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CRACK COCAINE IS becoming an increasing problem in Colorado City, where a single 1 inch rock brings \$75, according to the Colorado City Chief of Police Eric Foerster.

Small town = big drugs

Being a small town geographical and demographically is not insurance against rising drug problems, according to Colorado City Police Chief Eric Foerster.

"We're not in a small town," Foerster said, citing interstate traffic and residents with family ties all over the world as key ingredients in a more diverse demographic.

"It's directly proportional to the size of our town. The drug problem is no better and no worse here than anywhere else," he said.

Foerster spoke to the Lions Club last Friday about the drug situation in Colorado City, explaining the hardest part in establishing drug cases was the jump from legal to illegal activity.

"We live in the United States of America. It's not illegal to be out late at night. It's not illegal to shake hands and exchange money," he said. "Just because you see something suspicious, doesn't make it illegal."

Foerster said making the jump

between a reasonable suspicion and probable cause is the hardest part of the narcotics officer's job.

"Yes, we want you to call when you see something suspicious," he said. "But unlike the movies we can't just go break down someone's door."

Tips from citizens alert the police to keep their eye on suspicious individuals or locations. Foerster said there are a number of ways to proceed with gathering sufficient evidence to make an arrest, including

obtaining a search warrant, surveillance to build a case and consensual contact.

"I love just knocking on the door and being invited inside," Foerster commented.

Foerster said there has been a 1500 % increase in narcotics in the past few years. "It's increasing at a staggering pace in every city in America," he said. "It's the same as in Dallas, Houston, and El Paso; just reduced directly proportioned

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City purchases acreage for use of sewage water

Colorado City is in the process of obtaining two new center pivots for sewage water irrigation.

The new pivots will replace the old side roll system, which currently is not on city-owned property.

The city has already purchased 400 acres for the new pivot system which will be able to use up to 2 million gallons of treated sewer water for irrigation, according to Zane Graham, financial assistant.

"This is good for two reasons," said Graham. "With our own land, we won't have issues about when and where to water. We'll also be able to lease the land out to farmers."

Charles Keith, environmental specialist with Jacob & Martin Consulting Engineers, explained the new pivot system requires 80% fewer man hours and is more efficient.

"The side roll pivots were good for small pieces of land, but not much good for large scale things," Keith said.

"They are labor intensive, because someone has to physically connect, disconnect and move the pipes. Once the center pivots are installed, they can basically run themselves," Keith said.

Water department employees can also program the new system to turn on and off and set the speed and amount of water dispersal.

Colorado City's waste sewage system is a multi-part
See WASTE WATER, Page 5

Circus style fun brings laughs to downtown event

Main Street will host a fund raising event Saturday, August 2 for anyone interested in raising money for their club, organization, group, class, etc.

Clown Around Downtown is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with a clown parade, complete with judges and prizes.

"The booths are free," said Cecilia Scott, Main Street director. "We want everyone to show up and have a good time."

Vendors may set up any kind of booth, from small garage sale items, to arts and crafts, food or games. "Booth to your heart's content," Scott said. "The proceeds stay with the vendors."

Area youth are especially encouraged to set up booths and/or games as fund raisers for their clubs, school or church groups, or even as amateur entrepreneurs, earning a little spending money for themselves.

Plans are underway for a variety of entertainment booths, including water balloon events, super soaker events, dunking booths and weiner races, complete with prizes.

The 3M Palace Theater will be showing *Alvin and the Chipmunks* for free in honor of their first year anniversary. *The Wizard of Oz* will also be featured free of charge.

The Palace plans to have air castles, a raffle for a year pass at the theater, brisnet plates, bake sale, games with theater passes as prizes; as well as selling off this year's movie posters. The funds will be used to help finish the renovations at the theater.

Volunteer fire departments will be on hand to keep everyone cool and all downtown merchants will be open.

Main Street will have a 50/50 raffle with the winner taking the prize and half the proceeds. The other half of the raffle proceeds will go to the Main Street facade grant.



MCHD approves Lubbock doctor

The Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Trustees approved medical privileges for Dr. Howard Beck, a Urologist from Lubbock, during its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

According to Dr. Dee Roach, the addition of Dr. Beck is quite a boon for the hospital. "Having Dr. Beck come here is a huge perk for us here," Roach said. Beck's first visit to the Specialty Clinic could be as soon as July 31.

During a report by Mitchell County Tax Assessor Faye Lee, the board approved a proposed tax rate of \$0.222216 per \$100 property valuation. This may come as a surprise to some residents since the current tax rate is set at \$.0296597.

The reasoning behind lowering the proposed tax rate is due to the increase in property valuations for the upcoming year.

Lee recommended a proposed rate of \$0.22000 which increases the amount of tax revenue for the district. Board member Jerry Reynolds, in considering the dire financial straits of the hospital, took a different view of the proposed rate when motioning to set the rate.

"Listen to me now. Why don't we adopt a proposed rate that is closer to the rollback election rate?" Reynolds suggested.

With his motion and a second by Geneva Ratliff, the board unanimously approved the new proposed tax rate which is a little more than \$.07 lower than the current rate. The board hopes the new rate will generate about

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COME BACK KID SERIES Neffs enjoy giving back to a community that gives

Giving back to the community that has given them so much is just part and parcel of living in a small town for Mickey and Sally Neff, who recently donated \$3,000 to the Loraine Fire Department and have been enormous supporters of the 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Show.

It's also a family affair for the Neffs, who moved back to Colorado City in 1986 from Dickens, Texas where they farmed and ranched.

Mickey's father, Tom, recently moved back to Colorado City after 14 years in Andrews and the Neff's son, Stan, moved back after college.

"He chose to move back," said his mom. "He's a big help in the family

business." "I was planning to come back anyway," said Stan. "The oil field was booming and Dad was needing help. I'm his right hand man," he said, adding he knows just about everything there is to know except for the pulling end of the oil field industry.

His expertise with his own landscaping business in Lubbock aids him in heading up the frac tank division of Holly Well Service.

The sense of freedom and the ability "to have a good time with people you've known your whole life" is most appealing to Stan.

Stan said he would like someday

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ALL IN THE FAMILY -- Moving to Colorado City is a generational affair for (left to right) Matt, Sally, Nicole, Mickey and Stan Neff.

Property purchased for site of new jail

The purchase of property to be used for future construction of a new jail was approved by the County Commissioner's Court on Monday.

The commissioners voted to purchase two lots held by the CISD, located across the street west of the courthouse, E/2 of lots 7 and 8 block 25 and W/2 of lots 7 and 8 block 25 original town site. By paying the minimum bid price listed during a previous tax sale, the court does not have to go through the bidding process. The commissioner's court will purchase the property for \$1,979 and \$3,570, minus the part of the purchase price owed to the county. Approval for a \$500 bid by Nancy

Swope for lots 13 and 14, Block 25 on White's Residence Addition in Loraine was also given. The court also approved bids by Eric Boone for lots at 144 E. 11th Street for \$50 and 1117 Elm Street for \$100. The acceptance of all three bids placed these properties back on the tax roll.

Health insurance costs through the Texas Association of Counties increased this year. The county's portion for the insurance covered by Blue Cross will be \$39.16 a month per employee. This reflects a 7.9% increase minus the Renewal Credit of \$30,227.00 to be paid in 12

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Around Town

Happy birthday Adrian Castro (Aug. 3)... Katie Helm and Leada Wood in the post office... Brenda Crosley and Mary Kay Williamson tidying up the corner of 3rd and Walnut... Happy birthday Ted Allison (July 28)... Happy belated birthday Anita Martinez (July 29)...

Answerline

Q. When do 2-a-day practices begin for area football teams?
A. Football starts Monday, Aug. 4 for all teams in Texas.

Obituaries

Audrey Carter, Odessa
Louis Taylor, Wharton
Paul Lavern Vest, Colorado City

Briefs

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Aug 6 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization records to clinic. For more information, please call 325-754-4945.

Benefit Dance
A benefit dance for Xavier Dominguez will be held Sat., Aug. 2 at the Civic Center from 8 p.m. to midnight. Music by Proximo Sonido. Tickets are \$8 per person and \$15 per couple.

Band Boosters
There will be a Band Booster meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m.

in the CHS Band Hall. All parents with band students should make plans to attend.

Office Closing
Westbrook City Hall will be closed Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 8.

Barbeque Plates
House of Hope Community Church, 200 W. 17th, will sell

barbeque plates with all the trimmings on Saturday, August 2 beginning at 11 a.m. Call 728-5900 for delivery.

Loraine Workouts
Two-a-day workouts at Loraine ISD will begin Aug. 4. Football workouts begin at 4 p.m., volleyball begins at 9 a.m. and cross country at 8 a.m.

Thought of the Week

Youth is such a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.

George Bernard Shaw

Lake Levels

(as of July 29, 2008)
Lake Colorado City...2064.70'
Full at 2070.3' Down 5.60'
Lake Champion...2050.47'
Full at 2083' Down 32.53'

LOCAL NEWS

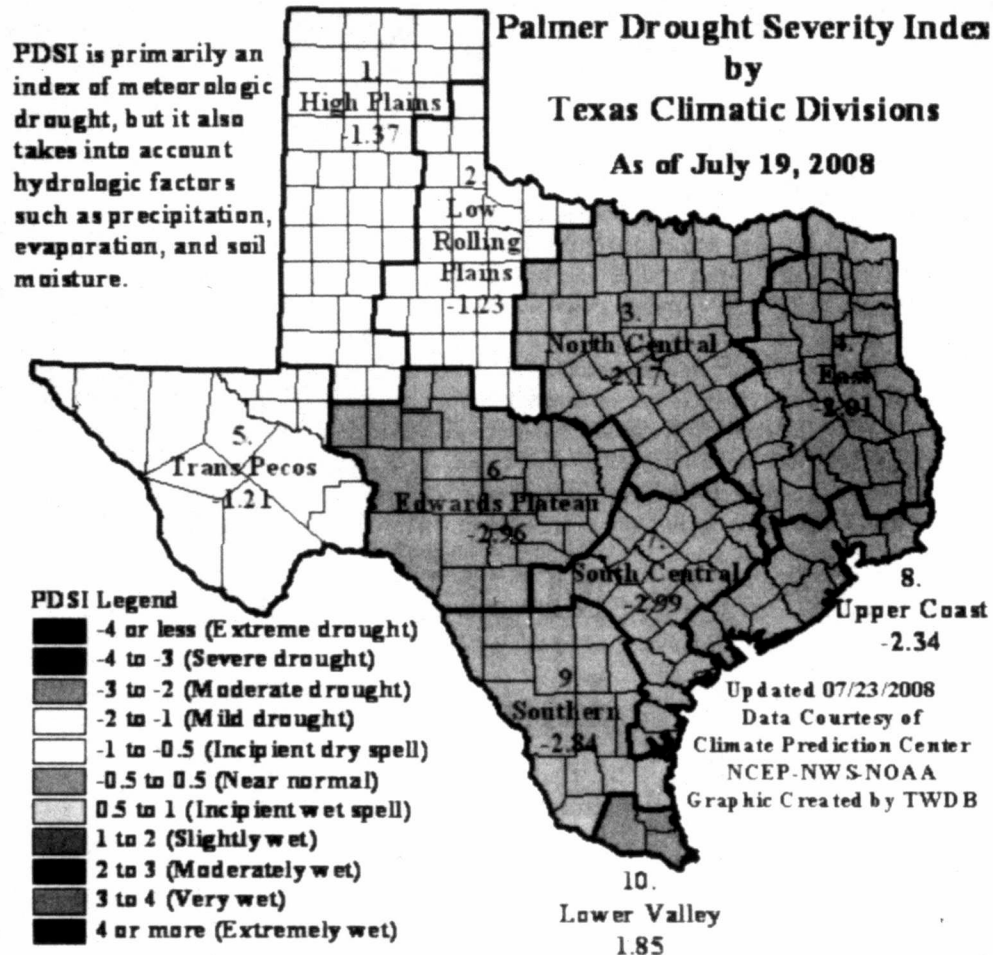
Mild drought conditions prompt need to begin water conservation

