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Dunn named Citizen of Year at Chamber Banquet

The 103rd edition of Colorado City's Chamber of Commerce Banquet lived up to the hype....and then some. Guest speaker Spike Dykes had the audience eating out of the palm of his hand and asking for seconds. Mixing his years of experience with a microphone presence bordering on genius, Dykes wove tale after tale, even touching on the day he played a football game against C-City's own Hollis Gainey - a story the biased crowd enjoyed immensely. Of course, those who were there, all those years ago, know Gainey and the Wolves beat

Dykes' Ballinger squad handily.

The highlight of Dykes' tales was the story of his first phone call from Sports Illustrated. In the midst of his impressive career as the coach at Texas Tech, he received the call one morning which most athletes can only dream about. When his wife told him SI was on the phone, Dykes said he almost cut himself shaving. He rushed to the phone, only to hear the man on the other end of the line offer him a great price on a subscription to the magazine.

But before the former Tech great made

his way to the microphone, the audience was privileged to see last year's Citizen of the Year, Shirley Delaney, present the award to 2012's recipient, Charles Dunn. In true gracious fashion, Dunn accepted the award with humility and dignity.

"As I look out over this audience," he said quietly. "I see a lot of people who deserve this more than I do."

The Agriculture Award, presented by Doug and Judy Chitsey, went to Dwayne and Cheryl Smith. The couple was unable to attend the event to accept the award.



MAN OF THE HOUR - Charles Dunn (left) is awarded the Citizen of the Year award at the Chamber of Commerce's 103rd annual banquet by last year's recipient, Shirley Delaney.

Mitchell County moved to District 83

Federal court says state primaries now to be held on May 29

The federal court in San Antonio on Thursday ordered Texas to hold its primary elections on May 29, resolving, for now, one of the biggest issues in the state's redistricting battles. Mitchell County has been placed into District 83, represented by Charles Perry, of Lubbock. The three-judge panel issued the election schedule two days after releasing new political maps to be used in the 2012 election.

Minority groups had sued to block the original

maps created by the Texas Legislature, claiming that the maps either illegally divided minority voters or packed them into only a handful of districts to diminish their political power. Federal judges in Washington also refused to approve the maps because of potential violations to the Voting Rights Act.

Those lawsuits forced Texas to twice delay hold-

Still time to for file for county seats

The deadline to file for the county election has been pushed back to Friday, March 9th, allowing more time for potential candidates to file.

Locally, only incumbents have filed for re-election. Precinct 3 Commissioner Jesse Muñoz is up for re-election as is Precinct 1

Commissioner Randy Anderson. Also up for re-election is County Tax Assessor/Collector Faye Lee, along with Sheriff Patrick Toombs and County Attorney Ty Wood. District Attorney Ann Reed and District Judge Glen Harrison have also announced their re-election in-

tentions.

Interested candidates have until Friday, March 9th at 5 p.m. to challenge these candidates. Potential candidates should contact Georgy Martin, democratic chair, or Teresa Beckmeyer, republican chair, to file.

ing primary elections originally scheduled for March 6, and the San Antonio court was forced to draw temporary maps. In the election schedule released Thursday, the filing period for candidates

has reopened and will close March 9, which gives politicians a chance to change their plans based on the new maps. County election officials will mail

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Driver arrested after taking truck 'off-roading' late Thursday night



OFF ROADING IN C-CITY - This Ford pickup was pulled out of the river bottom Friday morning, just off of Front Street.

Colorado City Police officers responded Friday morning to a complaint of a pickup truck having veered off the road and almost into the Colorado River. Police responded to a residence in Colorado City, where they found Richard Ford. Ford, along with Debra Ford, had been driving a Ford pickup on Front Street sometime late Thursday or early Friday morning when the vehicle rolled over the embankment, down toward the river.

After being taken to Mitchell County Hospital for minor injuries, Richard Ford was given citations for not having a valid driver's license, failure to report an accident and failure to maintain a safe speed.

"The pickup was traveling at a speed higher than what is recommended," said Colorado City Chief of Police, Roy Owens. "While being interviewed, (Richard) Ford made a false statement to one of the officers and was arrested."

Filing period closes for elections in C-City, Loraine and Westbrook

Many to run unopposed in May

Time has finally run out for those wishing to run in the May 12th elections. Colorado City's City Council had seats for Districts 3, 4 and 6 up for election. The seats are currently held by Marcelo Alvarez Jr., Bobbie Banks and Bob Brookshear, respectively. Only Brookshear and Alvarez filed for reelection, with Andrew Fuller filing to run against Brookshear in District 6. Dixie Rutherford and Ed Blake have both filed for the seat in District 4, as Banks did not file for reelection.

At the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees, there were three positions available. Mike Alexander filed for reelection in Place 1, a two year term. He is unopposed. Place 4 is currently vacant. Frank Martinez vacated the position after moving from the district. Henry Reyna was the only person filing for the position. He will join the board in May. Place 6, like Place 4, is a three-year term, currently held by Sheila Plagens. She too went unopposed and will retain her position on the board.

There will be no election for the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District Board, as no one new filed. Those up for reelection this year are Precinct 2, currently held by Tommy Morris; Precinct 4, currently held by Woody Anderson;

and an At-Large Seat, currently held by Bobby Lemons.

Amos Hale is the only citizen in Loraine that has filed in opposition of the three incumbents for a seat on the Loraine City Council. Seats held by Susan Sanchez, Scott Edmonds and Norma Perez are up for election. All three have filed for reelection along with Hale.

Both incumbents, David Alvarez and Ricky Bailey, have filed in the Loraine ISD school board race, along with David Carreon and Don Boyd.

All three positions for Westbrook City Council will be on the ballot on May 12th. The seats are currently held by Mayor Ramiro Fuentes, Councilman Sue Hawley and Councilman Elida Fuentes.

All three have filed for reelection. Norman Harrell has filed to run against Mayor Fuentes for the position of mayor and Sally Parker has filed for the city council.

Three four-year terms are available on the Westbrook ISD Board of Trustees. The seats are currently held by Jason Morris, Donnie Hale and Thomas Connell. All three have filed for reelection. As of the deadline Monday, no one had filed to run against them.

Around Town

Happy birthday Pedro Ventura (Mar. 7)... Ross Ventura (Mar. 11)... Happy belated birthday Mikey Kinnan (Mar. 1)... Happy belated 26th Michael Kinnan (Mar. 6)... Ask Amy Wooddell about her gas... Happy anniversary Edgar & Amanda Ventura (Mar. 10)... Becky Sanford knows when a door is locked...

Answerline

Q. When is the next curbside pickup in Colorado City?
A. Items to be picked up curbside should be out by 7 a.m. on April 2nd and will be picked up sometime that week.

Obituaries

Lana Culpepper
Billie Marie Long
Joyce Darling
Amy Renee Cline

Briefs

Texas Fest

Everyone should mark their calendars for Hutchinson Elementary's Texas Fest which will be held March 8th in the Railroad Building.

Spring Break

Westbrook ISD Spring Break will be held from Mar. 12-16. Regularly scheduled classes will resume March 19th.

Early Release

Westbrook ISD will release students at 12:30 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 9th.

Bass Club

The Colorado City Bass Club will meet Wed., Mar. 14 at First National Bank at 6:30 p.m. Guests and potential members are welcome.

Band Boosters

The CHS Band Boosters will meet on Thurs., Mar. 21 at 6 p.m. in the CHS Band Hall.

Daylight Savings

This weekend is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, so don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.

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LOCAL NEWS

Trade Days fast approaching

If you need a spot, you'd better hurry. That's the message for vendors looking to rent a booth at Colorado City's March Railhead Trade Days.

According to Chamber of Commerce Secretary Kristy Lloyd, booth spaces are filling up for the upcoming Railhead Trade Days, which will be held March 17, 18 in the Railhead Building in downtown Colorado City. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

New and returning vendors will of-

fer shoppers a wide variety of items from spoon jewelry to toe anklets. "Toe anklets are like those ring-bracelets things where you would put the ring on your finger and it was attached to a bracelet that went on your wrist," Lloyd said. "Those are new this year."

There will also be plenty of children's wear and accessories for all the little divas out there. Face painting will be available for the kids, while mom and dad do some shopping.

Purses, jewelry, gift items, along with sports collectibles can be seen at the March

trade days. Home décor and hand-crafted items are always big sellers too.

Rocking D BBQ will be back to serve all the barbecue lovers with their delicious grilled meats and trimmings. Double L Food Express will provide traditional fair food including funnel cakes, fried Snickers, fried Twinkies, fried Oreos and curly fries. Double D has also signed up as a food vendor for the upcoming show.

Make plans to come on out and enjoy the weekend shopping and enjoying some good food.

Girl Scouts enjoy "Thinking Day"



PART OF A GLOBAL COMMUNITY... Girl Scout Troop 7304 traveled to Clyde Saturday to participate in their first World Thinking Day. Those participating were: (l-r) Kamryn Bell, Caleigh Oakley, Malia Epperson, Kyla Bell, Hanna Pittman, Ashlin Alvarez, Shayden Tinkler, Azmen Gardner, Taleya James, Taylor Wood, Brooke Oden, Janci Johnson and troop leader Kara Wood. Photo courtesy of Kara Wood.

Local Girl Scout Troop 7304 participated in their first World Thinking Day last weekend.

Girls from the troop traveled to Clyde Saturday, March 3rd, to participate in the World Thinking Day.

