

Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper is Friday, See related story below

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Answerline

Q. How many pounds of rattlesnakes were collected at the recent Sweetwater Jaycee's Rattlesnake Round-up?
A. 3,043.

Briefly

City of Loraine Notice
The State is requiring the City of Loraine to build a new sewer plant, therefore in order to meet our financial obligations the City has no other choice but to increase the sewer charge by \$7. This additional charge will be in effect April 1, 2001.

KCCB Meeting
KCCB will meet Thursday, March 22 instead of Thursday, March 15 at 6 pm at the Mitchell County Library.

"Disciple Now" Meeting
Community wide "Disciple Now" meeting Sunday, March 25, 12:30 pm at First Baptist Gym, bring a sack lunch and drink. Bring two other adult volunteers from your church to help form committees and make plans for the "Disciple Now" weekend. (tentatively scheduled for August ?? 2001)

Help for Seniors
Call Helping Hands Gifted & Talented students at Hutchinson if you are a Senior Citizen in need of help around the house. Available Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Girl Scout cookies
Anyone interested in buying Girl Scout cookies, call 728-5723, Bambi Hill.

CCNET
CCNET Public Access Lab in Room 8 at the Wallace Center is now open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Internet access is now available in the lab. Classes coming soon.

CCNET Open House
An Open House is planned for the Public Access Lab and Training Room at the Wallace Center on Thursday, March 29 from 4-6 pm. Come out and tour the facility.

Westbrook Booster Club
The Westbrook Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday, March 26 at 7 pm at the Westbrook school cafeteria.

Loraine ISD Library
Loraine ISD will be opening its library to parents and students. It will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm. Parents and students will be able to use the computers and read books to their children.

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

Deaths

**Hulslander,
McClellan**

Around Town

Congratulations **Mr. T & Esmeralda**, it's a boy!... Happy birthday **Priscilla Molina & Raymond Molina Jr.** (Mar. 21)... Happy belated birthday **Jimmy Lopez** (Mar. 17)... Happy birthday **Delia Rodriguez** (Mar. 22)... Happy belated birthday **Austyn Franco** (Mar. 15)

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2062.23'
Full at 2,070.30'
Down 7.20'
Lake Champion.....2038.15'
Full at 2,083'
Down 44.93'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of 7pm, Tuesday, Mar. 20, 2001

Water project nears fruition

Except for an unusual problem, the city's \$2.3 million second phase of its water well-field project has been going well.

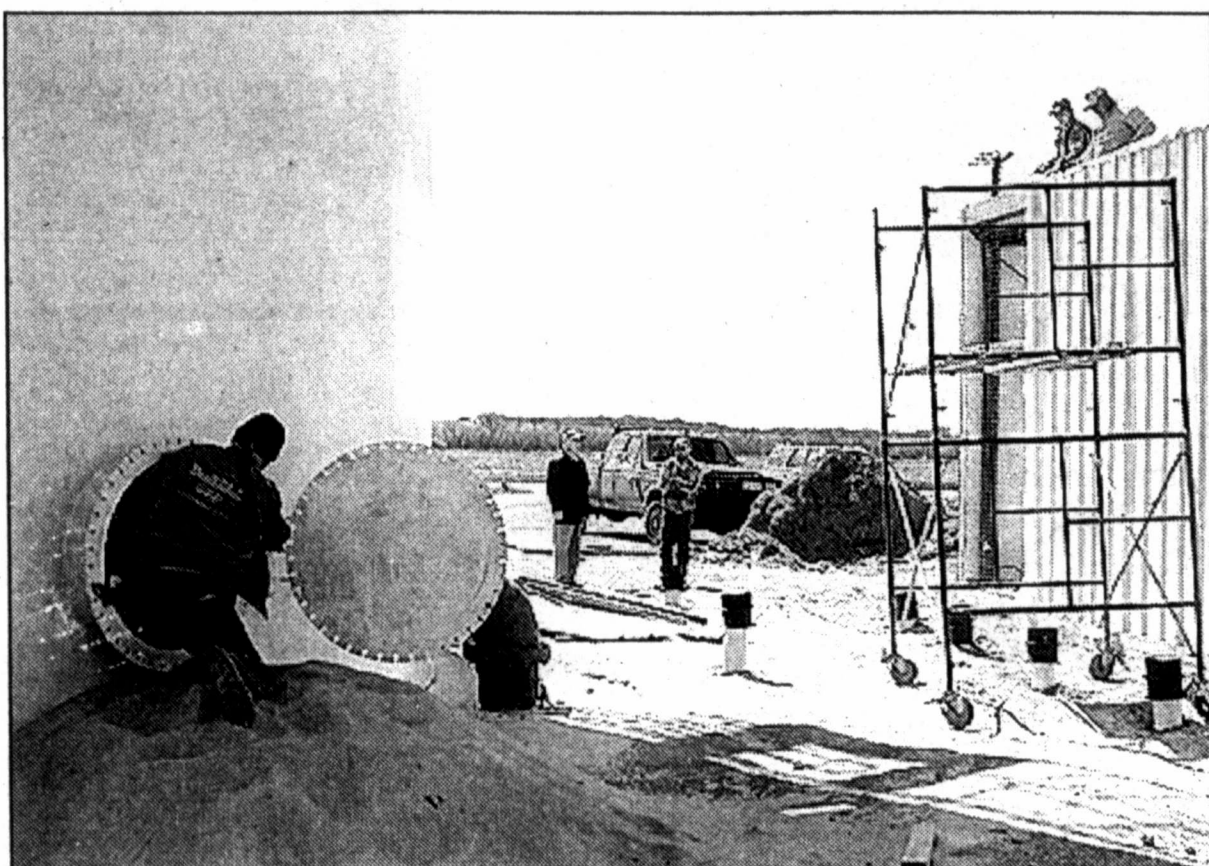
The \$1.2 million first phase, with five wells west of Loraine at County Road 404 and Lucas Road, was completed in October 1999 and pumped the first well water in local history into the municipal system.

Then with more grants and loans from the federal Rural Development Corp. in Temple, the second phase began late last summer to connect seven more wells from south and southeast of the first field.

Supplied by the Santa Rosa Aquifer, or underground water formation, under eastern Mitchell County, the wellfields will make Colorado City one of the few drought proof towns of any size in West Central Texas.

City officials decided to pursue the project after becoming alarmed by the falling water level of Lake Colorado City, which had been the city's primary source for decades, and deciding that surface water sources had become unreliable.

They expect to continue using some lake water to maintain the city's contract with TXU Electric Co., the lake's owner.



A WORKMAN goes into the 300,000 gallon storage tank that has just been painted at the city's water wellfield west of Loraine. The sand was used to sandblast the tank. At the top right are employees of Tarpley Construction Co. of Hawley.

Thane Ditching Co. of Odessa has now extended the underground line from the Wallace Center tower off Hwy. 208 to the water treatment

plant southwest of town -- except for laying it across the Colorado River.

The unusual problem is the relatively large amount of rain

that has fallen here since the first of the year.

"It's been too wet to get across there," said City Manager Steve Shutt.

When the river banks dry sufficiently south of Adams Street and Lafayette Avenue in south C-City, Thane plans to put coffer dams in the river, dig a four foot deep ditch across it and lay the line.

They might finish by the end of the week.

Bulldog Steel Products of Clyde has constructed two 300,000 gallon tanks at the first field and on the hill between there and town.

Decker Construction Co. of Abilene is having sub contractor Bill Tarpley of Hawley build a pumping station building at the first field, and the primary task after that will be the installation of an electronic monitoring system at the second field to go with those at the first field and the water plant.

Shutt said last Friday that the project should be mostly finished by mid-May, when the line from the Wallace Center to the treatment plant will have been cleaned and tested.

The new line from the second wellfield to the first has been tested and is ready for use.

The shorter, wider tank at the first field has been sandblasted and painted beige. Its taller counterpart at the top of

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Hulslander murder case headed for grand jury

Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre said Monday that authorities "have a suspect" in the murder of Daytina Hulslander of Greenwood and will present the case to a grand jury in about 30 days.

The remains of Ms. Hulslander, who was 26 when she disappeared on April 27, 1998, after visiting her mother in Colorado City, were discovered by hunters in western Glasscock County on Feb. 25 and identified on March 10.

"When we get all the reports back, I anticipate that we will go then," Schorre said. "It will be about 30 days or more."

"We are concentrating on a suspect."

The DA declined to identify the suspect.

He said an investigator from his office, J. D. Luckie, was looking for Ms. Hulslander

on a nearby ranch when the discovery was made in a pasture two miles southwest of FM 1379 and County Road 110.

Luckie is a distant cousin of Ms. Hulslander's mother, Elsie Ratliff.

"We've been working on this case, really, since it happened, but we had come to sort of a standstill," Schorre said.

"J. D. was working on it, trying to come up with possible locations where we could find the body, and he wasn't too far away on a ranch. Right about then, the hunters found her."

He declined to identify the suspect.

Ms. Hulslander's body had been burned and mostly destroyed in a hot fire under materials that had been placed over her.

Ms. Ratliff said Monday that Luckie was looking about five

miles from the discovery site.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at Oak Street Baptist Church at 805 Oak with the Rev. Bentley Gwynn officiating.

Ms. Hulslander's boys, Dakota, 11, Aaron, 10, and Todd, or "Chubby," 8, who attend schools here, have chosen the music that will be played.

Schorre said the remains are being examined by a forensic anthropologist, Dr. Gil King of the University of North Texas in Denton, who hopes to derive a cause of death.

Other samples from the discovery site are being tested by the Department of Public Safety's crime laboratory in Lubbock.

Schorre said Dr. King arrives at a cause of death by eliminating other possible causes.

He said Midland County has

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City, MCU face off in Austin

The City of Colorado City and Mitchell County Utilities Co. have filed competing applications to expand their water utility service areas to east of the city.

Presented by attorneys on both sides, the applications will be heard at a Thursday, April

5, hearing at the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission in Austin.

An immediate ruling is not expected.

The two parties are seeking a TNRCC Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to serve the area between the city's

water wellfield at County Road 404 and Lucas Road and the city limits.

The north and south boundaries of the proposed new area run roughly from north of the Union Pacific Railroad to just north of Interstate 20,

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Candidates' filings are sparse

With just a day left before the filing deadline, there still weren't many surprises Tuesday with candidates filing for seats on the Westbrook, Colorado City and Loraine School Boards and the C-City and Loraine City Councils.

Three had filed for the Mitchell County Hospital Board

with the deadline not being until 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 - incumbent Kent Boyd and challengers Larry Johnson and John Martinez.

Marvin "Andy" Duke Jr., 44, seeks a Westbrook School Board seat and Billy Don Epperson, 37, a place on the Loraine School Board.

Duke is an oil and gas producer and Epperson a retired Army soldier.

Colorado School Board incumbents Larry Mason, Sally Neff and Mike Ratliff are seeking re-election, as are C-City Councilmen Justin Harris and

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Kiwanis, IHOP pancake supper served Friday

The Colorado City Kiwanis Club and Abilene's International House of Pancakes will join forces Friday afternoon and evening in the local organization's annual pancake supper.

Kiwanis cooks will combine IHOP pancake ingredients and syrup with their own bacon, sausage, tea and milk, serving from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria at 312 E. 12th St.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 12 and under.

The club plans to cook 2,500 pancakes.

First scheduled for Friday, March 2, the supper was postponed because of a conflict with C-City and Westbrook High School basketball playoff games.

Club President A. K. McCarley said all proceeds will benefit the many local youth activities that are sponsored by the club.

It is a major fundraiser for the organization, which has 18 members.

CIA group has new name but same altruistic goals

The Christmas in April homes refurbishing group is changing its name but not its purpose.

Henceforth to be known as Christmas in Action, it will work on six Mitchell County homes on Saturday, April 28, and finish all work that day, said spokesman Brenda Kelley.

"As always, we need many volunteers, and we are still in need of funds," she said. "If

you haven't made your contribution, please do so.

"We hope each of you will come help us this year. We missed many of you last year and hope to see you again."

Call Ms. Kelley at 728-2285, Jan Lemons at 3678 or the Chamber of Commerce at 3403 to volunteer.

Ms. Kelley said the national Christmas in April organiza-

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Elated Railroad vendors rent July booths early

Last weekend's Railroad Trade Days is believed to be the biggest in several years.

Chamber of Commerce Manager Leigh Ann Erwin said Monday that she had no way to count the Saturday and Sunday crowds, but vendors who take part in every Railroad said it was the best Saturday crowd they had ever seen.

95 booths were rented inside and outside the First and Elm Street Railroad Building.

Twenty vendors paid in advance for booths at the July Railroad, and Monahans vendor Mary Pierce won \$100 in a drawing among them.

"The Power Jump and Rock Wall Climb were first timers

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local news



CATTLE DOG TRAINER Kenneth Beasley shows four of his best border collies -- from left, Zeke, Girlie, Jess and Buzz, who will compete in this weekend's Red River Cattle Dog Association Trials.

Cattle dogs' skills on display in weekend trials at ranch

A cattle dog is the same thing as a sheep dog except bigger, tougher and stronger minded.

Trainers call it "having power."

Kenneth Beasley, who ranches south of Westbrook and trains border collies, and his wife Judy will help sponsor the first annual Beasley Cattle Dog Trials Saturday and Sunday at their ranch 3 1/2 miles west of Hwy. 670 on County Road 252.

Open classes of 40 to 50 dogs and novice classes with 15-20 from five states will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 9-3 Sunday.

Admission is free, but you will need a lawn chair.