Drought monitoring and management of groundwater levels are important responsibilities of a local groundwater conservation district. In 1999, Senate Bill 1 was passed that required drought contingency planning on local, regional and state levels. Drought contingency plans offer a structured response intended to minimize damaging effects caused by water shortage conditions. The onset and termination of stages of a plan are determined by "triggering" criteria meant to ensure

timely action in response to developing conditions. Of the many trigger conditions used statewide, groundwater conservation districts generally depend on monitoring well levels, rainfall, soil moisture, pumpage and the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI). The PDSI was developed to incorporate drought sensitivity parameters into numbers that rate the level of drought on an index scale of -5 to +5. The greater negative number indicates a more intense drought level and the more positive number

indicates more moist conditions. Over the past several months, West Central Texas has experienced a lack of significant rainfall accompanied by seasonally hot temperatures. According to the PDSI, Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District is in a "mild drought" situation. This condition will be monitored closely by the District and progress reported accordingly. The release of this information presents an opportunity to revisit some water conservation opportunities:

- When considering your landscape, consider xeriscape or drought tolerate plants.
 - Water your yard only once a week in early morning or late night hours. Use care to water only the yard - not concrete or street.
 - Consider installing a rainwater harvesting system for watering outside plants.
 - Install timers that automatically turn water sprinkler and irrigation systems on and off.
- If you have questions, please contact the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District office at 728-2027.



OBITUARIES

Audrey Carter 1943-2008

ODESSA -- Audrey Etonne Brown Carter, age 83 and 8 months passed away July 24, 2008 at Hospice House. She was born November 24, 1924 to Newton Oscar Brown and Vaudie M. McGee in Colorado City, Texas.



She married Walter Leon "W. L." Carter, March 9, 1943. Her hobbies consisted of cook books, cooking, and reading. When she was younger, she enjoyed bowling, crocheting, embroidering, and sewing. Etonne was a member of the Church of Christ, and she loved gospel music.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a daughter, Barbara Sue Burns; and a brother, Joe Pat Brown.

She is survived by three sons, Johnny Carter and wife Melanie of Odessa, Jerry Carter and wife Rhonda of Odessa, Jimmy Carter and wife Tamala of Houston; daughter, Carla Jo Roth of Odessa; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 28, 2008 at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Graveside was held at 3 p.m. at the Colorado City Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Louis Taylor 1916-2008

WHARTON -- Louis Taylor, 91, formerly of Waco, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, in Wharton, Texas. Services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 25, at Connally/Compton Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. Steve Adams officiating. Burial followed at 5 p.m. at Colorado City Cemetery.

Louis was born the son of Mary Lou Shields and Charles Henry Taylor in Colorado City, on Nov. 25, 1916. He was a graduate of Colorado City High School and a 1942 graduate of A&M College of Texas (now Texas A&M University) with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Louis was a World War II veteran, serving in the 4th Army, Corps of Engineers, leav-

ing the Army Reserves as a Major. A loving, successful marriage of 67 years began with Louis eloping with his sweetheart, Eula Wallace, on Sept. 15, 1939, in Sweetwater, Texas. They were both longtime members of Parkview Baptist Church. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1981 and also worked for Fleet Truck Service for many years. Louis was beloved and respected by all of his family and was a true patriarch. He was a godly man who lived an honorable and ethical life and lovingly passed these values on to his descendants. Preceding Louis in death were his precious wife, Eula on March 6, 2007; parents; infant son, Louis Taylor, Jr; and brother, Charles Taylor, Jr.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are daughter, Mary Lou Lynch of Wharton, Texas; grandchildren, Terry David Lynch and wife, Carol, Christa Lynch, and Kelli Martinez and husband, Jason; great-grandchildren, David Lynch, Cody Boatwright, Jordan Martinez and Sarah Lynch; and great-great-grandson, Logan Lynch.

Paul Lavern Vest 1919-2008

COLORADO CITY -- Mr. Paul Lavern Vest, age 89 of Big Spring and formerly of Colorado City, died Sunday, July 27, 2008, in a Conroe care center. Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Vest was born February 6, 1919, in Red River County to Charles and Leona Felts Vest. He moved to Mitchell County near Colorado City in 1923 where he lived on a farm until 1942. From 1942 until 1946, he served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married the former Mary Christine Webb in 1943 and returned to Mitchell County in 1946 where he worked in the meat processing business until his retirement in 1985. He was a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church in Colorado City until 2001 when he and his wife moved to Spring, Texas, to live with their daughter and son-in-law. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Spring Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Christine Webb Vest; his daughter, Shirley and husband, Doug Howell of Spring; grandson, Daniel and wife, Heather Howell; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Charlotte and Alexander, all of Dayton, Ohio; and many nephews, nieces and friends.

Court hands down sentences in three criminal cases last Thursday

The 32 Judicial District Court of Mitchell County handled three criminal cases last Thursday involving aggravated assault, forgery and prohibited substances on Texas Department of Criminal Justice property.

Ray Acosta pled true to an application to revoke his probation and received three years TDCJ-Institutional Division. Acosta was placed on probation November 8, 2006 for a second degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, during a family violence altercation committed on July 25, 2006.

Willie Scott pled true to an application to revoke his probation for forgery. Scott received 15 months in TDCJ-State Jail Division for forged checks at Fuller Foods in 2004 amounting to \$4,217.64, including check fees.

Misti Lane Abbott received a two-year deferred adjudication and was placed on probation for two years after pleading true to an indictment for prohibited substance on property of Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Abbott committed the third degree felony, which involved tobacco products, in May 2008.

Visiting District Judge Charles Chapman presided over the cases. Prosecution of the cases was handled by Ann Reed, assistant district attorney.

Jury scams making a comeback

FBI.GOV --The phone rings and the caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. To clear it up, the caller says he'll need some information for "verification purposes", such as birth certificate, social security number or credit card numbers.

This is when you should hang up the phone. It's a scam. As a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they correspond with prospective jurors via mail.

The scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard. With enough information, scammers can assume your identity and empty your bank accounts.

Suspicious calls should be reported to local district court office, or contact a local FBI field office.

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Bonfires on hold
The Keep Colorado City Beautiful bonfires have been put on hold in an effort to clean up the ash pit after two bonfires. As soon as the ashes are cool enough, KCCB will clean the area and prepare for another bonfire in September. Residents are asked to postpone taking their wood to the bonfire location until the group has had a chance to haul off the old ashes.

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LOCAL NEWS

3M Palace plans first anniversary

The 3M Palace Theater will be celebrating its first anniversary this weekend.

The family run theater was a life long dream of owners Marcus and Bea Monroe.

"It was the only thing we had to do when we were growing up," said Monroe. "When it closed in '86 I told everyone that when I was older I was going to open it back up."

Named after his three children, Markis, Mia and Mayson, the 3M Palace came back to life in August 2006, opening with the hit movie "Fantastic Four."

"We're very selective about the movies we show," said Marcus. "We try to show family oriented, feel good movies. Most people who come out really enjoy the experience."

The Monroes started looking into re-opening the theater four years ago

and spent much of the time trying to locate equipment and companies. When Doyle Mitchell contacted Monroe that he was ready to sell the building, the theater had to be totally redone. "Everything was gone, seats, screens, sound system because the old theater had been converted into something else," Monroe said.

Even though the first year has been a rollercoaster ride, Monroe loves operating the theater. "We are very happy and excited to be in the business. It's a good thing for the community."

Plans for celebrating the first anniversary on Saturday, Aug 2, coincide with Main Street's Clown Around Downtown.

"We're going to be showing movies all day, beginning with Alvin and The Chipmunks and the Wizard of Oz free of charge in the morning,"

Monroe said. Afternoon shows feature Meet Dave and Wall-E at regular matinee prices of \$3.50 before 5 p.m. Evening show prices are \$4.50 for 12 and under and \$5.50 for adults.

Other special events include air castles, a bake sale and brisket plates, raffles for season passes, and selling off this past year's movie posters. All proceeds will go into the refurbishing of the theater.

Future plans for the 3M Palace involve continued construction on the balcony. "We plan to offer a dinner theater in the balcony, with alternating seats and tables and catered meals," Monroe said.

A cry room for small babies and their parents is also under construction. "It's already wired for sound; we just need to finish it," Monroe said. The room will have games and



HOT BUTTERY POPCORN keeps customers happy at the 3M Palace. "It's a special recipe made with coconut oil," says theater owner Marcus Monroe. Customer Jay McCollum is served by Barbara Rivera (center) and Bea Monroe (right).

a changing table, as well as a plexi-glass window so parents can continue watching the movie.

The Monroes, who live in Abilene during the week and Colorado City during the weekend, also dream of incorporating a game room where kids can have Wii and Play Station tournaments.

When the Monroes are not working at the theater, they run a MHMR facility, an on-line travel service and a party store in downtown C-City which is open from

10-6 on weekends.

The real theater with new movies on film, not DVD, gets its shows based on attendance. "The companies that provide the films determine how fast and who they'll release the movie to based on attendance," said Monroe. "The more attendance we have, the faster we get new movies."

"I can't explain the thrill we get when there's a funny part (in the movie) and everyone in the theater laughs. Knowing we make people happy; it's a great feeling," he said.

Guelker continues winning tradition

Cheyenne Guelker came home from the Texas 4-H Horse show last week with a fist full of ribbons and trophies.

Guelker won the Champion

Judge Horseman Overall in Western at the week long event, held in Abilene July 21-26.

She and Jose Lucky Pat, an American quarter horse also won Champi-

on in Western Riding, Champion in Western Horsemanship, Champion in Hunter Showmanship, Reserve Champion in Hunter Flat Overall, and Reserve Champion in Trail.

"It's definitely nervewracking when there's more than a hundred entrants in your class and everybody wants the same thing," said Guelker. "You have to look at it as just another horse show or you'll psych yourself out and get nervous."

Guelker and Jose also placed 3rd in Hunt Seat Equitation, 6th in Showmanship, 7th in Hunter Under Saddle and 9th in Western Pleasure in the competition which hosted over 800 entrants in the western judge and speed events.