While there, the girls got a chance to celebrate international friendships and were reminded that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community. There are approximately 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

The Mitchell County troop chose Uganda as their country of choice to study and display at their booth. The scouts prepared native food to distribute, painted a flag which was displayed during the opening flag ceremony, prepared a skit and had numerous facts to share with the other "touring" Girl Scouts attending.

Girls traveling to Clyde to participate include Kamryn Bell, Caleigh Oakley, Malia Epperson, Kyla Bell, Hanna Pittman, Ashlin Alvarez, Shayden Tinkler, Azmen Gardner, Taleya James, Taylor Wood, Brooke Oden, Janci Johnson and troop leader Kara Wood.

Garden Club talks of butterfly garden

They're big, ugly and destructive to plants: but not all caterpillars are equal. Some transform into the winged ballet dancers of the garden - swallowtail and monarch butterflies.

The key ingredients for creating and maintaining a butterfly garden was the topic of the day at the Garden Club's March meeting at Bama's last Friday.

Gay Houston shared her recipe for nurturing a viable habitat for both beneficial caterpillars and their butterfly counterparts.

Houston discussed the different kinds of plants which do well in West Texas and the variety necessary for the three sea-

son blooming period, covering a good mix of both perennials and annuals to provide variety for the butterflies. "Some of the driest looking plants, like zinnia and lantana, have nectar," Houston said.

"The majority are for nectar because that's what they do," Houston said. She also stressed the importance of providing host plants for the butterfly eggs, which become the main food source for the caterpillars which hatch from those eggs. "They're hungry, hungry caterpillars. They eat fast and grow fast."

Other necessities for a suc-

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CHRISTMAS IN...FEBRUARY - Colorado City's Christmas in Action has completed their final project from the 2011 year. Volunteers representing Producers and Loraine Coops, along with many other volunteers put a new tin roof on this house in Loraine. Pictured, from left to right on the roof, are: Carlos Hernandez, Jr. Hernandez and Jesse Lopez. On the ladder are: Ray Ritchey (right) and Juan Lopez. On the ground, from left to right, are: Carmen Evans (homeowner), Joe Gonzalez, Trini Chavez and David Cantu. Not pictured was Dave Carreon.

OBITUARIES

Lana Culpepper 1964-2012

SNYDER—Lana Culpepper, age 47, died Saturday, March 3, 2012, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a battle with cancer. Services for Mrs. Culpepper were held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 2 p.m. at East Side Church of Christ with Steve Barrett and Tom Holcomb officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Culpepper was born on April 22, 1964, in Colorado City to Curtis and Elsie (Mize) Shaw. She married Jack "Bob" Culpepper on July 28, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death on November 15, 2009. She worked for Western Texas College as a secretary and was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Brady Standerfer; one daughter, Laci Standerfer; two step-sons, Rob Culpepper of Little Rock, Arkansas and Richie Culpepper and wife, Cynthia, of Haskell; her parents, Curtis and Elsie Shaw of Colorado City; her grandparents, L.C. and Clyda Mize of Colorado City; a brother, Jon Shaw of Snyder; one granddaughter, Hadley Standerfer; and a sister-in-law, Paige Shaw of Snyder.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Todd Shaw and a sister-in-law, Debbie Shaw.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o West Texas State Bank, Attn: Sheila McCormack, P.O. Box 1396, Snyder, Texas 79550-1396.

Billie Marie Long 1927-2012

COLORADO CITY -- Mrs. Billie Marie Long, age 84, a lifelong resident of Mitchell County, died Saturday night, March 3, 2012, in an Odessa hospital. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Long was born April 9, 1927, in Colorado City to W.E. and Anna Lee Mohler Seward. She married Jack Long in 1946 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on December 21, 2000. She was a homemaker and helped Jack in the farming business. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Regina and husband, David Jones of Gardenale; a son, Jack and wife Janet Long of San Angelo; a sister, Joann Zeck of Colorado City; grandchildren, Carson and wife, Tiffany Jones, Chelsey and husband, Wayne Gellente, Jay Long and Josh and wife, Leslie Long; and three great-grandchildren, Dylay Gellente, Penelope Gellente and Maggie Long.

Joyce Darling 1928-2012

CARROLLTON, MICHIGAN - Joyce M. Darling passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Covenant HealthCare-Cooper. She was 83 years old. A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at Kochville United Methodist Church. Rev. Susan Bennett Stiles officiated. Burial will take place in Cook Cemetery, Burt, Michigan at a later date.

Joyce M. Hillier was born on April 13, 1928 in Mt. Morris, to Perry and Ada Hillier. She married Rolland E. Darling on August 21, 1947 in Burt. Joyce was employed by Carrollton Public Schools in the cafeteria; retiring in 1989 after 15 years of service. She was an active member of Kochville United Methodist Church, including the United Methodist Women where who loved working on the Christmas cookie and apple pie sales, funeral luncheon committee, and volunteering at HealthSource.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Rolland E. Darling; four children, Rick P. (Karen) Darling, Dale W. (Maureen Brown, Daniel L. (Cindy) Darling and Janis M. Darling; 10 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two sisters; three brothers; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

She was preceded in death by two sons: Rolland E. Darling, Jr. and Jerry F. Darling; an infant daughter, one sister and one brother.

Memorials may be made to the Kochville United Methodist Church or the United Methodist Women. Online condolences may be made at www.deisler-funeralhome.com.

Amy Renee Cline 1990-2012

GRANBURY - Amy Renee Cline, 21, died Monday, March 5, 2012 in Fort Worth. Services for Ms. Cline will be held Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Brazos Covenant Ministries in Granbury. Burial will follow at Holly Hills Memorial Park.

Amy was born May 23, 1990, in Stephenville to Edward Cline and Eva Renee Gifford Cline. She was a lifelong resident of Granbury and was a member of the Brazos Covenant Ministries Church. She was to graduate from Tarleton State University in May. She worked at the daycare center at the YMCA and was a member of the Baptist Student Ministries, College Life, Beach Reach and TAT.

Survivors include her mother, Renee Carnes and husband, Tony, of Granbury; father, Robert Cline and wife, Angela, of Granbury; brothers, Anthony Cline, Christian Carnes, Caleb Carnes, all of Granbury, and Sebastian Turner of Colorado City; sisters, Robyn Cline of Houston, Kyndall Davis of Fort Worth; grandparents, Mike and Diana Gifford of Cooper, Rickey and Darlene Carnes of Andrews, Bill and Jackie Cline of Granbury, Tony and Darla Turner of Colorado City; great-grandparents, Joyce Graves of Granbury, Don and Lena Gifford of Whitney, Marjorie Wegner of Amarillo, Jack and Lou Knight of Bluff Dale, James and Velesta Black of Baird; and other extended family.

IRS warns taxpayers of refund scams

The Internal Revenue Service today warned senior citizens and other taxpayers to beware of an emerging federal tax refund scam tempting victims to file tax returns claiming fraudulent refunds.

Bogus refund claims have been identified across the nation with

significant pockets of activity in at least six states, including California, Georgia, Michigan, Louisiana, Alabama and Indiana.

These schemes carry a common theme of promising refunds to people who have little or no income, and are normally not required to file a federal income

tax return.

Promoters falsely claim they can obtain a tax refund or nonexistent stimulus payment for their victims based on the American Opportunity Tax Credit, even if the victim was not enrolled in or paying for college.

Typically, con artists falsely

claim that refunds are available even if the victim never went to college, or attended decades ago. In many cases, scammers are targeting seniors, people with very low incomes and members of church congregations with false

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LOCAL NEWS

Farm Bureau checks out at Fuller Foods



SHOPPING DAY — Farm Bureau's Nikol Bolin (far left) and Dan Morgan (far right) join Jan Lemons (second from left) in congratulating Wendy and Kenny Campbell (CENTER) as recipients of a \$150 shopping spree at Fuller Foods, provided by the Farm Bureau. The bureau gave away a total of \$600 this week, with donations also going to the Wallace Senior Citizens center, the Loraine Senior Citizens center and the Community Mission in Colorado City.

Time for the Fun Run to rumble through town

Honoring those who have fallen

Several late members of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) will be honored in a way which should prove to be fun for are riders.

The Bell Fun Run, in memory of Jenie and Danny Bell, is planned for March 24, allowing plenty time for those wishing to participate to make plans. The event will begin at the Exxon station on the corner of Hickory and the north service road of I-20, ending in Ruddick Park.

The first bikes will leave the station at 10 a.m. and the last should be on the road by 10:30 a.m.

The riders will make their way from

Colorado City, through Snyder, Roby, Rotan, Hamlin and McCauley, before passing through Sweetwater and ending back in Colorado City.

The band, Joyful Noise, will be performing in Ruddick Park to welcome the riders as they make their way into the park to finish their rides.

A \$20 entry fee will be charged to the riders and includes the price of lunch. All proceeds from the run will go to the Wings of Grace chapter of the CMA.

For more information, e-mail kristy79512@gmail.com or visit the event's website, www.bellfunrun.webs.com

School board approves next year's schedule

In a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Colorado ISD Monday night, the board approved a new calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. According to Superintendent Reggy Spencer, the staff voted on the new edition out of a total of five proposed calendars. He said the teachers would give up a day during the holidays, when the kids were still out, but it would help keep graduation in the month of May.

