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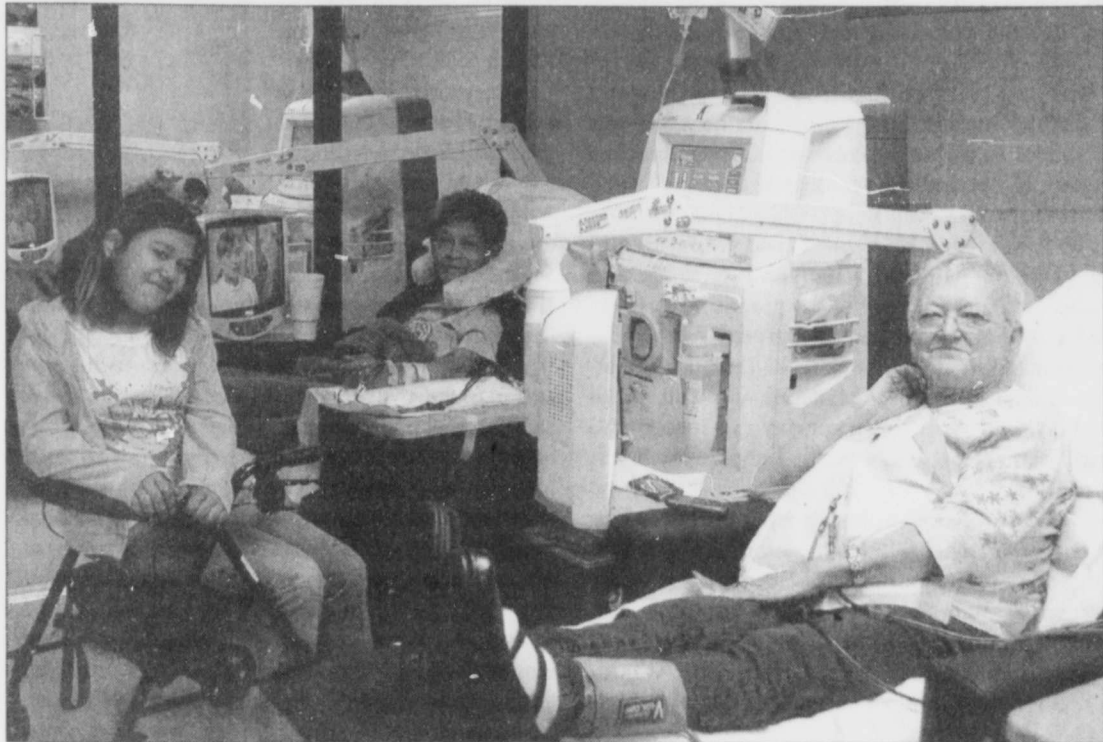
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ALL THE COMFORTS -- Dialysis patients Elvira Olivarez and Sheryl Timora (from left) from Snyder enjoy a warm chair massage while they undergo dialysis at AccessCare in Colorado City. M.A. Lujan (far left) visits with her grandmother during the treatment.

Dialysis center looks at expanding hours

AccessCare Dialysis of Colorado City admitted their 18th patient this week, according to Davis Lewis, clinical manager.

"We're moving right along," said Davis, adding two additional patients will be admitted to the clinic within the next few days. "I've been here since this was just a vacant lot. To see it grow to this is very satisfying."

"If we can add two more after that, we'll be able to expand to six days a week," he said.

Currently the clinic, which opened its doors in January with one patient, services three shifts of dialysis patients from 5:15 a.m.

until 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Operating six days a week would allow the staff a little breathing room as the clinic handles two shifts a day from 5:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"The staff is working really hard to accommodate patients," said Lewis.

The increase in patients meant an increase in staff, as well. The clinic added patient care technician Alex Olivo and RN Roberta Adams.

"Once Alex came on board we could start opening up the gates," Lewis said, referring to patient

admittance. "It got fast and furious."

Half of the clinic's patients come from Snyder who drove 80 miles or more to Lubbock and Big Spring. "We have lots of Colorado City folks," said Lewis, adding he would like to see more Sweetwater patients. "As word gets out that the care here is top notch, we'll get a record wave of patients interested in transferring to the clinic."

Four of the patients who have transferred to the clinic have increased "lean weight," according to Lewis.

"It's very rare. They are doing so

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City manager says city breaking even on revenue

Although sale tax revenues are down compared to the same time last year, property tax revenues are up.

"We're breaking even," City Manager Pete Kampfer told city council members at their meeting Tuesday evening.

Revenues from sales tax are down about \$1,100 while revenues from property taxes are up about \$1,100.

"We're working with Main Street and our entrepreneurs to improve our sales tax revenues,"

Kampfer said.

The city is running at 83% of the overall budget and is "within two months of finishing even on budget," Kampfer said.

Plans are already underway for a budget time table with public notices going out to the media on April 1.

The proposed budget will be ready by April 2 and city council members will meet in budget workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday April 6-7.

Public hearings on the budget

will be held on April 20 with the final sign off on the budget expected to take place on April 22.

The new budget, once adopted, will go into effect on May 1, 2010.

The police report presented by Chief Ron Dooley shows crime rates went down in Colorado City during the month of February.

"Everything is down in terms of thefts, assaults and vehicle crashes," Dooley said.

However, pet registration by dog and cats owners is up, as the

CCPF have registered over 80 dogs and cats since they began enforcing city ordinances.

Additional names continue to be added to the proposed Colorado City Visioning Steering Committee.

"We're trying to pull in as many entities as we can who have a stake in the community such as the county judge, CEOs of the hospital, school superintendents and the new Chamber of Commerce director," said Kampfer.

The final list will be presented

at the next council meeting.

The council, along with Mayor Carol Sue Dakan, presented retiring Chamber of Commerce director Sue Lowrance with a certificate of appreciation and the key to the city.

The council took a short recess to honor Lowrance with a punch and cookie reception.

A proclamation affirming Colorado City's partnership with the Census Bureau to make a full and accurate account of the city's population during the 2010 cen-

sus was approved by the council.

Long time resident Keith Ruddick spoke to the council concerning a property damage dispute.

Ruddick spoke on behalf of his mother concerning water damage at 943 E. 15th Street.

Since Ruddick spoke during the general comments from the public portion of the meeting, the council did not deliberate or comment.

Following an executive session, no action was taken regarding possible litigation on a non-personnel matter.

City to 'reclaim' town

Reclaim Colorado City is a top priority of the code enforcement office for 2010.

"We want to make Colorado City a cleaner, safer place to live and work," said Ron Dooley, Colorado City police chief.

Reclaim Colorado City is a community partnership with citizens, civic groups, friends, neighbors and community leaders to remove unsightly and unsafe buildings, junk cars and trash from the city.

"The demolition of unsafe and abandoned buildings and houses will be a continuance of programs started by Christmas in Action and Keep Colorado City Beautiful," said Mayor Carol Sue Dakan. "In the late 1990's and 2000's Jan Lemons, Brenda Kelley and Birdie Kidd worked with prison inmates and tore down approximately 50 to 60 houses, helping the beautification of our town."

Later, Tom Scott and others formed KCCB whose demolition project resulted in many more houses being removed, according to Dakan.

Preliminary steps in the reclamation paired efforts from the code enforcement office with the Housing Standards Board to condemn 24 downtown and residential buildings which failed to meet the board's standards. The buildings are scheduled for demolition.

Owners of the condemned buildings have 30 days to tear down their buildings.

"We are trying to make the town look nice, especially as you drive through town," said Jessie Hernandez, code enforcement officer.

An additional three buildings, including the historic storefront on West 2nd, are also on a 30-day waiting list to give owners

the opportunity to begin making repairs. One of the three properties is a proposed site for a Dallas-based roofing company.

"The third property on Locust and 7th was gifted to the city, so it will be condemned and pulled down," said Hernandez.

"We're working on getting different estimates to have the buildings hauled off. We're taking estimates to prevent putting a strain on the landfill," Hernandez said. "After 30 days, we should see buildings coming down."

Property owners will have to pay the cost of demolition regardless of whether they remove the building themselves or the city does it. Unpaid demolition invoices become liens on the property.

"If the city takes it down, the owner will get an invoice for the cost of taking it down. If they

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STRUCTURE EYESORES LIKE this one on 7th Street will be the focus of Reclaim Colorado City, a community partnering project to improve the city through code enforcement compliance. Photo courtesy of Colorado City Police Department

Voters can still vote in run off elections

All registered voters are eligible to vote in the April run off elections, even those who did not vote in the March primaries, according to County Clerk Debby Carlock.

Voters who voted in the primaries are required to vote same party during the run-off elections.

"We will hold a double election

just like last time," Carlock said. "If someone didn't vote at all, they can still vote."

There will be three run off elections in Mitchell County on April 13.

Under the Republican ticket, voters will determine the Justice of the Supreme Court Place 3 be-

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Vendors welcome at Trade Days

There's still time for vendors to reserve a spot at the Railhead Trade Days this weekend.

"We're not quite full," said Sandy Ellis, Chamber of Commerce secretary. "We still have people calling, so we will fill up by the end of the week."

So far, 53 vendors, including the food vendors with their mouth-watering fare, have signed up for the March event.

Vendors from all over Texas, as well as Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona, will display a large selection of new and interesting items for the veteran bargain hunters.

Vendors from Colorado Springs, Colorado will show off windchimes, beads and crochet items, while the Arizona and Oklahoma vendors will have jewelry and crafts respectively.

Young vendors from Snyder,

showing for the first time at Railhead, will be selling canvas paintings.

New vendors from Levelland are bringing the latest in handbag chic with *Miche* bags, a versatile handbag that allows ladies to accessorize without switching handbags.

"*Miche* bags use interchangeable shells so you don't have to switch handbags with every out-

fit," said Ellis.

Non-profit groups will also be on hand from the Pink Ladies from the Hospital Auxiliary and Rotary Club raffling chances on a Panama cruise to the Census Bureau with information on the census.

Trade Days are open Saturday and Sunday, March 20, 21 at the historic Railhead Building in

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Around Town

Ask Candice Hale if you can iron clothes while wearing them... Happy birthday Priscilla Castro and Raymond Molina Jr. (Mar. 21)... Is Medo Perez battery challenged? Ask Dell Haltom about his choke hold... Mandy Beavers excited about some bows... City Mgr. Pete Kampfer flying an airplane... 1st United Methodist Church Pastor James Edwards also flying an airplane...

Answerline

Q. When is the annual "KCCB" Clean-Up Day?
A. It is set for Sat., Apr. 10. See story, page 3.

Obituaries

Joyce Womack
Colorado City
Nola Taylor
Lubbock
Marie Hale
Llano

Briefs

at 8 a.m. on Sat., Mar. 27. Come prepared to get dirty and bring a friend.

Baseball Signups

Mitchell County Youth Baseball signups for ages 4-15 will be held Thurs., Mar. 18 at First National Bank from 6 to 8 p.m. and Mar. 23 at C.C. Thompson Room from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a coaches' meeting Thurs., Mar. 25 at the C.C. Thompson Room at 6:30 p.m.

KCCB BONFIRE

KCCB will hold a bonfire celebrating the Windy Moon on March 30 at dusk. The Indian celebration of the March full moon will be at the usual place on Business 20 east of town. Everyone is invited to bring wood, but only wood, to the bonfire site.

