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STILL MISSING

Efforts continue to find Hailey Dunn

Efforts to find 13-year-old Hailey Dunn, missing for over a week, continue in Mitchell County as law enforcement officials and volunteers pursue every lead.

Local citizens have donated \$10,000 in reward money for Dunn's safe return and a group of mothers have distributed flyers over a large area from Midland to San Angelo, and even as far east as Fort Worth.

According to the child's mother, Billie

Dunn, the 13-year-old was at home on Monday, December 27, when Shawn Adkins, the mother's boyfriend arrived home at 3 p.m.

"Shortly after, Hailey told Shawn she was going to run by her dad's, then go spend the night at Mary Beth's," Dunn said.

Dunn, who works in Snyder and was at work during the time of the girl's disappearance, said she felt it odd her daughter had not called later to confirm the plans.

"I called my son on Tuesday to text Mary Beth to tell Hailey to come home," Dunn said. Subsequent phone calls informed Dunn her daughter had not spent the night at her friend's home; nor had her father, Clint Dunn, seen her.

"She didn't take any shoes or boots," Dunn said. Originally, she thought Hailey was wearing tennis shoes but discovered them in her daughter's room. "It was cold and she was

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OVER 800 PEOPLE gathered at the Colorado Middle School to pray for missing 13-year-old Hailey Dunn and her family. Candles were lit as everyone prayed. Members of her family were also present, as well as some of her friends including (from left) Sabrina Arispe, Ana Arispe and Yolanda Arispe.

Community comes together

Parents concerned over the disappearance of 13-year-old Hailey Dunn, held a candlelight vigil at the Colorado Middle School Sunday, January 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Approximately 800 people attended the prayer vigil, according to Mark Merrell, CMS principal.

Several ministers, along with a few members of Colorado ISD faculty, led prayers and moments of silence for Dunn's family, her friends, members of law enforcement and Dunn herself.

Orange ribbons were handed out to those attending. The rib-

bons are to be tied to cars, mailboxes, homes, etc. to show support of finding Dunn.

Following the vigil, a reception with coffee and hot chocolate was held in the CMS cafeteria.

A group of mothers also organized search parties and distributed flyers, using the middle school as a base of operations.

"The parents organized the get together," Merrell said. "The school provided a place to meet."

A group of students showed up at the school on Saturday and Sunday to help.

"They wanted to have an opportunity in what they could do to help out," he said.

"Hailey is a good kid who always has a positive outlook and is well-liked by all the students," Merrell said.

Several members of the community have also been driving to towns outside of Mitchell County to distribute flyers and help get Dunn's picture out, in hopes of a sighting or information leading to Dunn's safe return.

"Whatever we do we want to

make the focus on getting Hailey back and providing comfort to our students as well," Merrell said.

Cissy Miller started the volunteer effort with a text to CMS teacher Andra Maxwell.

The women met up with several parents at Ruddick Park last Thursday for an unofficial search.

"We searched the creek, caves, and hideaways kids like to hang out at," Maxwell said.

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Livestock Show slated Jan. 13-15

This year's Mitchell County Livestock Show, January 13, 14, and 15, will be dedicated to the memory of several people whose lives have been entwined with the association and stock show.

The cattle division will be dedicated in memory of Linton Ray Webb, a big supporter of the stock show. The lamb division will be held in memory of Roy Wilson, who worked on the Spade Ranch and spent his life in agriculture.

The swine division is dedicated to DeeDee Rice and Bruce Rich. Rice is the mother of Madison Rice, an exhibitor in this year's show. She recently died of cancer. Rich, a big fan of the stock show, encouraged his children to be active in the stock show.

The goat show will be dedicated to Larry Blair, a hog farmer always ready to lend a helping hand.

"Anytime you needed help with the stock show, you

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MITCHELL COUNTY JUDGE Ray Mayo (from left) held a swearing-in ceremony, along with County Clerk Debby Carlock, for several county officials on January 1, 2011, in the county courtroom at the courthouse. Those sworn-in were: (l-r) Jeremy Strain, County Commissioner Pct. 2; Jennifer Rivera, County Treasurer; Sharon Hammond, District Clerk; Bill Preston, County Commissioner Pct. 4; James Williams, Justice of the Peace Pcts. 2,3; and Rick Grissam, Justice of the Peace Pcts. 1, 4.

Around Town

LeeAnn Limones serving the public servants... Happy birthday, Daniel Perez (Jan. 9)... Larry Johnson grows some fabulous turnips... Happy birthday, Brigada Hiser (Jan. 7)... Happy birthday, Nannette Mata (Jan. 8)... Happy birthday, Debra Miller (Jan. 11)

Answerline

Q. When the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet going to be held this year?
A. The banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2011.

Obituaries

Phyllis Lane Farewell, TX

Rosella Mayo Colorado City

Gillian Johnson Austin, TX

Briefs

year instead of in January.

Diabetes Donations

Join the fight against diabetes and donate \$5 to the Jimmy Huff Ministries, 530 E. 4th Street, Colorado City, TX 79512. For more information, call 325-728-9073.