There will be a concession stand with soft drinks, coffee and sandwiches.

The purpose is to show area stockmen how effective the dogs can be in herding cattle.

Guided by trainers in the field with them, each dog will herd three cattle into a pen and navigate an obstacle course in a corral with them.

"We make these trials as realistic to ranch work as possible," said Beasley, who is organizing the show with Spade Ranch cowboy Roy Wilson of Westbrook and Big Spring stockman Raymond Phillips.

The trials are sanctioned by the Red River Cattle Dog Association of Oklahoma.

Border collies, kelpies and crossbreeds of border collies,

kelpies and pit bulldogs will compete for trophies and cumulative points for the association's annual awards.

"Not every border collie can work cattle," Beasley said, noting that usually black and white border collies are commonly used to herd sheep, especially in Scotland.

"They have to be tougher, and they have to have a lot of power."

"The cattle see them as a predator, like a coyote, and try to run them off."

The cattle kick and butt the dogs and the dogs bite the cattle on their heels and noses.

But once a steer or cow gets accustomed to being herded by dogs, it will cooperate.

Beasley, a former high school vocational agriculture teacher and county hospital board member, started training cattle dogs after Wilson demonstrated their usefulness to him in 1994.

He built pens behind his home southwest of Colorado City, started breeding and training them and then got serious enough to test them in trials throughout Oklahoma and into Colorado and the Texas Panhandle.

A dog he has since sold was the Red River group's "Dog of the Year" in 1999 in the novice class for animals under 30 months' age.

Jess, now 3 years old, won the title last year after trials in Granado, Colo., Booker and Holiday, Tex., west of Wichita Falls, and Coleman, Oscar, Elgin, Ringling and Muldrow, Okla.

Beasley also has 5 year old Zeke, 2 year old Girlie and Buzz, 6 year old Molly, 1 year old Jill, Rocky, Brute, Diamond and Rufus, 7 year old Tess and 3 month old Bit.

Jill is recovering from a broken front leg suffered when a

cow kicked her.

He has bred them with other cattle dog owners' animals except for Bit, a red and white puppy he bought in eastern Oklahoma.

All the others are bigger than normal black and white border collies.

He uses them to herd his 150 cattle and does not take more than four at a time.

A kelpie is a different breed of sheepdog that is black and tan or red and tan.

Wilson has a crossbreed who is half border collie, three eighths kelpie and one eighth pit bull.

Having a cattle dog who is as much as a quarter pit bull is inadvisable because it will tend to fight too much.

Trainers' language is universal, Beasley said.

Developing a good "outrun without crossovers" is crucial because you want the dog to approach cattle on one flank or the other without starting to one side and crossing over to the wrong one.

You say "Away to me" to send them right and "Come by" to send them left.

Their instinct is to "fetch" the cattle to their trainer, so they herd them in and put them in a corral or drive them through various types of gates.

They're very intelligent. The first thing they learn is to lie down on command wherever they are.

Beasley lets all his dogs out at least once a day.

He had released Zeke, Girlie, Jess and Buzz for a photo last Thursday and then had them lie down preparatory to putting them back into their above ground pens.

Each one knows its name, and they came and jumped into the pens when called while the others waited in place.

Beasley starts training them at 12 months after a full year of "socializing" with him and the other dogs.

After working in the yard and with a lead rope, they progress to working cattle.

They're mostly trained in 45-60 days and fully prepared in four months.

He does not use physical punishment but "growls" in a gruff voice to indicate displeasure.

Asked how he rewards them, he said, "Their reward is getting to work cattle. They live to work."

"They're not ever sleepy on Monday mornings, and they're not always asking for a raise."

The Red River Cattle Dog Association has more than 100 members, but most of them do not "trial" their dogs in contests like the one that will be held south of Westbrook this weekend.

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and very popular," Ms. Erwin said.

"The children's train ride the Davila family had went over well."

"Jeff Matthies of Nix's Barbecue sold out of turkey legs, and the food vendors were all pleased. The Rotary Club did great with their steak on a stick and roasted corn."

"Iada Pantoja and her Spanish dancers performed both days, and the crowd loved them."

Brother and sister Corbin and Chloe Castillo of Colorado City surprisingly each won a \$50 savings bond from the First National Bank in separate drawings.

Juli Martin of Lubbock won

a \$100 bond from City National Bank.

"Steve Shutt and his city crew came out Sunday to assist us with a plumbing problem," Ms. Erwin said, referring to the city manager.

"Roy Stice and James Melton helped with electrical and plumbing, too."

Local door prize winners were Flo Law, Bob Chalker, Dan Gainey, Jan Millering, Effie Hicks, Joe Tarter, Maria Beltran, Charles and Earline Dunn, Mary Ann Fincher, Richard Smith, Peggy Vernon,

Charles Darlin, Shirley Hawkins, John del Real, Isaiah Quiroz and Mary Beth Love.

Ms. Erwin recognized volunteers Chalker, Ms. Fincher, Randy Anderson, Tandy Curlee, Sondra Williams, Randy, Chet and Heath Erwin, Larry and Cheryl Johnson, Scott Stubblefield, Tom and Cecilia Scott, Justin Harris, Shirley Delaney, Tommy Meeks and his daughters, Mike and Marsha Jordan, Richy Womack, John Martinez, Bill Barlow and David Callaway, who entertained with piano music on Sunday.

CIA

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tion is withdrawing from its previous Christian context.

"The local CIA board chose to make this change in order to retain our roots and goals, as well as staying affiliated with all churches or organizations in Mitchell County," Ms. Kelley said.

She said the local group will keep the same requirements for applicants, rules and regulations.

A nursery will be provided at the First Baptist Church for volunteers with young children, and a Mexican lunch with drinks and dessert will be served at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

"Come ready to work, have a good time and make some homeowner's life safer, warmer and drier," Ms. Kelley said.

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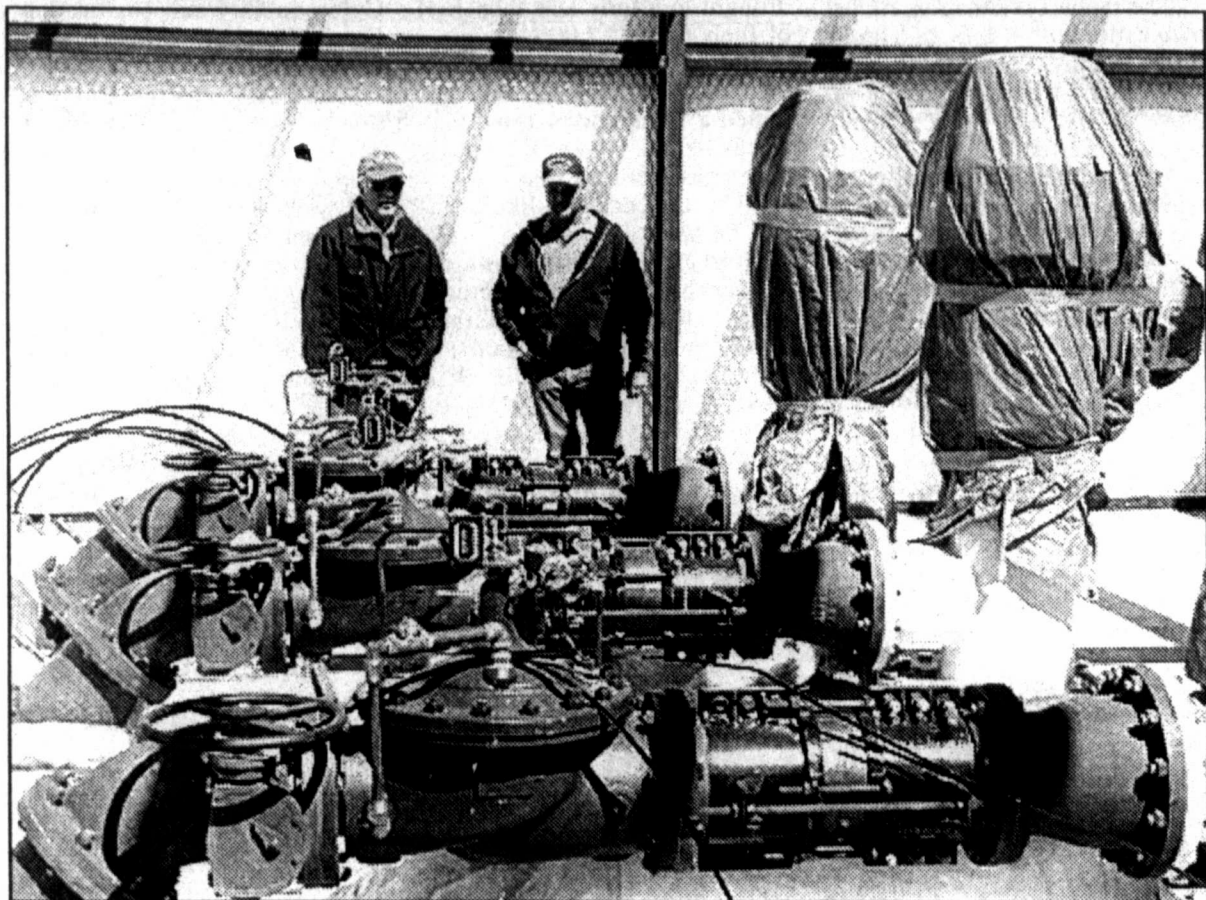
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THE PUMPS that will power well water into the city are inspected by City Manager Steve Shutt, left, and Water Supt. Dennis Pfeuffer. They're in the pumping station that is under construction at the city's first water wellfield near Lucas Road and County Road 404.

County commissioners study at conference

Mitchell County's commissioners will take 12 of their 16 required hours of annual continuing education this week at the West Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association Conference in Odessa.

Ed Roach of Colorado City, Carl Guelker of Cuthbert, Wendy Inman of the Spade Community and Bill Preston of Lorraine will attend classes on emergency management, liability, law enforcement and other issues Wednesday through Friday at the Holiday Inn Centre there.

Other topics will be "Hiring, Firing and Nepotism," purchasing and bidding laws, rural health, "Telemedicine" and investment policies.

County Judge Ray Mayo will get 16 hours' credit at Texas County Judges' Association meetings next Wednesday through Friday at the Holiday Inn in Lubbock, where most of the speakers will be

from the Texas Tech University Law School.

The commissioners mentioned they were about to leave for Odessa during a called 9 a.m. Tuesday meeting that lasted about five minutes.

They accepted the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission's recent approval on on-site sewage regulations that they updated at the Austin agency's request last November.

Judge Mayo said the rules were left essentially the same with septic tank installation inspections still costing \$125.

George Franklin of Big Spring is the inspector.

Assistant Auditor Janna Ratliff got approval of a budget amendment to accept \$1,424 in Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education funding from the state comptroller's office.

Derived from court costs, the money is used for continuing education.

Man is arrested after chase north of Snyder

A 40 year old Colorado City man was arrested by highway patrolmen, a Snyder city officer and a Scurry County sheriff's deputy after a high speed

chase on Hwy. 84 north of Snyder last Friday night.

Morgan David Wilkinson was taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and evading arrest and released on two \$1,000 bonds from Scurry County Jail Saturday morning.

DPS Trooper Kevin Edwards said he was notified of a possible drunken driver at 10:37 p.m. Friday.

Trooper Edwards said the chase lasted for about 15 minutes and reached speeds of more than 100 mph over four miles.



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three grand juries that meet continuously and that the case could be presented on any Wednesday.

Asked if Assistant DA Teresa Clingman will present evidence, he said, "She will prosecute the case."

However, when asked if he thinks the suspect will be indicted, he said, "I wouldn't want to speculate on what a grand jury is going to do."

He said investigators had already gathered a large amount of evidence before Daytina was found.

Since the Record's interview with Midland County Sheriff's Lt. Rory McKinney last week, the DA's office has assumed the responsibility of talking to reporters in an effort to avoid having the case moved on a change of venue.

Lt. McKinney is head of his agency's criminal investigation division, which led the investigation from the outset.

The previous lead investigator, Sheriff's Sgt. Terry Lowe, checked numerous tank batteries and other oilfield sites where chemicals could have been used to destroy a murder victim.

Sgt. Lowe accepted a contract last year to train law enforcement officers in Bosnia for a year.

Investigators drew a radius of about 50 miles from Greenwood, 10 miles east of Midland, and concentrated on that area, mostly to the south.

When Ms. Ratliff first reported her daughter missing on Thursday, April 30, 1998, officers searched in weeds behind the Hulslanders' home.

The discovery site is about 35 miles south-southeast of Greenwood.

Ms. Ratliff said she immediately became alarmed because Daytina had called her every day for years.

She plans to visit the place where her daughter was found within a week.

"I plead with any woman or man who is going through any kind of domestic violence to get ahold of the sheriff's office, the police department, an advocacy center or a women's shelter," she said.

"It may be just a shove or a slap, but it can escalate into death in a matter of moments."

"Don't let your children go through the things my grandchildren have been through, and don't let your parents go through what I have."

WATER

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the hill to the west is ready for sandblasting and painting.

Shutt and City Water Supt. Dennis Pfeuffer showed the three pumps that are connected to the line inside the pumping station on which Tarpley and his employees were putting insulation.

A man was inside the tank at the first field, sweeping out the fine sand that had been used for sandblasting.

When everything else has been done, the water towers on the north side of 17th Street will be sandblasted and repainted this summer.