Girls Softball

The girls' softball league will hold a volunteer work day at the softball fields in Ruddick Park beginning

Thought of the Week

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.
John Wesley

Lake Levels

(as of January 16, 2010)

Lake Colorado City...2060.03'
Full at 2070.3' Down 10.27'
Lake Champion...2048.01'
Full at 2083' Down 34.99'

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Nola Richburg Taylor 1917-2010

LUBBOCK -- Mrs. Nola Richburg Taylor, age 92, died on Thursday, March 11, 2010, in Lubbock. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City with Rev. Kiefer Cauble officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery in Loraine.

Nola was born on August 10, 1917, to John and Molly McIntyre Richburg in Loraine. She was 13th out of 16 children. Nola was a former longtime resident of Loraine and member of Loraine United Methodist Church.

She leaves behind her son, David C. Taylor and wife, Darla of Midland; daughter, Kitty Gage and husband, Dalton of Lubbock; grandson, Nathan Taylor of Carrollton; granddaughters, Amber Easley and Whitney Taylor both of Lubbock; great-granddaughters, Claire, Madeline and Lilli, all of Lubbock and numerous nephews and nieces; and sister, Blanche Pendergrass of Temple City, California.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy C. Taylor; parents; brothers, Norvell (Bud) Richburg, Lester Richburg, O.W. (Nuke) Richburg, Homer Richburg, Virgil Richburg, J.C. Richburg, Allen Richburg and Furman (Judge) Richburg; sisters, Eldie Bryant, Lillie Faulkenbury, Effie Wheeler, Opal Wilson, Marie Adrian, and Oma Herm.

Kathryn Joyce Womack 1932-2010

COLORADO CITY

-- After a courageous battle with cancer, Kathryn "Joyce" Saling Womack went to be with her beloved Lord and Glen on March 5, 2010.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City. Memorials may be given to the Colorado City First United Methodist Church.

Joyce, or "Meme" as known to her grandchildren and many of their friends, was born September 17, 1932, in Colorado City, to Hubert and Jessie Smith Saling. At the age of three her mother died, and Joyce and her sister Helen were raised by their father with the assistance of some very loving friends, the Williamses, who became their family. She grew up in Mitchell County, attending school in Seven Wells and graduating high school in Loraine. On June 16, 1954, she married Glen Womack and they remained lifelong members of the First Methodist Church in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2002. In 1958, Gary was born and Trey came along in 1963. During these times the extended family of cousins consisted of many boys, who were always together for vacations, sports, fishing and golf. It wasn't until Gary and Trey married that she got to experience daughters.

Joyce was known for her devotion to her husband, boys, daughters-in-law, Kim and Pamela, four grandchildren, Molly, Weston, Brett and Brooks and pets, most recently Skipper. She was famous for spoiling them all tremendously. She and Glen never hesitated to drop everything for the sake of their children or grandchildren, be it helping them move, repainting a rent house, watching the grandkids' sporting events, caring for a child or just sharing a meal with them. In the early years, the families spent many times in Big Spring, the halfway point between Colorado City and Midland, just to have a meal or transfer a child.

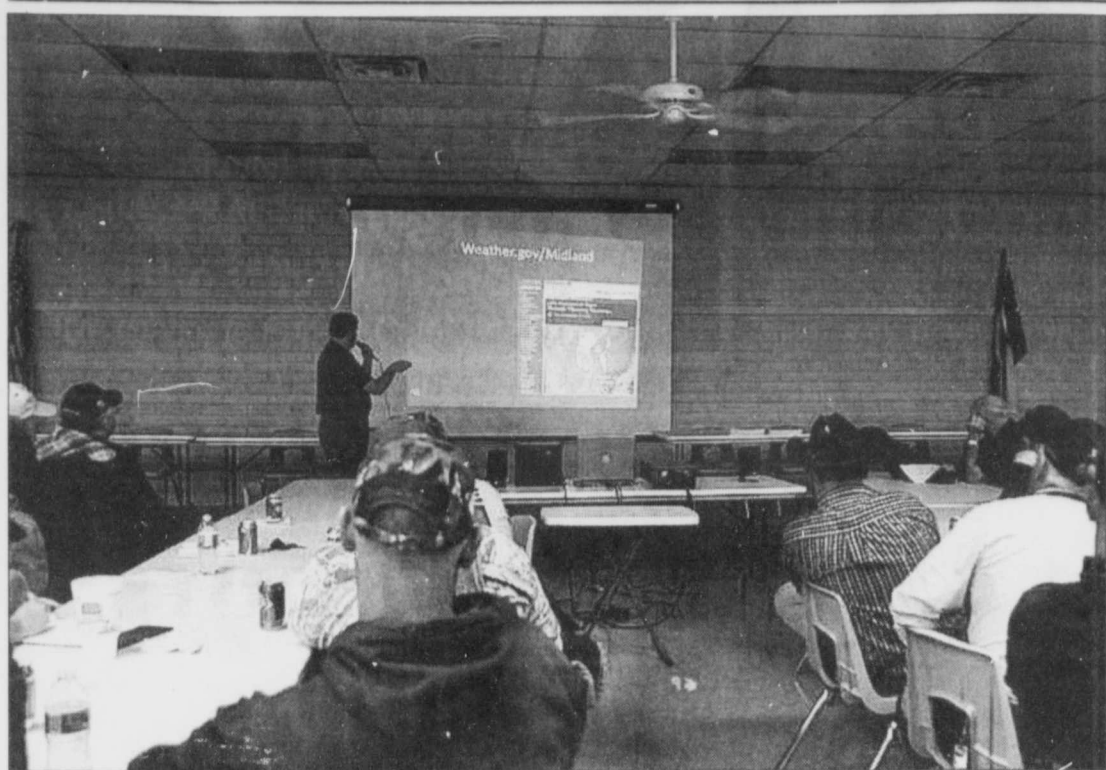
Joyce was always up for any challenge and loved trying out new activities. She had many talents that she was always willing to share with others. Sewing, quilting and cooking were her passions--which her family greatly benefited from. She made the wedding dresses of both daughters-in-law. Mealtimes were special family moments filled with camaraderie and friendship, and her holiday meals and family gatherings were legendary both for the delicious food and fellowship with friends and family.

Joyce and Glen loved camping and vacations with lifelong friends, Margaret and Billie Earl Roach among others. She traveled with her immediate families. Her two last vacations were to New York City and a life-long dream trip to Hawaii.

Her move back to the ranch in 2008, alone, after Glen's death, took great courage. Colorado City was a haven for the family, whereby someone spent almost every weekend at either the ranch or the lake. She loved everything about Mitchell County, and it was fitting that she be granted her wish to spend her final days at home.

She is survived by two sons, Gary and wife, Kim Womack with children, Weston and Brooks and Trey and wife, Pam with children Molly and Brett, all of Midland; a sister, Helen and husband, Joe Merrick; and sister-in-law, Joanne Meadows, all of San Angelo; sister-in-law, Elna Stell of Conroe, along with many nieces and nephews.

Joyce is also preceded in death by her parents.



LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS received weather watching training from the National Weather Service last week. Photo courtesy Chris Cloutier

Fire fighters participate in weather watching workshop

Area fire fighters participated in an annual weather watching workshop last week.

Fire fighters from the Loraine, Westbrook and Colorado City fire departments met with Cory Lindsey from the National Weather Service for training in weather watching to coordinate responses during inclement weather, according to C-City

Fire Chief Rufino Martinez. "He presented several slides and videos of different tornadoes and different clouds and their meanings," said Martinez. "It was a good course."

The workshop focused on safety issues, locations for the best view of changing weather, as well as using updated footage of more recent storm cells, instead

of using stock footage from the 1940's, according to Martinez. "It made it more interesting."

Past workshops were coordinated by Pat Taylor of the Colorado City Police Department.

DA's office clears cases

Two criminal cases involving revocation of probation were handled in district court last week.

District Attorney Ann Reed and Assistant District Attorney Trey Keith won guilty pleas in the cases heard by Judge Glen Harrison in the 32nd Judicial Court on March 11.

Timothy Atkins pled guilty to the allegations in an application to revoke probation for the offense of tampering with a governmental record. He was sentenced to 18 months confinement for the state jail felony. Atkins is also responsible for \$305 in court costs, a \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 in attorney fees and \$2,906 restitution to the Health & Human

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Marie Johnson Hale 1911-2010

LLANO -- Marie Johnson

Hale, 98, resident of Llano and formerly of Big Spring, died on March 11, 2010, in Llano. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring with Royce Clay, officiating. Burial followed at Trinity Memorial Park with Carey Jones officiating.

Marie was born in the Valley View Community in Mitchell County on October 10, 1911, to Joe and Roxie (Hagler) Johnson. She married John Morgan Hale on June 27, 1943. They lived in the Brown Community of Martin County until moving to Big Spring in 1962. Marie and John moved to Llano in 1989. Marie was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Marie was preceded in death by John on July 11, 1992. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mildred Johnson Smith; and one sister in infancy.

She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Hale, of Llano and her niece, Sylvia (Sissy) Jones and husband Jeff of Big Spring. Also surviving are great-nephew, Carey Jones and wife Tonda of Lubbock; great-niece, Chrissi Jones of Lubbock; and great-great nephews, Caleb Jones and Cason Jones of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Joaquin Barraza, Robin Barraza, Derwood Blagrove, Robert Cox, Junior Ringener, and Denis Long.

Memorials may be sent to the Llano Church of Christ, 402 West Main, Llano, TX 78643; Llano County Historical Society, P. O. Box 434, Llano, TX 78643; the Building Fund at 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main, Big Spring, TX 79720; or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

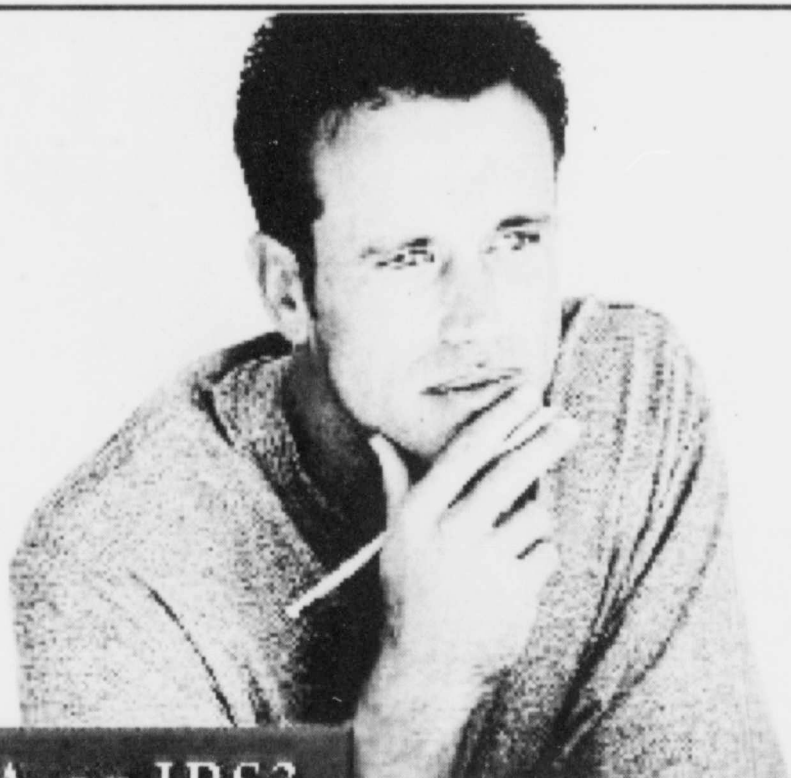


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- Ann Hallmark, Mitchell County Treasurer.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hospitality house meets needs one step at a time

Samaritan Hospitality House is still going strong after six years in operation.