Westbrook Show

The Westbrook FFA will sponsor a livestock show Sat., Jan. 8 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Westbrook Show Barn. Steers, heifers, goats,

swine and sheep will be shown. Matt Wittington from Sweetwater will judge the show.

Celebrate Recovery

A 12-step Christ-centered "umbrella" recovery program is meeting weekly at Christian Temple, 1927 Hickory, each Mon. from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for a meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separate for open-share sessions. Call for more information 728-3118.

Thought of the Week

Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration.
- Thomas A. Edison

Lake Levels

(as of January 4, 2011)
Lake Colorado City...2057.32'
Full at 2070.3' Down 12.98'
Lake Champion...2046.18'
Full at 2083' Down 36.82'

LOCAL NEWS

Police arrest suspect in drive by shooting

A Colorado City man was charged with the third degree felony of deadly conduct in a drive-by shooting on December 29.

Witnesses identified Jaime Garcia as the driver of a bluish gray Chevy pickup from which two shots were fired at the residence of Mark Clevenger, according to Interim Chief of Police John Bivins.

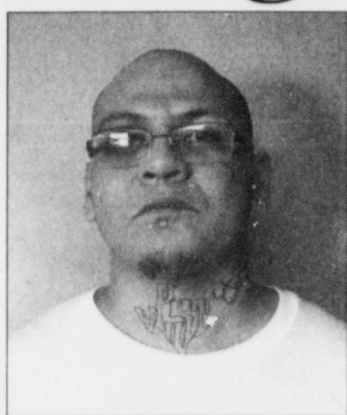
Clevenger was not home at the time of the shooting, which shattered glass in a nearby window

and around the door.

Officers obtained a search warrant for Garcia's home and discovered multiple rounds of shotgun shells, a rifle, pistol and ammunition. Police also discovered paraphernalia for a controlled substance and charged Garcia with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, which is a state jail felony.

Garcia was arrested and is out on bail.

The case was investigated by Officer Nick Holbrook.



JAIME GARCIA

Grass fires usher in new year

Grass fires over the New Year's weekend kept local fire departments busy.

Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department responded to a pickup fire on the Spade Ranch on December 29.

"The pickup caught the pasture on fire," Brandon Hale, WVFD chief said. "It didn't burn but two acres."

The Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department assisted Westbrook's two trucks and a water tanker with three of their own trucks, according to CCVFD Chief Rufino Martinez.

Both fire departments were called out on January 2 at 4:25 a.m. for a grass fire at the Brennand Ranch.

A sparking electric line resulted

in the fire which burned 20 acres, according to Hale. Westbrook sent two trucks and a water tanker and Colorado City assisted with an additional three trucks.

Colorado City also responded to a gas leak at a resident on 944 Chestnut on January 1.

"No one was at home," Martinez said. "Everything turned out good."

Former graduate's son killed in accidental holiday shooting

Twenty-nine year old Joshua Brown of Dallas, son of Danna and Mike Cross, died from injuries when he was accidentally shot in the face by

his friend early January 1.

His mother, Danna Brown Cross is a former Colorado City resident and 1972 CHS graduate.

The accident occurred at 10162 Baronne Circle, Dallas, during a New Year's Eve celebration. The 28-year-old suspect had been drinking with friends according to the police report, when he picked up a hand gun and accidentally shot Brown.

The suspect called 911 and remained at the scene. No arrests were made.

Visitation was held at Hamil Funeral Home, 64449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene from 5 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church 4009 Beltway South in Abilene from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesday January 5.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Lane

1927-2010

FAREWELL - Ms. Phyllis Lane, age 83, of Farewell and formerly of Colorado City, died Wednesday morning, December 29, 2010 in a Muleshoe hospital. A graveside memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2011 in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Ms. Lane was born March 11, 1927 in Colorado City to Roy and Anna Prentice Carey and had lived in Colorado City most of her life. She was a tax preparer and an accounting clerk. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Smith of Clovis, NM and Linda Moore of Albany, GA.

The family request donations to Calvary Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.



Rosella Mayo

1943-2010

COLORADO CITY - Mrs. Rosella Mayo, age 67, of Colorado City, died Friday morning, December 31, 2010, in Arizona. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011, in the Christian Temple Church. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mayo was born March 1, 1943 in Knoxville, TN to W. K. and Mary Bailey Phillips. She married Wilson B. Mayo on May 26, 1965 in Tacoma, WA. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1987. She was a certified nurse's aide and a member of the Christian Temple Church in Colorado City.

She is survived by four daughters, Trina Arpasi and Rosella Mayo, both of Greenville, SC; Cari Hood of Abilene and Mari Mayo of Colorado City; two sons, James Mayo and Wilson Mayo, Jr., both of Tampa, FL; three sisters, Dorothy Wagner of Colorado City, Patricia Brown and Brenda Brown, both of Tacoma, WA; four brothers, Tommy Phillips, Curtis Brown, Calvin Brown and Robert Brown, all of Tacoma, WA; and 10 grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by a brother, W. K. Phillips, Jr.