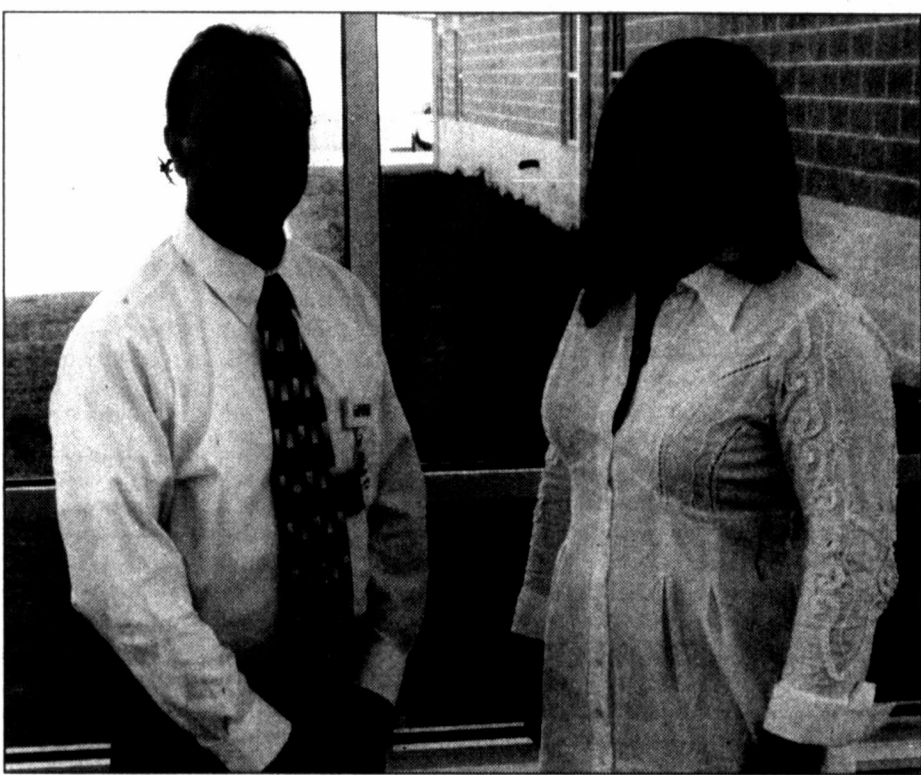
The board passed a motion to defer an end-of-course testing change. The proposed change would make the end of course test count for 15 percent of the students' final grade. After discussion, the

board decided to accept the state-granted right to defer the decision until next year.

New hires at CISD will be recipients of the new vacation policies at the school. Though almost identical to the common practice of the school district, the policy had never actually been put into place. Now it is.

Full time employees (working at least 260 days per year) will receive five vacation days after the first year of service and the 10 days per year afterward.

In other news, the board announced there would be no school board election this year as three people filed for the three seats available.



WELCOME ABOARD — Mitchell County Hospital District president Robbie Dewberry (left) is among many who were on hand this week to welcome Anna Burton to the staff at MCHD.

POLICE REPORT

On February 26th, a 27-year-old male was arrested in the 1200 block of Westpoint for no driver's license, expired vehicle inspection, and expired motor vehicle registration.

During a routine traffic stop, an officer found the driver to not have a valid license. Also, the inspection and registration on the vehicle had expired.

The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On February 26th, an officer responded to a call from a subject in the 1000 block of Hickory who reported that someone had struck a dumpster and left the scene. The case is under investigation.

On February 26th, a subject in the 700 block of 8th Street reported that a vehicle came out of an alley, struck her vehicle and drove off. The case is under investigation.

On February 28th, a 41-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of Oak in Abilene for outstanding municipal warrants. The subject surrendered to adult probation in Abilene for the warrants.

An officer took custody of the

subject and he was transported to the MCSO.

On February 29th, a 32-year-old male was arrested for running over a stop sign at the intersection of 14th and Marshall. The subject ran over the stop sign in front of an officer. He was pulled over, arrested and transported to the MCSO.

On March 1st, a female reported that a man she knows assaulted her while she was at Wolf Stadium, and he then ran off. The male subject was identified to police. The case is under investigation.

On March 2nd, a 61-year-old male was arrested in the 400 block of Main for a false report to a police officer. While explaining how a motor vehicle accident happened, the subject misinformed the officer of events. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On March 3rd, a subject in the 100 block of 10th Street had a computer hacked by an unknown person who had called on the phone. The case is under investigation.

Texas Plains Trail Region seeks help

The Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) is seeking dollars to help counties in the 52-county region.

TPTR hopes to help fund projects such as website and brochure development, innovative heritage and educational programs, museum exhibits and building repairs, new event planning, city beautification projects, and other special needs.

The \$52.00 TPTR Fan Club initiative was announced by Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald. "With your donation of \$52.00 (or more), we will be able to build a TPTR Grant Program to enable us to offer grants ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 to our communities," McDonald said.

"Through these gracious donations, the Texas Plains Trail Region can aid in improving the communities and sites, making them even better places

to visit and live. Our TPTR Fan Club gives people an opportunity to make a difference in our region."

The TPTR is a nonprofit organization committed to increasing heritage tourism to the 52-counties of the region governed by a 25-member Board of Directors.

Checks for this grant program may be mailed to: Texas Plains Trail Region, P.O. Box 564, Vega, Texas 79092.

For more information please contact Deborah Sue McDonald at 806-231-3479 or txplains-trail@yahoo.com. www.TexasPlainsTrail.com

4-H club lists coming events

Austin show coming

Mitchell County Extension Agent Mary McMullen wants to remind local 4-H participants of the events ongoing this year.

Those showing animals in the Houston Stock Show & Rodeo can pick up passes at any time at the extension office, located on the corner of Hickory and 2nd Street. The Austin stock show does not send passes or parking stickers to the extension office. They can be picked up at the Howdy Trailer once those attendees get to the show.

The next 4-H meeting will be Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room. McMullen expressed that this is an important meeting and all 4-Hers and their parents should attend.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Spending time with the dragon

I was visiting with a Rotary friend last summer and we were talking about recent books we had read. He said he had just finished the third book in Stieg Larsson's *The Millennium Trilogy*, published in Sweden in 2005, 2006 and 2007. His fascination with the three books caught my attention. I had heard about the series, but hadn't paid much attention to it, although the titles indicated to me that this was a something I needed to read. *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* practically jump out at you from the bookshelf. The conversation about books made me feel almost ashamed that I hadn't read the series, which was the talk of the literary world. Stieg Larsson died in 2004 shortly after delivering the three manuscripts.

I bought the first book and after just a few pages I was hooked. Not since reading Thomas Wolfe in college had I just absolutely jumped into a book. I was caught up in the love story, the family saga, the financial intrigue and the mystery. The story is about a journalist, something I could identify with at the outset. I may have set a record for reading *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. It was difficult to put it down.

While I was reading it and after reading it, the images conjured up in my mind about the characters stayed there and I wanted to find out what was going on with them. Of course I bought the second book, *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, before I finished the first. I devoured the second one also, fully engrossed in the ongoing story. The first two books were paperbacks. I read the third book, *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* on a Kindle. Reading from a machine had the same excitement, if not more, than reading from a conventional book. My wife Susan read the series right along with me.

Work, play, home life, outside activities were ignored occasionally to stay up with the story. When we visited our son in Dallas we were talking about the books and he told us that a Swedish company had made films of the three books and he had seen them all. When we got back home, we went to Blockbuster and rented the first one. Wow. The characters and locations were just as I had imagined them. The film was true to the book for the most part and stayed with the story. We watched one of the movies on Monday, the second one on Tuesday and the third one on Wednesday. We finished watching the movies about the time the American version of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* hit the theaters.

We were impressed with the American version. I personally like the ending better than the Swedish version. While the lights were coming up in the theater, we were discussing the movie, talking about the subtle differences and similarities between the Swedish and American versions. The person sitting a seat away from Susan began talking to us. Of all things, he just happened to be from Sweden. Our conversation lasted well into the lobby of the theater. We're waiting for the next two American movie versions.

Keep fightin' Spanky

By Robert Griffin
Editor, Colorado City Record

I know I am still relatively new to Colorado City, so most of you do not know where I come from, neither geographically nor cerebrally. I first broke into this industry as a sports writer at the *Informant Star* in Burkburnett. Burky is near Wichita Falls for the Google-challenged among us. It was a position I loved dearly, though I often dreamed of bigger things.

I did two things religiously during that time, I rooted for the Bulldogs to win everything – especially when they played Coach Johnson's Iowa Park Hawks (sorry, coach) – and I read the sports columns of a north Texas legend, Nick Gholson. Spanky – to those who dare.

Gholson is the Sports Editor in Wichita Falls. The way he combines humor, common sense and coverage of local teams is not so short of genius.

This last Sunday, I sat at my desk – as has become a ritual lately – and logged onto Ol' Spanky's website to read his latest offering. What waited there on those pages was quite a shock.

Instead of his take on a couple Wichita Falls area teams' chances in the playoffs, his column was somber and personal.

It seemed he had just undertaken colon cancer surgery. The doctors had removed a cancerous growth as large as his fist. Unfortunately, that was the closest they could come to giving him good news. They also informed him the cancer had spread to his kidneys and liver. There will be no more surgeries. He tried to sound optimistic in his column, but the fear was evident.

I cannot even begin to convey how much I have learned from this man over the years. To think it could be over and I may never have the opportunity to talk with him again hit me hardest, I think.

He once ran an interactive piece asking for nominations for a Mount Rushmore type tribute to Texas sports figures. We argued for weeks over that one, in person, on the phone, via

emails and even in our respective columns.

While I agreed with most selections ... Roger Staubach, Emmitt Smith, Nolan Ryan etc., I contended Mike Modano (Dallas Stars) should be on the list as well. Nick had responded by saying hockey did not exist in Texas. He wasn't a fan. The fight was on. But such was our relationship. If we had agreed on everything, I never would have learned a thing from him.