Last year 3,000 people passed through the doors of the Samaritan House, according to director Bob Kimmel. Visitors come from as far away as Canada, Brazil, Paris, France, Honduras, Zambia and Mexico, as well as from 35 states.

The facility, which provides a place for families to stay who are visiting prison inmates, was begun by Bob and June Kimmel in 2004. The house serves TDCJ Wallace and Ware units, Price Daniel unit in Snyder and the prison complexes in Lubbock and Lamesa.

Average attendance at Samaritan House is 55 weekly, with the

house's highest attendance last year of 115. Their lowest attendance was 15-20.

The nonprofit corporation is 100% volunteer operated, from the renovation and remodeling of the rooms to the Monday Angels who clean the facility each Monday.

"Various churches and organizations hear about it and call us to ask can they contribute something," Kimmel said. "Some send vans and trailers loaded with paper goods. Every 2-3 months a church will bring a trailer load of stuff. Someone came and stayed and went back to tell their church about it."

"Samaritan House would not be possible without the weekend hosts and Monday Angels," said

June Kimmel.

The Monday Angels are a group of 25 lady volunteers within a 50-mile radius who clean the facility from top to bottom regularly every Monday.

Each weekend volunteers open the facility, serving families who visit five area prisons. The hosts check in guests throughout the night, waiting until those driving the farthest have arrived before calling it an evening. Meals are prepared by the hosts for the visitors and a church service with local pastors on Saturday night where attendance is strictly voluntary "makes a difference ministering to people," according to Kimmel.

Samaritan House boasts 45 elegantly furnished rooms, de-



ANGELS WITH A BROOM - Volunteers (left to right from back) Bea Stack, Sallie Camp, June Kimmel, Sue Noel, Gena Sagar, Faye Nell Herm, Leora Spann, Joan Lemons, Rosalind Syer, Georgie Griffith, Arlene Swindle, Lottie Brown, and Charlene Killgore help keep the Samaritan Hospitality House clean and inviting for families who come to visit TDCJ inmates.

signed, decorated and furnished by churches, individuals and organizations.

"They are amazing, fantastic rooms," said Kimmel. "We

don't charge anybody anything to come and stay and visit their family at prison. We're meeting people's needs one step at a time."

CofC to host reception in honor of Chamber director

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a reception honoring Sue Lowrance on Friday, March 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Lowrance is retiring as director of the Chamber of Commerce after seven years.

She served on the Chamber of Commerce Board back in the early 1990's, so when the board offered her the job a year after her husband's death, she took it.

"It was a time in my life when I needed to be needed," Lowrance said. "It's been a joy."

Describing herself as a people person, Lowrance has found working at the chamber fun and rewarding.

"I like the people," she said. "I like to do things for other people. I didn't consider this a job, it was a passion I had for the community. I feel privileged to go to bed in the position I was in for such a long time."

The Chamber of Commerce is responsible for all of Mitchell County, not just Colorado City and the various events it hosts yearly attest to that. From the Ranch Rodeo, which began after Lowrance became director, to the Hunters' Appreciation Dinner, Festival of Trees and three Railroad Trade Days, the Chamber of Commerce is clearly the "heartbeat of Mitchell County."

"It was our goal to reach 500 people at the Hunters' Dinner and we did that," Lowrance said. "We try to take care of our businesses we have here and try to bring in new people."

In addition to referrals, the chamber also offers insurance through the Texas Midwest Community Network for member businesses. "It's nothing fancy," said Lowrance, "but it is a hospitalization plan." The new plan uses a local insurance company to write the policies giving

member businesses low cost hospitalization for themselves and their employees.

The chamber gets constant requests for business referrals, sends out hundreds of relocation packages all over the United States and serves as a directory assistance.

"We're sort of a 'MapQuest' you might say," Lowrance said.

Two families who recently moved to Colorado City did so because of the reception they received in the chamber office, according to Lowrance. "We try to put a really happy and very informational face on to those who come in or call."

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Annual farm sale set March 27th

The Loraine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 22nd annual Farm Sale on Saturday, March 27 beginning at 9 a.m.

All proceeds from the auction fundraiser help the LVFD with equipment upkeep and purchase of new equipment.

"We'll begin taking consignments from March 15 up until the morning of the sale," said Ricky Bailey, LVFD chief. "We'll take anything from tractors to cars, but no tires."

Those wishing to send items for the auction should contact Don Boyd at 325-242-1229, Shady Mitchell, 325-933-6113 or Bailey, 325-

242-2402.

A concession stand with hamburgers and all the fixings will be available at the sale.

Some of the items that show up for the sale include motorcycles, boats, RVs, 4 wheelers, lawn mowers, and tools. "It's become a general, all-around auction nowadays," said Bailey.

Titles must accompany all vehicles for sale in the auction.

Bidders who wish to participate must sign up and get a bidding number, according to Bailey.

For more information concerning the auction, contact Boyd, Mitchell or Bailey.

Historical committee needs help to preserve Mitchell county assets

The Mitchell County Historical Commission is looking for ways to help preserve historical buildings and events from around the county. The commission is actively searching for ideas to assist with fundraising, construction and preservation of these historical assets.

The group will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 5 p.m. at the Heart of West Texas Museum to hear ideas and make plans concerning building preservation, plaque promotion and application for a Texas Historical Marker.

Members will be promoting historical plaques such as the ones for Zion Rest Cemetery, Colorado City Streetcar and Dunn Grocery. These locations have plaques in place, and the present Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery will soon be rededicated as a Texas Historical Cemetery.

The commission welcomes community input, and members want to hear from the citizens of Mitchell County. Anyone re-

membering a site or event from the past needing restoration or preservation should attend the meeting.

Lone Wolf Resources has asked for the commission's help in obtaining a Texas Historical Marker for the Col-Tex Refinery site. Anyone with experience in applying for a marker is urged to attend the meeting in order to share your expertise.

The refinery was one of Mitchell County's biggest employers for about 50 years, beginning in 1925. The business had a direct impact on the local economy. AutoFina Petrochemicals is financing cleanup of the site to meet current environmental standards. The project includes a portion of the Colorado River north of the refinery site.

All citizens of the county with an interest in future plans or a favorite project, are urged to contact Amie Wood at the Heart of West Texas Museum, 325-728-8285, or attend the meeting on March 23.

KCCCB to hold city wide cleanup day

Keep Colorado City Beautiful wants you... and your neighbors. Each year, the community clean up group holds an annual spring clean up to help rid the city of old junk and brush that have accumulated during the winter and volunteers are needed.

KCCCB, in conjunction with the county and city, will hold a city-wide spring clean up on Saturday, April 10. KCCCB encourag-

es citizens to use this day to clean up their yards and other properties around Colorado City.

Volunteers are needed to help KCCCB with pick up duties. Coffee and donuts will be provided on the First Baptist Church parking lot at 8 a.m. for volunteers. Lunch will be provided at All Saints Episcopal Church following the day's duties.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH DIGGING UP SOME OLD BONES

Tina and Robert Roland have some unusual animals on their ranch east of Snyder. It's like a drive-through zoo. They don't allow any hunting, so the watusis, zebus, water buffaloes, bison, pot-bellied pigs, horses and miniature donkeys walk around freely.

The Rolands love to look for arrowheads and other artifacts. Once they found a big white bone sticking out of the ground in a canyon near a small body of water. Robert has found buffalo jaws before and they assumed it was one of those. But there was something about this one that made them curious. After poking around it with a screwdriver and pocketknife they decided to call in an expert paleontologist from Texas Tech to come down and investigate.

"The paleontologist looked and told me this is a geotology, a large land turtle," says Tina, "that stood about three feet tall. He was a big dude. Remains of other turtles were found at the site. We named this first one after a friend of ours named Freddy. So this turtle is named Freddy Leone Geotology."

They found a huge turtle shell almost intact. The paleontologist told the Rolands when her calendar cleared up she and a team would come down for two weeks and take a good look at what might be there. Texas Tech got interested in the project and for the past five years, a team of scientists from the university has spent a month every summer digging up the remains of ancient wildlife.

"We have some sixty different animals at this time," says Tina. "These include mastodons, zebras, bats, alligators, horned toads, extinct hawks and eagles. We had a turkey last year that had a claw on its leg. We found remains of a three-toed horse that fully grown stands only three and a half feet tall. These are going back 2.2 million years and in this moist sand, they are perfectly preserved. Usually you find things similar to this in tar pits in California and when they recover something there, they're all covered in black tar."

The Rolands provide food and shelter for the people on the dig. They housed them in campers and tents at first, then bought a mobile home.

"Whatever we need to do, we will do," says Tina. "We know this is important and we're excited about it. Just to know that these things existed around here is fascinating. I think the count is now something like 20,000 pieces we've donated to the Texas Tech Museum. It's all going toward research. The scientists never believed there would be that much in one area. They cast every piece in plaster and treat each one to preserve them."

The site where the dig is taking place is only five by eight feet. Scientists keep finding so many things in this small area they are hesitant to leave it and look elsewhere on the ranch. Tina says there's nothing like this anywhere else in the United States. She and Robert are aware that these old remains need to be shared.

From the city desk

Envisioning a resurgence of spirit

By Pete Kampfer
City Manager

How can communities be awakened to a new sense of purpose, a new vision and a new resolve?

A movement to wake up America's communities cannot depend on one powerful, charismatic leader to rouse the masses. Such a movement requires leaders dispersed through all segments and all levels of society and an even greater number of vital and responsible citizens who don't necessarily think of themselves as "leaders" but are in fact sharing leadership tasks. Local effort and local responsibility are crucial.

Periodically throughout U.S. history "the folks out there," far from power but close to the good earth, have shown a capacity to move the nation. This is such a time. The next America will be forged "out there" in America's communities.

All segments of the society must be involved—all religious and ethnic groups, the professions, government, the non-profit world, business, labor, education, and so on. Everyone must help. And in the same spirit, the benefits must be widely shared. No one can be left out.

If we are to accomplish the difficult tasks before us today, there will have to be an extraordinary resurgence of spirit on the part of individual communities,

a fierce commitment to the common good, and a willingness to sacrifice. If we don't have it in us to respond, social disintegration awaits. We must celebrate our obligations to one another and to the society that guards our freedom. We must make responsibility our watchword. We must redefine patriots as men and women who tackle the problems, resolve the conflicts, and renew the values of their communities.

Obviously, we face problems on a much broader stage—the world stage. But individuals who represent countries overseas know that social disintegration at home undermines one's capacity for leadership abroad. If the spirit is faltering, the hand cannot be steady.

The present challenge is smaller in scale than the fierce demands of the Cold War but conceivably more dangerous. External enemies are more readily responded to. Most civilizations die from within, conquered by traitors within the heart—loss of belief, corruption, erosion of control, and disintegration of shared purposes. I believe that individual communities will welcome a new burst of commitment. The old spirit is still there—buried, perhaps, but waiting for a wake-up call to lift us out of our sourness and self-doubt.

We have it in us to create a community committed to deeply held values, shared

purposes, economic vitality, self-renewal, and the release of human possibilities; a community that has mastered within our boundaries the secret of wholeness, incorporating diversity and helping others accommodate it as well.