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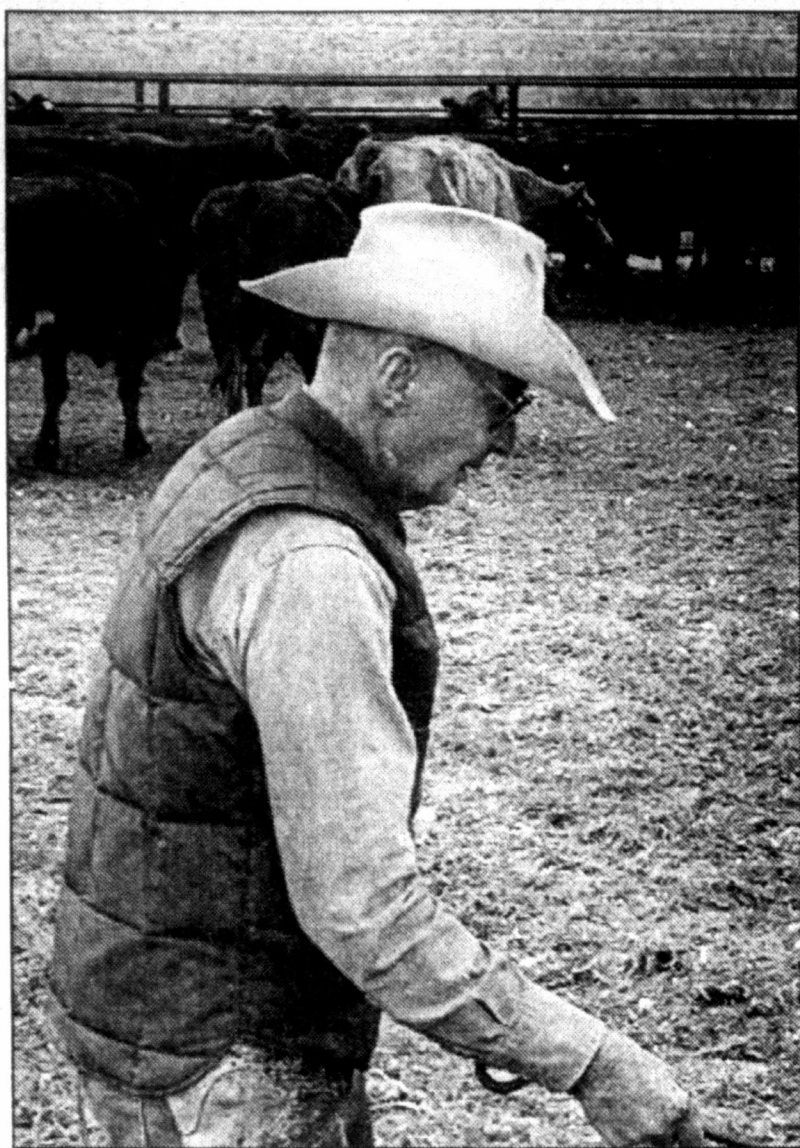
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Spade Ranch brands yearling calves



HEATING A BRANDING IRON, veteran Spade Ranch cowboy Bill McClellan plays a key role in springtime branding and other work.

Spring branding is underway on South Mitchell County's storied Spade Ranch.

Cowboys had initiated yearling calves into the herd from two pastures before working two more last Wednesday, the first at the Eight Section Pen and the second north of there at the Redbank Pen on the northeast corner of the 120 square mile spread.

The Redbank Pen, which has been used for more than 100 years, is north of County Road 337 on the west side of Hwy. 208.

The informal but fast working group included Frank Bassham, whose family has

owned the ranch since 1889, his son and daughter in law, Morgan and Michelle, who also live and work there, his high school age daughter Hannah and cowboys who either work full time or pitch in when extra help is needed.

Bassham's wife Jessica was taking photographs and commenting that the cowboys looked like they had stepped out of a western movie.

Others were Manager Bob Northcutt and old hands Bill McClellan, Roy Wilson, Tooter Jameson, Bubba Swann and Pedro Ventura, assisted by Joe Ross Jameson, Dane Powell,

Mike McCabe and Dub Metcalf.

Joe Ross, Tooter's son, was home from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Powell ranches adjacent to the Spade Ranch, and McCabe and Metcalf are from Robert Lee and Silver.

They branded and vaccinated 84 heifers and castrated, ear-tagged and vaccinated 60 steers Wednesday and had seven or eight pastures to go, Northcutt said.

The process will take about 2 1/2 weeks.

The cowboys start early and drive all the cattle from a pasture -- bulls, cows and calves -- into a corral and take turns roping in pairs.

They broke for lunch about 11:30 a.m., went back to work in 30 minutes and finished at 12:40 p.m.

Frank Bassham applies the Spade brand to the heifers and McClellan castrates the steers and brands the heifers with a "1" on their cheeks for the year.

Miss Bassham does vaccinations.

The bulls are mostly stoic to the hubbub, but the cows and calves mill around on the verge of panic and bawl uproariously as the cowboys pick their way through the herd and snare the calves' back legs with ropes.

They drag them to the waiting crews firmly but not too roughly, and some of the yearlings are so unruly and strong that it takes five or six people to hold them down.

A big calf with brown Swiss markings gets a little slack, careens off course and nearly knocks down the red hot metal barrel, standing longways on legs like a barbecue pit, that numerous branding irons are being heated in.

The ranch breeds most of its own cattle with a mix of Hereford, Angus, Simmental and Braunzieh, or brown Swiss, and those at Redbank looked healthy and wellfed.

Bassham showed weeds with nutritious pods under the dark green leaves and explained that the cattle population is adjusted in times of drought by selling some so that the land can support those who are left.

During a lunch served from a pickup bed by ranch cooks Loyd and Margie Smith and eaten on fenders or sitting on the ground, Northcutt said Spade Ranch cattle have been depleted by four years of

drought to a little less than half of their normal 2,000.

But he said the rainy weather that started last fall has fueled a tremendous growth in weeds from which the cattle benefit as much as grass.

"These weeds are like alfalfa," he said.

Northcutt, who has managed the ranch since the venerable Shorty Northcutt, his father, passed away in 1971, said the early and middle '90's had good moisture, but the ranch has suffered from hot, dry weather since '97.

The ranch in Mitchell, Sterling and Coke Counties is owned by Marion Bassham of

Colorado City and her brother, Frank Chappell of New London, Conn.

Chappell owns the Chappell Spade Ranch near Tucumcari, N. M., and the corporation, managed by Dub Waltrip of Lubbock, leases ranchland and raises cattle near Gail, Throckmorton and Turkey and Elida, N. M.

Depicting a short shovel, or spade, the ranches' brand was first used by a Donley County rancher in the Panhandle near Clarendon who sold co-founder W. L. Ellwood 800 head of high quality Durham crossbred cattle in 1889 -- J. F. "Spade" Evans.



ONE OF THE OLD SPADE COWBOYS, Roy Wilson, was spinning a loop as he, Mike McCabe of Robert Lee and other ranchhands rounded up 85 yearling calves.



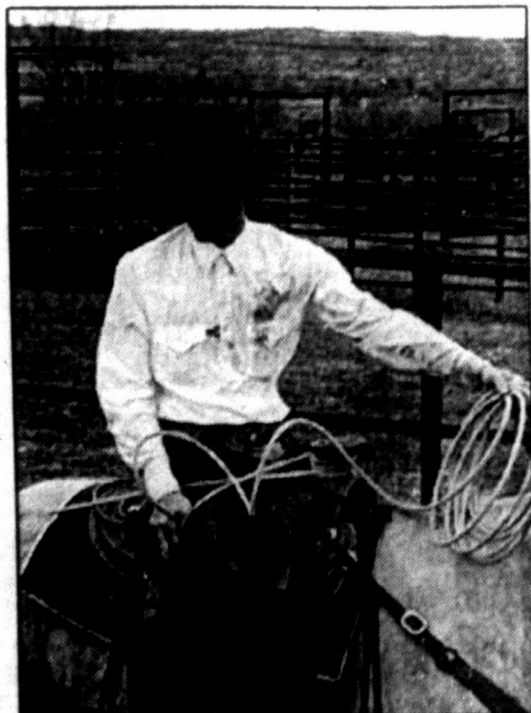
THE SPADE BRAND is applied to a yearling heifer by Frank Bassham, whose family has owned the Spade Ranch since the 1889. The brand depicts a short shovel, or spade.



DUB METCALF of Silver is one of the part time Spade Ranch cowboys who hires on for special operations like the spring brandings.



FROM AN ADJACENT RANCH, Dane Powell helped to rope and brand calves last week at the Redbank Pen on the northeast side of the Renderbrook Spade Ranch. In the right foreground is Ranch Manager Bob Northcutt.



MORGAN BASSHAM, who, like his father Frank, has always taken to the ranch life, was one of the ropers at last Wednesday's work at the Redbank Pen.



JOE ROSS JAMESON displayed his roping expertise during the Spade Ranch's spring branding. He is a member of the rodeo team at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Behind him is lifelong ranchhand Pedro Ventura.

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Nici Smith

Jews profess their faith in Jesus as God's son

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Nici Smith, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as she presents "Christ in the Passover" at the First United Methodist Church located at 333 Chestnut in Colorado City on Thursday, March 22 at 6 p.m. You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of

the Passover pageantry for years to come.

Passover is one of the most significant of all the Jewish holidays, and it was celebrated by the most significant Jew of all time - Jesus. Come see and hear the story of redemption unfold from the Exodus to Calvary in Christ in the Passover. For information call First United Methodist Church at 728-5296.

Disaster payments make their way to producers

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that payments of more than \$1.1 billion will begin soon under USDA's Crop Disaster Program. So far, about 450,000 applications from 160,000 farmers have been approved, and more are expected. Final payments and statewide totals will be announced when all payments are made.

"American farmers are still feeling the pressure of low prices, and, in many cases, the effects of natural disasters," said Veneman. "These payments will assist farmers in this difficult time."

Signup for the CDP began on January 18, 2001. Farmers

should contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency county office to file an application. To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least 35 percent loss to one or more of their 2000-year crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers will receive payment soon after approval of their application. The deadline to file an application will be announced later.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided funds for the CDP. Last year, USDA issued more than \$1.2 billion in crop disaster payments.

Job Corps counselor has broad experience

Bringing with him a strong background in working with disadvantaged youth, Clarence Toomer is committed to his new responsibilities as Job Corps Career Counselor.

After a fourteen-year career with the United States Air Force, Mr. Toomer moved with his family to Richmond, Virginia where he worked with disadvantaged youth for the State Department of Juvenile Justice.

When his family moved to Abilene, he worked with youth as a Security Officer for the Taylor County Department of Juvenile Justice and most recently, has served as a Drill Instructor for the Sweetwater Juvenile Detention Center.

He and his wife, Lisa have two children, Clarrisa, age 10, and Tyler, age 1. "Some

adults are ready to give up on our so-called Generation X group," states Mr. Toomer, "but I see a great potential in this group to provide this country with some of the best, most courageous, and brightest leaders for our future."

Job Corps is a federally funded program that has been assisting youth for over thirty years. Young men and women are given the opportunity to master various vocational skills to prepare them for success in over 100 different career paths.

In addition, they learn employability skills and academic skills they will need to be truly successful throughout their lives. For more information on Job Corps, contact Clarence Toomer at the Workforce Center in Abilene at (915) 795-4353.

ELECTIONS

FROM PAGE 1

Sammy Contreras Sr.

Mayor Pro-tem Bob Reily, a 13 year council veteran, is a candidate for mayor to replace Jim Baum, who will not run.

Reily is opposed by Melburn Jacob, 57, a retired law enforcement officer.

OBITUARIES

Daytina Rhea Blair Hulslander 1971-1998

Daytina Rhea Blair Hulslander, age 27, died April 27, 1998. A memorial service will be held Sat., Mar. 24, 2001 at Oak Street Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

Daytina was born Aug. 21, 1971. She was preceded in death by her father, Rodney (Rocky) Blair; her grandparents, Paul and Corienne (Janie) Makurin and Louis and Louise Blair; and her aunt, Paula Alberts.

Survivors include her three sons, Dakota Cliff Blair, age 11, Kenneth Aaron Blair, age 10, and Randall Todd Blair, age 8 of Colorado City; two daughters, Corienna Deann Hulslander and Dreamer Cathlynn Hulslander of Midland; her mother, Ellice Ratliff of Colorado City; her brother, Todd White and wife, Rhonda of Kermit; her aunts, Lunita Fryer and her husband, Martin of Big Spring and Louis Richardson of Austin; four nieces, Danni Lee and Samantha Dawn White of Colorado City and Summer Christine White of Hermleigh and Catrina Rich of Kermit; two nephews, Hugh O'Ryan (Buddy) White and Terry Rich of Kermit.

She is also survived by other special people, including, Dianne Nelson of Big Spring; Dorothy Lloyd of Snyder, Paula Alberts of Colorado City; Perry Keith Donnell and Ronnie Dan Sumerald of Midland; Tina Compton of Colorado City; Debbie Yandrich of Big Spring; Gabby Scott and Dianna Ballard of Snyder; Shirley Smith and Mary Riley of Colorado City; and Tommy Cooper and wife, Jane of Colorado City.

Fred McClellan 1907-2001

Mr. Fred McClellan, age 93, of Colorado City, died Thurs., Mar. 15, 2001 in a local care center. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Ken Northcutt officiating. Kiker-Scule Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McClellan was born Nov. 4, 1907 to George and Fannie Erlich McClellan and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1925. He married Katherine Elizabeth Price on Nov. 21, 1947 in Colorado City. She preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 1981. He was a retired farmer and rancher and a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

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said Mayor Pro-tem Bob Reily. Mike Hemphill, president of Mitchell County Utilities, declined to comment on the hearing Tuesday.