"I took my filly, What No Yella, and she ended up third over all in her class," Guelker said. "We're quite proud of that. Both the grand and reserve mares came out of her class."

Guelker is the daughter of Sue and Carl Guelker and will be heading to the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City this weekend.



A WINNING COMBINATION -- Jose Lucky Pat and Cheyenne Guelker brought home top honors at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show last week in Abilene.



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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. at the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District Office located at 131 W. 5th Street. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Woody Anderson	Kenney Gillespie
	Bobby Lemons	Tommy Morris
	David Stubblefield	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	NONE	

The following table compares taxes on an average resident homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average resident homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.022980/\$100 Adopted	\$0.022980/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	-\$0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-0.00%	
Average appraised value	\$29,088	\$30,317
General exemptions available	\$0	\$0
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average taxable value	\$29,088	\$30,317
Tax on average residence homestead	\$6.68	\$6.97
Annual increase/ decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+\$0.29	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+4.34%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.



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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Enjoying summer is all in the attitude

Summer is the fun season. It's when you relax a little. You continue working, but it's not as serious as it might be during cold weather seasons. It's warm. You think about swimming and ice cream and watermelon. You seek shade and a cool breeze. You drink lemonade from a tall glass with bubbles of condensation on the outside. You think about Hawaii.



This summer has been fabulous for us. We've done all the right things to get the most out of the season. We traveled to the west coast and drove among the tall redwoods. We spent some time in Jefferson, Texas; one of the most unique cities in the state. We rode bicycles in the Davis Mountains. We went to Albany with friends and saw Fandangle, the state's oldest outdoor drama. The calliope concert before the play was amazing. We ate watermelon, went swimming and saw fireworks on July 4th.

Travel is one of my favorite things to do. So is sitting on our deck and having morning coffee while listening to the birds. Our deck overlooks a canyon, and we get all sorts of critters that are fun to watch.

We bought some new outdoor furniture in the middle of the season and that has made such a difference. Now we spend more time outdoors, sometimes having all three meals out there. Just being outdoors brings a certain calm to the soul. It makes you appreciate the down time, no matter how short it is.

I've gone barefooted more this summer than I have in years. Maybe it's because we put in a new driveway and it's extremely smooth and easy on the feet. It is casual around here. I put on some kind of slip on shoe when I need to and only wear socks when I'm talking a long walk or going to some dress up occasion. Not that I spend all of my time at home. I just want to make the most of that time.

The summer attitude kicked in early May, just about the time school is winding down. I was fulltime at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin this past school year and was over there three days a week. That cuts into the time I spend writing columns, producing radio programs, creating commercials, doing interviews and making speeches. I was ready for a break.

How do you get the proper attitude to enjoy summer? I think you have to earn it. I'm the type person that thinks the work has to get done before the play starts. I'll work my tail off to get a project finished so I can relax for a day or so. When we travel, I work ahead to make sure everything is done so we can leave with a clear conscience.

Sure it's fun to travel, to sit on a deck with your favorite beverage and look at beautiful scenery. I can do that on a cruise ship, in a foreign city or at home. But to get the most out of it, you have to think you deserve it. I've always said you can work and still have time to relax and see the world. It just takes a little planning and organizing.

Sunshine Shenanigans and speedsters circus style

Saturday, we have our Don't Miss Event Clown Around Downtown, free fun and games for ALL ages young and old.

Greenie the Clown and MissMorzi, both from Midland, will be leading our parade at 10 a.m. starting at the corner of Hickory and 2nd. Ride a bicycle, trike, wagon, motorcycle or walk. Dress up for extra prizes and prepare to have fun.

Those marble masters are in for a treat. Bring your marbles or borrow some at our booth. Young and old are welcome to compete.

Checkers competition will be held and winners will be richly rewarded. Hula Hoop contest will be fierce. Draw on the sidewalk with chalk or make play doh art for prizes galore.

The water balloon competition will be entertaining, as well as the dunking booth event. Weiner dog races will be spectacular and entertaining. No need to pre-register. Just be at Walnut and First by 10:15 and be

ready for some fun. The winner will receive an amazing trophy and all participants will get a special treat.



DOWN MAIN STREET WAY
BY
CECILIA SCOTT
COORDINATOR

Movies will be ongoing during the day. Food will be circus fare and more.

An old-fashioned cake walk, sponsored by the Lollipop Kids Licking Cancer, will benefit Relay for Life.

Come hungry and bring change for food items.

The grand finale will include a 50/50 raffle. You can purchase a ticket for 50% of the raffle proceeds, plus a prize. At 2 p.m. some lucky winner will win a jackpot and Main Street will keep half for our sign and façade grants.

The Best Clown Face contest, with awards from Main Street, will be at 12:15 p.m. and Eclectiques will also award prizes for different clown categories.

Question of the Week

"Would you like to see more money available for additional improvements at Ruddick Park?"

Go to our website to vote: www.coloradorecord.com. Click on Op/Ed Page.

Results from last week:
Last week's question:
"Would you like to see school start after Labor Day?"

271 responses

49.1% yes

48.7% no

2.2% undecided

Thank you for participating!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I would like the following statement to be a letter to the editor of the Colorado City Record if possible. I received such great care and wanted to share my experience with the citizens of Colorado City, Texas. I appreciate your time in this matter.

My husband, 8-month-old daughter and I were visiting my parents Ron and Sharon Mayberry in Colorado City last week from Lubbock when I had a life-threatening medical emergency. We immediately went to Mitchell County Hospital and were helped by Dr. Gus Gross. His immediate and thorough care is why I am here today happy and healthy. Colorado City is fortunate to have such a caring and helpful physician.

Sincerely,
Sherre Heider

Letter to the Editor:

My name is T.H. "Dan" Dannheim. I moved to Colorado City in 1980 and married Billie Apperson who, at the time, owned and operated the Montgomery Ward catalog store. Billie had the store from 1975 to 1985. She was always very active in community services, especially the Hospital Auxiliary and the Wallace Senior Citizens Center. Billie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's

Disease in January 2000. As most of our friends know, the disease progressed rapidly. As the primary care giver, I did the best I could do for her. In 2004, when it became obvious that I needed help, her sons, Mike and Mark Apperson moved us to the Dallas area so that they could assist me. They were a great help and very supportive.

In May of 2005, it became obvious that I had to have help in order to keep her at home. A very dear friend of Billie's and mine, Ms. Maxine Boone, volunteered to assist me. Since she is experienced in Alzheimer's care, I accepted her offer. With Maxine's help, we were able to keep Billie at home until May 2006. Maxine was a Godsend for both Billie and me; but after Billie lost all memory of everyone (even me and her sons), she lost all control of her bodily functions, the ability to feed herself and the ability to walk.

In May 2006, we placed her in the Linden Park Nursing Home in Plano where she remains to this day. Without Ms. Boone's help, we could not have kept her at home that long.

In 2007, Billie's sons, Mike and Mark, insisted that I get away and get a life of my own. I am 79 years old and there was nothing I could do for Billie. Her sons visit the home daij and they keep me informed.

I decided to return to Mitchell County where I have so many dear friends. I asked Ms. Maxine Boone if she'd leave east Texas and move to Colorado City and care for an old man. Since Ms. Boone had lived here for many years and had many friends, to sisters, a son, Ronald Bell and a nephew, Kevin Creech, she agreed to move back and care for me on the condition that she pay her fair share of the expenses and that we have separate living quarters. I agreed.

I bought a two bedroom, two bath house on Elm Street and we moved in on Feb. 1st, 2008. On March 12, I had a bad fall which fractured all of my ribs and punctured both lungs. After 18 days in the ICU Trauma Center and two weeks in recovery at Covenant hospital in Lubbock, I was able to come home.

Once again, Ms. Maxine Boone proved to be an excellent care giver, a good friend and companion. I do not think I would have made it, if not for her. The doctors gave me less than a 30 percent chance to survive, but Ms. Boone never accepted that.

All the hospital personnel and Ms. Maxine Boone gave me back my life. Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,
Dan Dannheim

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By Ace Reid



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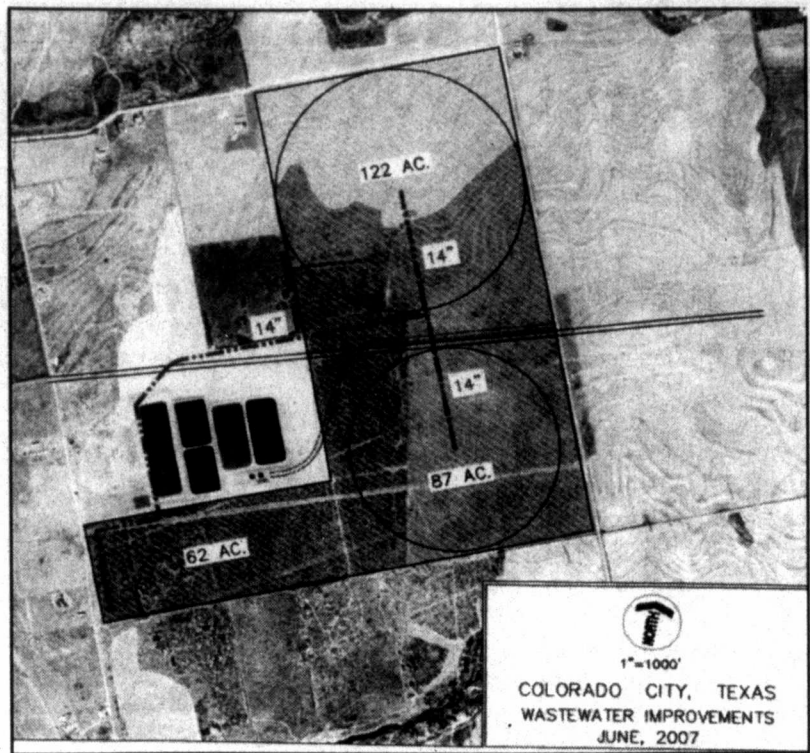
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LOCAL NEWS



PROPOSED PIVOT SYSTEM — An architect's conceptual drawings help city planners visual the proposed sewage pivot system.

WASTE WATER

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system. Waste water, collected in the sewer line system, goes down to lift stations which pump it out to the waste water plant where it enters a series of treatment ponds.

These large ponds, which are 50 feet at the deep end, contain natural organisms and bacteria which begin the breakdown of raw sewage.

Aerobic organisms, such as beetles and bugs on the surface, begin the breakdown, while anaerobic organisms on the bottom take care of the sludge.

The biochemical oxygen demand (BoD) measures the strength of the sewage. "Raw sewage has a BoD of 250-300," said Keith. "Nature's job in the initial two ponds is to reduce the BoD down to 100, which takes between 8-10 days, depending on the time of year and weather."

Two more stabilization ponds continue the process as nature provides the microorganisms which eat away at the organic matter.

"State regulations require a minimum of 21 days from start to finish," said Keith. "Colorado City's system provides 75 days."

The lengthy pond process provides nature an opportunity to bring

the BoD down to 30-50, way below the state regulation of 100 BoD.

"Most pond systems add additional enzymes and bacteria to the pond system," said Keith. "It acts like a booster shot to the natural enzymes found in sewage."