When a part of our lives is taken away, we tend to wonder what will come next. Is it the beginning of the end? How do I continue as a writer, knowing the man I learned from is dying? Does not his knowledge die with him?

Fortunately, the answers to those questions are: No, no and no. I have no idea how many columns Spanky has left in him, but I will cherish each and every one of them. When he finally puts down his pen, I will cherish them even more.

It is almost humorous how the circle is coming about. Many years ago, I read Spanky's columns, hoping to catch a glimpse of my own name, as he covered my high school waaaaay back then. Now, I find myself searching for his name on Google, wondering if there are any columns I might have missed – something I might learn from or another small memory to cling to.

What sort of lessons can be learned in a life which featured a sports writer named Spanky? Here's a few:

Never leave a game until it is completely over. It is very hard to live down the embarrassment of being unaware the other team came back and won after you left.

The Cowboys will never win another Superbowl with Jerry Jones as Owner/General Manager.

Never let the home town's coach see you talking to the other coach, related or not...especially, if you are related.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, never play poker with a man with a nickname. Being introduced to a Slim, Tex or even a Spunky should be a clear warning sign you are about to go home broke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

My name is Sykesia Thurman and I'm a native of Westbrook. I now live in San Diego, CA where I am stationed in the Navy as an officer. I went to college in Prairie View A&M University and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2009. I am writing because there has been an issue that many military people face all the time with no relief and even people in my hometown and the surrounding areas can help and may not even realize it.

I have three dogs and I love them as if they are my family. Many military people have pets and that may be the only family we have in strange places away from home. The problem is that many of us are single so when we leave for deployment, who takes care of our pets? There are many programs that are national and even world-wide in helping us, but many people just aren't aware of them. Last year I went on my first deployment and my biggest worry was where would my pets go? I came across a non-profit organization called Guardian Angels for Soldiers' Pets that I applied for and within 2-3 days I received a reply. My pets had a foster home to go to that was safe and loving and that gave me an peace to where I was able to focus on my mission and not what was happening back home. I kept in constant contact with my foster parents through emails and received emails several times a week and many pictures of how my "kids" were doing. I can't say what would've happened to my dogs if this program wasn't around to help. Many military people aren't aware of this and so many of their pets go to shelters where as we all know they get euthanized after so long if not adopted. That wasn't an option for me and neither was sending them back home. I thank God every day for these people. These people volunteer to take in pets for

different periods of times and deployments for the military owners. It is all completely voluntarily.

There is another program that I am getting involved in called netpets.org and I actually had a phone conversation with the man that started it just yesterday. He is currently in South Carolina and we discussed at one point where I am from in Texas. He talked about how he has been there once before and how he loved it. Then he told me that he's having a hard time finding homes for military pets in the Midland/Odessa and Abilene areas. Knowing Texas people and our love and pride for our military, it dawned on me that maybe it's because our people just haven't heard about these programs so I'm taking it upon myself to email and hope that you can put something about this in the paper. I'll be emailing many other newspapers to try to make this like a West Texas wildfire and watch it spread.

In my personal experience, being away from home and family is hard and sometimes lonely. I know that after working a long day the best thing I look forward to is going home to my dogs to greet me at the door and to just have that love that only a best friend can bring. These pets have a tough job and are responsible for keeping their owners happy and they do a great job at it. Don't they deserve to be fought for and not disposed of as yesterday's garbage? My dogs definitely deserve the best which is why I do these kinds of things in my spare time. I've had several newspaper articles do stories on my dogs out here and I want to extend the hand out to my homeland, Texas. Please help me keep these military families together. I'll be anxiously waiting a reply for any help you can give. Thank you and God bless.

Sykesia Thurman

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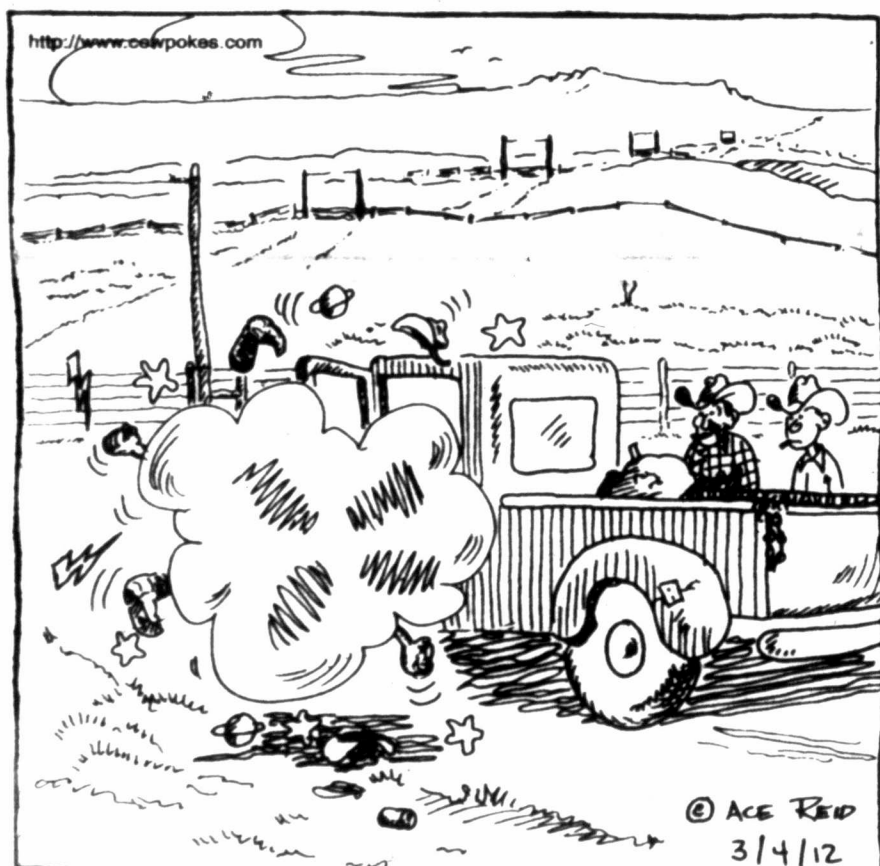
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LOCAL NEWS

Commissioners adopt Fund Balance Policy

Should help with new jail



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS... Jennifer Fales (left) accepts a \$150 check on behalf of the Loraine Senior Citizen Center from Mitchell County Farm Bureau representative Nikol Bolin. A check for \$150 was also given to the Wallace Nutritional Program. Photo courtesy of Aimee Jackson.

The Mitchell County Commissioners adopted a Fund Balance Policy Monday in a called meeting of the court. The policy is designed to:

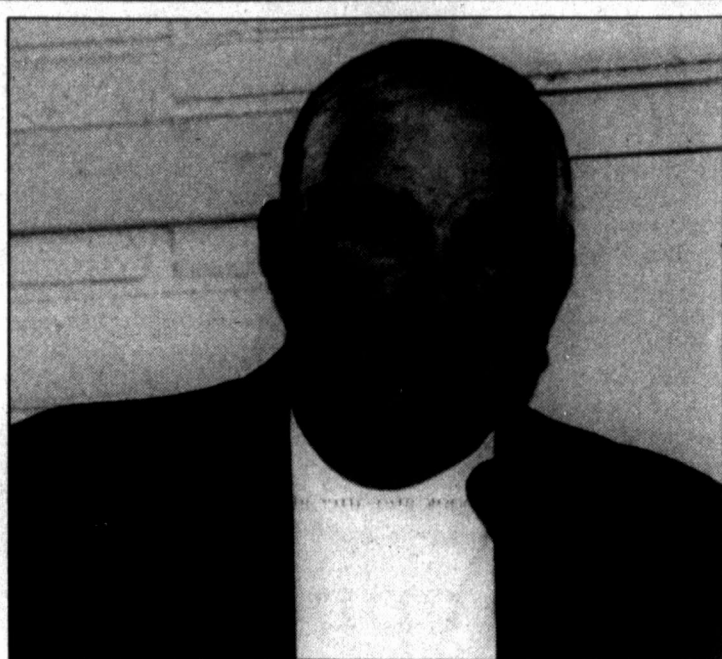
1. Provide sufficient cash flow for daily financial needs,
2. Secure and maintain investment grade bond ratings,
3. Offset significant economic downturns or revenue shortfalls, and
4. Provide funds for unforeseen expenditures related to emergencies.

The county's goal is to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the General Fund equal to 33.33 percent of expenditures. According to the

new policy, the county will consider funds of less than 25 percent to be a cause for concern, barring unusual or deliberate circumstances. thirty-three percent of the General Fund balance for 2012 is just over \$1.5 million.

In other business, the court heard from Amanda Jo Ritchey, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Ritchey asked the county to waive the fee for use of the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. The annual Ranch Rodeo is planned for April 28 of this year. The court unanimously agreed to waive the fee.

The commissioners also approved the county's payroll of \$67,576.23.



COMING HOME — Former Texas Tech, Spike Dykes, entertained the folks of Colorado City Friday night, when he spoke at the Chamber of Commerce's 103rd annual banquet.

DISTRICT

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out voter registration cards on April 25 and runoff elections will be held on July 31.

While the court order clarifies the election schedule, some minority groups contend that the San Antonio court's election maps are still unfair.

They have asked the court in Washington to rule quickly on the legality of the legislature's maps.

This stems from hopes that it could force the San Antonio court to draw the maps again. There is no word on what that three-judge panel will do.

Political observers have complained about the later primaries,

saying the date diminishes Texas' chances of playing a role in choosing the Republican nominee for president.

Many fear that turnout will be low because May 29 is the day after Memorial Day, when many people go on vacation.