"I don't really know what to say about it -- just see what happens, I guess," he said.

Mayor Pro-tem Reily emphasized that the city does not want to annex any new acreage but only to be able to supply water to residents or new residents between town and the wellfield.

"Our theory is that we have an adequate supply of water -- more than we need -- and it's not going to do us any good unless we can sell it," he said.

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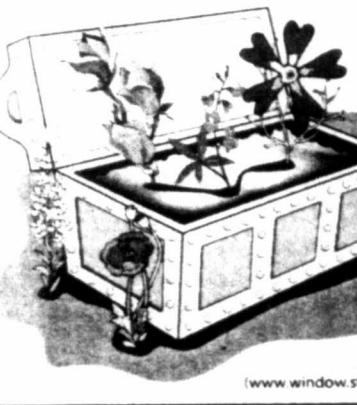
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Treasures

Texas is home to more than 5,000 species of wildflowers, and, due to plentiful fall and winter rains, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department predicts this spring will be one of the best for wildflower sightseeing. Texans can visit the following state parks between mid-March and mid-May for a peek at the flowers in full bloom:



STATE PARKS	WILDFLOWERS
Caprock Canyons (near Quitaque)	winecup, Tahoka daisy, gayleather, Mexican hat
Lake Colorado City (near Colorado City)	yellow evening primrose, white spectacle pod, yellow woollywhite
Tyler (Tyler)	azalea, magnolia, fleabane, spider lily
Bentley-Rio Grande Valley (near Mission)	sand verbena, sleepy daisy, wild phlox, hutsache daisy
Big Bend Ranch (near Lajitas-Presidio)	bluebonnet
Franklin Mountains (El Paso)	California poppy

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

City officers chase thirsty state parolee

A state parolee was arrested last Friday night after allegedly attempting to steal beer from the Skinny's convenience store at 545 Hickory St.

He is Little Earl Blake, 19, of 907 E. 13th St.

Chief of Police Pat Taylor said Tuesday that Blake is also accused of burglary of a vehicle in connection with the theft of keys from a 1997 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Lisa Stephens, 40, of 533 E. Ninth St.

"An intoxicated male had stolen beer and dropped some of it while fleeing the store," said Police Chief Pat Taylor.

"The thief returned to pick up the beer at about the same time that Officers Pete Torres and Will Miller arrived.

"He fled across Hickory Street and north up the alley with the officers in pursuit and

threw several cans of beer at Officer Torres. He was eventually taken into custody with the assistance of other officers at Seventh and Hickory."

Chief Taylor said the vehicle burglary took place during Blake's attempted escape.

He was charged with theft under \$50, evading arrest and burglary of a vehicle, in addition to being served with a state parole revocation warrant.

Investigator Charles Rice was called to the 1300 block of Austin Street to check a report of a small child walking unattended at 9:35 a.m. last Wednesday.

"The mother of the child, a 2 year old boy, was located and the child returned to her," Officer Rice said. "The incident was reported to Child Protective Services."

Kenny Clanton of 1100 Lake County Road 248 told Officer Tommy Dill last Thursday that someone had thrown a shopping cart into the windshield of his 1994 Chevrolet pickup between midnight and 5 a.m. and shattered the windshield in the Fuller Foods parking lot.

Re"cycle" your unwanted items in the Record Classifieds!

Hoyle "Big Brother of Year"

Colorado City native Brett Hoyle has been named "Big Brother of the Year" for his work in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters' First Mentors program at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Hoyle, 20, a WT sophomore who pitches for the Buffaloes baseball team, spends 3-4 hours a week with 8 year old Cody Worley.

"Sometimes we ride bikes in Hunsley Hills Park, and he talks to me about God," wrote Cody in his nomination letter.

"I wish he was my real brother. He wouldn't be as mean to me as my real brothers.

"I love him with all my heart."

Cody lives with his mother and two older brothers -- one of 15 boys and girls between ages 6 and 14 who get at least one visit a week from WT students.

Thirty students are signed up to participate this fall, including Hoyle's sister Stephanie, a WT junior who is studying social work and will start her second year in the program.

"Brett is an outstanding big brother," said First Mentors Case Manager Susan Butler of Amarillo. "He takes it very seriously.

"They ride bikes, roller-skate, hike, go to baseball practice or hang out at the dormitory.

"Brett took Cody to the Science Spectrum in Lubbock for Christmas.

"A boy usually lives with his mother in a single parent family, and he doesn't have to share the mentor with friends or family," Ms. Butler said.

"When they establish the relationship, the child's self-esteem skyrockets. Their grades go up.

"They have someone who believes in them and asks about their grades, and they don't ever want their mentor to be disappointed in them.

"Ultimately, Brett is a Christian. He has high morals. He's not selfish. He is very serving, very giving. He has a passion for children, and he has a lot of energy.

"He's in his second year. He came to us 1 1/2 years ago."

Hit-and-run accidents are reported

Chief of Police Pat Taylor Tuesday reported two accidents in which motorists damaged property or another vehicle and then fled the scene.

Victoria Ramos of 1481 Oak St. told Chief Taylor at 11:30 a.m. Monday that her 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck was parked in the 500 block of Chestnut St. when another driver backed into it and left without reporting the incident.

Officer Tommy Dill said a 24 year old man was charged with failing to comply with duties related to striking a fixed object after dodging a tree root and hitting a gas meter in his pickup at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 12.

"His vehicle struck a gas meter and fence at 887 E. 13th St., causing heavy damage to both," Officer Dill said.

Tisha Hickson, 31, of County Road 100 was eastbound on Business Loop 20 at 10:15 p.m. Saturday when her '98 Chevrolet pickup hit a cow, Officer Pete Torres said.

"Several cows were loose on the road, and she hit one of them," the investigator said.

"The driver was not injured, but the damage to her vehicle was moderate."

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Hoyle was part of a group from the WT Baptist Student Union who spent Spring Break on South Padre Island, ministering to vacationing students.

His mother Cheryl said he flew out at 6 a.m. last Friday to attend a game in Canyon.

His brother Michael is a WT senior who will graduate this spring with a bachelor's degree in plant and soil science and return here to work with their father Nathan on the family farm.

Michael played baseball for the Buffaloes for two years, also as a pitcher.

Although Hoyle excelled as a catcher, power hitter and part time pitcher on the Colorado City Wolves' bi-district championship team two years ago, his college coach, Mark Jones, said his primary value there is as a pitcher because the Buffaloes have three catchers.

He has been limited by a sore arm to only five innings so far this season, but one of them was a shutout against the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

He is 6 foot 2 and weighs 210 pounds.

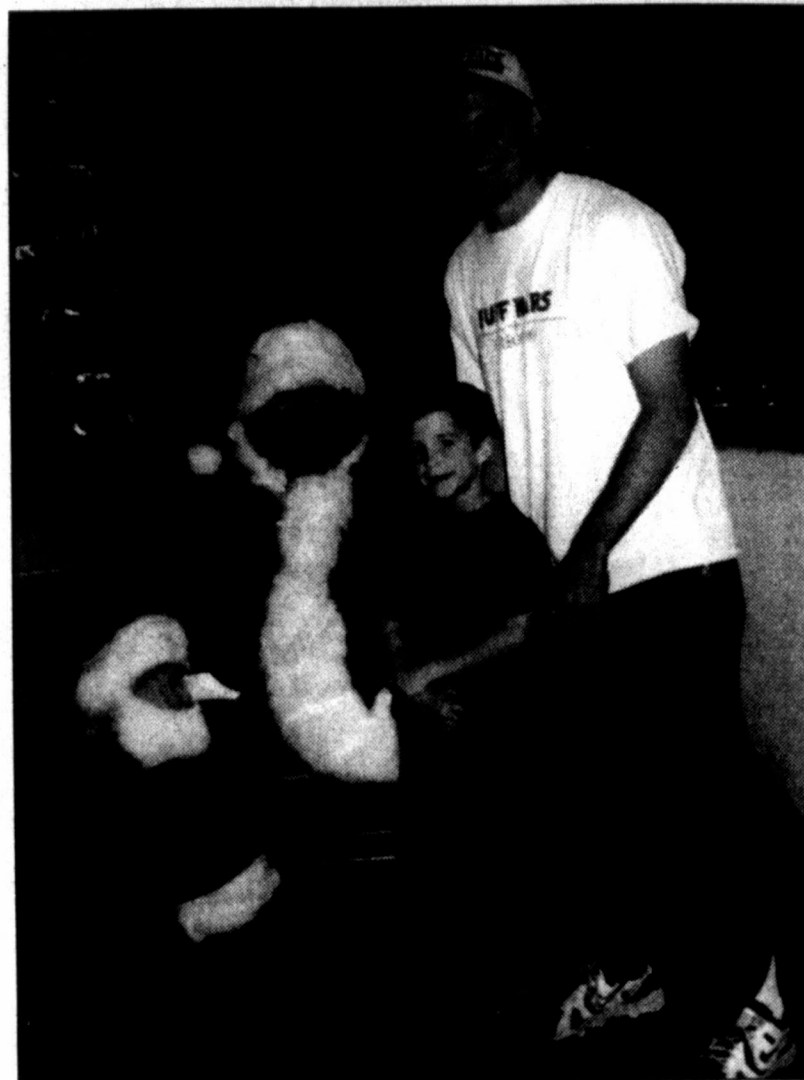
"He's a coach's dream," said Coach Jones. "He works hard and does everything he has to do. You never have a problem out of him -- just a good all around kid.

"He hasn't been able to realize what he can do because he hasn't had a chance yet."

Hoyle attends Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo, where he met his fiancée. His family belongs to Oak Street Baptist Church here.

He is undecided on a major. First Mentors was founded three years ago as a joint venture of Big Brothers-Big Sisters and the First USA credit card company.

It is now at work in 300 colleges and universities.



BIG BROTHER BRETT Hoyle of Colorado City is shown with a Canyon boy whom he mentors in a Big Brothers-Big Sisters affiliated program at Canyon, where he is a university student. He has been named "Big Brother of the Year."

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: March 8, 2001, in the

Colorado City Record newspaper, published in Mitchell county.

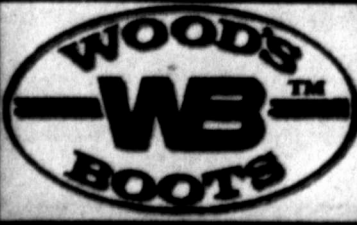
1. Notice is hereby given that the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.
2. The West Central Texas Weather Modification Association has applied for a valid Texas weather modification license.
3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall to affect the area of the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association. The requested period of the permit is four years from April 1, 2001.
4. The purpose of the proposed weather modification operation is to increase rainfall to increase surface water runoff to streams and lakes, increase recharge of ground water, increase soil moisture for agriculture, and reduce the water demands on ground and surface water sources.
5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is composed of the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Nolan, Runnels, Taylor, Coke, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Mitchell, Sterling, and Tom Green.
6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described by the area contained in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Nolan, Runnels, Taylor, and Coke County excluding the areas between Highways 208 and 158.
7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein. A meteorologist licensed by TNRCC to conduct weather modification operations will select suitable clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses and forecast techniques, and observations to guide aircraft to initiate the release of cloud seeding particles at cloud base and into cloud tops to affect the growth and development of cumulonimbus clouds. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense either glaciogenic, such as silver iodide crystals, or hygroscopic seeding materials into selected clouds to perform seeding operations.
8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-60, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087, 512 239-0770.
9. A public meeting on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a meeting to the Executive Director, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087. The petition must contain 1) the signature, full name, address, and phone number of each person requesting the meeting, 2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area, and 3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for meeting must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written requests, the Commission shall hold a public meeting on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1 800 687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-0087, 512 239-6363.