The last part of the process is the irrigation. "On the surface, the state only allows so many inches per acre per year," said Keith. "Colorado City's existing permit allows 72 inches per acre per year."

This means the city requires an average of 250 acres for the system to work properly.

Currently the city is working on acquiring a permit amendment to allow irrigation on the new land. According to Keith, the work is being done on the draft permit and technical review.

The treated sewer water used in irrigation cannot be used for food crops, such as readily consumable crops like tomatoes. But it can be used for cotton fields, hay production or cattle grazing.

"We're also planning some additional improvements," said Keith, "to recirculate the waste water from the end of the pond back to the head of the pond system."

Blowing the water across the pond surface introduces oxygen and beneficial organisms back into the pond system.

Currently Colorado City's waste treatment process has limited recirculation. The new improvements incorporated into the new pivot system will provide continuous recirculation.

COUNTY

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month installments of \$2,518.92.

"The employees will not get an increase in what they have to pay," said Ann Hallmark, county treasurer.

The commissioners also approved an increase in the county clerk's bond to \$50,000 in order to comply with state regulations. The bond is based on 10% of all fees collected.

Jeanie Fuller was reappointed by the court to serve another two-year term on the juvenile board, which serves Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher counties. Fuller's current term expires Aug. 1st.

The commissioners approved the appointment of the following election judges for two-year terms, beginning August 1:

Precinct 1: Judge, Frank Bassham (Republican); Alt. Judge, Ernestine Odell, (Democrat); Precinct 2: Judge, Naomi Williamson (Republican); Alt. Judge, Nell Rollins, (Democrat);

Precinct 025: Judge, John Jordan (Republican); Alt. Judge, Billie Ruffin (Democrat); Precinct 3: Judge, Brenda Kelley (Republican); Alt. Judge, Bobbie Smith (Democrat); Precinct 4: Judge, Yvonne Sadler (Democrat); Alt. Judge, Betty Chandler (Republican); Precinct 046: Judge, John Bullock (Republican); Alt. Judge, Betty Sayger (Democrat); Central Count: Judge, Nell Gainey (Republican); Alt. Judge, Bobby (Red) Lemons (Democrat); Manager: Debby Carlock, County Clerk; Tabulation Supervisor: Irene Graham.

Election judges are determined by election code based on the last governor's race in 2006. The party of the top candidate is the judge and the party of the second highest candidate is alternate.

Budget amendments for county clerk and bailiff were approved; as well as a \$61,644.23 payroll and bills totaling \$84,715.42.

NEFFS

to be on the economic development board.

"I want to bring some businesses in and stimulate the local economy," he said. "I'd like to be a part of developing our city. I've always been a small town guy," he said. "I'm not going anywhere."

The Neff's youngest son Matt is vocal about what he likes most in Colorado City. "I like the lake. We don't have to drive hours to get there. I like the wide open spaces, too. It's nice to walk out at night and see the stars."

He also thinks the school system is superior to big city schools. "We

have better relationships with our teachers," he said. "We know them in the community."

Community is what drew the Neffs back to Colorado City, after a reversal in circumstances.

"In hard times, you go home. People love you there and are more apt to help you," said Mickey. "We like it here. We like small towns. I like to know people and I like being where I know most of the folks around."

Community is what has supported them the most during the past few weeks after their daughter, Nicole's car accident.

DRUGS

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to our city size." "Sixty to eighty percent of the crime in our region is tied to narcotics. That includes theft, robbery, forgery and burglary," he said. "It is the underlying cause of our biggest problem in Colorado City — theft."

Crack cocaine, which is instantly addictive, and marijuana are the biggest drugs moving through Colorado City.

Using a simple conversion process, crack cocaine is produced by dissolving powdered cocaine in a mixture of water and ammonia or sodium bicarbonate (baking soda). The mixture is boiled at high heat until a solid substance forms.

One dealer, apprehended in the past six months, made \$65,592 in one month off the sale of drugs. His tally sheet for supplying rock cocaine (another name for crack) and his records for dope given away on credit, show his ability to bring in \$15,000 in one day. "It's not just to Colorado City," Foerster said. "This guy was dealing to Midland, Snyder, Big Spring, Abilene and San Angelo."

There is a huge separation between casual users and dealers, according to Foerster, who said that a lot of people who smoke dope are in the service industry working 20 hour days.

The Colorado City police force is the only law enforcement agency in the region to have made a meth lab bust, according to Foerster. Busting such labs is becoming increasingly difficult, as suppliers go mobile in the back of pickups to hide the distinctive odors associated with meth labs.

"We work narcotics really hard," said Foerster who has spent most of his 17-year career working narcotics.

"The bad guy has no boundaries. You have to give 100% in your capability to get them. You've got to get creative; watching when they think

you're not," Foerster said.

Some investigations, like the current ones, can take two or more years until the dealer trips up and makes a mistake. Arrests of dealers and confiscation of drugs and drug paraphernalia within the past six months are tied into pending investigations, according to Foerster, so names and amounts are being withheld in order not to jeopardize the safety of officers, contacts or investigations.

HOSPITAL

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\$53,000 in new tax revenue for the hospital district in the future.

In other business, a contract with NurseCare was approved. NurseCare is the business which is set up to take over the home health sector of the hospital district. MCHD will receive \$20,000 for "basically handing off this part of the business, according to hospital administrator Linda Mize.

The takeover by NurseCare also means the hospital will also remove seven employees from their payroll. Mize said that the transition will begin for employees on July 31.

During her administrator's report, Mize said that an IRS audit may be coming up. "They started doing audits on the western side of the state and are working their way toward us," Mize cautioned. She reported that she has been talking to the district's attorney just to be safe.

"We just want to be sure everything is the way it needs to be," Mize said.

During the board members report, president Bobbie Banks had a question for Mize and the rest of the board. "What are we going to do about the budget?" Banks asked. "Is there such a thing as approving a tentative budget?"

The board has scheduled two budget workshops on August 19, 26.

"With us not having any real money, approving a tentative budget may be the best we can do," Banks said, answering her own question.

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"The outpouring of prayers and generosity was absolutely overwhelming," said Sally. "There were so many who cared and the continued caring never stopped."

"There were so many flowers, gift baskets and get well cards, that Nicole's hospital room looked like a floral shop," she said.

"On the radio, Jim Baum led a prayer for her," said Mickey. "You can't beat that. You could feel the

love. It gives you strength."

Nicole, who lost an eye in the wreck, said, "Knowing you're not alone is the best part. You know there are people there for you. You're on a different level because you've shared something so tragic with them."

"I think of everybody here like family. Everybody is so close," Nicole said.

PAX 96 RANCH & WHITETAIL CENTER TOUR

An opportunity for the community to learn about deer breeding & fawn raising.

Sat., Aug. 2 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 3 3 p.m.

Mon., Aug. 4 7 p.m.



To RSVP, for directions and tour availability, call Lisa Wallgren @ 325-242-1488

2008 Property Tax Rates in City of Lorraine

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for City of Lorraine. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used in determining property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start the rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 71,951
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 71,951
Last year's tax base	\$ 6,131,714
Last year's total tax rate	1.173424 /\$100

This year's effective tax rates:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 71,719
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 6,557,040
- This year's effective tax rate	1.093770 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for city transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 79,527

+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 6,557,040
- This year's effective operating rate	1.212849 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	1.309876 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
- This year's total rollback rate	1.309876 /\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.115291 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	1.194585 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Lorraine adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$1.093770 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$2,124.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Water Fund	\$221,205
General Fund	\$51,740

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$7,808 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 438 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

Name of person preparing this notice: Faye Lee
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: July 18, 2008

Come join the fun!

Livestock Projects

Food & Nutrition

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Other Projects & Activities

Come be a part of Mitchell County 4-H!

Fall 4-H Round-Up

Swimming and Hot Dog Supper

Saturday, August 9 6 p.m.

Wolf Creek Golf Course Swimming Pool

August Community Service opportunity:

Bring school supplies for local schools

LOCAL NEWS

2008 Horticulture program scheduled August 7

In a continuing effort to assist homeowners with landscape, horticulture, ornamental and water conservation, the Home Horticulture Tour was started seven years ago. This effort has taken on several different avenues to assist folks with proper diagnosis of problems and solutions for correcting problems, and this year we will continue the approach used the last few years and hopefully, make the program accessible to all county residents.

This year, the Horticulture Program will be held on Thursday, August 7th from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. For the sixth year, we will conduct a live call in radio program, aired on KVMC/KAUM. Dr. Russ Wallace, who has been part of the program

for the last three years, will be on the forum. He is an Extension Vegetable Specialist in Lubbock and brings with him a vast amount of expertise in the area of vegetable crops for you to draw upon. As Russ has shown during past programs, his unique approach to the questions offered will always add tremendous value to the program.

Again this year, the call in program will be done live and will last only one hour. We have carefully planned the timeline to, hopefully, fit the vast number of folks in the

county and allow you to access the program.

During previous shows, we have relied heavily upon call in questions and have been overwhelmingly surprised with responses before, during and after the program. Again this year, the call in program will allow you to call the station and ask Dr. Wallace or myself questions pertaining to any horticulture production information you might have.

It is a pretty good bet that if you will tune in to the program on the FM station, another caller might jog your memory about a question that you had not thought about. Once again, any question regarding lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables are welcome and fair game. In addition, this might also be an excellent opportunity to get a head start on fall gardens by tapping into Dr. Wal-

lace's knowledge.

This will be the seventh consecutive year for us to concentrate on helping you determine better management systems, approaches to landscape improvement and water conservation and utilization practices. Hopefully, you will find it appealing and worthy of your time from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on August 7th.

For more information, feel free to call our office or the KVMC/KAUM station at 728-5530 if you need details, phone numbers for the show, or would like to submit questions prior to the show. By the way, any early written questions can be submitted to our office, or to the radio station prior to the morning of the program if you are not comfortable calling in during the live broadcast.

We hope to hear from you with your input and questions prior to the program or during the live broadcast on Thursday, August 7th from 10-11 a.m.



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SAYING GOODBYE After 26 years in the police department is Martha Martinez who retired this week.

Reception honoring Martinez to be held Friday August 1st

A reception honoring Martha Martinez will be held in the Civic Center, Friday, August 1st at 2 p.m.

Martinez is retiring after 26 years working with law enforcement in Colorado City, serving as administrative assistant, communications supervisor and municipal court clerk.

"When I started, they said, 'Here is your desk. You figure it out,'" she laughed, adding it was very intimidating. "The first week I cried every day and asked myself 'what did I do?'"

She has served under five judges; while seven city managers have come and gone during her tenure. "Two hundred - twenty three people have gone through the police department in the last 26 years," she said.

Martinez has also served under seven police chiefs: D. L. Montgomery, Eric Foerster, Pat Taylor, Shawn

Myatt, Ed Wheat, Ken Farrow and Bobby Sparks.

Two changes she's seen over the years is the graduation from using typewriters to computers and personnel turnover. "Used to be we couldn't keep dispatchers," she said. "Now it's officers."

Martinez said the department has more problems keeping relief/rotating shift dispatchers because they're on call 24-7.