Low voter turnout means party activists will make up a larger proportion of the ballots cast. That could hurt incumbents and more well-known politicians in a year, where Republican activists appear hungry for change.

A July 31 runoff could also mean much lower than normal turnout because it comes in the middle of summer vacation.

Westbrook honor roll is announced

Westbrook ISD has released the All A and A Average honor roll lists for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

All A Honor Roll

1st grade: Kelby Bayes, Jadis Cato, Meloney Diaz, P. Dominguez, Hunter Fuller, Teodora Molina, Madison Muñoz, Haylon Threats, Colton Walters, Cedric Ware and Hadley White

2nd grade: T'Liyah Harrison and Kaden Potter

3rd grade: Bailey Connell, Zoe Matlock, K. Morris and Jacob Walters

4th grade: Mark Denison and William Geiger

5th grade: Miranda Goswick, Brianna Hale and Taylor Parsons

6th grade: Alejandro Chavez

7th grade: Brianna Lathers and James Merrick

10th grade: Jacob Morris and Cole Strain

11th grade: Koe Alvarez, K. Morris and Alexis Nobles

12th grade: Casey Bass and Klanci Whitesides

A Average Honor Roll

1st grade: Lilianna Henderson, Shawn Jones and John Mayorga

2nd grade: Leisa Beauchamp, Jo Cantu, X. Dominguez, Rebekah Ferro, Reagan Forbes,

Jordan Magee, Kylee Matos, Priscilla Slaughter, Shammah Stark, Regan Vasquez and Jacydyn Walker

3rd grade: Sara Beights, Zackay Falzone and Elishah Stark

4th grade: Sara Brewster, Bryson Magee and Quinton Ware

5th grade: Adrian Hale, Viviana Jaimes, Haiden Lopez, Kamrun Martinez, Gabrielle Schwoerer

6th grade: Kaci Ferris, Gabby Ousley and Cutter Williams

7th grade: Shea Hale, Sebastian Rincones, Georgi Rivera and Emily Whiteley

8th grade: Garrett Brownfield, Anthony Gutierrez, S. Morris, Tanner Strain and William Shell

9th grade: Donovan Harvey, Trevor Lamb, Austin Merrick, Austyn Rivera

10th grade: Jasmine Alaniz, Madison Pardue, Madison Rice and April Valle

11th grade: Kaitlyn Andrews, Kaitlyn Forbes, Reanna Krapf, Cutter Rees and W.K. Armstead

12th grade: Kyle Beights, Robin Casebeer, Dylan Fulton, Alejandro Gaona, Chelsea Martinez, Tyler Morris, J.T. Mize and Alex Vigil

IRS

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promises of free money.

"Most of these scams involve promoters who prey upon people in need, building false hopes. When victims' claims are rejected, their money and the promoters are long gone," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "We want to warn the public to be on guard and stop this new scheme before more innocent people are victimized."

The IRS has already detected and stopped thousands of these bogus refund claims in recent weeks. The agency is actively investigating the sources of this scheme, and its promoters can be subject to criminal prosecution.

These schemes can be quite costly for victims as promoters may charge exorbitant upfront fees to file their claim. Some promoters of these scams have charged victims \$500 for a bogus \$1,000 credit. All taxpayers, including those who use paid tax preparers, are legally responsible for the accuracy of their returns, and must repay any refunds received in error, plus any interest and applicable penalties. Those who intentionally try to defraud the government may face criminal prosecution.

Taxpayers should beware of any of the following to avoid becoming ensnared in these schemes:

- Fictitious claims for refunds or rebates based on false statements of entitlement to tax credits.

- Unfamiliar for-profit tax services selling refund and credit schemes to the membership of local churches.

- Internet solicitations that direct individuals to toll-free numbers and then solicit social security numbers.

- Homemade flyers and brochures implying credits or refunds are available without proof of eligibility.

- Offers of free money with no documentation required.

- Promises of refunds for "Low Income - No Documents Tax Returns."

- Claims for the expired Economic Recovery Credit Program or for economic stimulus payments.

- Unsolicited offers to prepare a return and split the refund.

- Unfamiliar return preparation firms soliciting business from cities outside of the normal business or commuting area.

Sanford said these refund schemes feature many of the warning signs IRS cautions taxpayers to watch for when choosing a tax preparer. For advice on choosing a competent tax professional, see Tips for Choosing a Tax Return Preparer on IRS.gov. To get the facts on tax benefits related to education, go to the Tax Benefits for Education Information Center on IRS.gov.

BIRTHS

Michael and Breanna Midwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Bailee Rae Midwell.

Bailee was born March 1, 2012, at 8:55 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces. She was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie Midwell and Tammy Midwell, both of Colorado City. Maternal grandparents are Donnie and Lori Cummings of Midland.

GARDEN

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Successful butterfly garden include avoidance of pesticides, which will kill the caterpillars and providing shelter plants such as shrubs and trees and "patches not so manicured with a variety of plants," Houston said.

To attract swallowtail butterflies, the savvy gardener should include numerous herbs. "They love herbs, parsley, dill and fennel," Houston said, adding she stumbled upon the idea when she started growing herbs and found the huge caterpillars on her fennel plants. "Fennel is easy to grow and is a pretty plant. It comes back every year."

Monarchs prefer milkweed, also known as butterfly weed, which can usually be purchased at any nursery.

In addition to host plants, a long blooming season and nec-

tar plants, butterflies also require moisture. "They like shallow water, such as a flat rock that catches a little water, or a damp sandy spot," she said.

The April meeting for the Garden Club will be held on April 13, instead of Good Friday, April 6. Texas naturalist Zoe Kirkpatrick will be the guest speaker. Hostesses for the April meeting are Janet Mayo, Sally Neff, Margaret Rees and Cecilia Scott. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting, but who is not a Garden Club member should contact one of the hostesses.

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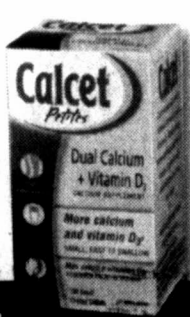


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SCHOOL NEWS

TexasFest swings into action Thursday

TexasFest '12 promises to provide lots of family fun and entertainment on March 8th. Hutchinson Elementary students and faculty are at it again! TexasFest '12 is planned for March 8th at the Railroad Building in downtown Colorado City from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets went on sale at Hutchinson on Monday. Tickets cost 12 for \$5 at the school. They'll be 10 for \$5 at the door.

There will be lots of games with prizes, including Minute-to-Win-It, Ladderball,

Texas Jail, Cow Patty Toss, Needle in a Haystack, Texas Golf, Coke Ring Toss, Cakewalk, Washers, Kid Bop and Decorate a Cupcake. And there will be plenty of eats, with hamburgers and fixins served for \$5. Drinks and candy will also be available.

Those famous Hutch Texas Gift Baskets are back. Bids will be taken on baskets with names like Restaurant Wars, Those Fightin' Wolves, Long Live Betty Crocker, Let Your Light Shine, Fun in the Sun, The Art Shop-

pe, Inspirational Moments, Weekend Getaways to Midland and Abilene, and more.

Anyone attending will also be able to buy a cowboy hat for \$1 and decorate it. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five hats.

As in the past, there will be six games, a bucking ball and a new surprise game for 2012, and of course, Hutchinson's 1st Karaoke!

Everyone is welcome, and there will be fun for all ages. Y'all go out and help support Hutchinson Elementary School.

State testing news for CHS parents...

By Dalton West, CHS Principal

For 9th grade students entering high school this year, the State of Texas is eliminating the TAKS test and replacing it with a test called STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness). The new test for high school students will require end-of-course (EOC) exams in the following subjects: English I, II, and III; Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II; World Geography, World History, and U.S. History; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Please note that for 10th and 11th grade students, the state will continue to give the TAKS tests until those students graduate. They will however, also be taking many of the EOC exams for AYP purposes and future testing development. It is vital for our community, to you as parents, to us as a school, and more importantly to our students that they do well on these exams when they are given.

A new bell schedule will go into effect when we return from Spring Break beginning on Monday, March 19th. We will be providing our students with additional preparation time for the different exams that they will be taking. Your child has been notified as to when they must report. These classes are mandatory. If they miss there is a high probability that they will need to attend a Saturday School session at the end of the week (8AM-11:30AM). It is extremely vital for your child to be present at school each and every day in order that they may have this additional opportunity to assist them in experiencing success on the new EOC's. Below you will find the bell schedule that we will be following until all tests have been completed later in the spring.

7:25-7:56 BREAKFAST / Tutorials (Free)
8:00-8:35 TAKS/EOC Review Period (Mandatory attendance)
8:39-9:24 1st Period
9:28-10:13 2nd Period
10:17-11:02 3rd Period
11:06-11:51 4th Period
11:55-12:40 5th Period
12:40-1:15 Lunch
1:19-2:04 6th Period
2:08-2:53 7th Period
2:57-3:42 8th Period
*After school tutorials from 3:45-4:00.

As of right now, the new STAAR EOC tests will also have the following changes:

- There will be a 4-hour time limit for your student to complete the STAAR test. However, if your student receives special accommodations because of unique learning needs or circumstances, extended time may be available as determined by the ARD Committee or 504 Committee.

- The STAAR EOC tests will be longer in most grades and subjects and will be a much harder test than they have been taking.

- STAAR Modified tests and STAAR Alternate tests will be available, just as they were with TAKS for those students who qualify.

- English I, II, and III EOC exams will take two days to complete.