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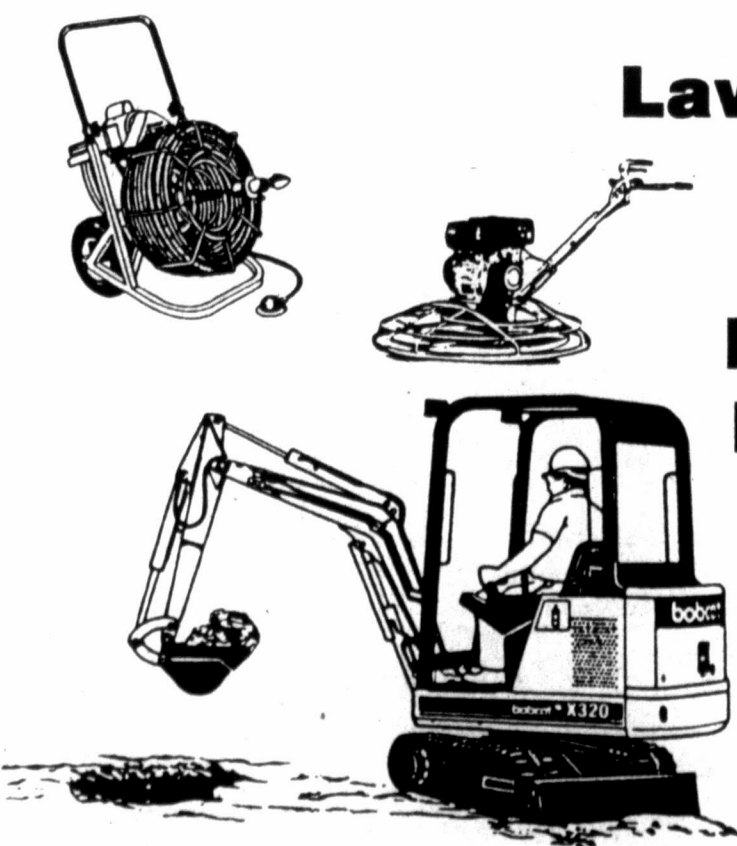
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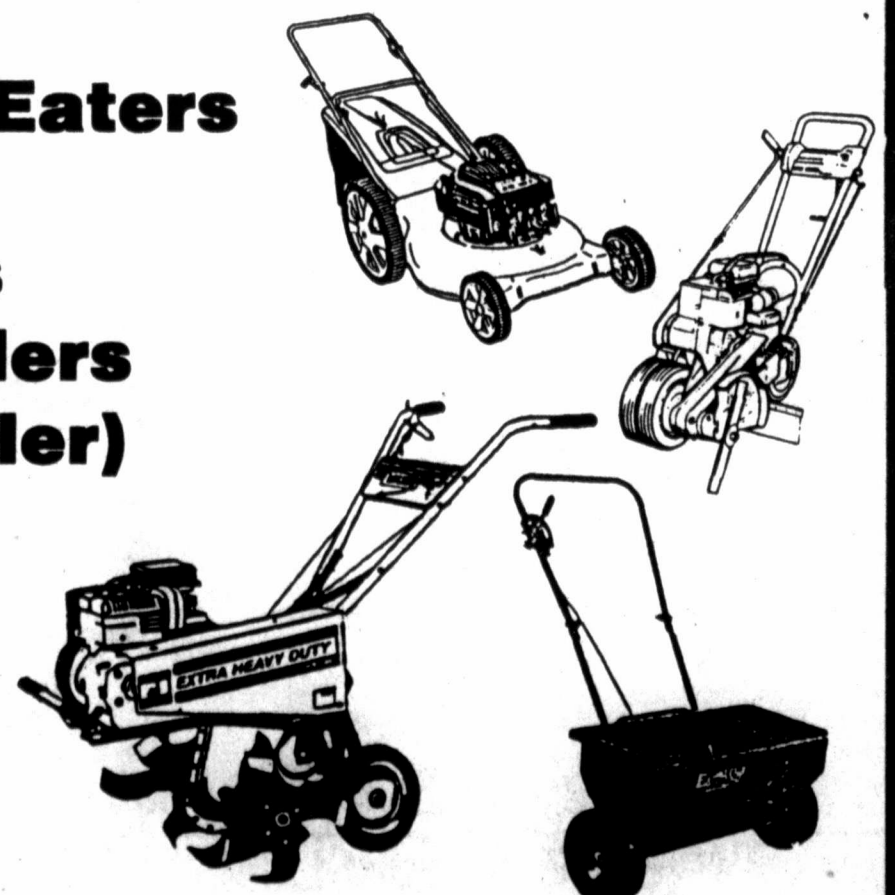
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Guest Editorial Inmates qualify for jobs

By Bambi Kiser,
Windham School District
Communications Coordinator

Helping Texas prisoners to become industry certified, productive free world employees is the challenge of Windham School District's Career and Technology Education teachers.

Last year, more than 3,000 inmates earned certificates in CTE courses throughout the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, including a number at Colorado City's Wallace and Ware Units, which are actively involved in the program.

CTE Director Jerry Bernhardt of Huntsville says the certificates are "portable credentials assuring employers that the holders are equipped with valuable skills, knowledge and work competencies."

"Based on industry standards, these certifications provide a clear description of the jobs and skills that are necessary to succeed in the free world."

"They are a common language among employers nationwide, verifying that the certificate holders are competent craftsmen who are able to do a required job."

"Industry wants skilled employees. As a result of our teachers' training efforts, many offenders who are enrolled in CTE classes are being offered employment before they ever leave prison."

270 Windham CTE teachers from across the state were recognized last month for teaching offenders valuable job skills -- and for enabling them to avoid returning to prison.

Windham Principal David Denison of C-City reports that 30 inmates took the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Test for brake repair, 30 the ASE for engine performance and six the "Wheels of Learning" test for construction carpentry at the Wallace Unit in 1999-2000.

Fifty earned private pesticide applicator licenses and 19 carpentry credentials at Ware, which has just begun a custodial technology program.

Teachers are certified by the Texas Education Agency, and their courses vary from unit to unit.

During the past fiscal year, CTE programs were provided to 14,331 offenders in 39 trade areas.

They also include specialized training in plant maintenance, business computer information systems, landscaping, machine shop CAD-CAM, computer aided drafting, mill and cabinet making, auto collision repair, electrical trades and other skills.

Inmates pay fees ranging from \$25 to \$175 to attend.

About 70,000 take Windham CTE and academic classes each year.

The school district was created in 1969 -- the first program of such scope to be established in a statewide system.

It has been accredited by the TEA since September 1970.

"Industry certifications reflect achievement, improve career opportunities and build self-esteem," says Windham Supt. Mike Morrow.

"We're proud of the students who earn these certifications and the dedicated teachers who assist them."

"We will continue to support our CTE teachers in their efforts to better students' job opportunities through certification."



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I got a kick out of a recent TV report about the plight of some homeless folks in a nearby city. Not that being homeless is anything to laugh about, but these folks had a few gimmicks that deserve further study.

The reporter went to a homeless camp to get some opinions about the city's ban on camping downtown. These people were all camping, of course; so they apparently disagreed with the city.

The first thing I noticed were the tents. "Hey! Those tents are better than mine," I thought. Maybe I'm spending too much on my house?

The homeless camp had a spokesperson who went by the old Scandinavian name "Virus." She seemed content with her camping life and said she felt quite safe there. That's understandable, I guess.

Virus unveiled a plan her group developed for the city to provide camping areas. Her design provided for living areas (tents), green space, sanitation, and an area for the

horses. "Horses!?" I thought. "Homeless folks have horses?"

That's when I recalled one of the frequent contributors to a homeless condition. We begin with a horse and a couple of tons of hay. Then we get another horse, and another -- and some more hay.

Before you know it, we're out on the streets -- but we still have the horses. (Substitute sheep, cows, goats, cats, or dogs as needed.)

The homeless report reminds me of old Frank Johns, who lived near my hometown when I was a kid. Frank (not his real name) would have been homeless if it weren't for his horse.

About once a week we would see the old fellow riding home from town about dusk. Everyone knew Frank could have driven his car into town, but he might not have made it home if he did.

That horse was the best designated driver anyone ever had. Frank's noble steed

never touched a drop of alcohol and was always there with his head tied to a post.

When Frank spent an exceptionally long day in town, we would see him riding along, reins in his lap and both hands on the saddle horn. Sometimes the boys at the tavern would loosen his cinch a little, causing some pretty fancy trick-riding down by the creek.

I always think of Frank when the TV folks are interviewing homeless people in the cities. I used to think providing these folks with a horse might solve their transportation problem, if not their homeless condition.

In retrospect, I can see how wrong I was. Some of the homeless already have horses, and now their horses are barnless.

I don't know what the solution is, but I'm pretty sure it isn't housing, or horses, or a lot of other things that have been tried. If I knew the answer, I might be a rich man.

I'm sure I'd have a much better tent, anyway.

Spinning Tops at the Goldthwaite Dairy Queen

By Tumbleweed Smith



When I was in Goldthwaite to make a speech, Nita Frazier gave me a top. It's the old fashioned kind, made of wood. I wrapped the string around it, threw it down and it went bouncing across the floor on its side. No good. I picked it up and tried again. Same thing. After a few tries I finally got it to spin correctly. It was a good feeling.

Nita manages the Dairy Queen in Goldthwaite. On the counter are several wooden tops. They sell for five dollars and are made by Jack Clendenen.

"You can't find a young person nowadays that knows what a top is," says Jack. "It's gotta be some old cod like me to even know what it's all about."

"We've sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 tops," says Nita. "People just love them because they haven't seen them in so long and they are handmade. Jack comes here in the morning and if I tell him we need more tops he'll gather up some new ones and bring them in that afternoon."

Some time ago, some of Nita's regular customers were sitting around talking about tops. They told Nita they wanted some.

"I happened to have some tops in my kiddies' meals and so I gave them all a top. Well that didn't quite work out. They didn't like those. So I went to WalMart and bought them some plastic tops. That didn't work out. They wanted a wooden top. So I put the word out that we needed some wooden tops. Jack comes in every morning and afternoon for coffee and he decided to see if he could help them. So he made some wooden tops and gave them to the boys. That just tickled them to death. They showed me how they could spin the tops on the floor of the Dairy Queen here. They were happy as a lark with those tops."

Jack Clendenen makes the tops at his home in the country. He makes them in different sizes with different types of wood, from mesquite to black walnut. A huge pile of sawdust has built up around the lathe where he shapes his tops. He uses the sawdust as fertilizer.

"I just started whittling on this lathe. I made a top and it turned out pretty, so I made another and another. I've made several hundred now."

He spins every top he makes. "I just throw it about the length of my string and jerk that string about the time it hits out there and it'll just go to spinning."

He says a top won't hum unless it's spinning real fast. The best tops spin in one place and don't move around. He used to pick up a top while it was spinning and let it spin in the palm of his hand.

"When I was a child every boy in school had a top or he'd be hollering at mama and daddy for a nickel so he could buy one. Sometime he'd have two or three. Just as soon as the teacher would let us out of school, we'd go outside and start spinning our tops. That was just an everyday thing. That was before we had all this concrete so we spun those tops on the ground. It was packed down real hard, around the school."

Jack stays busy making tops and going to the DQ twice a day to drink coffee and check on the inventory. When it runs low, he'll go make some more.

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6 TXism: "steals blind"

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9 TX Bill Boyd was the "Cowboy"

16 George W.'s brother

18 good works

21 TX Joplin's "I Got Dem ___ Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"

22 TX actor Jack

23 TX Ann presided over this in '92 (abbr.)

24 TX Jimmy Dean's ___ John

30 longing for the past

34 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"

35 TX rancher Chuck Norris was ___ champ for 7 years

36 TX Miller's "Dang Me" was Song of the ___ in '64

37 abnormal growth this actor starred with TX Audie in "Arizona Raiders"

43 Harriet Beecher

44 TXism for "friend"

45 TXism: "likely ___ not" (probable)

46 TXism: "just ___ yonder"

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53 TXism: "let bygones ___ bygones"

54 accumulate

55 TX def. back in pro football Hall of Fame

58 large Italian city

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60 Boerne's Cibola Wilderness Trail has 3 distinct ___ systems

61 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of him"

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3 TX Rip Torn played Nixon in TV film "Blind ___"

4 "Don't ___ With Texas"

9 Aggie coach ___ Slocum

10 TXism: "got ___ big as Texas" (kind)

11 "shop 'til you drop" location

12 what Texans do best

13 TV music show: Austin City ___

14 TX-based "Giant" actress (init.)

15 TXism: "get shut of"

17 TX auto racer from Wichita Falls

19 one who provides a source of income

20 Mav. Dirk Kowitzki & Spur Tim Duncan

24 Gov. Ann named this Krueger to U.S. Senate (init.)

25 TX Lovett tune: "Here ___"

26 rodeo cowboys use rosin to get a better one

27 Lauren of western "The Shootist"

28 TXism: "___ loop roper" (bad)

29 TXism: "___ a doornail"

31 ___ brook, TX

32 Padre Island acquisition

33 cadaver exam

38 Bob Seger's "___ Night"

40 TXism: "I'm at the ___ of my rope"

41 Texan born in Aug.

42 Sanger Bros. had 1st one in TX

48 eleven Cowboys or five Spurs

50 Neil to Houston: "That's one small step for ___"

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local news



KIWANIS CLUB TREASURER BELINDA BLASSINGAME (r) presents a check in the amount of \$1200 to Randy Cooper on behalf of the Ashley Cooper medical fund. The club raised the money selling three autographed footballs. The footballs were autographed by Sammy Baugh, Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. Ashley Cooper, who underwent cancer surgery this past summer, is reported to be doing well.

Hepatitis C growing problem

An estimated 300,000 Texans are walking around with a disease that exhibits few or no symptoms, while silently destroying their livers. According to the March issue of *Texas Medicine* magazine, hepatitis C is a silent epidemic that is beginning to roar.

Hepatitis C is a virus only identified in 1989 that already ranks second only to alcohol use as a cause of cirrhosis of the liver. Medical researchers predict that hepatitis C will quadruple the number of liver cancers in the next 10 to 15 years and triple the number of liver disease deaths by the end of this decade.

Hepatitis C is called a "silent" epidemic because it takes an average of 24 years after the initial viral contact to develop cirrhosis of the liver, according to William M. Lee, MD, director of the Clinical Center for Liver Diseases at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. In the meantime, the person appears outwardly healthy and strong, showing no signs of the debilitating disease that lurks inside.

So who has hepatitis C? Nearly two million Americans, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Maybe 200 million people worldwide. No one knows for sure.

However, several groups of people seem to be at higher risk. Intravenous drug users, even those who only tried IV drugs once, are at risk. Also at risk are people who received blood transfusions or whole blood products before 1992 - the year blood banks nationwide began screening the blood supply for the virus. People with multiple sex partners also should be screened because new evidence suggests the virus can be transmitted through sexual contact.

While researchers have found it challenging to track the incidence of the disease among most of the population, the jump in hepatitis C is quite notable in the prisons. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice recently found that 25

to 30 percent of incoming inmates have the hepatitis C virus. National statistics echo the Texas findings, with 30 percent of men in prison and 54 percent of incarcerated women testing positive for the virus.