"I always said I wanted to do an assignment in each division, and I did it all," she said, filling in when someone was gone. "I never did take a position as chief," Martinez added.

As a reserve peace officer, she even made a DWI arrest along with another officer in the 1980s.

"Last Friday I got to help Donna (Overton with Animal Control) release a raccoon," she said.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS of service, Mayor Jim Baum (right) visited with residents and their families at the anniversary reception honoring Kristi Lee Manor. Administrator Clark Moody (left) announced Chris Brown of Snyder as the winner of the 32 inch Magnavox television.

Rotary installs officers

The Rotary Club installed new officers and recognized past presidents at their regular meeting last Wednesday.

Past presidents were recognized for their leadership and work with a pin by former president Pat Taylor, before handing the gavel over to new president Jackie Brem.

Those honored were Don Wood, Lynn Hargrove, Mary Alice Hernandez, Mary Ann Davila, Margo

Connell, Tim Lelek, Dwayne Harris, Mark Merrell and Pat Taylor.

Recognition pins were also awarded to secretary Tim Lelek and treasurer Mike Hemphill.

Officers installed for 2008 were President Jackie Brem, Secretary Tim Lelek, Treasurer Mike Hemphill, Directors Lynn Hargrove, Don Wood, Pat Taylor, and Mark Merrell.



PASSING THE GAVEL to the 2008 incoming Rotary president Jackie Brem (right) is outgoing president Pat Taylor (left).

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2008 Property Tax Rates in Mitchell County Hospital District

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for Mitchell County Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,177,956
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 603,723
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,781,679
Last year's tax base	\$ 600,707,020
Last year's total tax rate	0.296597 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,781,022
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 833,572,133
= This year's effective tax rate	0.213661 /\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)</i>	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,177,543
- This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 833,572,133
= This year's effective operating rate	0.141265 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.152566 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.070650 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.223216 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Mitchell County Hospital District adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.213661 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$5,348.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Operating Fund	\$261,899
Tax Receipt Fund	\$62,143

Schedule B - 2008 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2000 General Obligation	\$310,000	\$295,948	\$0	\$605,948
Total Required for 2008 Debt Service				\$605,948
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$15,036
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008				\$590,912
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2008				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$590,912

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 438 East 2nd Street Colorado City, Texas 79512.

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Name of person preparing this notice: Faye Lee
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: July 18, 2008

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BIRTHS



Alesia and Anjelina Goodney are proud to announce the birth of their baby brother, Andrew Robert. He was born Sunday, July 27, 2008, at 3:34 p.m.

He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Rick and Melody Goodney of Colorado City.

Maternal grandparents are Ken and Stephanie Bean of Hobbs, New Mexico. Paternal grandmother is Robin Tuiskula of Oakham, Massachusetts.

Tiller family invited to O'Dell home

The descendants and extended relatives of John and Mary Tiller will meet to enjoy fellowship, eats and ice cream and cake on Saturday, August 2, in the home of Ernestine O'Dell, 859 Marshall.

The catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. by David Stubblefield with homemade ice cream and cake to follow. On Sunday morning, breakfast will be served around 8:30 a.m. in the same place.

Relatives and friends are welcome.



THESE THREE LADIES, (l-r) Christine Corley Van Zant, Minnie Lee Moore and Sarah May Van Zant, attended the Spade Reunion this weekend. The Spade Reunion is an annual event.

Sixty-six attend Spade Reunion

The 42nd annual Spade Reunion met in Colorado City at the First Baptist Church Activity Building on July 26th.

Registration began at 10 a.m. with visiting and coffee and donuts. Everyone was entertained by a string band. Members of the board were Russell Logan, Billie Miles, Alton Kenney, John and Marbelle Francis, Scott McLaughlin, Arley Gipson and Don Logan.

Group president Don Redwine welcomed all who were present. The catered meal was furnished by David Bray.

Approximately 66 people attend-

ed the reunion and enjoyed visiting and remembering old times.

The highlight of the reunion was the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Spade School with a special marker.

Don Redwine presided over the business meeting. The board voted to put in a water sprinkler system at the cemetery. Marie Boyd, secretary, read the minutes of the past meeting.

Dorris Dockrey, secretary of the cemetery association, reported on the work done at the cemetery.

The meeting adjourned and all enjoyed the music until they left.

Calvary celebrates 50 years of ministry

Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary August 9-10.

The celebration begins Saturday evening with a cookout and music for a time of fun and visiting according to Pastor Paul Smith.

Former pastors, Sammy Elliott and Travis Munday, will speak during the Sunday morning services, beginning at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the church's accomplishments during the past 50 years.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Summer migrant program provides fun learning experiences

The Summer Migrant Program, which was held June 2-13, was a huge success. This year's theme was Our Green Earth. The focus was on the green environment, recycling, fossils, dinosaurs and our planet. Twenty-one kindergartners through 8th grade students attended the program.

The first day was Green Day at Colorado Middle School where students planted flowers and shrubs at the Pit as part of their service learning project. The following day, students visited the Galaxy Paper Company in Sweetwater where they learned about recycling and how to make toilet paper.

Next was a visit to the Heart of West Texas Museum and the Mitchell County Library. Thursday, June 6, the group traveled to Abilene to visit the zoo and Frontier Texas.

Students ended the first week of the program with a trip to Fluvana where everyone enjoyed a fossil dig and take home a treasure from the

past.

The second week of the program began with an exciting trip to the Science Spectrum in Lubbock. The students enjoyed the Omni Max movie *Dinosaurs Alive* and the hands-on activities at the museum. The group traveled to San Angelo on the following day, where they toured the Water Lily Garden and the Angelo State University Planetarium.

Wednesday of that week, the group traveled to the Colorado City State Park where Tracy and Terri Ferguson took the students on a boat tour of the lake. Later in the week, Bill Crockett took them on a wind farm and bank tour.

The final day of the program was titled Green Food Day, which included green enchiladas, green apples and grapes. Royce Clay and Becky Ornelas of City National Bank also showed students a lot of green money.



LEARNING IS FUN for several students during the Summer Migrant Program. These children had the opportunity to study ecology, history, and astronomy through many fun activities offered by the program.

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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).
Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2007, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$275 million over the current Oncor rates or a 10.9% increase over adjusted test year revenues. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.
Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.
Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

STUDYING PREHISTORIC PAST, David Garza uncovers lots of information about dinosaurs during a trip to the Lubbock Science Spectrum. The trip was sponsored by the Summer's Migrant Program.



Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled at Kelley

Kelley Elementary will have pre-registration for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students and their parents on Tuesday, August 5, beginning at noon until 4 p.m. in the Kelley Elementary Cafeteria.

All students four years of age by September 1, 2008, qualify for the free pre-k program. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records.

Kindergarten students who attended the Kindergarten Roundup in the spring do not need to attend the pre-registration.

The Kelley Elementary staff looks forward to meeting and working with you and your child. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 728-3471.

Permian Basin pageant deadline set for August 8

Entry forms for the Miss Permian Basin Fair & Exposition Scholarship Pageant are now available on-line.

The pageant, which will be held at the Permian Basin Fair & Exposition, Saturday, September 6, 2008, is open to all young ladies between the ages of 17 and 20. Entrants must be residents of the Permian Basin and maintain a "B" average.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, August 8. For more information, go to: www.permianbasin-fair.com or pick up an entry form at University Bridals and Formals, 2217 East 42 Street, Odessa, Texas. Entrants may also contact Ross Padgett at 432-978-7497.

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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company wishes to inform you that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed a Request for Approval of Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, a copy of which Application is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201.
Customers as reflected in the proposed tariff rider, Attachment A to Oncor's Application. The recovery factor will allow Oncor, in a timely manner, to recover reasonable and necessary costs incurred in administering its energy efficiency program.
Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is August 4, 2008.
If approved, the recovery factor will go into effect on December 29, 2008, coinciding with Oncor's first billing cycle of the January 2009 billing month. Affected persons include all residential, non-residential, and industrial customers. Oncor is requesting a nonbypassable charge that, if approved, will be billed to retail electric providers serving customer classes that receive services under Oncor's energy efficiency program. If approved, the recovery factor will be \$0.22 per month per residential Retail Customer and will vary for non-residential Retail
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SPORTS

Burleson shines at all-star game

By Carl Graham

LUBBOCK - When Westbrook's Tate Burleson was selected to play in the annual Six Man Coaches Association all-star boys' basketball games, he wanted his final high school game to be a great one. Mission accomplished!

Burleson, along with his all-star teammate, Collin Allison of Meadow, helped lead their squad to a convincing 79-67 win over a much smaller East squad in action played last Saturday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Burleson, who graduated at the top of his class at Westbrook last May, had baskets at key times, especially in the early part of the game when the West surged to a 20-7 ad-

vantage. Burleson finished the contest with eight points.

The teams played at a furious, but sometimes sloppy pace, with the West getting several fast-break baskets throughout the first half. A six-point run put the West up 35-17 with 7:52 left to go in the first half.

The East closed the gap to 52-46 with 14:34 left in the game, but the West regrouped and recaptured the momentum of the game when they went on a 10-point run that opened up the margin to 62-46, bringing the East team back to reality.

The Westbrook graduate said af-

ter the game that he enjoyed playing in the All-Star Classic.

"It's awesome!" said Burleson. "You are playing with a lot of guys on your level. There's always someone to pass the basketball to, and they can all shoot the ball very well. You know you can trust them when you pass to them."

Burleson said he was pumped up for the game long before it finally was played Saturday. "We were all excited even before the game," said Burleson. "We have all been pumped up about this game for a week before we even got there. It was a great experience to have the opportunity to play in it."



Tate Burleson

Kommpa excited about upcoming season

By Carl Graham

An old coach of mine once defined optimistic as seeing a glass half

Summer league softball girls gain experience

By Carl Graham

Though they still have a couple of games left to play before the return of school, the Colorado High School summer league softball squad has had an awesome July, winning 10 of the 12 games they have played. The losses, on an 8-1 loss to a team from Abilene High and the other a close 2-1 loss to the Twisters which is a traveling team, were the only games they did not come away from with a win.

The team's first game on July 3rd opened the season with a tough 5-1 win over old district nemesis Coahoma. That win was followed by an 8-1 win over Ballinger and a 9-1 win over Haskell before they absorbed their first loss against Abilene. That loss was followed by their second loss at the hands of the Twisters.

The club then reeled off seven straight wins with a 2-1 win over Haskell, a 10-1 win over Jim Ned, three wins over Sweetwater by scores of 7-2, 7-0 and 6-5, and the back-to-back wins over Haskell.

Members of the local team include seniors, Mary Alaniz and Elena Rodriguez; juniors, Carissa Sutton and Lisa Salazar; sophomores, Emily Hicks, Amanda Arispe, Ava Macedo, Courtney Sutton and Jaci Wulfjen. Freshmen members of the team include Alexia Espinoza, Miranda Reyna, Sydney Upshaw, Laurant Meeks, Megan Bullard and Brittany Ward.

full while pessimistic was seeing that same glass half empty.