Nothing good can issue from the negativity of the general public today—nothing. I don't believe that individuals even like themselves in that frame of mind. Colorado City is a positive-minded people. We always have been. We're sick and tired of being sick and tired. Let's return to the style and spirit that suit us best.

Let's tell people that there is hope. Let's tell them there's a role for everyone. We can save the family and the children. We know how. We can get accountable government. We can counter the mean-spirited divisiveness that undermines positive action. We can generate shared values. We can release human talent and energy and renew our institutions.

Now is the time to reach within ourselves, each to his or her deepest reservoirs of faith and hope. As a people we are capable of laxity and self-indulgence. We are also capable of greatness. We have tremendous resources of strength and spirit—but we need to strike a spark to release that spirit. The time has come to Colorado City. Join us in the Colorado City Visioning Project.

'Sugar Lips': Public affection is all right

By Monte Wike

We were having a private dinner with friends at a restaurant. Before the meal we held hands around the table and prayed. Then I leaned over and kissed Noma, as we always do, at home or out. Some at the table were surprised, but accepting. Seeing their look, I said my usual response, "We always start the meal with sugar." Then continued, "When Noma brings my coffee to the computer, there is creamer inside and sugar on the outside." From that they began to call me "Sugar Lips". When Noma gave me my birthday card this morning, it was addressed to "Sugar Lips". We have had lots of fun with this. I even told the church about it,

to appropriate laughter.

Then I began to wonder about this. I don't think it is wrong to show affection in public. Noma and I have been married 56 years, and still are in love. We pray in the car before starting on a trip of any kind, and share a kiss. We hold hands when we take our evening walk. We pray at every meal because we are truly grateful for food to eat. The beautiful thing is that each of our children have picked up this habit, and now their children. It is a joyous tradition.

When Sarah and her family lived with us for a while, Sam, the mischievous grandson, would always try to get a kiss from his grandmother before I could. It

was joyous!

Then I realized that we treat Jesus like that sometimes, ashamed to show our affection in public. Some call it "situation ethics" where we echo the behavior of those around us, instead of standing firm in our own beliefs. Jesus and I have been in love a lot longer than Noma and I. I am not embarrassed to pray or give Him thanks on any occasion, in any place. The event and place are sacred because He is blessed there and so He blesses it with His presence.

The day could come when we are not allowed to pray in public, and we may not miss it until it is gone. I think it could become a good tradition to both pray and kiss in public!

Texas Trash-off seeks volunteers' trash photos

Every year, Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers uncover random — and sometimes strange — items discarded on Texas roads.

This year, Don't Mess with Texas is asking volunteers to take pictures of their unusual trash finds and e-mail their photos to Don't Mess with Texas, where

they'll be displayed in a photo gallery on www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers can send in interesting photos of their group collecting trash, the most common type of trash they pick up, or the weirdest litter they come across on April 10 — the largest one-day statewide

cleanup in the United States.

Anyone who submits a photo by April 30 has the chance to receive a Don't Mess with Texas prize pack — three prize packs will be awarded via a random selection process.

The public can sign up online at www.ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

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Margaret Sue Dunigan Estate to Public, Edward M. Dunigan Ind Exec, Mike Dunigan Ind Exec aka, CC Probate.

Billy H. Piercy Family Trust, Billy H. Piercy Marital Trust to Mark W. Pierce Succ Ttee, Public, Acceptance/Succ.

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Jonathan Ezell Bergstrom, 3-8-10, Theft Prop >\$500<\$1500.

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Francisco Molina, 57, CCPD, PI, 3-8-10.

Silverio Haro, 38, CCPD, City Warrants, 3-8-10.

Anita Rhodes, 42, MCSO, #18888 MTR, 3-8-10.

Joe R. Rodriguez, 54, MCSO, Injury to Child, 12-15-2009.

Aaron O'Brien Green, 26, CCPD, No DL, 3-9-10.

Desjhan Brice, 17, CCPD, City Warrants, 3-9-10.

Brian Davidson Cogdell, 26, THP, Poss of CS, Poss of Marijuana, 3-11-10.

Larry Glenn Dean, 50, THP, POM, 3-11-10.

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LOCAL NEWS

Snyder to host ag conference



IN APPRECIATION OF service rendered as director of the Chamber of Commerce, city council members Marcelo Alvarez, Margaret Brown, Sue Mason, Bob Brookshear, City Manager Pete Kamper and Mayor Carol Sue Dakan present Sue Lowrance with the key to the city at Tuesday evening's council meeting.

SNYDER - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the multi-county Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 31 at the Scurry Coliseum located at 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder.

The program will address a number of topics of interest to area producers, said Greg Gruben, AgriLife Extension agent in Scurry County.

"The program will touch on everything from cotton economics to quail management," Gruben said. "We want to provide the latest information available on topics affecting crop and livestock producers in this region, though much of the information is applicable almost anywhere in Texas."

Morning topics will include: Cotton Economics, Laws and

Regulations, Weed Resistance to Herbicides - Why and How, and Grain Economics.

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into two concurrent sessions.

Session A presentations will be: Cotton Weed Management/Volunteer Cotton Management, Fertilizer Management-Goals for Economic Yields, Grain Sorghum Production and Integrated Pest Management Update.

Session B presentations will be: Providing Proper Supplemental Nutrition with Available For-

age, Individual Plant Treatment Recommendations for Invasive Range Plants, Quail Management Update, Forage Sorghums and Vaccination/Trichomoniasis Update.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered (four general, one laws and regulations and one integrated pest management).

Also, persons needing a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license can receive the necessary training from 9 a.m. to noon with the testing to follow at 1 p.m. For this training, RSVP by March 25 by calling

325-573-5423.

Individual registration for the conference is \$15 at the door (includes lunch).

For more information and to register, call the AgriLife Extension offices in Mitchell County at 325-728-3111, Nolan County at 325-235-3184 or Scurry County at 325-573-5423. Or call the integrated pest management entomologist's office at 325-236-9011.

AgriLife Extension offices involved with conducting the program are in Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties.

DIALYSIS

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well they're starting to put on muscle mass," he said. Many dialysis patients tend to lose weight and those that do gain weight see it as a negative thing, since most of the weight gain is fluid build up.

"For two of the patients it was the first time they put on weight since doing dialysis. They didn't know how to take it," Lewis said.

Lewis attributes the increase in health to the clinic's smaller, personal setting and the attentive care the patients receive. "They're eating well, feeling well and putting on positive weight. That doesn't happen too often. We're very proud of that," he said.

"I love it," said Sheryln Timora, a transfer patient from Snyder, who now lives in Valley Fair Lodge. "I like it because it's smaller and more convenient for us. Everyone is so pleasant. It's a blessing for our area to have this."

Elvira Olivarez also enjoys the convenience of the new facility. "I love it here. It's closer to my town," said the Snyder resident. Olivarez also likes the comfortable dialysis chairs, complete with heat and massage features.

Problems with social workers issues are being addressed by the clinic.

"One of the disadvantages to being a small clinic is having a social worker here 24-7," said Lewis. "It's something we're in the process of improving."

While larger clinics can afford to have a social worker on site at all times, that is not the case for smaller clinics. AccessCare does have a Phd social worker out of Dallas who makes visits once or twice a month, with plans to have a regular aide on staff.

"Even though we don't have a licensed social worker, we'll always have someone here to handle those needs on a regular basis," Lewis said.

TOWN

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don't pay it, they will get a lien on their property," Hernandez said.

Previous concerns by city council member Bob Brookshear over Housing Standards Board jurisdiction on commercial buildings have been addressed through contact with state officials. HSB regulations apply to all buildings, regardless of whether they are residential or commercial, according to Dakan.

"I personally hate to see some of these old buildings come down," said Hernandez. "It takes away from some of our history. There are dangerous dwellings where kids and even grownups can go in and get hurt. It is something we're trying to avoid."

Other goals for reclaiming the city include actively enforcing existing ordinances with 100% complete compliance, dividing the city into four quadrants and concentrating on areas that visitors would see, visible eyesores and organizing the code enforcement office to better track complaints, inspections, permits and document investigations, according to Dooley.

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Services Commission in Abilene, Texas.

Larry Craft also pled guilty to allegations to revoke probation for the offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to 18 months for the state jail felony and will be liable for \$305 court costs, \$1,000 fine and \$1,000 attorney fees.

VOTE

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tween Debra Lehrmann and Rick Green.

Run off elections for County Treasurer and County Commissioner Precinct 4 will be determined on the Democratic ballot.

Jennifer Rivera and Debby Guelker will compete for county treasurer; while Bill Preston and Ricky Bailey will compete for

county commissioner precinct 4.

Early voting will begin April 5-9, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Friday, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

Voting on election day, April 13 will be held at the respective polling places from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

CHAMBER

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"I had the privilege of working with Sue for 6 years at the chamber," said Carla Sauer. "In that time it was very apparent that Sue not only has a very giving, servant's heart but a huge love for the citizens and this community."

"As Sue leaves Colorado City,

it is up to us, as citizens, to step up to fill in the gap that she will leave. We will be successful because we have a good example to follow. I guarantee, our loss will be someone else's gain. Givers never stop giving. We love her and she will be missed greatly," said Sauer.

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KCCB

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Collection centers have been set up around town to make it convenient for citizens to clear out all unsightly trash and yard refuse.

PJ's Wrecking will be open to receive all appliances and metal, not including TVs and computers.

Lumber and tree limbs can be taken to the bonfire site east of town, and the landfill will be open for all other trash.

If any citizen is disabled or unable to secure the use of a pickup or trailer, KCCB will pick up trash and unwanted items.

All KCCB collections can be scheduled by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 728-3403 before Wednesday, April 7 at 5 p.m.

Any refuse to be picked up must be separated into three categories: metal, wood and garbage.

DAYS

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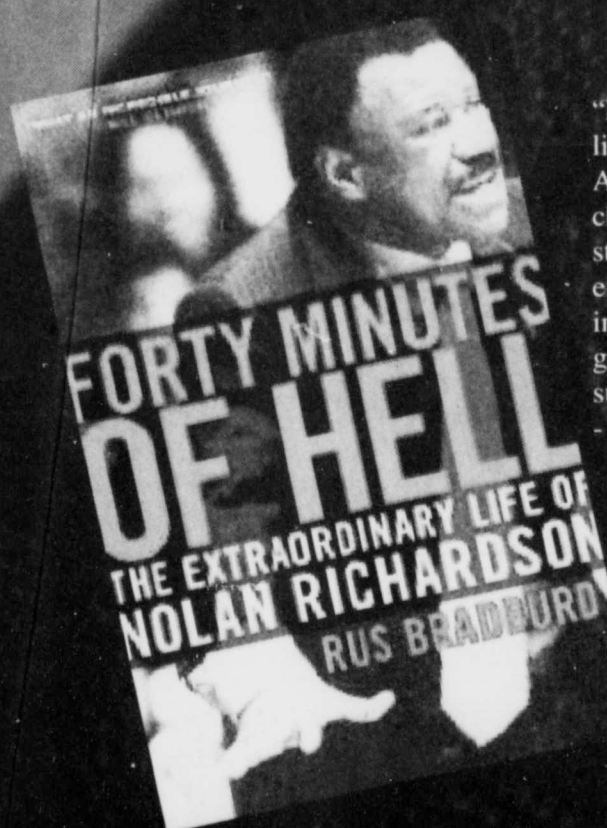
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"Nolan Richardson's extraordinary life and success as the University of Arkansas' coach are an important chapter in the history of our country's struggle for racial equality, with all the excitement of the Final Four. What an incredible journey! I am grateful that I got to see a lot of it first hand and to know such an able and remarkable man."
- President Bill Clinton

Coach Richardson began his coaching career at Bowie High School in El Paso, Texas. He then moved to Western Texas College, where he won the National Junior College championship in 1980.