The disease poses a serious health threat and challenge to the medical community because there are so many unknowns associated with it, reports *Texas Medicine*.

"We don't know the complete natural history and course of the disease. We don't know all the ways it's transmitted," said Frank Adams, DO, a gastroenterologist who directs the hepatology clinic at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. "There are some people, for example, who have it who don't fall into any of the risk categories. We have no animal model for it, so research is difficult."

"The virus mutates once it gets into the body, so it's a very difficult target to hit," said Dr. Adams. "And because the disease has been discovered only recently, we can't predict with absolute surety how hepatitis C patients will respond as they age."

For more information on hepatitis C, its impact and available treatments, check out the full text of the *Texas Medicine* article. Point your browser to www.texmed.org, choose About TMA and then choose News Room, then Texas Medicine Magazine.

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Buglars break in Smylers

Mitchell County sheriff's officers are investigating a burglary at Smyler's Store west of Colorado City on FM 2836 late last Friday night.

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In this new millennium, Texas' farmers, ranchers and their families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy, which ensures that people everywhere have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticulture and other agricultural products.

Agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas, generating \$80 billion annually for the economy. One out of every five working Texans has a job in agriculture. Agriculture touches our lives in many ways. Texas farmers and ranchers grow a lot of the food people eat every day - onions, pecans, peaches, cabbage, melons, spinach, cucumbers and potatoes. Texas also is a big producer of cotton, cattle and poultry. In addition, trees are used to make computer paper, goat's milk to make cheese, corn for cereal and for laundry detergent, and animal fats and proteins to make toothpaste and crayons. Also, antifreeze is a pork byproduct and oyster shells are used for artificial reefs. This list is endless.

Agriculture also has a major role in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment. As we go forward in the new millennium, agriculture will continue to meet the basic needs of the world while providing opportunities for progress beyond food and clothing.

It is important that we all understand agriculture because it helps us to realize that everyday things, such as bread, blue jeans, laundry detergent and peanuts all come from one industry. It also gives us a sense of where things come from and how the global cycle of growth, consumption and conservation is forever necessary.

Because of their commitment to and love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best - produce food and fiber to meet growing global demands.

Therefore I, Susan Combs, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-24, 2001, as NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS and urge all Texans to recognize those producers who help add quality to our lives.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 19th day of March, 2001.

Susan Combs

Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture

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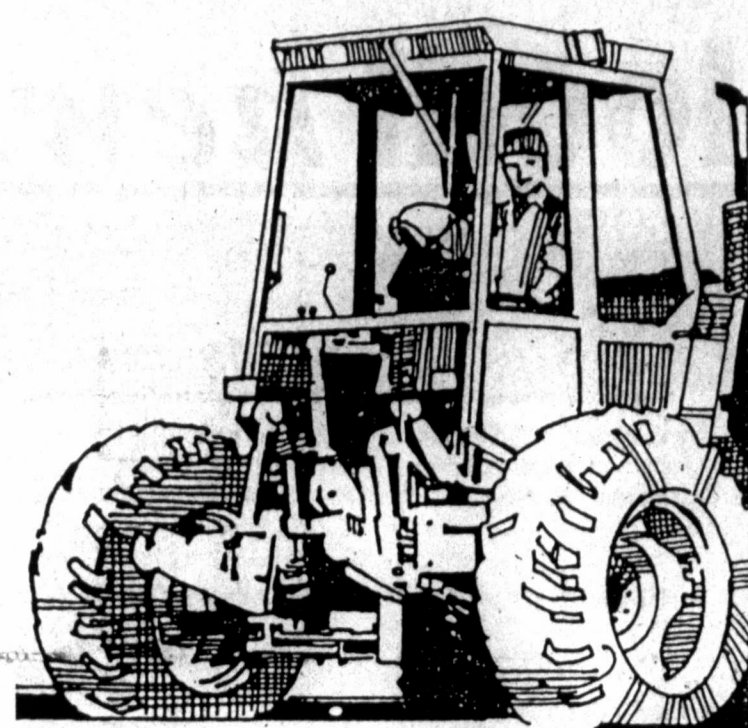
Jesse Lambaren of Loraine is shown plowing and putting down Treflan in preparation for the 2001 cotton season.

Did you know...

- Texas is the second largest agricultural state, accounting for about 7% of the total U.S. agricultural income. This generates \$80 billion for the state's economy.
- The top five agricultural producing counties are Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Erath and Lamb. The top two agricultural regions of the state are the South Plains and the Panhandle.
- The Lone Star State ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, which is 14.1% of the U.S. total.
- Texas is also a top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair, and horses. The state's other top crops include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.
- Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.
- The nursery/greenhouse industry in Texas is a \$9.76 billion industry that employs 222,000 people.
- Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.
- Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people -- 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.
- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of farms and ranches with 226,000 as well as in farmland with 130 million acres.
- 80% of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.
- Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2% of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.
- There are more than 100 different organizations and associations in Texas that represent the farmers, ranchers and businesses that grow, process, transport, market and sell the state's agricultural products.
- Texas farmers grow more than 45 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

Fun Facts

- Texas farmers harvest enough corn for more than 4 billion pounds of corn flakes.
- Texas is home to more than 1 million horses, which is 15% of all the horses in the United States.
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O & A Substance Abuse Trends

The Colorado City Record, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devote this column to information and questions about substance abuse.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS(COA): IMPORTANT FACTS

(Part 1 of 3)

1. Alcoholism affects the entire family.

- Living with a non-recovering alcoholic in the family can contribute to stress for all members of the family. Each member may be affected differently. Not all alcoholic families experience or react to this stress in the same way. The level of dysfunction or resiliency of the non-alcoholic spouse is a key factor in the effects of problems impacting children.
- Children raised in alcoholic families have different life experiences than children raised in non-alcoholic families. Children raised in other types of dysfunctional families may have similar developmental losses and stressors as do children raised in alcoholic families.
- Children living with a non-recovering alcoholic score lower on measures of family cohesion, intellectual-cultural orientation, active-recreational orientation, and independence. They also usually experience higher levels of conflict within the family.
- Children of alcoholics may be hampered by their inability to grow in developmentally healthy ways.

2. Many people report being exposed to alcoholism in their families.

- Seventy six million Americans, about 43% of the U.S. adult population, have been exposed to alcoholism in the family.
- Almost one in five adult Americans (18%) lived with an alcoholic while growing up.
- Roughly one in eight American adult drinkers is alcoholic or experiences problems due to the use of alcohol. The cost to society is estimated at in excess of \$166 billion each year.
- There are an estimated 26.8 million COAs in the United States. Preliminary research suggests that over 11 million are under the age of 18.

3. There is strong, scientific evidence that alcoholism tends to run in families. Children of alcoholics are more at risk for alcoholism, and other drug abuse than children of non-alcoholics.

- Children of alcoholics are four times more likely than non-COA's to develop alcoholism.
- Genetic factors play a major role in the development of alcoholism. There is an expanding base of literature which strongly supports a heritable basis for alcoholism and a range of family influences that may direct the development of children of alcoholics.
- Children's perceptions of parental drinking quantity and circumstances appear to influence their own drinking frequency.
- Children's alcohol expectancies reflect recognition of alcohol-related norms and a cognizance of parental drinking patterns by a very early age.
- Parental alcoholism and other drug dependencies have an impact upon children's early learning about alcohol and other drugs.
- Family interaction patterns also may influence the COA's risk for alcohol abuse. It has been found that families with an alcoholic parent displayed more negative family interaction during problem-solving discussions than in non-alcoholic families.
- Children of alcoholics are more likely than non-COA's to marry into families in which alcoholism is prevalent.
- Parental alcoholism influences adolescent substance use through several different pathways including stress, negative affect and decreased parental monitoring. Negative affect and impaired parental monitoring are associated with adolescent's joining in a peer network that supports drug use behavior.
- After drinking alcohol, sons of alcoholics experience more of the physiological changes associated with pleasurable effects compared with sons of non-alcoholics, although only immediately after drinking.

The above information was provided by *The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information*

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Internet health sites examined

No doubt, one of your friends, colleagues or relatives has shared some important, maybe even revolutionary, health advice he or she discovered while surfing the web—but was the advice truly sound or merely medical mumbo jumbo?

While it's true the Internet offers us easy access to a wealth of health information, unfortunately not all of it is trustworthy. Remember, after all, that anyone with computer know-how can start his or her own website.

That said, before you log on to learn about your health, protect yourself with a healthy dose of skepticism. Then use these clues to help you weed out the unreliable sites from the credible ones.

Here are some questions to ask about the sites you are viewing:

1. Does the health site feature advertising? If so, you can't be sure how the advertising is influencing the site's content.

2. Does the health site make claims that seem too good to be true? Look for words like "best", "top", "fast", "cure-all", and so on. Anything that sounds outrageous is likely to be just that.

3. Does the health site promote products? Beware of "infomercial" sites designed to pitch miracle cures and other "amazing" health tonics.

4. Does the information seem one-sided? If the health site is not presenting information in a balanced, objective manner, be skeptical.

5. Is the sponsoring institution clearly identifiable? It should be easy to determine the sponsor of the site and the qualifications of its sources. Have you ever heard of the sponsoring organization or individual? Are you familiar with its reputation?

6. Is the information attributed to a source? Beware of information that does not cite a medical journal, a specific author, a government institution or a qualified medical editorial board.

7. Is the information current? Check the bottom of a web page for dates—often you'll find when the material was written or last updated.

8. Is the information presented clearly? Good patient websites are written with you, the layperson, in mind. They don't use a lot of unnecessary medical terms to impress or confuse you. Ask your doctor to interpret information intended for health professionals if you think it may apply to you.

Likewise, discuss any health advice you find on the web with your healthcare provider before putting it to personal use.

Here are some basic online health resources:

- The American Cancer Society--www.Cancer.org
- American Dietetic Association--www.eatright.org

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- MEDLINEplus--www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/
- Harvard Medical School--www.intelhealth.com
- American Medical Association--www.ama.org
- The Mayo Clinic--www.mayoclinic.com
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention--www.cdc.gov

There's no question that the Internet offers us a unique chance to be the best-informed healthcare consumers of all time. Used wisely, it can help us take charge of our wellbeing and strengthen the relationship we have with our doctors and other healthcare providers. So go ahead, explore your healthcare options online—just be savvy as you surf!

For further information call Mary at 728-3111. This information comes from Health Words for Women, a quarterly newsletter of UMC of Lubbock.

Ag conference set

The Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension offices in Nolan, Scurry, and Mitchell counties, has been set for Tuesday, April 3 at the Hermleigh Community Center with registration from 8 am to 8:30 am.

Scheduled morning speakers and their topics include: Chad Hobbs - Risk Management Alternatives, Dr. Calvin Trostle - Grain Sorghum and Forage Production, Dr. Chris Sansone - Insect Control in Cotton, and Dr. Peter Dotray - Weed Control in Cotton and Grain Sorghum.

Following a catered lunch by The Shed the afternoon program resumes with: Dr. Carl Anderson - Cotton Market Update and Forecast, Cleveland - Boll Weevil Eradication Update, and Dr. Billy Warrick - Cotton Production and Management.

The program will then conclude with laws and regulations and completion of CEU paperwork. Four Continuing Educational Units will be available for TDA Applicator License holders. The cost of the conference will be \$5 payable at the door. For further information contact your County Extension office at 236-6912 for Nolan County, 728-3111 for Mitchell County and 573-5423 for Scurry County.