That being the case, you could say Loraine head coach/athletic director Steve Kommpa is an optimistic person. Despite being put into division I for the next two years due to the biennial UIL realignment, and despite losing a whopping eight seniors from the first playoff season in 14 years Coach Kommpa is still looking forward to having another great season in 2008.

When it came to scheduling teams, he didn't go looking for any softies either. "My philosophy is that you need to play good teams in order to get them ready for district play," said Kommpa. "It does a team no good by scheduling weak teams in non-district play in order to build up your win column. They need to face some good teams so it will get them ready for district."

And good teams he did schedule!

The Bulldogs will get the regular season started by taking on Abilene Christian High, a private school that has a reputation as being one of the top six-man private schools in the state. The next week his squad takes on Sterling City, which has just dropped from playing 11-man football this past season. If this wasn't enough, add the Water Valley Wildcats into the mix, a team that returns all their starters from a year ago.

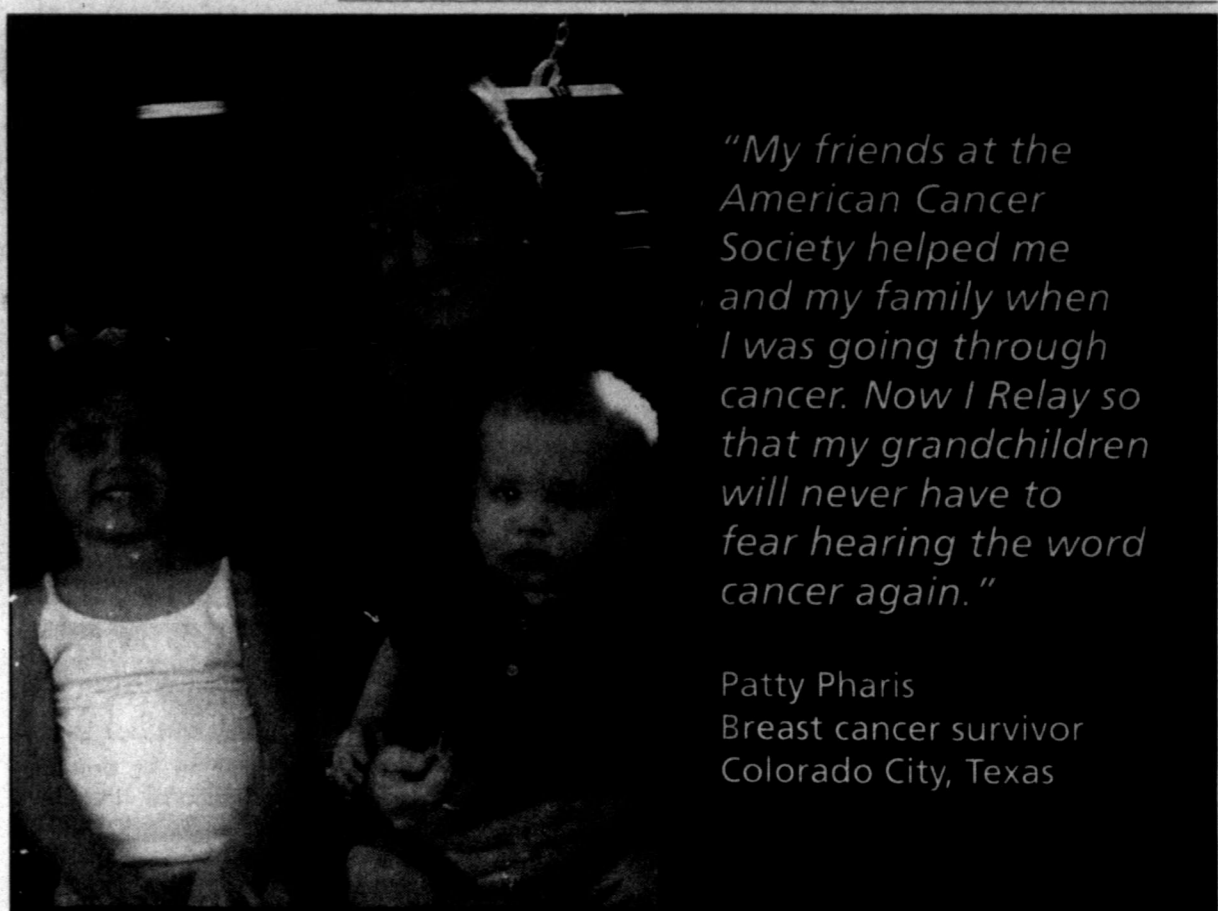
For their annual homecoming tilt coach Komppa has scheduled Veribest, an old district foe from the past whose program is on the up and up after going through some hard times. The Bulldogs close out non-district play against a very improved Lueders-Avoca team before opening district play against former 11-man team O'Donnell.

Next on tap for Loraine will come the Ira Bulldogs, who are ranked in the top ten in the state and are led by junior Andy Rivera. Rivera rushed for more than 3,000 yards last season. That game will be followed by games with Spur, another playoff team in Grady, and they will complete the 2008 schedule by taking on an always tough program in Aspermont.

"I know we lost a lot of good talent off of last year's team, but I still am looking to have a good season," said Komppa. "I have some solid players like Jacob Sanchez who was honorable mention all-state last season; Carlton Johnston, who was all-district and a three-year starter; and Robert Cantu, who will return as the starting center for the third year in a row. We also have several transfer students that could help us out right away with two of them being six foot five. One of them played for Killeen High last year and does not have any six-man experience, but I expect him to adapt quickly."

Coach Komppa said that if everyone comes out on August 4th for two-a-day workouts that have indicated they will, he could have as many as 26 out, a number that Loraine has not seen since their 11-man days back in the 80's. "Having that many kids out also gives me reason to be optimistic," said Komppa. "With those kinds of numbers it gives you the ability to field a strong junior varsity which will only benefit you in the long run."

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"My friends at the American Cancer Society helped me and my family when I was going through cancer. Now I Relay so that my grandchildren will never have to fear hearing the word cancer again."

Patty Pharis
Breast cancer survivor
Colorado City, Texas

Your involvement can change a life.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life empowers teams, volunteers, survivors, and communities to fight against cancer. Share your story.

Become involved in your local Relay For Life.

Call 1-800-ACS-2345

American Cancer Society
Relay For Life of Mitchell County
August 15 - 16, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Call your American Cancer Society at 325-691-1519.

<p>HAPPY HOUR 1/2 Price Drinks & Slushes Monday - Friday, 2-4 p.m.</p>		<p>MORNING DRINK STOP Mon - Fri 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. Route 44 Drinks Only \$1.29</p>	
<p>CHOOSE YOUR SIZE Medium or Large Combo (For large add 80¢)</p>			
<p>#11 BREAKFAST BURRITO Med. \$4.59 Burrito Only \$2.29</p>	<p>#12 SuperSonic BREAKFAST BURRITO Med. \$5.19 Burrito Only \$2.89</p>	<p>#13 BREAKFAST TOASTER Med. \$4.99 Sandwich Only \$2.69</p>	<p>#14 BREAKFAST BISTRO Med. \$4.99 Sandwich Only \$2.69</p>
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- 1.800.ACS.2345
- www.cancer.org
- Wigs, Hats, Turbans
- Bras and Prostheses
- Breast Cancer Support
- Prostate Cancer Support
- Rides to Treatment
- On-line Support Groups
- Educational Programs
- Information and Support
- Camp for Children with Cancer and Their Families
- Lodging Assistance
- Clinical Trials Matching Service
- Health Insurance Information Service



For more information, call 1.800.ACS.2345

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Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Garage Sale Ads

\$5.75 (up to 25 words - 1x1")

includes on-line ad

Deadline Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

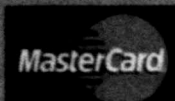
Card of Thanks

2x2 - \$15 2x3 - \$20 2x4 - \$25

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Lost and Found and Give-away Ads Free!

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CARD OF THANKS



Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent improvements at Paredes Park. An especially big thank you to City Manager Steve Shutt and City Secretary Donna Madrid-your support was and is of utmost importance. Thank you to Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Company for your generosity. Thank you to all family members, friends and caring neighbors who put in a lot of hours of free labor. Most of all, thank you dad, uncles and aunts who always come through to make family gatherings a success. If I forgot anyone, God Bless You Too.

Tony Franco

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Peggy A. Mentel, no longer work with Charles R. Edwards!

Abandoned Car Auction Sale

Aug. 9, 2008
10 a.m.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1529 E. I-20 Bus. | |
| 1996 Ford PU | IFTEF15N4SNA84960 |
| 2004 Ford Mustang | 1FAFP40684F164803 |
| 1994 GMC Van | 1GDDM19ZXR8530650 |
| 1998 Volvo | 4VG7DARJ3WN746028 |
| 1988 Nissan 300ZX | JN1HZ1453JX276808 |
| 1987 Jeep Grand Wagoneer | 1JCNJ15U4JT81426 |
| 1995 Ford Explorer | 1FMDU34X6RUE60036 |

BID NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Fuel - Gasoline & Diesel

2008-09 School Year RFP# 09-5149
Address request for proposal (RFP) to: Colorado Independent School District, Board of Trustees, Attention Shelia Redwine, Business Manager, RFP will be received at the Business Office, 1132 Hickory Street, P.O. Box 1268, Colorado City, Texas 79512 until 5 p.m. August 5, 2008.

For more information, contact the Business Office at 325-728-5312.

Request for proposal will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the deadline. You will be notified of the results within seven to ten days.

Mark envelopes containing request for proposal as follows: Sealed Request for Proposal: Fuel-Gasoline & Diesel. Do not open until: August 5, 2008 - 5 p.m.

Any RFP received later than the specified time, whether delivered in person or mailed, shall be disqualified.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all requests for proposal and to accept any RFP deemed most advantageous to the Colorado ISD and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Shelia Redwine, Business Manager

Public Notice to Bidders

Loraine ISD is accepting bids for the 2008-09 school year for: BREAD PRODUCTS and MILK/ICE CREAM PRODUCTS.

Above items must meet the requirements of Child Nutrition/Food and Drug Administration.

Also accepting bids for: VEHICULAR DIESEL and GASOLINE.

Bids are to be addressed to Eric Stoddard, Supt. P. O. Box 457, Loraine, TX 79532 or received in the Administration Office at 800, S. Lightfoot, Loraine, TX 79532. Call (325) 737-2235 for more information. The district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**27th ANNUAL
GUN, KNIFE & COIN SHOW**
Canyon Gun Club, Inc., Snyder, Tx.
SCURRY COUNTY COLISEUM
AUGUST 2nd & 3rd, 2008
Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For more information, call
325-573-2323 or 325-573-2777.

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Mitchell County Hospital District, dba, Mitchell County Hospital, Valley Fair Lodge, Mitchell County Home Health, Mitchell County Ambulance Service and Family Medical Associates is an equal opportunity employment health care facility. Employment offered to qualified persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or religion.

HELP WANTED



Cole & Co. Snyder - New salon seeking full-time stylist nail tech and facialist. Beautifully decorated salon, pleasant atmosphere with state of the art equipment. Newest products and styling techniques. Please call for personal interview. New graduates welcome!

