service, and those unable to be present on February 23rd may be able to use the service on March 21st or April 11th. Tax preparers will come back to the library on those dates.

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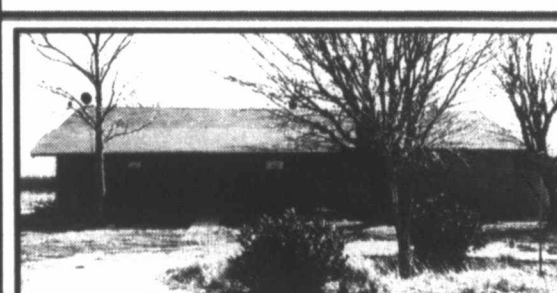
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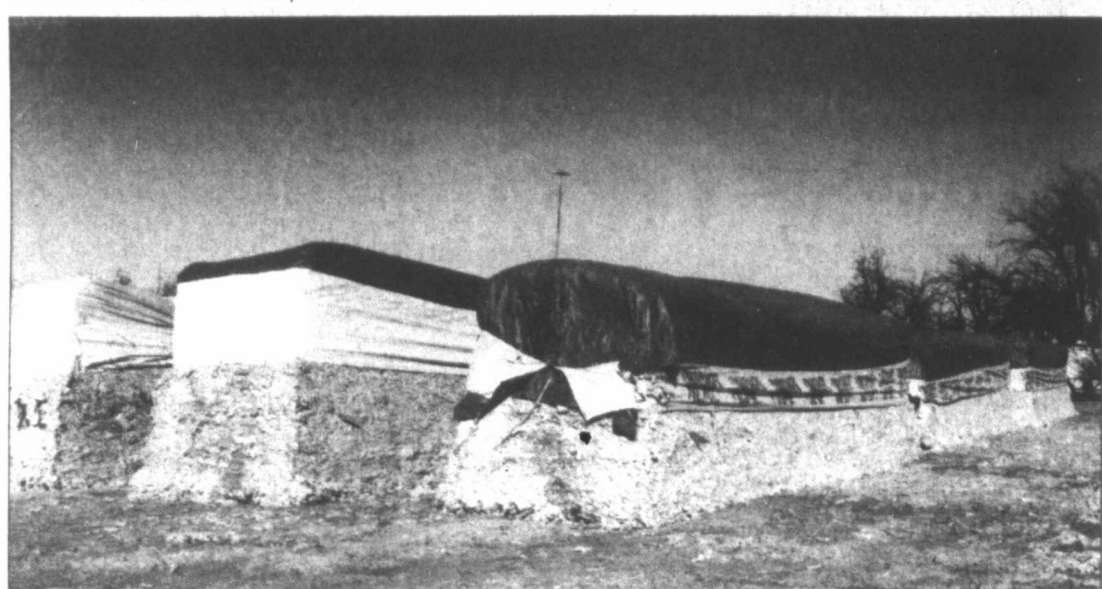
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35,000 BALES... The ginning season is about 80% complete with the bale count nearing the 35,000-bale mark. Mitchell County Gin has completed the season with 7,893 bales, and Producer's Co-Op has ginned 27,000 bales. The cotton harvest is nearing completion with only a few hundred acres remaining to harvest. The Loraine Co-Op did not gin this season.

Library Food for Fines program now underway

It's time once again for the Mitchell County Public Library to hold the Food for Fines program. During the month of February, library patrons can bring in nonperishable food items and have their outstanding library fines dismissed.

The program begins on February 1st and will continue until February 28th. All food collected will be donated to the Community Mission in Colorado City.

Small canned goods or boxed items will be worth 50 cents, and the larger canned or boxed items will be valued at \$1. There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can be cleared, but bills for lost or damaged library items are not eligible for the Food for Fines program. Fines do not include

printing charges, damaged item charges, replacement charges, lost or missing items, or other service charges.

The materials must be returned in good condition for your fines to be cleared. The library does not accept home-canned items, cans that are past their expiration date or are dented, rusted or damaged.

"We are excited to offer this program as a way for patrons to eliminate their fines, comes back to the library and help out a great organization," Librarian Brigada Hiser said.

For any questions or if you need more information, please call the Mitchell County Public Library at 728-3968.

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