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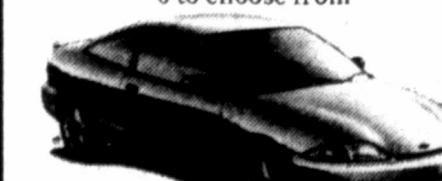
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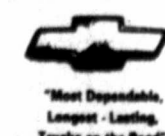
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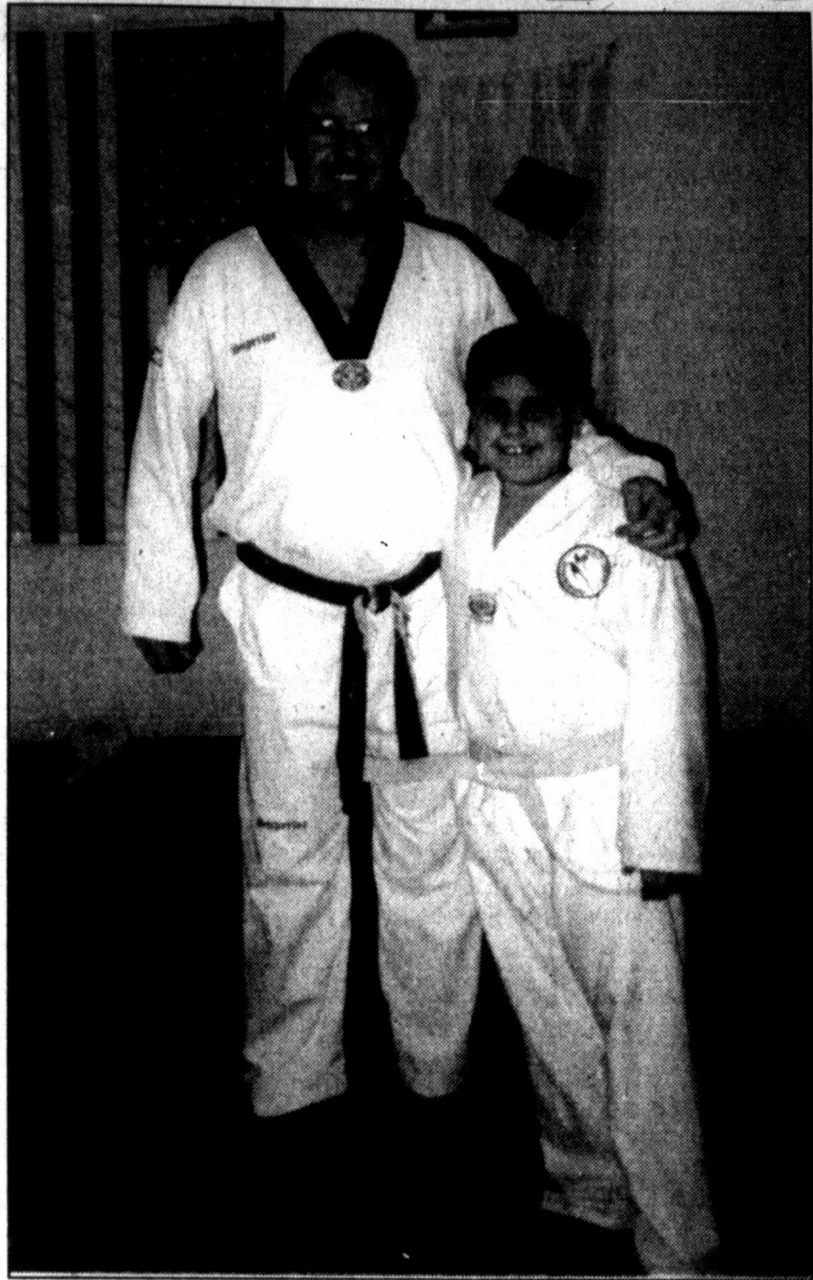
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CHEYENNE ALVAREZ received his Yellow Belt from West Texas Taekwondo Academy in Snyder, under Master Instructor Greg Gafford. Cheyenne received his belt on Feb. 3, 2001. He is 9 years old and is the son of Rick and Rebecca Alvarez and the grandson of Jo Erwin and Able and Dora Alvarez, all of Colorado City.

Prayer group meets

The next meeting of the newly formed prayer group, "Daniels 2 by 2," will meet Thursday, March 22 at 7 pm at the First Assembly of God Church located at 830 E 17th St.

Each church in Mitchell County is urged to have at least two persons in attendance at each meeting. All are welcome, whether male or female, clergy or lay.

The purpose of these meetings is for all our churches to unite together in prayer for our country, our leaders, our city, our churches and our schools, as well as personal prayer requests. Meetings will be at a different church each time, and the meetings will last no more than one hour. Please come!

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Some of the folks at the Wallace Senior Center are compiling recipes for a cookbook and are in need of some main dish and vegetable recipes. We thought that maybe we could help them out by including the following recipes in this week's Cook's Corner. These recipes sounded delicious, try them.

TEXAS OKRA SKILLET
4 slices of bacon
1 16-oz. pkg frozen okra
1 medium onion, diced
1 lb. ground beef
1 c. rice, cooked
1 16-oz. can tomatoes
1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
1 tsp. sugar
salt and pepper to taste
pinch of chili powder
In a large skillet, fry bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels, crumble, and set aside. Fry okra and onion in bacon grease until browned. In a separate pan, brown ground meat and drain off grease. Add meat, bacon, and remaining ingredients to okra and onion mixture, mixing well. Simmer until heated through.

PORK TENDERLOIN
1 whole pork tenderloin
salt and pepper to taste
mustard
4 or more slices of bacon
pastry for one pie crust
1 egg yolk, diluted with water
Sprinkle tenderloin with salt and pepper. Smear with mustard and marinate 1 hour. Wrap bacon around tenderloin, overlapping edges. Roll out pastry and brush with egg yolk. Place tenderloin on top of pastry and roll up. Seal by brushing with egg yolk. Bake at 350° until browned. Slice before serving.

TUNA-MACARONI CASSEROLE
2 c. large elbow macaroni, uncooked
1 (10 1/2 oz.) can mushroom soup
1 c. milk
1 Tbs. chopped onion
1 Tbs. chopped pimiento
2 Tbs. chopped bell pepper
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/4 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, grated or cubed

1 (6 1/2 oz.) can tuna, drained
Cook macaroni according to directions on package. Drain and set aside. Combine all remaining ingredients except cheese and mix. Heat over low heat, add grated cheese and stir occasionally until cheese is melted. Mix in macaroni and transfer to a 2 quart casserole dish. Bake at 325° for about 20 minutes.

TEXAS GOLDEN CHICKEN BREAST
1 stick butter (not margarine or cooking oil)
1 Tbs. olive oil
1 c. flour
1 Tbs. crushed rosemary
3 Tbs. grated Parmesan cheese
4 split boneless, skinless chicken breasts
2 c. fine-grated croutons
2 eggs, beaten well
2 Tbs. water
In a large heavy skillet, heat butter and olive oil over low heat. In a separate bowl combine flour, rosemary, and cheese and mix well. Dampen chicken breast. Roll in flour mixture, then eggs, then croutons. Cook in butter four minutes per side.
SWEET POTATO SOUFFLE
Souffle:

3 c. cooked mashed sweet potatoes
1 stick margarine
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
1 c. sugar
pinch of salt
Topping:
1/2 c. chopped pecans
1 c. brown sugar
1/3 c. flour
1/2 c. shredded coconut
2/3 c. melted margarine
Beat soufflé ingredients together well with electric mixer. Place in greased ovenproof dish. Spread with topping and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.
BAKED STUFFED TOMATO
1 medium tomato
1 Tbs. minced onion
2 Tbs. ground peanuts
1/8 tsp. salt
1 slice cooked bacon, crumbled
2 Tbs. grated cheese, divided
1 tsp. butter
Scoop out tomato pulp. Combine onion, ground peanuts, salt, bacon, and 1 Tbs. grated cheese; mix well. Spoon mixture into tomato shell, sprinkle with 1 Tbs. grated cheese and dot with butter. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes.

Garden Club hears report on Child Welfare Board

The Colorado City Garden Club met March 7th with President Wilma Reynolds presiding. Guests Brooksie Dorn and JoAnn Zeck were welcomed.

Leslie Scott gave a report on the show for the child welfare board is planning. Chairperson Margaret Trulock reported from the nominating committee on a slate of officers for the coming year. They will be installed at the May luncheon. Officers for the coming year will be Margaret Rees, president; Cecelia Scott, first vice president; Margaret Sparks, second vice president; Janie Lou Greenlee, secretary and reporter; and Carolyn Smith, treasurer.

After the business meeting and lunch, Leola Anderson, local artist, did a pastel painting. She donated the painting to the club which held a silent auction. Carolyn Smith was the lucky bidder. Mrs. Anderson gave each member a print of one of her paintings.

Neff Nursery donated fifteen flats of pansies to the Garden Club to be planted at Friendly Park. Volunteers planted them that afternoon.

Hostesses for the March meeting were Faye Nell Herm, Billie Marie Long, Marilyn Tartt, Jerry Strain, and Bobbie Johnson. Thirty-one members attended.

Ag risk program changes announced by FSA office

The Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) provides for GRAZE-OUT payments instead of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), for the 2001 crop year only. Producers who elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley, or oats for the grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage during the 2001 crop year are eligible.

Applications for GRAZE-OUT begins on the first day of mechanical harvest as determined by the County Committee and ends on August 31, 2001. Producers may file an application anytime during this application period. Late-filed provisions will not apply. Eligible producers must request GRAZE-OUT payments at the Administrative County Office for the farm.

Eligible acreage is any acreage of wheat, barley, and oats that meets all of the following:

- Is planted on a farm having PFC.
- Is certified on acreage report as intended for grazing only.
- Is not harvested by any means other than grazing.

NOTE: Any acreage considered as wheat, barley or oats for grain, including crop insurance and crop disaster purposes, is not eligible.

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STUDENTS FROM LYNN BALDWIN'S STUDIO OF MUSIC presented "An Afternoon of Irish Sons and Laughter" Sunday, March 4 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club in Snyder. Pictured bottom row (l-r) is Jessie Hibbitt, Meagen Robbins, Jacob Kemp, Karissa Medina, Jordan Wright and Brooke Hall; back row (l-r) Kailea Shaw, Nicole Presley, Kelsey Shaw, Brandon Robbins, Glyn Wright, Sydney Wright and Nathan McCright.



STUDENTS FROM LYNN BALDWIN'S STUDIO OF MUSIC presented "An Afternoon of Irish Sons and Laughter" Sunday, March 4 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club in Snyder. Pictured bottom row (l-r) is Emily Jones, Jami Nell Thackerson, Scott Bankhead, Austin Calley, Brodie Caley, and Laura Bankhead; back row (l-r) Annette Richardson, Aryn Calley, Claire Pollard, Heather Zajicek and Ashley Hyer.

Music students give recital

Pupils from Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music honored their mothers and grandmothers with "An Afternoon of Irish Songs and Laughter" Sunday, March 4 at 2:30 pm at the Martha Ann Woman's Club in

Snyder. At least 120 guests and pupils enjoyed Shamrock cupcakes and cookies with Irish tea and coffee.

The program included Irish Skits presented by four theory classes which included some of

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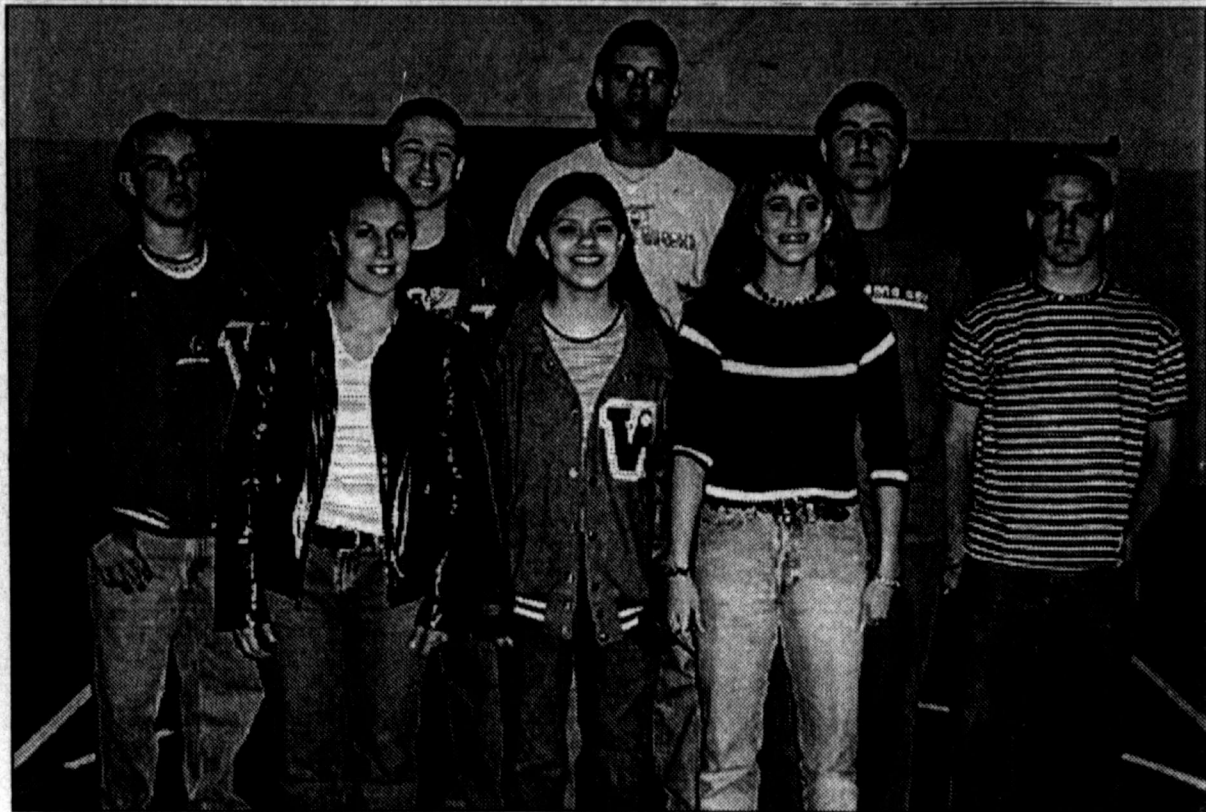
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Lady Wolves 3rd in Roscoe

The Lady Wolves track team continues to pick up steam as they came off of a third place showing at the Roscoe meet on Saturday, March 10.

Only class 3A schools Fort Stockton and Crane placed higher than the Lady Wolves, who finished with a total of 73 points to outclass every 2A school in the meet.

Stephanie Boyd brought home two medals, placing first in the shot put and second in the discus throw and Alison Lopez snared the gold medal in the 400 meter run.

Lopez joined with Amanda Guerra, Kassi Redwine and Lauren Zigler to place second in the 1600 meter relay, while the team of Lopez, Redwine,

Guerra and Kotia Russell finished fourth in the 400 meter relay.

Guerra also added a tied for third place result in the high jump, Redwine grabbed fourth place in the 100 meter run and fifth in the triple jump, Russell placed sixth in the triple jump, Vicki Williams ran fourth in the 3200 meter run, and Sara McCombs finished sixth in the 1600 meter run.

"It was real encouraging considering we still don't have our full team yet," said Lady Wolves Coach Danny Keeton. "We're really trying to find out what everyone's strengths are so that we will be loaded in every event by the district meet."