325-436-9942, Lynda
817-565-1211, Corp. Office
325-573-6900, Salon

HELP WANTED



Full-time or part-time occupational therapist. Call S. Whitteker, WCTSSA 325-235-8621

Opening for LVN PRN. Excellent support staff. Contact Stephanie Potter, RN DON, Valley Fair Lodge, 325-728-2634.

The City of Colorado City is accepting applications for employment for one **Water Department Position**. Preferred licensed certification in Water and Wastewater Distribution or willing to obtain license through training. Qualifications include High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Must have a valid driver's license and be dependable. This is a full time position. Benefits include health and life insurance, holidays, vacation, sick leave and a retirement plan. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 180 West 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The City of Colorado City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rolling Plains Rural Health Clinic in Sweetwater has a full-time LVN position available. Benefits include PTO, 401k, Health Insurance, Salary DOE. Interested parties may fax resume to 325-235-5925 or contact TWC for an application.



Globe Energy Services, Inc.

TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

Requirements:

Driving record must meet insurance requirements
CDL license required
Physical/Drug Screen

Benefits:

Employee Health/Dental Plan - Prescription card
Safety/Performance Bonus
Holidays and Vacations
Apply In Person or Call

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Office Phone 325-575-0851
Cell Phone 325-207-6094

We Support a drug free work environment.
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Opening for Park Specialist I, II, III (Park Police/Interpreter); information or application packets can be picked up at the state park office or by calling the state park at 325-728-3931. Information is also available on the website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Cook's position open. Will train, cooking from recipe. Apply in person to Kristi Lee Manor, 1941 Chestnut, Colorado City.

Nurses Unlimited Inc. is seeking enthusiastic and outgoing attendants to assist clients in the home with personal care, meal prep and light housekeeping. P-T EOE. Call 1-888-859-0640

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED! BEST PAY, GREAT BENEFITS! Pay is hourly, lots of OVERTIME, plus per diem. T&T Transports in Colorado City needs Class A CDL driver to haul oilfield equipment cross-country. Home weekly. Must have oversized hauling experience, tanker and hazardous endorsements, good driving record. Call 1-800-588-2669.

AROUND THE TOWN



SOUTHWEST

MITCHELL CO. LIBRARY
Children's Storytime
Wednesdays
10 a.m.

GARAGE SALE
905 Walnut
Fri. & Sat.
8-4
New Avon at discount prices, furniture, appliances, tools, yarn, Xango, Ethos, Limu.

INSIDE SALE
156 E. 2nd
Sat., Aug. 2
8-12 noon
Fill your bag - \$5 each. If it won't fit in your sack, we'll give you a price!

GARAGE SALE
204 E. 8th
Fri. & Sat.
8-7
4 wooden bar stools, coffee table, lots of bedspreads & clothes, too much to list!

3 FAMILY CARPORT SALE
916 Chestnut
Friday 7-12
Saturday 7-12
Children's clothes - all sizes, baby bed, toddler bed, misc.

GARAGE SALE
1443 Chestnut
Fri. & Sat.
Some furniture, clothes & misc.

SIMPLY SILLY SUMMER SALE
Main Event
162 Walnut
Saturday 10-2
Wild & crazy prizes!

GARAGE SALE
607 Cypress St.
Saturday
8-2
Come see!

GARAGE SALE
343 Locust
Friday 3-6
Saturday 8-12
Girls, women's clothes, knock knacks, household items, misc.

COUNTRY

GARAGE SALE
1151 Hwy. 163
Sat. only
8-7
Computer, go-cart, odds & ends.

NORTHWEST

GARAGE SALE
420 E. 21st
Saturday
8-7
Kids' clothes, women's & men's clothes, baby girl clothes, stroller, toys, misc.

ESTATE SALES
Presented and purchased.
Linda's Junque!
325-863-2712

GARAGE SALE
1144 Walnut
Saturday
8-7
Tons of stuff!

GARAGE SALE
443 W. 17th
Saturday
8-7
Girls' newborn to 2T, stroller w/carseat, girls' junior medium & large clothing, shoe, coats, homemade burritos.

GARAGE SALE
Downtown Area
Saturday
8-12
Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

GARAGE SALE
105 W. Market
Loraine
Saturday
7-12
Dining table, 4 chairs, purses, shoes, clothes, TV, Surround Sound, lots more!

GARAGE SALE
700 Pacific - Loraine
Aug. 1 & 2
8-7
Clothes - all sizes, too much to list!

GARAGE SALE
202 Looby - Loraine
Friday 8-5
Saturday 8-12
Lots of items! Books \$3 per bag. Low prices!

4 FAMILY CARPORT SALE
135 W. Colorado Ave. in Loraine
Saturday
8-7
Fishing equip, 1 12 gauge gun, furniture, king size bed, nursing scrubs, name brand clothing, lots of misc.

NORTHEAST

HUGE SALE
1515 Waco
Thurs. - Sat.
8-7
Tons of nice kids' clothes, boys 2T-6 youth, girls 8-16, lots of jeans, toys, kitchen items. Must see!

GARAGE SALE
944 E. 17th
Saturday
8-1
Nice school clothes for teen girls & boys, books, bags, videos, sports equip., household items. Tons of treasures!

ESTATE SALE
544 E. 13th
Sat., Aug. 2
8-7
Depression glass, furniture, etc.

GARAGE SALE
1210 E. 17th
Saturday
8-noon
Assorted items. Lots of good stuff! Come see!

PORCH SALE
Fort Wood I-20
Sat., Aug. 2
8-noon
Selection NEW Corcoran military boots, men's, women's & little girls (size NB-4T) clothes, some shoes, books, kitchen items, large Sony stereo, VCR, lots of nice things!

FUNDRAISER GARAGE SALE
1020 E. 16th
Fri. & Sat. 8-7
Recliner & stuff. Meat, bean & cheese burritos, brownies, raffle for flat screen TV/DVD/CD combo.

GARAGE SALE
1032 E. 17th
Sat., Aug. 2nd
Clothes, shoes, custom made drapes, Pottery Barn bedspread & etc.

GARAGE SALE
1537 Waco
Fri. & Sat. 9-7
Kitchenware, baby carriage, etc.

YARD SALE
2106 Colorado St.
Sat., Aug. 2
8-12
Small electrical appliances, men & women clothes, shoes, dishes & lots of misc.

SOUTHEAST

GARAGE SALE
1004 E. 8th
Fri. & Sat.
8-7
Good back to school girls' clothes size 10-12, some 14-16, jr. size 10, shoes, boots, complete day bed, complete twin bed, TV, lots of misc.

YARD SALE
850 E. Labelle
Road to the left after Speakeasy
Fri. & Sat.
8-2
All items are belongings of the late Don Bennett of Loraine. Furniture, freezer, electric dryer, dishes & lots more. Also, roosters for sale \$3 each. 728-9077 or 325-436-9192

4 FAMILY SALE
812 Cedar
Fri., Aug. 1
8-3
Tons of baby girl clothes - play and name brand (sizes 0-2T), toys, books, movies, couch, adult clothes, lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
408 Short Street
Behind Hutchinson School
Saturday
Kids' school clothes, shoes, uniforms, misc.

GARAGE SALE
960 E. 12th
Saturday
8-7
Little girls clothes 6 mos. - 24 mos., lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
944 E. 8th
Friday 4-8 pm
Saturday 8 am - 7
Glass dining room table & 4 chairs, comforters, high chair, carseat, playpen, baby clothes, clothes of all sizes, home decor, etc.

GARAGE SALE
1063 Westpoint
Golden Comb
Saturday
8-2
DVD player, VHS player, DVD movies, scrapbooking & craft stuff, clothes, shoes, kitchen stuff, 90" oval table & 6 chairs, etc.

HELP

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Nurses t... is seeking... and outgo... to assist... home w... care, mea... housekee... Call 1-888...

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Huff... &... Yard... lot n... cement... Call... 728... after...

Residential... cleaning. 242-2319 903-424-1...

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The Real Estate Marketplace of Mitchell County

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Farm Bureau is looking for a self motivated individual to service its members in Mitchell County. Send resume to: Dan Morgan, Mitchell County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 792, Colorado City, TX 79512.

HELP WANTED: Mature and dependable - one experienced season cook and one counter help. Must maintain good work history, be able to perform all tasks. Work hours vary. FMI, Stop by JUST STOP and talk to Wendy or Tricia, 728-8969.

JOBS WANTED

Huff & Puff & Stuff
Yard mowing, lot mowing, cemetery plots.

Call Jimmy at **728-9073** after 5:30 p.m.

Residential & commercial cleaning. Call Sheila at 242-2319 or Jennifer at 903-424-1644.

JOBS WANTED

Bullard's Backyard Basics. Yard waste & junk hauled off, minor tree trimming, mowing yards and lots, weedeating & tilling. Call Rick Bullard, 728-8242, 242-0747.

PETS

AKC Boxer puppies. 1 male, 1 female. 10 weeks old. \$200 each. 432-213-4799

VEHICLES

LET US SELL FOR YOU! Consignments welcome, commission paid only if item sells! Tractors, equipment, autos, trailers, etc. MATLOCK I-20 C-City 728-3430

1999 Cadillac Catera, excellent condition, black, chrome, leather. \$4,000. 242-0732

Kawasaki, 1200cc, low miles, new tires, great running highway bike. Call 325-436-1984.

WANTED

Want to rent or lease purchase: Large 2 bedroom or preferably 3 bedroom. Will do improvement to house. 242-1537 or 242-2637

FOR SALE

CUDDLER RECLINER for 2 people, lays completely down. Brand new. List \$799, sell \$450. 806-549-3110

FOR SALE

\$575 5 pc Microfiber LR set, NEW in crates. Lifetime warranty. Can deliver. 806-549-3110

QUEEN ANNE, beautiful cherry dining table & cushioned chairs. Still boxed. \$265. 806-549-3110

EXPRESSO FINISH PU TABLE, 4 microfiber cushioned chairs. NEW TAKE \$425. 806-549-3110

ADJUSTABLE BED wall-hugger base & mattress, QUEEN SIZE, \$1097, BRAND NEW, 806-438-0081

BEAUTIFUL 6 pc contemporary oak finish bedroom set. Must sell, \$590. 806-549-3110

CHERRYSLED bedroom set, queen bed, dresser, mirror, nitestand, still boxed, \$880. Can del. 806-549-3110

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AVON - Would you like to buy Avon? Please call Samantha Ruth, 325-242-4603.

100% Leather 5pc Living room Set. Lifetime warranty. Never used, in Crates. Retail \$2999, Can deliver \$675. 806-549-3110

KING MISSION bedroom set, all wood, bed, dresser, mirror, nightstand, Only \$980, still boxed. 806-549-3110

AUCTIONS

SALE AUCTION

Sat., Aug. 2 6:30 p.m.

2 sleeper sofas, buffet, day bed, coffee & end tables, table & chairs, lrg. fish tank, costume jewelry, lots of Coke collectibles, vintage fans, mirrors, Tom Clark gnome collection, cookie jars including McCoy car, baseball cards, Zach Thomas jersey, Mark Teixeira & Hank Blalock autographed baseballs, beer light, Nancy Drew books, lots of glassware, afghans, toys & games, Craftsman Roto-tiller, toolboxes, stepladders, small small compressor, scroll saw, yard tools, lots & lots of misc.