- For this year only the state will allow the district to choose to waive the 15% grade on the student's grade in the course, of which CISD has elected to do until more information on its effect will have on our students.

- The following quote comes from our Commissioner of Education Robert Scott who says, "The law still requires students that are first entering the ninth grade in the 2011-2012 school year to achieve a cumulative score on the end-of-course assessments to complete their graduation requirements. Districts and charters choosing to defer implementation of the 15 percent requirement for the 2011-2012 school year will only need to notify TEA of that decision. Districts and charter schools will receive instructions from the agency regarding this policy change next week."

- Minimum passing rates have not yet been established but I would venture to say that the rate will probably be around the 70% range.

- Students in the 9th grade must also meet a minimum passing score as well in all areas tested.

The high school STAAR tests will be given on the following dates:

- March 26 – STAAR end of course writing for English I
- March 27 – STAAR end of course reading for English I
- March 28 – STAAR end of course writing for English II (field test)

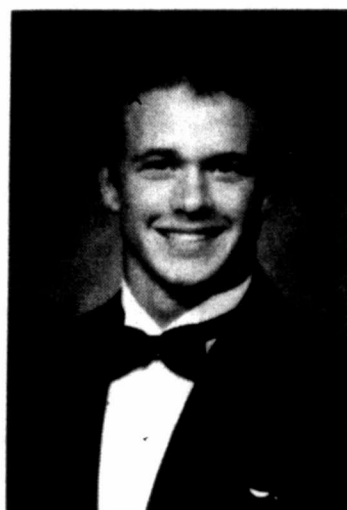
- March 29 – STAAR end of course reading for English II (field test)

- May 7 – 18 – STAAR EOC for Algebra I, World Geography, Biology, Geometry, Chemistry, World History, Algebra II, Physics, U.S. History (The exact schedule will be determined as we get closer to the test dates.)

- July 9-13 – STAAR end of course retests will be available (more information to explain the retests will follow as it is released by the state)

We look forward to working with you to help your child succeed. As we receive more information from the Texas Education Agency, we will pass it on to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call at 325-728-3424 or email.

Mayo appointed to West Point



Jason Mayo

Jason K. Mayo, a graduate of Troy High School and resident of Temple, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

A member of the 2016 class, Mayo will report to the academy on July 2, 2012, to begin basic training and will then begin studies in pursuit of a degree in Engineering this Fall.

His parents are John and Nikki Mayo and Max and Traci (Blackwell) Newman. Grandparents are Nancy Mayo and the late Kelley Mayo, Alvin and Betty Krauskopf, Rod and Peggy Blackwell and Allen and Maxine Newman, all residents of Temple.



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S Students of the Week are: Chalyn Henderson, Britney Ruth and Taylor Burnett. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson

Hutchinson Elementary has announced the Students of the Week. They are Chalyn Henderson, Britney Ruth and Taylor Burnett.

Chalyn, daughter of Tommy and Martha Henderson, is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Free's class. Her favorite subject is science, and she enjoys spending time with her dog, Roxy. Her favorite thing about Hutchinson is "learning stuff in Scholastic News."

Britney, a 4th grader in Mrs.

Godina's class, is the daughter of Tracy and Alvin Ruth. She enjoys swimming as a hobby, and spending time with her dog, Chevy. Math is her favorite subject, and P.E. is her favorite thing about her school.

Taylor, daughter of Misty and Shane Burnett, is a 5th grader in Mrs. Gaaney's class. She enjoys art as a hobby, and science is her favorite subject. She says changing classes is what she likes most about Hutchinson Elementary School.

WISD names students with perfect attendance

Students with perfect attendance for the fourth six-weeks of the school year at Westbrook are listed below.

These students are on the perfect attendance list: Casey Bass, Kelby Bayes, Leisa Beauchamp, R.T. Bishop, A. Buckalew, Jadis Cato, Josiah Cato, Alejandro Chavez, Bailey Connell, Meloney Diaz, Jonathan Falzone, Zackary Falzone, Kaci Ferris,

Scott Ferris, Hunter Fuller, William Geiger, Miranda Goswick and Erica Gutierrez.

Other students on the list are: Adrian Hale, Brianna Hale, Ian Hale, Shea Lynn Hale, Donovan Harvey, Emily Henderson, Lilianna Henderson, Vydellia Jaimies, Shawn Jones, Bradley Kelly, Weston Lamb, Haiden Lopez, Hazel Lord, Bryson Magee, Karmun Martinez, Caleb Matos, J.T. Mize, K. Morris, Aiden Muñoz, Madison Muñoz, Gabby Ousley, Thomas Ousley, Taylor Parsons, Gauge, Cailyn Reyes, C. Reyes, Mikaili Reyes, Gabriel Rivera, Georgi Rivera and Elisah Stark.

Students also with perfect attendance are: Shammah Stark, Cole Strain, Regan Vasquez, Cedric Ware, Michael Watson and Hadley White.

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SPORTS

Gainey, Meeks grab top honors in District 3-2A

Colorado City basketball players were recognized recently as honors for District 3-2A were announced. The Wolves and Lady Wolves laid claim to many of the top spots on the lists on both the boys and girls teams.

Lauran Meeks grabbed Defensive MVP recognition among the ladies, while Derek Gainey was the district MVP and Coach Barry Kimball was Coach of the Year...

In addition, eight more players earned spots on the coveted rosters, four boys and four girls. Here are all the players from the district recognized:

GIRLS

MVP — Jasmine Brainard, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt

Offensive MVP — Kacie Whitley, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt

Defensive MVP — Lauran Meeks, Sr., Colorado City

Newcomer of the Year — Karli McCord, Fresh., Slaton

First Team

Heather Merket, Soph., Colorado City; Miranda Reyna, Sr., Colorado City; Shahala Hawkins, Sr., Denver City; Calli Stephens,

Soph., Denver City; Janna Adkins, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Carly Welch, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Kelsey Copeland, Sr., Slaton; Shay Felton, Sr., Slaton; Alexia Talley, Soph., Slaton; Jennifer Henley, Jr., Stanton; Tara Patterson, Sr., Stanton

Second Team

Jennifer Castilaw, Sr., Coahoma; McKenzie Kimball, Soph., Colorado City; Cheyenne Galloway, Sr., Forsan; Raegan Haggard, Soph., Forsan; Devon Newberry, Jr., Denver City; Jaci Zingerman, Jr., Denver City; Mikayla Welch, Soph., Lubbock Roosevelt; Haily Berry, Jr., Post; Talia Maxwell, Fresh., Slaton; Kelli Pate, Fresh., Slaton

All-Defensive Team

Minnie Goodblanket, Sr., Coahoma; Megan Bullard, Sr., Colorado City; K'Lynn Pate, Sr., Denver City; Maria Ortiz, Soph., Forsan; Desiree Guiterrez, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Shirley Araiza, Sr., Post; Ashlee Green, Jr., Slaton; Selah Ramsey, Sr., Stanton

BOYS

MVP — Derek Gainey, Sr., Colorado City

Offensive MVP — Clancy David, Jr., Denver City

Defensive MVP — Nathan Koonce, Sr.,

Stanton

Co-Newcomers of the Year — Keyshawn Hawkins, Soph., Denver City; Scott Smith, Jr., Stanton

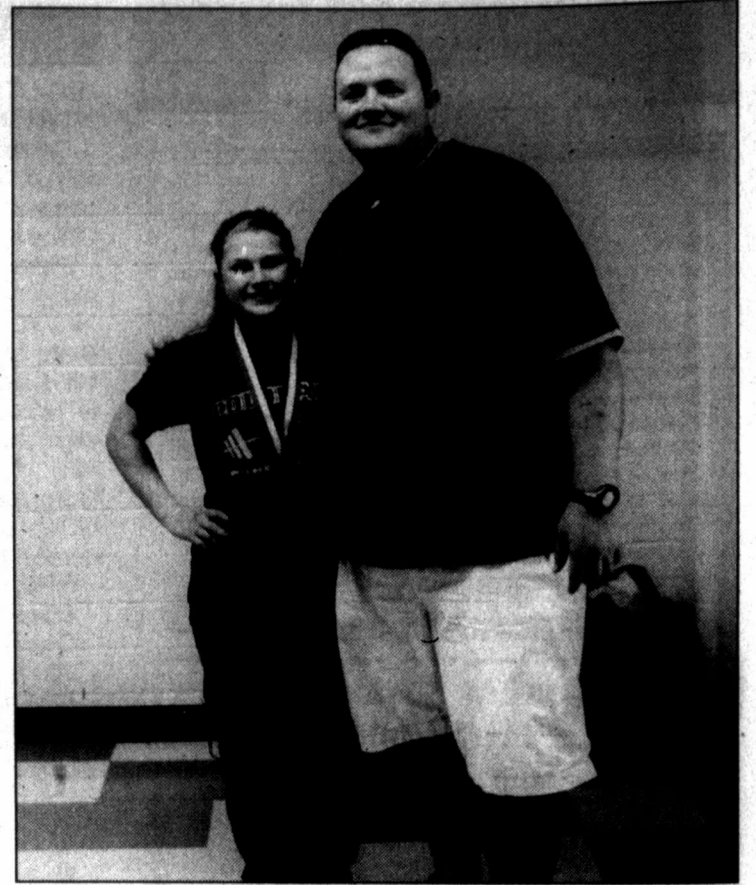
Coach of the Year — Barry Kimball, Colorado City

First Team

Mason Milligan, Soph., Denver City; Khaleed Brown, Jr., Denver City; Sir Hollis, Sr., Slaton; Tanner Walter, Sr., Slaton; Quaylon Fitts, Jr., Slaton; Tanner Ruiz, Jr., Coahoma; Patrick Robles, Sr., Forsan; Tylor Lorenz, Sr., Colorado City; Jason Rodriguez, Sr., Colorado City; Benny Jones, Sr., Colorado City; Jasper Johnson, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Quade Keith, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Corbin McDonald, Sr., Post; Andres Chavez, Jr., Stanton; Ethan Mauldin, Sr., Stanton

Second Team

Ivan DeLaRosa, Jr., Denver City; Caleb Heinrich, Sr., Slaton; Kazen Thomas, Sr., Slaton; Jacob Echavarria, Sr., Coahoma; Aaron Acevedo, Jr., Coahoma; Bryson Phillips, Sr., Forsan; Bailey Spencer, Sr., Colorado City; Levi Sherrill, Jr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Nathan Jaquez, Sr., Lubbock Roosevelt; Dalton Holley, Jr., Post; K.J. Glaspie, Fresh., Stanton



STATE BOUND — Darian Lendermon poses with Coach B.J. Graham after claiming a spot at the state powerlifting meet.