The Lady Wolves next meet will be this Saturday morning

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Wolves sweep Mustangs

The Wolves varsity baseball team is beginning to put the pieces together as they head into district play following last Thursday's double header sweep of Sweetwater.

After edging the Mustangs 6-5 in game one, the Wolves came from behind in game two to post a 10-6 victory. The Wolves exploded for six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning with a near home run by Danny Torrez which ended up as a long single, a two RBI single by Jed Anderson, and RBI singles by Chase Ratliff and Jonathan Spear.

Colorado City extended their lead in the sixth with a triple to the right field gap by Chase Phariss, a run scoring single by Anderson, and a sacrifice fly by Kevin Wright.

"Our bats are starting to

come alive. It took a while to get the timing back in our swings, but right now we're making good, solid contact," said Wolves head coach Brandon Collins. "As far as our pitching, Danny is throwing the ball real good and Tino Silva is getting back to his old form."

The wins over Sweetwater gave the Wolves confidence as they prepared to begin district play last Tuesday night at Coahoma.

"I think we'll go over and play extremely hard and give everything we have," said Coach Collins. "The seniors would really like to go out on top this season."

The Wolves will host Plains on Friday at 5:30 pm, followed by a non-district game at Rotan on Monday at 4:30 pm.

Lady Wolves win easily

The Lady Wolves Varsity Softball team gave Lubbock Roosevelt's Lady Eagles no mercy on Tuesday, March 6 with an 18-1 victory in Colorado City.

Starting pitcher, Stephanie Boyd was in total command for the Lady Wolves, giving up only three hits in five innings while striking out nine for the win.

Teri Phariss provided much of the offense, smacking two homeruns and a double; driving in seven runs.

Kassie Redwine, Rita Luera and Vicky Williams each added triples for the Lady

Wolves, who torched the Lady Eagles with nine runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

"We played a lot better. We only had one error and we hit the ball much better," said Lady Wolves Coach Jerrold Epperson. "We're probably going to be striking with our current lineup."

The Lady Wolves will play twice a week for the rest of the season, beginning with a game Thursday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. versus Lubbock Cooper in Colorado City, followed by a battle with Loraine on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Colorado City.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Lady Wolves powerlifters Rita Luera (left) (6th place - 132 lbs. division) Desiree Garcia (center) (1st place - 105 lbs. division) and Ashley Stahl (4th place - 105 lbs. division) for their success at the state powerlifting meet last Friday in Killeen.

Three Lady Wolves shine at state

Lady Wolves powerlifters Desiree Garcia, Ashley Stahl and Rita Luera took on the best in Texas last Friday at the state powerlifting meet in Killeen and proved they were more than ready for the challenge.

Garcia brought home what is believed to be the first powerlifting championship in Colorado City history as she brushed aside the pressure to make a personal best in the deadlift in her final attempt to clinch first place in the 105 lbs. division with a total of 570 lbs.

"It was do or die. I was behind the entire meet and had to pull 15 lbs. more than I had ever lifted to win," said Garcia. "I enjoy competing against myself and reaching my own goals."

Stahl had an excellent meet as well, placing fourth in the 105 lbs. division with a total of 485 lbs.

"Getting to compete against all the other girls who want to win is a lot of fun," said Stahl. "It was great to compete against and meet other people."

Luera made a strong showing in the 132 lbs. division,

placing sixth with a total of 580 lbs.

"Being there with all of the strong girls and getting the chance to go again were the best parts," said Luera, who qualified for the second straight year. "I hope to make it again next year."

Lady Wolves coach Larry Hartwick is already looking ahead to next season.

"I think we'll be real successful next year, we have numerous lifters coming back," said Coach Hartwick. "I would like to thank all the parents and lifters for the great year we had."



SEVEN WOLVES RECEIVED All-District 3-2A honors for the 2000-2001 basketball season. From (l-r) Cort Arthur (2nd team), Jacobie Russell (co-newcomer), Marquise Lenard (MVP), Ian Bassham (2nd team), and Kevin Wright (1st team). Not pictured Andrew Spear (co-MVP defense) and Chase Phariss (1st team).

Senior basketball team members' accomplishments lauded by coach

The Wolves 2001-2002 Varsity Basketball Team will be hard pressed to match the exploits of this season's squad, which swept through a perfect district record en route to the State Regional Quarterfinals.

With the graduation of seniors Ian Bassham, Chase Phariss, Andrew Spear, Cort Arthur, Aaron Waldrip and Kevin Wright, the Wolves will not only lose most of their starting lineup but their leadership both on and off the court.

"I think the thing we will miss most is their personalities. Each was different and enjoyable to be around," said Wolves Head Coach Barry Kimball. "The younger kids saw how hard the seniors worked and the success they had, and I think our kids understand what it will take to be successful."

Phariss was a First-Team All-District selection and the Wolves 3-point specialist, averaging 10.0 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.9 assists per

game while shooting 29.9 percent from long distance.

Spear led the Wolves with his defense, earning Co-defensive Player of the Year honors in the District, and averaged 6.7 points and 2.4 assists, shot 35 percent from the field and 58 percent from the line.

Wright was a First-Team All-District selection and a constant source of energy off the bench, averaging 6.5 points, 3.9 rebounds per game, and shot 44 percent from the field during district play, including 37 percent from behind the arches.

Bassham was a Second-Team All-District selection and a force on both sides of the ball, finishing with 66 steals and 20 blocked shots to go along with his 7.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game.

Arthur averaged 3.7 points and 2.4 rebounds a game, and must have set a world record for taking charges on defense,

always willing to throw his body in the way to force a turnover to earn a Second-Team All-District selection.

Waldrip was the emotional leader off the bench, averaging 2.5 points while shooting 27 percent from 3-point range, with most of his 3's coming at critical moments.

Fortunately, the Wolves will welcome back junior Marquise Lenard, who was an unstoppable force inside as he led the team with 15.3 points, 8.6 rebounds and 48 percent shooting on the way to winning District MVP honors.

Lenard will be joined by freshman Jacobie Russell, (3.1 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 1.5 apg), who shined in limited playing time to earn Co-District Newcomer of the Year honors, sophomore Dereck Garcia (1.6 ppg and 0.5 rpg) and sophomore Jonathan Spear (2.1 ppg, 73%), along with players such as Tyson Zigler and David Salazar from the vastly improved JV squad.

JV Wolves win two

The Wolves JV squad swept a three team double header on Saturday, March 10 in Coahoma with victories over Grape Creek and Coahoma.

David Salazar was the winning pitcher for the Wolves in a 9-7 win over Coahoma, while Fidel Silva pitched Colorado City to a 6-4 win over Grape

Creek.

Next up for the JV Wolves will be in a tournament in Sweetwater, running Thursday through Saturday.

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By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Greetings. Are you having weatheritis? I thought March would just bring wind to contend with, but add to that, cold, wet, hot, damp, and wind gales.

To me the dog days of summer would be welcome right now. Of course I may be run out of town for saying so.

Bob and Lavon Conard of Pine Bluff, Arkansas are in town for a few days visiting with George and Fay Lee. Lavon and Fay are sisters and usually get together this time of year for Fay's birthday on the 21st. Happy birthday to Fay!

Visiting in the home of his great-grandmother Sunday was Christian Siebenhausen and a friend who are from Lamar College in Sherman, Texas. Christian's great-grandmother Elba Evans enjoyed their visit.

Eula Faye Anders Hamblen of Sugarland, Texas was in Loraine Sunday afternoon and visited several friends.

George Manuel Lee and his son, George Jr., went to Oklahoma last Monday to attend the funeral of E.L. Prewitt Jr. of Stroud, OK. Mr. Prewitt was George M's brother-in-law.

John Lee and his son Chris Lee of Brisco also attended the Prewitt funeral then visited with the Loraine Lee's.

Visiting in the home of J.A. and Yvonne Sadler Monday were Joe and Meredith Ruiz of Plainview. Later the friends went to the Senior Center for lunch and more socializing. While in this area the Ruiz's also visited with Bim and Rayann Carlock and Don and Virginia McMahon, Loraine.

Pockets of color are showing up in the community as mother nature prods some of her beautiful plants to bloom. Fruit trees have put out a lot of blossoms and blooms as shrubs and flowers are doing likewise: Quince, Forsythia, Tulips and Daffodils. The wildflowers are also beautiful this year.

Great granddaughters are visiting in the home of Wayne and Lenetta Dubose this week. They are Amanda and Brittany Krenner from Ft. Worth.

Visiting Lupe and Connie Rodriguez over the weekend were Mary and Larry Moreno, their grandkids, Little Larry and Megan Moreno of Summerville, TX, Margarito Rodriguez Sr. of San Angelo, Rito Rodriguez and Anita, Marcy and Bubba Rodriguez, Marissa, Rene and Virginia Acosta of San Angelo, Joe and Mary Lou, J.J. Flores and Roseanna and Tony Rodriguez, San Angelo. From Abilene, Alicia Moreno and Travis Moreno of Sweetwater, Jacob Garcia of Colorado City. After a meal at Lupe's and Connie's, they all went to the Rattlesnake Roundup. Gloria Rodriguez enjoyed the company since Sunday was her birthday.

We have concerns for Betty Bowlin at this time as she is having surgery Monday. She will be recuperating at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

Charles Bowen reports that Mary Rose is doing better at this time and they both are appreciative of caring and thoughtful friends.

Diane Sanders told me that she and her daughter, Debbie Massingill had a great time at Railroad in Colorado City Saturday.

After church Sunday, several people enjoyed having a fried chicken dinner at the Hitching Post #2 - The Loraine Store.

Spending the weekend with Irene Kidd were her children from Austin, Clovis and Jean Hale.

Ruby and Charlie Pate from Sterling City visited Ham and Blondie Hamilton last week. The Pates have a summer home in Creede, Colorado and that is where they met. The Pates also came to see the new Loraine grocery store. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, the new owners.

Kenneth Jackson was in town Friday. He came to the center while here, visited with friends and neighbors and had lunch. You will remember that the Durwood Jackson family lived south of Loraine and the children all went to school here.

"Senior Center" On Monday, March 12, Heather Lucas sang for the seniors and she always does a nice job.

On Wednesday, March 14, the Norwoods with Gus and Charles kept everyone's toes tapping. This musical quartet always offers some old time standards that people are familiar with and love.

Aida Pantoja and the little Spanish dancers put on a great show for the seniors entertainment last Friday. Their dancing is very good and their costumes or dress make them "shine". Everyone loves to see them.

The Sweetwater line dancers were fun as usual. They came over Monday and entertained us. These ladies have a lot of energy, and look happy and healthy.

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Loraine teachers are rehired

LORAIN -- The Loraine School Board Monday night voted to offer new contracts to 11 teachers and noted that it needs to hire three teachers for the 2001-2002 school year.

Supt. David Lewein said he will also return.

Probationary contracts were tendered to special education teacher Joni Hartman, pre-kindergarten-kindergarten teacher Kellie Miller, first grade teach-

er Holly Rivas and middle school-high school science teacher Brenda Turnage.

Other rehires are Inga Farquhar, middle school mathematics and science; James Farquhar, middle school reading and social studies; Janet Moore, middle school language arts and health; Adele Wilkinson, second grade; Domingo Rodriguez, high school social studies and art; Scott

Brewer, vocational agriculture; and Victor Garcia, high school Spanish, social studies and physical education.

Supt. Lewein said new high school faculty members must now be hired to teach business composite, English and math.

"We have a strong faculty," he said. "I think our TAAS scores will be improved and that we will be a recognized school."

Corn seed testing encouraged

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently that farmers should not plant any corn unless they are certain that the seed has been tested and found free of the protein Cry9C.

According to USDA, farmers should insist that seed companies verify that the seed corn has been tested for the protein Cry9C to ensure that only tested seed is planted this spring.

StarLink is the trade-name for corn genetically modified to be pest resistant by producing a protein called Cry9C. The protein acts as a pesticide and is able to protect the plant from pests, such as the European Corn Borer. The protein was developed by Aventis Crop Sciences, a subsidiary of the French company, Aventis S.A., and sold through various U.S. seed companies.

Last week some seed companies reported finding isolated occurrences of extremely low levels of Cry9C in seed originally intended for sale this year. Based on aggregate information voluntarily provided by the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), of those companies reporting, it is estimated that less than one percent of corn seeds for 2001 planting, may contain Cry9C protein.

Companies involved have recovered and taken control of all lots of hybrid corn seed found to have this protein. Seed companies routinely test their products for impurities and many took steps to detect Cry9C before USDA recommended testing procedures on December 29, 2000.

Major seed companies have

informed USDA of their intent to continue following recommended testing procedures designed to detect Cry9C, and USDA will monitor this activity. In the event Cry9C is found, these companies will not sell the corn seed for planting.

USDA continues to work closely on this issue with the Food and Drug Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa State University, National Corn Growers Association, American Seed Trade Association, and Aventis.

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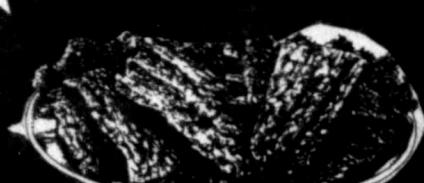
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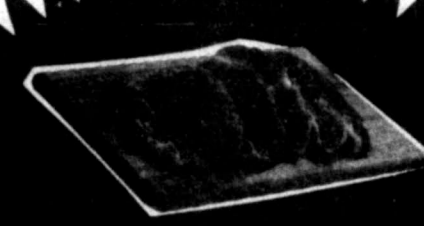
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