Books available for purchase for \$25

LOCAL NEWS

Eclectic Hobbyist

Enjoying life's precious moments brings a smile

Family is important to Sue Lowrance, who keeps and displays every day objects and heirlooms like serving dishes from parents and grandparents.

So it's no surprise that she would collect Precious Moments figurines with their homespun charm and their whimsical portrayal of real life.

"When you look at them, you know God is real," Lowrance said. "You can look at them and find a figure that is applicable to your life at that time."

She received her first two pieces from her youngest daughter in 1979. Daughter Christy enrolled her in the Precious Moments Club in 1980. "I'm one of the charter members," Lowrance said.

The world famous teardrop eyed dolls were created by Sam Butcher based on events that happened in his life or the lives of his two children.

"If you know the story behind them (the figurines) you know that when you're in God's will he takes care of you," Lowrance said, who has two of the Original

21 pieces Butcher released in 1978 — the girl and goose entitled "Make a Joyful Noise" and signed by Butcher and the girl and puppies figurine.

"My favorite is the girl with the goose because it is one of the first. That was the beginning," said Lowrance who has 392 pieces, not including Precious Moments dolls and music boxes.

Her collection includes win-



dow figurines representing the Beatitudes and the 23rd Psalm. "They're just so sweet."

Two of the pieces in her collection have personal significance.

"I have a really special one from Hawaii, given by Karen Joiner. A little girl in a hula skirt.

I wouldn't have one from there if not for her," Lowrance said.

Her grandkids got her the figurine of a little girl with ponytail and soccer ball "because I broke my leg playing soccer with them."

Other favorites include The Pearl and He is My Inspiration.

"I love it (The Pearl) because it has a pearl in it. I like to think of it as the pearl of great price," she said.

"He is My Inspiration" depicts Sam Butcher with paint brush in left hand painting a picture of the Precious Moments chapel on the canvas.

Lowrance and her husband John visited the chapel in Carthage, Missouri. She also has the chapel figurine.

Inspired by Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel in Rome, Butcher designed and constructed the Precious Moments Chapel as his way of sharing the joy of his faith with the world. It has 5,000 feet of murals painted by Butcher and depicting well known Bible stories.

"John really got into collecting

these when we were first married. He did it because I liked them," she said. "John used to carry a list of the pieces they were going to retire. Everywhere we went we looked for the retired pieces."

According to the Precious Moments website, 25 to 40 new figurines are produced each year and 12 to 20 existing figurines are retired or suspended from production. Once a figurine is retired, the mold is broken and it will never again be produced.

"The artwork is priceless. It is so detailed," said Lowrance, who has both the Master Painter and Master Sculptor figurines in her collection. The latter depicts the creation of the girl and goose figurine, along with lots of miniature replicas. The apprentice sculptor in the set is Butcher.

"They are special because of the history behind them," Lowrance said. "Sam drew his first design on a napkin at a restaurant. He and his wife were dirt poor. Most of the figurines have a patch somewhere to remind him of how far the Lord has

brought him."

Although Lowrance has seen Butcher busing tables at the cha-

pel restaurant and has several of his signed pieces, she has never met him.



WHETHER IT'S BIRDS or little ladies doing every day chores, Sue Lowrance can find a life experience to relate to Sam Butcher's Precious Moments figurines.

Code officer to begin citations in April

The code enforcement officer will begin issuing citations for violations of city ordinances following KCCB's city wide clean-up in April.

"With the city wide clean up coming April 10, we want to make sure people understand they need to clean their property from the curb to the middle of

the alley and around trash cans," said Jessie Hernandez, code enforcement officer. "They need to make sure they get the stuff in the landfill. After April 10, I'm giving out tickets on rubbish and even weeds."

The citations will apply to inappropriate furniture remaining in yards.

"No inside furniture on the lawn or porch," Hernandez said. "If it's not lawn furniture, you cannot have a couch on the porch."

Junk cars will also be targeted and simply moving them from the front yard to the back will not avoid a citation.

"Make sure they get moved by the time I come around. Once I tag them, it doesn't matter where they're moved. Once they're tagged, they need to get them up to code."

Enforcement of existing ordinances, includes those relating to building fences, carports or add-ons. Anyone unsure of the regulations should call the code enforcement officer at the Colorado City Police Department.

Anyone building without a permit will receive a citation, according to Hernandez.

Fines for violations of city or-

Census mailout underway

Asking just 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete, 2010 Census forms began arriving in 120 million mailboxes across the nation -- just the 23rd time the country has undertaken the constitutionally mandated population count that dates back to 1790.

The only civic event that includes every person in the country, the Census is the basis for America's representative democracy, ensuring that Congress is fairly reapportioned every 10 years between the states. Census counts are also used to redraw state and local legislative boundaries so that political representa-

tion can be assessed up to \$500 and will be enforced, according to Hernandez, who encourages residents to take advantage of open landfill dates.

Illegal dumpers will also be fined. "Dumping anywhere other than the landfill is illegal," Hernandez said. Rubbish weighing more than five pounds (a little more than a sack of sugar) that is dumped illegally is considered a Class B offense with fines from \$500 up to \$5,000.

Monthly free dumping days at the landfill are always the second Wednesday afternoon and the second Saturday morning of the month. The open dates are half days only. Free half days at the landfill in April are Saturday morning, April 10 and Wednesday afternoon, April 14.

For more information about landfill times and fees, contact city hall, 728-3464.

Town meetings give West Texans chance to voice concerns

ABILENE, Texas--West Texas citizens will have an opportunity to talk transportation at town hall meetings in San Angelo and Lubbock.

The first meeting in West Texas is scheduled in Lubbock on Wednesday, March 31. The Texas Department of Transportation is partnering with the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization. They will be on hand to address questions and to discuss regional issues and local transportation projects with residents. The meeting will be held in the City of Lubbock Council Chambers, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock.

The second opportunity for West Texans to discuss transportation with TxDOT officials will be in San Angelo on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. TxDOT is hosting this meeting along with the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization. The meeting is being held in the McNease Convention Center Council Chambers, 500 Rio Concho Drive in San Angelo.

Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. with registration starting at 5:30 p.m.

During registration, TxDOT, along with local transportation representatives, will be there to answer questions and provide information on projects and funding, including a brief perspective on regional infrastructure requirements for the future.

"It's important to engage Texans in the discussion to bring

citizens to the table so they can contribute to shaping our future transportation system and participate in the statewide funding conversation," said Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT Executive Director.

Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings to ask questions and provide feedback on regional transportation issues. The information received will be used to help Texas plan and develop an efficient transportation system-one that is sophisticated enough to meet the needs of future generations.

A webcast link will be available on the TxDOT home page (<http://www.txdot.gov>). Viewers can participate in the town hall via the Internet and have an opportunity to submit questions during the meeting.

Other cities scheduled for town hall meetings this year include:

"Plano, Wednesday, March 10, City of Plano Council Chambers, 1520 Avenue K.

"Seguin, Wednesday, May 5, location to be announced

"Tyler, Thursday, June 10, UT at Tyler, Robert R. Muntz Library, 3900 University Blvd.

Seven town hall meetings have been held around the state in the last two years including Abilene, Midland/Odessa, McAllen, El Paso, Kingsville, Temple, and Nacogdoches.

For more information contact the Government & Public Affairs Media Relations Office in Austin at 512-463-8588.

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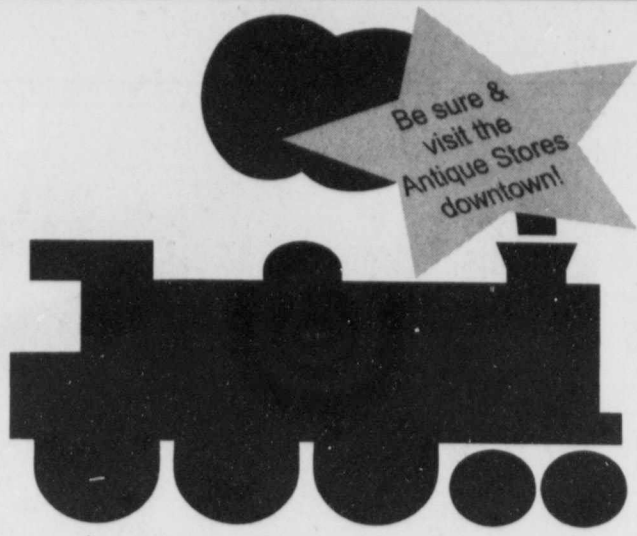
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MDO kids "Stretch-n-Grow"

Students in the Mother's Day Out program recently participated in the American Heart Association's pilot program for preschools.

In February, three and four-year-olds in the preschool program sponsored by the First Baptist Church participated in Stretch-n-Grow for Heart,

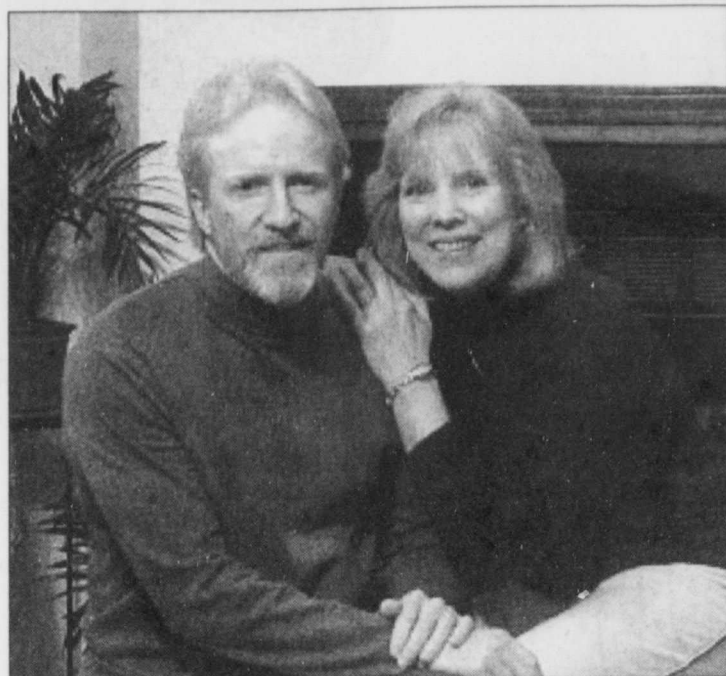
the AHA's first foray into preschools.

The AHA's preschool program operates much like their existing, successful Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs which engage elementary and middle school students to raise money to fight heart disease and stroke.

"For many years, the American Heart Association has been focused on educating children about heart health and giving them an opportunity to learn about helping other children with heart disease," said Leah Swanson, Senior Vice President of Youth Market for the AHA's South Central Affiliate, which

includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico. "We are hopeful that this pilot program will help us reach and engage children at an even younger age and to better prepare them to become heart-healthy adults."

Stretch-n-Grow is the world's largest network of children's fitness professionals.



PARTNERS IN CRIME... crime-writing that is. Randy and Barbara Washburn co-author suspense thriller. Barbara writes a travel column for the Colorado Record website, www.coloradorecord.com.