Lendermon advances to state lifting meet

With a total lift of 715 pounds, Colorado City's Darian Lendermon is heading to the state meet in powerlifting. Competing in the Girls 123 pound weight class, the 117 pound Lendermon needed to lift 650 pounds to advance. She accomplished that, plus a little more for good measure. The C-City junior cleared 280 in the squat lift, 285 in the deadlift and bench pressed 150 pounds to advance.

"The 123 pound class was the most competitive class I have seen," Coach B.J. Graham said. "Most years, Darian's total would win the state meet, but this year, it was fourth at regional. All four regional records were either tied or broken at the meet."

Lendermon will compete at the state meet in Corpus Christi March 16. It will be her second time to compete at the state level.

In the boys' ranks, everyone is still chasing the number one athlete in the state, Colorado ISD's own Ramiro Reyes. The top-ranked lifter in the state will compete Friday at the regional meet in Sundown.

Meanwhile, Colorado City also holds claim to a number two-ranked lifter in the super heavyweights in Fabian Gutierrez. Due to an injury suffered in Coahoma last month, however, Gutierrez will not be able to lift at the regional event, though he has qualified.

CMS hosts track meet

Colorado Middle School's track team saw plenty of track action on their home field last week as several schools traveled to Colorado City to participate in the Junior Lone Wolf Relays at the Hollis Gainey Track.

The 8th grade boys took the 1st place trophy, after several 1st place finishes put the team on top with 114 points. Clyde finished 2nd with 96, and Forsan was 3rd with 92. Coahoma, Midland and the Colorado City B team finished out the placings.

The 7th grade boys saw fewer top finishes, and finished lower in the standings as a team. The Colorado City A team finished 4th with 81 points and the B team 5th with 13. Clyde and Forsan placed 1st and 2nd, scoring 110 and 109 respectively. Coahoma placed 3rd with 98 points.

The 8th grade Colorado City girls' A team gave the Clyde Lady



FLYING SAUCERS OVER C-CITY — Josh Salazar winds up and prepares to let the discus fly Thursday as CMS hosted a track meet at Hollis Gainey Track.

Bulldogs a run for their money, coming in a close 2nd to Clyde's

1st place finish. The Clyde team scored 108 points and Colorado City scored 100. Coahoma placed 3rd with 64 points, with Forsan just on their heels with 62 points for 4th place. Placings were rounded out with Midland's 48 points and Colorado City's B team with 32.

Seventh grade girls struggled to find points, finishing the day in 4th place behind Clyde, Coahoma and Forsan. Clyde ran away with the points, scoring 146 to take home the 1st place trophy. Coahoma and Forsan scored 91 and 84 respectively. Individual results follow.

8th grade boys

4x800 Relay — Colorado City, 1st, 11:08.90
4x100 Relay — Colorado City, 1st, 48.47
Sprint Medley — Colorado City, 1st, 1:53.56
Colorado City B, 5th, 2:19.42
4x200 Relay — Colorado City, 4th, 2:08.44
Distance Medley — Colorado City, 2nd, 4:40.34
4x400 Relay — Colorado City, 1st, 3:57.63
Colorado City B, 5th, 4:36.53
Shot Put — Trujillo, 3rd, 32.47; Calcas, 4th, 32.05

7th grade boys

4x800 Relay — Colorado City, 4th, 13:08.94
4x100 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 56.24
Sprint Medley — Colorado City, 3rd, 2:14.03
Colorado City, 5th, 2:51.07
4x200 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 2:10.47
Colorado City B, 5th, 2:45.70
Distance Medley — Colorado City, 3rd, 5:57.31
4x400 Relay — Colorado City, 4th, 4:54.02
Colorado City B, 5th, 5:45.70
Discus — Salazar, 3rd, 79.65; Pineda, 6th, 66.6
Shot Put — Pineda, 3rd, 29.87; Reyes, 4th, 29.2

8th grade girls

4x800 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 12:39.82
Colorado City B, 6th, 14:57.57
4x100 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 57.10
Colorado City B, 4th, 57.98
Sprint Medley — Colorado City, 2nd, 2:15.10
Colorado City B, 2:23.63
4x200 Relay — Colorado City, 2nd, 2:03.98
Distance Medley — Colorado City, tie for 1st, 5:23.22; Colorado City B, 3rd, 5:23.31
4x400 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 4:52.85
Discus — Rivera, 1st, 62.07
Shot Put — Mendoza, 1st, 30.75; Rivera, 5th, 26.3

7th grade girls

4x800 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 14:51.08
4x100 Relay — Colorado City, 3rd, 58.04
Sprint Medley — Colorado City B, 4th, 2:34.58; Colorado City, 5th, 2:39.31
4x200 Relay — Colorado City, 1st, 2:04.30
Distance Medley — Colorado City, 4th, 6:06.03
4x400 Relay — Colorado City, 4th, 5:24.09
Shot Put — Sanchez, 6th, 24.67

Wildcats shine at home

By Terry Morris

Westbrook Track Coach

On February 27th, Westbrook hosted a junior high track meet and competed against teams from Trent, Robert Lee, Loraine, Hermleigh, and Highland.

Westbrook's Coby Stinson placed 4th (13' 6 1/2") in the long jump. In the high jump, Stinson placed 2nd (4'6") and Strain placed 3rd (4'4"). In the triple jump, Tanner Strain placed 5th (25' 8 1/2") and B. Dominguez placed 6th (25' 4 3/4").

The 400 relay team of Taylor Anderson, Dominguez, Rowdy Morris, and Strain placed 2nd (52.8). Robert Booth placed 2nd (2:43.06) in the 800 run. In the 110 hurdles, Stinson placed 3rd (21.62) and Willie Shell placed 5th (21.87). The 800 relay team of Booth, Dominguez, Morris and Anthony Gutierrez placed 3rd (1:59.62).

Strain placed 6th in the 400 dash (1:16.40). In the 300 hurdles, Stinson placed 2nd (55.2) and Shell placed 6th (1:01.52). Gutierrez placed 2nd in the 200 dash (28.5). The 1600 relay team of Booth, Dominguez, Stinson, and Gutierrez placed 2nd (4:40.00). Other athletes participating were: Sebastian Rincones, Garrett Brownfield, Caton Ferris, and Nathan. The Wildcats finished 3rd overall.

The Lady 'Cats' Katie Rees placed 6th in the shotput (23' 2"). Katherine Rivera placed 6th in the discus (50' 2 1/2"). Georgi Aleman-Rivera placed 6th in the high jump (3' 10"). In the long jump, S. Morris placed 3rd (13' 6"), Aleman-Rivera placed 4th (11' 7 1/2"), and Morgan Hunter placed 5th (11' 7 1/2").

In the triple jump, Morris placed 4th (23' 7 1/2") and Hunter placed 5th (23' 5

1/2"). The 400 relay team of Hunter, Morris, Dakota Kirk, and Aleman-Rivera placed 4th (1:01.07). Aubrianna Jones placed 1st in the 800 run (3:11.15).

In the 100 hurdles, Rivera placed 5th (22.9). In the 100 dash, Hunter placed 6th (15.37). The 800 relay team of Rivera, Kelcee Witte, Jones, and Rees placed 2nd (2:16.49). In the 400 dash, Aleman-Rivera placed 5th (1:19.59) and Lisa Simpson placed 6th (1:20.52). In the 300 hurdles, Morris placed 1st (1:02.12). Brianna Lathers finished 3rd in the 1600 run (7:52.24).

Shea Hale finished 4th in the 2400 run (13:07.18). The 1600 relay team of Aleman-Rivera, Witte, Simpson, and Shannon Morris placed 2nd (5:14.08). Danye Vigil also participated in the meet. The Lady 'Cats' finished 3rd overall as well.

The track teams traveled to Klondike on March 2nd. The following schools were participating: Borden County, Ira, Klondike, Lubbock Christian, Ropes, Westbrook, Dawson, Wilson, Lubbock Kingdom Prep, Christ the King, and Meadow.

In field events, Alex Gaona placed 4th in the triple jump (36' 3 1/2") and Jay Williams placed 5th in the high jump (5'0"). In the 300 hurdles, Gaona placed 4th (49.64) and Jacob Morris placed 6th (55.59).

The 800 relay team of Casey Bass, Jay Williams, Morris, and Andrew Fuentes placed 3rd (1:41.15). The 1600 relay team of Morris, Williams, Casey Bass, and Gaona placed 4th (3:57.07).