Next Auction: August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Auction Co.
Located at 6607 N. I-20 service rd., two miles east of refinery on north service road at Exit 184, Big Spring, Tx
David Lefever - Auctioneer Lic. #13251
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COLORADO CITY - LAKE PROPERTY

2950 LCR 252 - 3 beds, 2 bath, bonus room. Owner finance with approval.

2048 LCR 252, Water front, 1 bedroom with patio \$48,500. Great weekend getaway! Make offer.

653 LCR 311, 2-1-2-CP. Waterfront, great weekend place. Lots of potential. Owner will finance. Call Tresa for details.

Danley 3 of 4 bedroom, remodeled kitchen. Beautiful view, close to beach.

4305 LCR 207, Conner's Cove, 2/1 in main house. Bunk beds in main house.

REDUCED! 2966 Daughtrey. Beautiful, great beach, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath mobile home. Metal shop. \$70's.

1318 LCR 117, 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Lots of potential. Great financing available.

New! 4124 LCR 254, 4/2 with 2 room guest house. Great price!

New! 1880 FM 2836, 3/2 on 5 acres. Needs TLC.

New! 1434 FM 2836, 4/2 on 8.6 acres. Nice view!

901 LCR 311 - 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Waterfront, boat shed. Very clean.

1380 LCR 248 - Lakefront Cherry Creek, extra nice! A must see! 90's

REDUCED! 2120 LCR 252. Mobile home, water front on Cherry Creek. Great view. Reduced to \$52,000. Great lot! Move the mobile home off if you don't like it and still have a great place for that new mobile home.

REDUCED! 2518 Bohannon Rd., Single wide mobile home, 3-1 with a deck, on two lots. This is not waterfront.

945 LCR 311 1989 Jim Walters home, 2-1-2cp. House is on stilts. REDUCED!

661 LCR 313 - Seller is moving mobile home off... buy lot for \$40,000. Great buy! Don't miss out on this opportunity. Or buy half the lot for \$18,000. Talk to Tresa.

NEW! 1442 LCR 248 Newly remodeled, 2 bedroom / 2 bath with 2 bedroom guest house. Very nice.

LAKE CHAMPION PROPERTY

Move in for \$1,000! 1055 CR 175, 2-1. This home is extra clean. Beautiful view, nice & quiet, move-in ready. Located on S. Hwy. 208. Priced in the \$50's. Call Tresa to see.

NEW! 6000 CR 121, 4/3 on 6 lots. 3000 sq. ft. home. Call Becky.

COLORADO CITY - LAKE LAND

Acreage in Wagon Wheel Addition, not waterfront. Lots 2, 3, 4, 5. Going fast!

LCR 315, 2 new lake lots, water front. 30's.

LCR 246 - \$30's. Great waterfront for home.

COLORADO CITY - RESIDENTIAL

540 E. 2nd - Spacious! This home has WOW on the inside. Lots of room for your family to grow. The outside needs paint. Take a look and see how nice this home is. Nice porch and very private.

REDUCED! Move in for \$1,000! 950 Marshall - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, great starter home!

NEW! Investment property - 1743 & 1743 1/2 Vine. This home already is making income for you. Take a look at this investment and give us a call for more details. House that is rented and the apt is rented, too! Buy both in the 60's. Let your rental investment go to work for you today.

965 East 2nd - 2-2-2 - Spacious energy efficient home. New windows, updated.

541 Locust. Victorian 4/2.5 updated. Very nice!

955 E. 1st - Investment property.

Move in for \$1,000! 937 East 16th. 2 or 3 bedroom, picture perfect, very clean. Owner will look at offers!

528 Chestnut 2-1 Brick, central heat & air. Great investment or starter home. Call Chen.

1012 Pine - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, starter home, \$30's, move in for \$1000. Cute, great price!

REDUCED! 2966 Daughtrey, 2-car carport, great neighborhood. Lots of room!

COLORADO CITY - HOMES WITH ACREAGE

1880 FM 2836, 5 acres and a house that needs TLC. Has horse pens and view of the lake. \$49,000 or make offer. Would be a great place to call home with some work.

NEW LISTING - 7818 CR 121. Approx. 10 acres with 1665 sq. ft. house, remodeled, metal barn, wildlife. Lots of extras!

Don't miss this one! 1890 CR 307 - 3.233 acres. New mobile home, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, new septic, water well. Nice deck on back porch. Great area!

COLORADO CITY - COMMERCIAL

REDUCED! NEW! 1702 Walnut - Commercial or Residential. It is now a massage business, can be used for beauty shop. Lrg. corner lot. Only \$20,000.

REDUCED! Speakeasy & 10 Acres - Will lease or sell. Owner will look at all offers.

COLORADO CITY - LAND

NEW! 160 Acres - 50 acres pasture, 110 acres brushland. 2 wells, dirt tank. FMI, call Tresa.

NEW LISTING - 452 acres west of Colorado City. Call for more details.

11.08 ac in cultivation, can be zoned for commercial South 208 & I-20, super location for commercial business

REDUCED! 28.8 acres. Looking to build a home or have a modular home moved in - this place is for you. 3 deer were killed last year - great for hunting tool. Come by and let us take you for a drive that will take your breath away. This would be the perfect home site. \$1600 per acre.

3 acre lot on New Street with Colorado River running through it. Has utilities.

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By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Ina Vay McAdams, Jaleta Owens of Amarillo and Janet Barnes of Boise City, OK, enjoyed a "sister trip" to the beautiful mountains in southwest Colorado last week.

Three days were spent at the cabins on Bear Creek east of Dolores, Colorado. There the girls relaxed and rested at the B&B. A shower of rain every afternoon around 3:15 p.m. was certainly a nice treat.

The many hummingbirds were a joy to watch at the feeders. The rufus bullies were so busy driving others away that they missed out on their treats.

The two final days were spent sightseeing through the southern part of Colorado. The girls already look forward to their next sister trip in 2010.

We have concerns at this time for Dewey Bell of Colorado City. He is the father of Jay Bell, our city worker, who lives in Loraine.

We send our prayers and well wishes to Mr. Bell.

Dorothy Haltom said she gets to see her children every week, and they always bring her a nice dinner.

Calvin and Barbara still live in Abilene and, as you know, Edgar and Glenda live in Lo-

raine.

I spoke with Delmas and Betty Bowlin Monday evening. Their son, Bobby and his wife, Zwen Bowlin, had been to visit them recently. While in Loraine, they all went to the ice cream party and musical down at the Senior Center.

Delmas said they enjoyed the ice cream and music and especially a lot of visiting with old friends and neighbors that were there.

My traveling sister-in-law, Dottie Vaughn of Irving, is doing very well after having heart valve surgery. Her new body part is not a pig valve but a cow valve (bovine).

She jokingly said if she starts getting hungry for grass or hay, she would go back to her doctor for a check up. She is already driving her car a lot and is planning some trips.

It sounds as if she might be coming out this way yet, wanting to meet Robert Lee.

Charles Bowen's news for this week is that it is hot and to watch out for rattlesnakes. He sounds like a man who knows what he is talking about.

My family members came over Sunday and helped me celebrate my birthday.

When I was a young teenager, it seemed like

my birthdays came around every two years or longer. Now that I'm old enough for senior moments, they seem to come around every six months.

I did have a very nice day though.

Guest speaker at the Loraine Methodist Church Sunday morning was Jeff Sedberry of Aspermont. Prior to the morning message, special music was provided by Rod and Sharon Mayberry of Colorado City.

Joan Long and Susan Sanchez went to Slaton last Tuesday to attend a meeting for "Top of Texas" which had to do with the IRS, audits and discussed emergency plans for Housing Authority in case of a disaster.

A memorial given to the Senior

Citizen Center was from Toby and Blanche Preston of Salado in memory of Ed and Pearl Preston.

A donation was given in memory of Grady Mitchell and Price Hall. They were also appreciated very much.

Penny Mitchell joined Elnora Mitchell for lunch recently. Visitors to the Center last week were: Faye Lee, Susan Buckalew, Joyce Womack, Marcie McIntire of Sweetwater, Bertie Colson and Mary Nash from Sweetwater, Pat Shackelford, and Belinda Hailey from San Antonio. Belinda is the daughter of Atwood Sheffield.

We enjoyed our chicken and dressing lunch last Wednesday. All the trimmings were delicious as well.

POLICE REPORT

On Saturday, July 26 at 4:15 p.m. Officer McCumsey arrested a 23-year-old male on MCSO warrant no driver's license in the 500 block of Oak. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Saturday, July 26 at 11:55 a.m. Det. Bivins arrested a 23-year-old male in the 500 block of Cedar for reckless damage. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Friday, July 25 at 10:43 p.m. Officer McCumsey arrested a 32-year-old male for assault by contact in the 100 block of 8th. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Friday, July 25 at 3:30 p.m. Det. Bivins arrested a 19-year-old male in the block of Hwy 208 and Bus 20 for possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Friday, July 25 at 3:35 p.m. Det. Bivins arrested a 17-year-old male for criminal mischief in the 2300 block of Hwy 208. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Friday, July 25 at 12:40 p.m. Lt. Pearson received a report of assault by contact by a known subject in the 900 block of Hickory. Case is under investigation.

On Thursday, July 24 at 3:30 p.m. Lt. Pearson arrested a 23-year-old male in the 1700 block of Colorado on municipal court warrant no driver's license. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Wednesday, July 23 at 2:30 p.m. Lt. Pearson arrested a 31-year-old male for public intoxication in the 2300 block of Hwy 208. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Tuesday, July 22 at 8:15 a.m. Lt. Pearson arrested an 18-year-old male on municipal court warrant assault by contact in the 1300 block of Oak. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Monday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m. Lt. Pearson received a report of assault by contact by known person in the 100 block of 2nd. Case was referred to Municipal Court.

On Sunday, July 20 at 9:43 p.m. Officer McCumsey received a report of theft of property over \$50 under \$500 in the 1000 block of Cherry. Case is under investigation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Loraine Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 11, 2008 in Loraine ISD Board Room 800 South Lightfoot St Loraine, Texas 79532 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.70000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.00000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	14.75 % increase				
Debt service	0.00 % increase				
Total expenditures	14.75 % increase				
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 71,962,100	\$ 140,590,730			
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 315,800	\$ 263,260			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 26,425,150	\$ 83,899,490			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 315,800	\$ 263,260			
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.					
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.					
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
Bonded Indebtedness					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0					
* Outstanding principal					
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.170000	\$ 1,967	\$ 8,101
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.068370	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.068370	\$ 5,441	\$ 4,588
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.170000	\$ 5,886	\$ 5,831
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence					
	Last Year	This Year			
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 21,706	\$ 22,923			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 3,537	\$ 4,055			
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.170000	\$ 1.170000			
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 41.38	\$ 47.44			
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 6.06			
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.170000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.170000.					
Fund Balances					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:					
	Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 694,648			
	Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0			

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