Opry country and gospel show planned Thursday

The C City Opry will hold its Country & Gospel Music Show on March 18th beginning at 7 p.m. at the Colorado City Opera House.

Tickets will be available at the door or by calling Debby Mitchell at 325-728-2163 to reserve them. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Charlene Scott will be making her debut at the Opry, joining Clint Bohall who will once again be performing at the Opry.

The Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand to sell cold drinks and hamburgers before the show.

For more information visit the C City Opry website: www.cccityopry.com

Benefit concert to be presented in Abilene

The Philharmonic presents a special benefit concert, A Cabaret Evening, on April 2, 2010. The evening features vocalist Bruce Ewing straight from Phantom, the Vegas Spectacular. Ewing brings his own unique vocal stylings and theatrical charm to the Paramount Theatre. The Paramount Theatre doors open at 6PM. Concessions and a cash bar are available before and during the show. Tickets range from \$12-\$35.

The Las Vegas showman will dazzle with Broadway and Cabaret favorites, just as he dazzled in Broadway a La Carte last season. "Bruce Ewing is a quintessential entertainer. His stunning, brilliant voice has captivated thousands of people from Las Vegas to Abilene, and beyond," said David Itkin, Music Director and Conductor.

Bruce Ewing, a native of Suffern, NY, and a graduate of the Hartt School of Music, Hartford,

CT, is presently appearing in Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular at the Venetian Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Bruce performs on 2 solo CDs, "Tonight at Eight: Songs from Broadway" and "Give Me Jesus." You can also hear him on the 15th Anniversary CD of "Forever Plaid", singing the role of Jinx. Bruce's greatest joy in life is being able to sing!

Before Phantom, Bruce appeared as Jinx in "Forever Plaid" at the Las Vegas Gold Coast Hotel & Casino and the Flamingo Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. For 14 years before Vegas, Bruce worked all over the country in musical theater.

For all ticket information, call the Box Office at 325-677-6710 or 1-800-460-0610, or visit the Philharmonic office located at 402 Cypress Street. You can also order online at www.AbilenePhilharmonic.org.

Children's art show to be held

Art guild will hold the Children's Art Show again this year.

The West Texas Art Guild will present the 3rd Annual Children's Art Show March 25. All artwork will be judged by an out of town judge in the Mitchell County Public Library. The show is open to all children living in Mitchell County, both those who attend public school and those who are home schooled.

Entries will be separated into five categories: ages 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Artwork can be in one of the following mediums: pencil, crayon, acrylic, oil, pen and ink, mixed media, pastel, charcoal, computer-gen-

erated art, as well as clay. All art that is two dimensional must be framed or matted and must be fitted with a wire or string for hanging.

Ribbons and art supplies will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A Best of Show will be awarded to the top entry of the show. All participants will receive a ribbon.

A reception will be held for the children entering and their parents on Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the library. The West Texas Art Guild members will serve refreshments.

The show will be open to the public during regular library hours, and it is free of charge. The show will be on display during the month of April.

To obtain an entry form, please call Carolyn Walker at 728-2184 or 242-0083.

New novel set on cruise ship

Free-lance travel writer Barbara Washburn continues to create spine-tingling suspense with her latest novel *Cruise into Darkness*, writing about believable characters in real-life situations.

Co-written with her husband, Randy, *Cruise into Darkness* is a suspense thriller about a family from Yakima, Washington who's dream cruise turns into a nightmare when it is hijacked.

Top government agencies work around the clock to come up with a rescue plan, but tropical storms brewing in the Atlantic force the US Coast Guard to abort search and rescue efforts. A new strategy must be implemented, but time is running out for the four thousand passengers and crew members being held at gunpoint.

Frightened, hungry, and unaware that anyone is looking for them, many risk their lives for the good of others. Not everyone survives.

Washburn, who writes for the Record's online travel column, has two other novels, *The Hiding Place* and *The Dark Place*. She and her husband live in North Texas with their chihuahua and are members of the Ozark Writers League and the North Texas Writers Organization.

For more information about ordering *Cruise into Darkness*, visit the Washburn's website: www.christian-suspense-novels.com

Library sells books for cash

The semi-annual book sale for Friends of the Library will be held Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19, from 4 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. during library hours, from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The books are sold on a donation basis, rather than priced per book. All proceeds go to various projects to upgrade and improve the Mitchell County Public Library such as the mural in the children's department and the comfortable reading chairs in the main library which are gifts of the Friends of the Library.

There is still time for book donations for the sale. Bring them to the library before or during the sale. Books of all categories will be offered, as well as magazines, music CDs and movie videos.

"The library is well-equipped with computers, books and research material," said Monte Wike, Friends of the Library spokesman. "Our courteous and proficient staff are very helpful. The building has been recently remodeled inside and is both beautiful and serviceable."

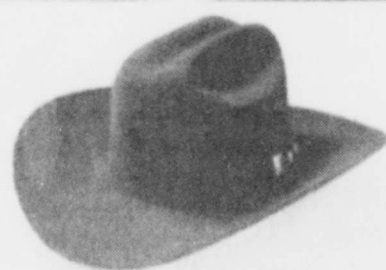
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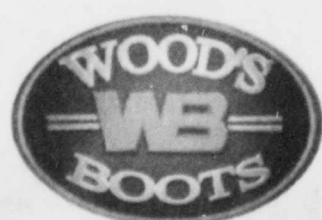
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Wilson's Weekly

Psalm 22 - Psalm of the Cross



In the first verse of this psalm it becomes obvious that the psalm is prophetic and that it is pointing to the cross upon which our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ was executed. This psalm is the most quoted in the New Testament. This psalm has also been referred to as "A Passion Psalm" because it pictures the rejection and pain of Jesus as He died on the cross for our sins. It has long been thought of as a "messianic" psalm.

At the same time, this psalm deals with the pain felt by David. David suffered much loss in his life. He was separated from Jonathan his good friend. He suffered because of his sin with Bathsheba and his murder of Uriah. He felt the pain of losing his son Absalom. He almost gave up the throne to Adonijah. He understood both victory and defeat. He knew how important it was to turn to God and trust in Him with a faithful life. Thus David points us to the Messiah, the only One who could save us from sin and give us victory.

Christ bore our sins on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21). He had to humble Himself and be faithful until death on the cross (Philippians 2:5-12). His death was cruel and unlawful, but He willingly died so that we might have life. In so doing, He realized that separation from the Father so that we might be united with God once again. Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1,2). Since there is not a one of us who is sinless or righteous we needed a Savior so that we would not suffer the consequences of sin, including being lost and spending eternity in Hell (Romans 3:10,23; 6:23).

In Psalm 22 we recognize the pain and frustration of this world can be taken away by the Savior because of His death on the cross. Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to everyone who obeys Him (Hebrews 5:9). Jesus spoke those awesome words, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus suffered amazing pain and loneliness for each of us because of His love (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16). If you love Him, you must obey Him (John 14:15; 15:14; 1 John 5:3). If we can help you to know, love and obey God, don't hesitate to contact us. - Denny Wilson

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SCHOOL NEWS

Hutchinson names students of the week



HUTCHINSON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are third grader Destiny Garza, fourth grader Jordan Morgan and fifth grader Magaly Valenzuela. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Students of the Week have been chosen at Hutchinson Elementary School. They are Destiny Garza, Jordan Morgan and Magaly Valenzuela.

Destiny, daughter of Robert and Diana Garza, is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Sniper, and spelling is her favorite subject. Playing in P.E. is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Jordan, a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class, is the daughter of Scott and Susan Morgan. Her hobby is jumping on a pogo stick, and she also has pet turtles. Her favorite subject is P.E., and the teachers are her favorite at her school.

Magaly, son of Carlos and Juana Valenzuela, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Shako, and science is her favorite subject. P.E. is her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Texas Ranger to speak at Colorado MS

Former Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson will be speaking to Colorado Middle School students at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30 in the middle school cafeteria.

Jackson, who served as a Texas Ranger from 1966-1993, runs a detective agency in Alpine and will speak to students about his work as a Ranger.

All law enforcement officers, current and retired, along with the public are invited to a noon luncheon in Coach Sowa's room at CMS.

Seniors earn cash in litter essay contest

Texas high school seniors can earn cash for college by composing a 350-word essay suggesting additional measures to be used in the state's fight against litter.

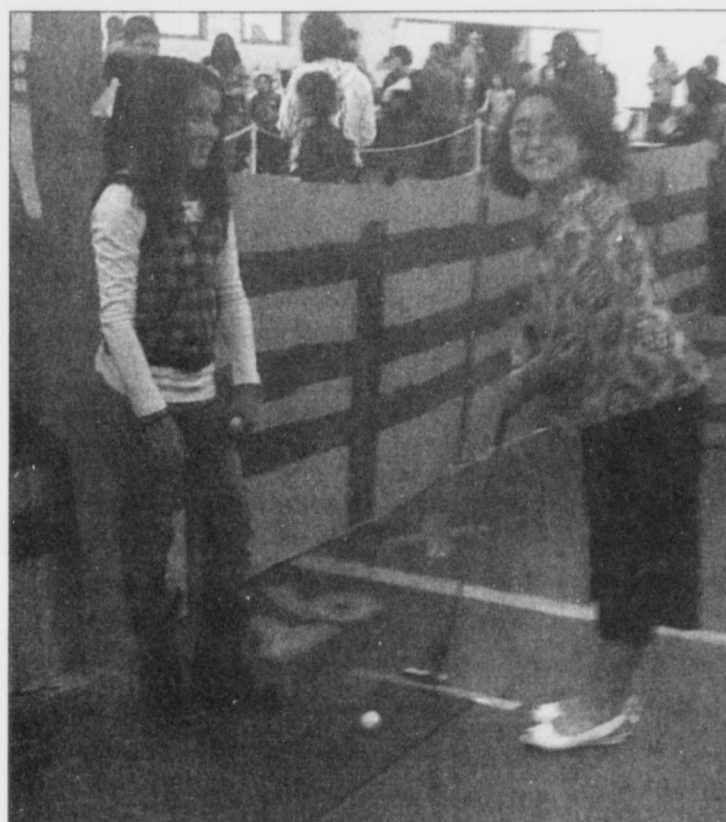
Dow Chemical Company is partnering with Keep Texas Beautiful to sponsor the 2010 Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Program. High school seniors are encouraged to submit essays explaining how they tackled a litter-related problem in their own school or community.

"If you don't tolerate litter, and if you've ever done something about it, you have a great shot at winning," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division director for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Eligible high school seniors must plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college. Essays must be 350 words or less and will be accepted starting March 8. Apply online, download an application, and view complete rules at Don'tMessWithTexas.org.

Completed applications and essays must be submitted online or postmarked by April 16, 2010. Mailed entries should be sent to the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Program c/o EnviroMedia Social Marketing at 1717 West 6th Street, Suite 400; Austin, TX 78703.

HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY'S TEXASFEST offered lots of rides, games and various activities to those attending the event last week at the Railhead Building. Quilton Cook rode the derby during the event. *Photo courtesy of Hutchinson Elementary.*



HUTCHINSON'S TEXAS FEST provided fun for all with lots of games like the putting game **Texas Tee Time** enjoyed here by Miriam Hernandez. *Photo courtesy of Hutchinson Elementary.*

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - cheese toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - honey bun, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - corn dog, green beans, crushed pineapple, milk.
Tuesday - ham and cheese chunks, half slice bread, pickle spears, fresh fruit half, milk.
Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, sweet peas, Texas toast, pears, milk.
Thursday - tacos, tossed salad, refried beans, peaches, milk.
Friday - hamburger on a bun, French fries, pickle chips, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elementary Breakfast Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - waffles, jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elementary Lunch Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - corn dog, pork n beans, fries, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - hot dog on a bun, baked beans, potato salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - chicken & cheese quesadillas, refried beans, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - cheese pizza, green beans, glazed carrots, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, waf-

fles, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, biscuit n gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, cheese toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, waffles, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - pizza, California blend veg., green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - corn dog, fries, pork n beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - meat balls in sauce, potato casserole, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - chicken fajita casserole, refried beans, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, choice of milk.

Friday - tuna salad sandwich, pickle spears, veggie sticks, dip, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Mar. 22-26

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 Mar. 22-26

Monday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots, ranch, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday - golden fish patties, maca-

roni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, garlic bread stick, milk.

Wednesday - Frito pie, pinto beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.

Thursday - chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, sherbet, milk.

Friday - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, strawberry cups, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - breakfast bagel, cereal, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Pop Tart, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday - pancake, syrup, cereal, fruit, milk.

Thursday - potatoes, ham, flour tortillas, cereal, juice, milk.

Friday - French toast, cereal, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Mar. 22-26

Monday - macaroni, chicken, green beans, baby carrots, dressing, Waldorf salad, jello with topping, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday - burritos, cheese, salsa, corn, peaches, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Wednesday - pizza stix, potato salad, pickle spear, apricot fluff, milk.

Thursday - hot dog, chili, tater tots, ketchup, baked beans, orange sherbet, milk.

Friday - fish strips, tarter sauce, squash, macaroni & cheese, pea salad, shape-up, bread, milk.

Hair makes dean's list with a 4.0

Former Loraine High School student and long time Loraine resident, Edna Hair, made the Dean's Honor List for Western Nevada College in Fallon, Nv. Edna was also awarded a \$500 scholarship due to achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Hair is majoring in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Teaching Technology with a minor in Agricultural Welding and Structural Steel Welding.

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 6, 2010; 6:00 P.M.

COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER

157 W. 2ND ST., COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The Zoning Commission for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on April 6, 2010 to discuss a Subdivision Ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the approval of Plats, Subdivisions, or Dedications within the Corporate limits of the City of Colorado City and within the boundaries of its extraterritorial jurisdiction and to discuss a Zoning Ordinance establishing comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the City of Colorado City, and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding the Subdivision Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance for Colorado City, Texas. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will then be placed on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for April 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 13, 2010; 6:00 P.M.

COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER

157 W. 2ND ST., COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The City Council for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on April 13, 2010 to discuss the removal of the Zoning for W.W. Watson Addition #1 and W.W. Watson Addition #2 from the current Plat for the Placement of Mobile Homes in Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding the zone change in the current Plat for the Placement of Mobile Homes in Colorado City, Texas. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will also be considered on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting scheduled for April 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Individuals residing within W.W. Watson Addition #1 and W.W. Watson Addition #2 have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

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Baseball signups continue

Additional sign-ups for participation in the Mitchell County Youth Baseball league will be held on March 18 and 23rd.

Sign-ups on March 18 will be held at the First National Bank from 6 - 8 p.m.

Sign-ups on March 23 will be at the City National Bank, C.C. Thompson Room in the 200 block of East 2nd Street from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The league is open to youngsters from ages 4 - 15 in Mitchell County.

"Any kids who didn't play last year or who are moving up to the next league need to come to tryouts on March 27th," said Jeremiah Wood, league director.

March 27th will also be the

last chance to sign up.

Tryouts will be held at the Sports Complex baseball field on the access road north of I-20. Tryout times will be announced at a later date.

Last year the Mitchell County league, which includes Roscoe, fielded four Midget teams (7-9 year olds) and three Freshman teams (10-12 year olds), with a total of 100 players, according to Wood.

Already 47 players have signed up. Teams will be assigned following the player draft on March

29th.

For anyone who coached last year or is interested in coaching this year, a coaches' meeting will be held on March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

in the C.C. Thompson Room.

Practices start on April 5th with times and locations to be announced by the various coaches.

Opening ceremonies will be held at the Sports Complex on April 17th.

For more information about the Mitchell County Youth Baseball league, contact Jeremiah Wood at 728-3722.



CMS boys track teams place 2nd in Stanton

Colorado Middle School's 7th and 8th grade boys' track teams traveled to Stanton to compete in the Stanton Relays last week. Both teams brought home 2nd place trophies. Other teams participating in the meet were Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton.

Individual results are:

High jump: Josh Sutton, tie for 2nd, Doug Garcia, tie for 2nd.

Long jump: Doug Garcia, 3rd.

Triple jump: Doug Garcia, 1st.

Shot put: John Martinez, 4th.

Discus: John Martinez, 6th.

2400: Brandon Nava, 1st; Jacob Ludwig, 6th.

4x100: Colorado City, 1st.

800: Doug Garcia, 1st.

110 hurdles: Rylan Gardner, 1st.

100: John Martinez, 1st.

4x200: Colorado City, 1st.

400: Cody Thomas, 1st.

300 hurdles: Josh Sutton, 1st; Rankin Bullard, 4th; Rylan Gardner, 6th.

200: Felipe Garcia, 2nd.

1600: Doug Garcia, 1st; Brandon Nava, 3rd.

4x400: Colorado City, 1st.

High jump: Dillon Gainey, 1st; Johnathon Jackson, 3rd; Aaron Griffin, 5th.

Long jump: Dillon Gainey, 1st; Leevon Henderson, 2nd.

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Softball league hosts work day

The Girls Softball League will be holding a Volunteer Work Day at the Softball Fields in Ruddick Park beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27th.

"Come prepared to get dirty and bring a friend," said Cissy Miller.

Spring break great time to play catch up

Still got a little time on your hands from Spring Break? Check out these funny sports books from Amazon.com during their 4-for-3 promotion.

And Nobody Got Hurt! The World's Weirdest, Wackiest True Sports Stories, by Len Berman

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101 Ways to be a Terrific Sports Parent by Joel Fish

The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game by Michael Lewis

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Baseball, softball schedules for CHS

COLORADO LADY WOLVES SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Varsity	JV
3/18	Ralls	Lubbock Roosevelt	1:00 p.m.	
3/18	Lub. Roosevelt	Lubbock Roosevelt	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
3/23	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
3/27	Jim Ned*	Colorado City	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
3/30	Coahoma*	Coahoma	4:30 p.m.	
4/2 or 3	Ballinger*	Ballinger	4:30 p.m.	
4/6	Wall*	Colorado City	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4/9	Grape Creek*	Colorado City	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4/13	Jim Ned*	Jim Ned	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4/16	Coahoma*	Colorado City	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4/20	Ballinger*	Colorado City	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
4/23	Wall*	Wall	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

COLORADO WOLVES VARSITY BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/18	Miles	Colorado City	10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
3/23	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	4 p.m.
3/27	Jim Ned*	Jim Ned	4 p.m.
3/30	Coahoma*	Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
4/2	Ballinger*	Ballinger	4 p.m.
4/6	Wall*	Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
4/9	Grape Creek*	Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
4/13	Jim Ned*	Jim Ned	7:30 p.m.
4/17	Coahoma*	Colorado City	4 p.m.
4/20	Ballinger*	Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
4/23	Wall*	Wall	4 p.m.

COLORADO WOLVES JV BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/23	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	7 p.m.
3/27	Jim Ned*	Jim Ned	1 p.m.
3/30	Coahoma*	Coahoma	4 p.m.
4/2	Ballinger*	Ballinger	7 p.m.
4/6	Wall*	Colorado City	4 p.m.
4/9	Grape Creek*	Colorado City	4 p.m.
4/13	Jim Ned*	Jim Ned	4 p.m.
4/17	Coahoma*	Colorado City	1 p.m.
4/20	Ballinger*	Colorado City	4 p.m.
4/23	Wall*	Wall	7 p.m.

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Wednesday - Hamburger/Fries/Drink...\$6.00
(with or without cheese)

Thursday - Chicken Strips / Drink.....\$6.09

Friday - Fried Catfish / Hushpuppies.....\$6.09

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CARD OF THANKS

Card of Thanks

I would like to say thank you to a very special son-in-law for the special touch he asked Richard to add to the dedication sign at Memories Park for Glenda. She would be very pleased and honored by the sign and the elephants that were added by her beloved husband.

Linda Wallace

Card of Thanks

Ramiro and I would like to thank those who wanted Memories Park in Westbrook dedicated to Glenda and to those that made it possible. We would like to say thank you to Richard, her brother-in-law, for making the sign. Glenda was a very special person and we still miss her very much. We know that someday we will see our angel again.

Ramiro Fuentes and Linda Wallace

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MITCHELL

By the virtue of Order of Sale issued out of the honorable 32nd Judicial District of Mitchell County, Texas, on the 26th day of February, 2010, in the following case to the Sheriff directed, the following property, which is more particularly described in the judgment entered in that cause, was levied on the 1st day of March, 2010 and will be sold at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of April, 2010, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, in the City of Colorado City, Texas, to satisfy judgment with interest and with all cost of suit in favor of Mitchell County, et al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said Judgments and Order of Sale.

Cause #14, 473 MITCHELL COUNTY VS SHIRLEY SMITH. Tract 1: Lots 7 and 8, Amended Addition, Westbrook. Tract 2: Lot 9, Block 26, Amended Addition, Westbrook.

Cause #15,317 MITCHELL COUNTY VS KEISHA CONNELLY. All the east half of lots 4,5 and 6, Block 7, R.T. Manuel's Highland Park Addition, Colorado City.

Cause #15,328 MITCHELL COUNTY VS REYNALDO ARGUIJO. All the South 32 feet of Lot 1 and the North 28 feet of Lot 2, Block 130, Original Town, Colorado City.

Cause #15,336 MITCHELL COUNTY VS VENSION E. STEWART. All Lot 6 of the J.H. Moon Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Marshall S Addition #1, Colorado City.

Cause #15,406 MITCHELL COUNTY VS ROBERT HERERA. Lot 6, Block 2, La Union Addition, Colorado City.

Cause #14,848 MITCHELL COUNTY VS KENNETH LEE LOGAN. Tract 1: All lots 6 and 7, Block 4, Austin Heights Addition No 1, Colorado City. Tract 2: All Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, Austin Heights Addition No 2, Colorado City.

Cause #15,028 MITCHELL COUNTY VS SIMON DIAZ. All the East 60 feet of Lots 18, 19, and 20, Block 11, Dunn Snyder Moor Addition, Colorado City.

Given under my hand this 1 day of March, 2010.
Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff

All bidders should contact the Mitchell County Tax Office to comply with Section 34.015 of the Texas Property Code.

LEGAL NOTICE

Mitchell County will have numerous items to sell at the Loraine Fire Department's Annual Auction. The auction is to be held on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 at the Loraine Co-op Gin Yard, beginning at approximately 9:00am. A list of items to be auctioned is available at the County Auditor's Office.

Janna Ratliff
County Auditor

MORRIS WRECKER SALE

3-24-10
10:00 a.m.