The Lady 'Cats' started with Madison Anderson placing 2nd in the high jump (4'4"). In the long jump, K. Morris placed 5th (13' 4 1/2") and Anderson took 6th (13' 1"). Nikki Con-

ley placed 6th in the discus (65' 5"). In the 100 hurdles, Morris placed 2nd (17.59) and Chelsea Martinez placed 4th (21.31).

In the 300 hurdles, Morris took 1st (52.81) and Reanna Krapf placed 5th (1:04.00). An-

derson placed 5th in the 200 dash (30.76) and 6th in the 100 dash (14.81).

The next meet for both Westbrook junior high and high school track teams will be held in Blackwell on March 9th.



MEDALS ALL AROUND — Colorado City's medal winners are from left to right (back row): Jacqueline Mendoza and Simon Reyes for third place in mixed doubles, and Sebastine Turner, who won the consolation bracket in JV boys singles. Front row, left to right are: Sabrina Arispe and Tori Barrera this pair took third place in JV girls singles.



BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE — The Colorado High School golf team hooked its first tournament win of the season this last week, taking first place honors at the tournament in Robert Lee. Team members from left to right are: Arden Alvarez, Tyler Hammond, Bailey Spencer, Will McKinney and Kody Wood. Hammond shot a 74, with Alvarez hitting 79. Spencer's 88 made middle ground among the Wolves as McKinney shot a 99 and Wood hit a 103. The team finished with a score of 340, 12 points ahead of Robert Lee for the win. Christoval was third.

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Thanks again, Joe and Peggy

Card of Thanks

The family of Kerry Bradbury would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who showed their love and support for us during our loss. Your kindness is not taken for granted and will never be forgotten!

The Kerry Bradbury family

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MITCHELL

By the virtue of Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Mitchell County, Texas, on the 24th day of January, 2012, in the following case to the Sheriff directed, the following property, which is more particularly described in the judgment entered in that cause, was levied on the 30th day of January, 2012, and will be sold at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2012, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, in the City of Colorado City, Texas, to satisfy judgment with interest and with all cost of suit in favor of Mitchell County, et al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said Judgments and Order of Sale.

Cause #15,350
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. ALLEN LEE KINMAN
All the East 100 feet of Block 37, Original Town, Colorado City
Account #000-00037-00012-000000
Cause #15,278
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. GRACE W. DELANEY
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Account #01230-00008-00014-000000
Cause #15,542
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. STANLEY HOWARD
HARDCASTLE
Being 93.5 acres in the East Portion of the Southwest Portion Section 36, Block 28, TSP 1 North, T&P
Account #00328-01036-00060-000000 & Account #00328-01036-00050-000000
Cause #15,808
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. RAYMOND VIGIL, JR.
Tract 1: Being Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Block 1, McKinney Addition, Westbrook
Account #03010-00001-00002-000000
Tract 2: Being Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 24, Westbrook
Account #03000-00024-00010-000000
Cause #15,870
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. ESTATE OF DOMINGA
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Account #01050-00011-00017-000000
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NOTICE OF SALE

J&K Storage, at 3609 W. Hwy 180, Snyder, TX is selling the following property to satisfy a landlord's Lien according to Chapter 59. The following tenant's property will be sold: #15 James Courtney, #152 Beth Fox, #154 Ellen Ledbetter, #179 William Hernandez, #191 Amanda Early, #202 Bridgett Downing, #30 Daniel Soria, #36 Sean Smith, #48 Barry Keller, #95 John Nyeheart, and #113 Christy Garcia.

The sale will be held at 609 25th, Snyder, TX on March 10, 2012 at 10:01 AM. Any and all units can be withdrawn at the sole discretion of J&K Storage.

BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING

BID NOTICES

FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 230-40-001 for BRIDGE JOINT AND SPALL REPAIR in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on March 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$187,547.50.

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

NPO: 39334
State Office
Constr/Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-438-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clark
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Colorado City, Texas (hereinafter called the "Local Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single Construction contract for installation of Video Surveillance. Bids are to include: furnish and install, complete with all accessories, a certifiable functioning security camera system, provide all materials, equipment, labor, and all other incidental materials and appliances necessary, as described herein and in the drawings, to provide a completed turnkey and functional system, regardless of any material and/or equipment not listed or described in the specification and/or supplementary drawings, the installing Contractor shall provide all necessary hardware required to properly install every piece of the CCTV system, according to the Installation Instruction furnished with each product unit.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 AT 3:00 PM, at
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY
439 OAK STREET
COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512
Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specification are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Colorado City.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with the Housing Authority of the City of Colorado City for one set of documents per General Contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 15 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 3:00 PM at the Colorado City Housing Authority.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond of bonds, workers compensation and automobile liability. The bonds shall be from a company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of Local Authority.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS
Pat Whitlitz, Executive Director 325-728-3150
February 26, 2012
March 4, 2012
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1218 E. 17th St., 2 large **SOLD** bdrms, 1 garage, carport & RV in back.
REDUCED! 1440 CR 143, Stunning home on 6 acres, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, built in 2007. With granite countertops, cherry wood cabinets. Call Tresa today to view!
705 E. 8th. Large corner lot, 3 bdrms, 3 bath w/garage apt. Great buy! Financing available with City National Bank. Bank foreclosure. Will look at offers! **Reduced to \$117,000!**
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NEW! 5324 LCR 256, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 3-car carport, lakefront. \$178,500
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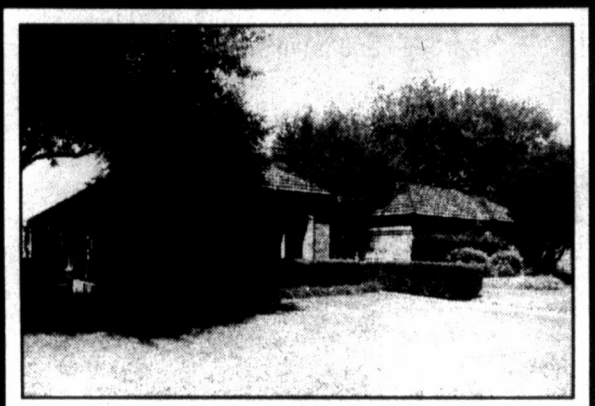
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Reduced! 2040 Crockett - home at Lake Colorado City. Call Cheri. \$20,000

426 E. 14th St. - 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2 living areas. Call Cheri for more info. \$44,900

NEW! 1045 Vine - brick 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. \$59,900

NEW! 2617 CR 149 - large house with 27.2 acres.

1021 Hickory - bedroom, 2 bath, living room, den with fireplace, carport & storage bldg., new improvements. Call Karalee.

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LORAINNE NEWS

By Aimee Jackson
Loraine Correspondent

Be sure to mark your calendars now! The junior class at Loraine will be hosting a brisket dinner on Sunday, April 1st (And no, Don Boyd it is not an April Fool's joke!). From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., class members will be serving \$8 plates, with kids 10 and under eating free.

The menu will consist of brisket, beans, potato salad, onions, pickles, bread, dessert, and tea or water. To go orders are welcome, and they will even deliver to your house if you order five or more plates. Call the school for more information, 737-2225.

Jennifer and Joe Sanchez recently spent a weekend visiting Jennifer's relatives up in Guthrie, Oklahoma. In

addition to visiting Jennifer's mother, Jennifer and Joe had a special treat in seeing Jennifer's brother, Bryon Fry, who traveled all the way from San Francisco, California.

A grand time was had by all!

Special wishes go out to Susan Sanchez and any others in our community who have had a recent bout of ill health. Picking up a little bug or fighting allergies is no fun for anyone!

Remember, Spring Break for our kiddos is right around the corner! This Friday the school will have an early release and then everyone enjoys a week off. Be mindful of going to and from work, the kids may be out playing.

Farm Sale set March 31st

The 24th annual Loraine Volunteer Fire Department Farm Sale will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Loraine Co-op Gin yards, beginning at 9 a.m.

"We'll have anything from a bicycle to a 200 horsepower tractor," Rick Bailey, Loraine fire chief said.

The annual fundraiser helps the department defray the cost of purchasing equipment. Proceeds from past sales have provided much needed items such as bunker gear, tanks, truck upkeep, radios, walkie-talkies, and lights.

"It helps keep the burden off the city and county budgets," Bailey said.

The LVFD always accepts donations and auction items may be taken to the Lo-

raine gin yard.

Those wishing to get a consignment need to call ahead to log in. Interested parties should contact Don Boyd at 325-242-1229, Doyle Mitchell, 325-933-0113 or Rick Bailey at 325-242-2402.

The fire department will also be serving around 600-800 hamburgers for visitors and buyers alike.

"Even if you aren't interested in the auction, come on out and buy a hamburger basket," Bailey said.

"The crew working the auction will be the same as last year," Don Boyd said. "But we have a new auctioneer, so this will be a lot of fun."

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Big Spring	\$703,268.24	\$659,610.59	6.61%
Colorado City	\$71,471.37	\$62,197.38	14.91%
Loraine	\$2,547.89	\$2,783.13	-8.45%
Westbrook	\$3,754.21	\$2,052.88	82.87%
Mitchell Co.	\$77,773.47	\$67,033.39	16.02%
Roby	\$3,946.85	\$3,875.25	1.84%
Rotan	\$18,967.08	\$14,995.59	26.48%
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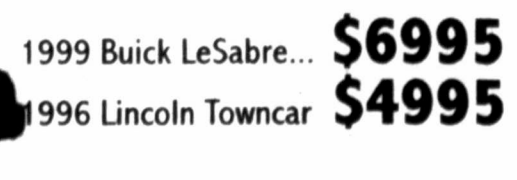


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