Small UHaul Trailer Vin# CA 982835
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'92 Nissan 4 dr Vin# JN1HJO1PINT607061

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MITCHELL

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of ROY J. HOBACK, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,203:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of ROY J. HOBACK, deceased, late of Mitchell County, Texas, by RAY MAYO, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 8th day of March, 2010, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to: Myra Nell Hoback, P.O. Box 1150, Colorado City, Texas 79512, within the time prescribed by law. EXECUTED this 8th day of March, 2010.
MYRA NELL HOBACK, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Roy J. Hoback, deceased

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The broker selected from this RFP process will place SPCAA's Property, General and Professional Liability, Auto, Umbrella, and crime insurance to be effective 5/1/10. A copy of the Requests for Proposals (RFP) can be requested by contacting Mr. Larry K. Martin at (806) 894-6104 ext. 124, or email larry.martin@spcaa.org SPCAA PO Box 610 Levelland, TX 79336

Proposals are to be submitted on or before 4PM, March 24, 2010, as detailed in the RFP.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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BID NOTICE

The City of Colorado City will be accepting bids for the removal of a structure located at 1805 Chestnut St. Bids may be delivered to City Hall at 180 West 3rd St., Colorado City, Texas, 79512 or mailed to P.O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. All bids must be received by March 25, 2010. Bids received after the due date will not be considered. For additional information, please contact the City Secretary Donna Madrid at 325-728-3464. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any bids in accordance with the provisions of section 252.043 (a) (b) & (c) of the Local Government Code which allows the City to take the lowest bid or the best value bid whichever the City deems most beneficial.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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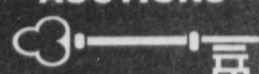
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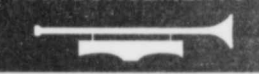


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Fri. & Sat., Mar. 19 & 20

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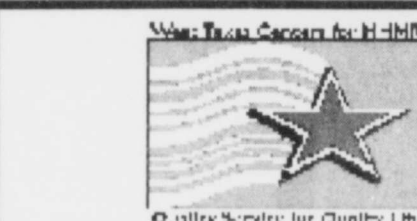
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Texas Trade up offers rebates on appliances

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today encouraged consumers to sign up early to receive rebates on selected ENERGY STAR appliances purchased during the Texas Trade Up appliance rebate program April 16-25. Approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds are available for the rebate program.

Beginning April 5, a toll-free phone number and an online reservation system will be available for Texans to reserve an appliance rebate. When all of the guaranteed rebates are reserved, consumers may continue to sign

up for a waiting list to receive rebates on a first-come-first-served basis. Consumers must give their name, address and appliance type when making a reservation.

Consumers must be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waiting list to be able to print or receive the forms they will mail in to claim rebates. To be eligible for a rebate, a qualifying appliance must be purchased between April 16 and April 25. Consumers will have 60 days from the reservation date to install appliances and submit their paperwork for the rebate. Ap-

pliances must be purchased by Texas residents at stores located in Texas.

As further details on the reservation and mail-in rebate systems are finalized in the next few weeks, a new Web site, <http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org>, will become the one-stop resource for information and reservations.

Flat rebates will be available for consumers who buy certain ENERGY STAR certified appliances and replace the same type of functional old appliance, with an additional \$75 rebate for recycling the old appliance.

Planetarium to present 'Oasis in Space' March 20

Angelo State University will host a series of activities to mark Earth-Sun Day on Saturday, March 20, in the ASU Planetarium and outside the Vincent Nursing-Physical Science Building, 2333 Vanderventer St.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. in the Planetarium with a presentation of the astronomy show "Oasis in Space," which compares the Earth to other planets in our solar system. Fol-

lowing the show, the Planetarium projector will be used to demonstrate the astronomical reasons for the Earth's seasons.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., the ASU Physics Department and San Angelo Astronomy Association will have telescopes set up outside the Vincent Building for solar observations. Then at 8 p.m., the telescopes will be available for viewing the moon, Mars, Saturn and Venus, weather permitting.

All the Earth-Sun Day activities are open free to the public.

Earth-Sun Day is sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to promote the key relationships between the sun and Earth environments. It is scheduled annually around the time of the spring equinox.

For more information on ASU's Sun-Earth Day activities, call the Planetarium at 942-2136.

Joyful living Children need encouragement

By Larry Fitzgerald

The things we say to (and do with) our children determine the kind of relationship we have with them. For instance, when you think about how your own parents reared you, there are probably certain words or phrases that you remember your folks using. These terms probably reflect a key emotion. For some, it might be anger or fear. For others it is security and love and closeness. How you react to your own kids probably reflects how you were treated as a child. If that treatment was positive, then hurrah! But if it was negative then we need to make some changes.

"And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord" (Eph. 6:4, NLT).

Often your relationship with your children centers on control and correction. When parents control their kids, they are trying to get the children to do things they don't want to do. Things like not eating sweets before meals or not hitting each other need control. And doing what is wrong requires correction. Unfortunately, control or correction can become insulting. In our frustration, we hear ourselves say: "Why are you so dumb?" "Can't you do anything right?" "Can't you be good for just one minute?"

Such insults are damaging. They only make our kids feel bad and give them a negative image

of themselves. Remember: "Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him" (Psalm 127:3). We need to treat our kids as valuable treasures, not as objects of scorn.

Of course, children need discipline. However, correction should not be the main part of our relationship with our kids. As you change your relationship with your kids, be patient with them and with yourself. It takes time to make changes. Keep working at it. Discover better ways to have a positive, healthy, relationship with your children.

Focusing on your children's positive behavior could be the most productive thing you could do for your kids! The ironic thing is that we tend to take positive behavior and actions for granted.

If our kids do something good we don't say much about it (if anything). However, if let our kids do something wrong, then we make a big deal out of it. Shouldn't the good they do receive, at least, as much focus as the bad things they do? With that in mind, practice saying such things: "Way to go!" "You did that well!" "You are really something!" "Great job!" And, my favorite: "I'm really proud of you!"

Let's take our example from Jesus who is quick to compliment the right things we do (example Revelation 3:8-13).

P.S. More examples of encouraging words are given on the Plainview church's website - www.plainviewchurchtoday.com - click on the "children" tab.

Lubbock ballet school presents Russian classic

Ballot Lubbock will conclude its 40th anniversary season with the presentation of Tchaikovsky's classic and timeless ballet, *The Sleeping Beauty*.

Performances will be April 15-18 at the Underwood Center's Firehouse Theatre, 511 Avenue K.

The performance is choreographed by Marius Petipa and restaged by Yvonne Raczy Key.

The company includes high school honors students, home-schooled students and university

students with extensive dance experience.

Tickets are \$25 for all seats, all performances and are available by calling 806-770-2000 (800-735-1288 toll free) or on line at www.selectseatlubbock.com.

Tickets may also be purchased at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. Group rates for 10 or more tickets are also available.

Performances will be April 15 and 17 at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 18.

LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Hello, *Record* readers. We hope you had a good week. Did you remember to spring forward Sunday morning? Some of us sprang, but sprang a few hours late.

It won't take long until we are all adjusted once again; some internal clocks are addled a bit and need winding.

Once again, the rattlesnake "rodeo" and roundup is over for another year. It was reported to have been a bit chilly, but the turnout in attendance was great as always.

Rattlesnakes and tornadoes are high on my list as to put distance between them and me.

Brittany Sadler and friend, Colton West had lunch last Sunday with her grandparents, J.A. and Y. Sadler.

The Men's Breakfast was held Saturday morning, March 13 at the fellowship hall in the Methodist Church. The speaker for the morning was Sam Robertson of Snyder. There was good food and good fellowship.

Providing special music at the Methodist Church last Sunday was Ginny Harmon who sang, "The Way That He Loves". She was accompanied by Billie Powell on the organ.

At the Baptist Church last Sunday morning, special music was provided by Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams. The song they sang was entitled, "Yes, I Know."

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Nola Taylor. She passed away Friday while living in a care facility at Lubbock.

Nola was 92 years of age at the time of her death. She was a long time Loraine resident.

Her husband preceded her in death as did her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Richburg and all of her 13 siblings except one sister, Blanche Pendergas who resides in California. Nola is survived by a daughter, Kitty Gage of Lubbock and son, David Taylor of Midland and their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

After a funeral service was held in Colorado City at Kiker-Scate with Rev. Kiefer Cauble officiating, Kitty Gage and several family members attended the Loraine Methodist Church. They later met others in the fellowship hall for refreshments and visitation before going home.

She will be missed by family and friends.

Visiting with Joan Long Saturday and Sunday were Becky Piatt and Faith Piatt from Denton.

All those who attended the Christian concert at Loraine First Baptist Church March 10th enjoyed the music of Allen Asbury and The Brooks Brothers. It was well attended and received.

Our condolences go out to Tommy Green and family, as his

aunt Eleanor Green Scrivner of Irving passed away last week. She was a former resident of Loraine and graduated from Loraine High School with the class of 1943.

Saturday evening, March 13, a fundraiser took place at the Loraine Senior Center and the many attendants made all the planners and hard workers very proud.

So many thank you's go to all the volunteers including Bill Crockett who provided the meat and to Joe Sanchez for cooking the hamburgers. They were very good too.

The kitchen cooks were Rosa Garcia, Manuela Sanchez and Karen Morris. So many people helped in different ways. Some gave a monetary gift.

Thanks to Charles Bowen for putting on an apron and helping with the clean up.

Musicians and singers to thank were: Donald Price, Porky Procter, Charles Dunn, Dale Hartley, Durwood McAdams, Charlene Hays, Lillie Funderburg and Ina Vay McAdams.

All proceeds go toward the center nutritional program. Jennifer Fales is the center manager and we are very pleased about her management.

The board of directors are Dickie Summers, president; Charles Bowen, vice president; Doris Henderson, treasurer; Christene Britton, secretary; Elora Mitchell, Ruth Curtis, Brenda Linam and Francis Hughes.

Last Monday at the senior center, the attendants played bingo. On Friday, music was provided

by Bobby Richardson, Sharon Mayberry, Charles Dunn, Charlene Hays and Lillie Funderburg.

Visitors to the center last week were: Harold Mitchell, Mary Etta Baird, friends of Lenetta and Wayne Dubose and Charlie McCollum.

Sherry Rose of Fort Worth visited with her mother, Millie Rose last week and Millie's son, Kenneth and Sherry took Millie to Abilene to make her doctor's appointment.

Her check up was fine and she enjoyed the company of her children. They ate out later before returning to Loraine.

Her kiddos left Sunday afternoon.

You are welcome to visit the senior center anytime that meals are served. The food and fellowship are beneficial.

This zucchini squash recipe is economical, fast, easy and very good.

5 medium zucchini, grated
3 Tbs. butter, melted
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 can French fried onions, 3 oz. crushed

In a medium bowl combine zucchini and melted butter. Spoon mixture into a 11x8 baking dish. Microwave on high for 5 minutes. Stir in eggs and sprinkle crushed onions evenly over the top. Microwave on high for 15 minutes more or until center is set. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Compliments of Paula Hires.

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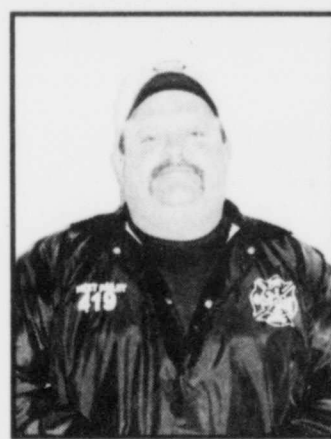


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