Gillian McEntire Johnson

AUSTIN -- A memorial service for Gillian McEntire Johnson, a Colorado City native who maintained a lifelong interest in celebrating the joys and history of her hometown, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011 in the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado City. She was 79 when she died July 3 after a fall in her home in Austin.



Gillian was the daughter of William and Gillian McEntire, and grew up in the home her father built at 541 Locust. Shortly before selling the family home, she returned to celebrate her 50th birthday with a party featuring dancing under the stars on the large back porch to the sounds of Jay Boy Adams and his band.

She often returned for Colorado City reunions and other events. Her last visit was for a benefit for the Heart of West Texas Museum.

Gillian graduated from Colorado High School, and attended Texas State College for Women, and later graduated from the North Texas State University. She went on to get a master's degree and was just short of her PhD from Texas Tech University.

She lived most of her adult life in Lubbock and Dallas, raising four children and teaching school at one point in Lubbock for about 10 years. She moved to Austin in 2009.

She was an avid reader, devouring an untold number of history books and newspapers large and small, including her lifelong subscription to the *Colorado City Record*, and was a member of several book and antique clubs in Dallas. She also was active in Junior League, maintained an avid interest in politics and was a member of the Dallas Republican Women's Club.

Gillian will be remembered as someone who always added a spark (and an opinion) to every conversation, who had a slew of friends from all walks of life, and as a devoted mother.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jack Kenyon, of Dallas. She is survived by her son, Bill Kenyon, his wife Patty and their son, Ben, of Round Rock; her son, John Kenyon of Dallas; her daughter, Carla Kenyon and her daughter Kenyon Demler of Austin. She also is survived by her sister, Marylyn Wiegell of Abilene; her brother, Randy McEntire of Albuquerque, N.M.; and a number of cousins.

Second runaway returned safely after missing for 1 day

A second runaway was returned safely to her home Sunday after her mother reported her missing on Saturday.

Officer Traven Berrie investigated a call from a distraught mother who reported her 16-year-old daughter had runaway from their home in the 1100 block of E. 10th Saturday night.

According to police reports, the mother last saw the daughter at 10 p.m. on January 1 and noticed she was missing at 6:45 a.m. on January 2.

The child had packed a backpack before leaving according to her mother.

A tip led officers to the residence of a friend, where they located the missing girl.

"The girl was taken to the Colorado City Police Department," John Bivins, Interim Police Chief said. "We contacted the juvenile probation department who asked us to release the child to her mother."

The child's name was withheld at the request of the mother.

Every year nearly 800,000

children younger than 18 years of age are reported missing according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The largest majority of those missing are runaways. An article by Kim Ogletree citing Department of Justice statistics shows one in seven children between the ages of 10-18 will run away.

Some return within a few days, others remain on the streets.

According to statistics 26% of runaways are ages 12-14 and 52% are female (www.missingchildren.net).

Stereotypical abductions (where children are taken by total strangers) account for 215 missing children each year.

1-800-Runaway is a federally designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth. The crisis hotline is available 24 hours a day and can be accessed by family, friends or missing children themselves.

Amber Alert is another tool used by law enforcement agencies to help find missing children.

Under the jurisdiction of the

Department of Justice, Amber Alert "is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies and the wireless industry to activate an urgent bulletin in the most serious child-abduction cases."

One of the guiding criteria for issuing an Amber Alert is that there is a sufficient description of the captor or captor's vehicle to issue an alert.

All missing children reports, including Amber Alert, are entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) which makes a description of the missing child available nationwide.

The Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) does the same thing across Texas.

The Texas Runaway Law requires law officials to take into custody any child under age 17 who has run away from home. The child, once found, can be detained and returned to the custody of a parent, guardian or the court.

Laws also prohibit the harboring of runaways under the age of 17; however, there is no law against emergency shelter of a runaway minor who is in immediate danger, giving Texas shelters the ability to provide emergency shelter access to youth.

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LOCAL NEWS



IN RECOGNITION Of 26 years of service, Kaye Nell Cornutt was presented a plaque of appreciation from the Mitchell County Appraisal District. Attending the presentation were (from left) Dale Heisbell, Bobbie Banks, Kaye Nell Cornutt, Billy Cornutt, George Martin, Brenda Martin and Sharon Hammond.

MISSING

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wearing flip flops. It's what scares me the most."

Hailey usually walked the four to five blocks to Mary Beth Garcia's home whenever she was going to spend the night.

"It was normal for her to go with nothing and come back the next day to get cleaned up," Dunn said. "Lots of leads have been called in and they (police) have been checking them all, but they're running into dead ends. We have no clue whether she left willingly or was taken."

Interim Chief of Police John Bivins issued a written statement to the media Monday evening, following a day long conference with members of the Texas Rangers, Department of Public Safety, Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and special investigators from the

District Attorney's Office.

"All agencies continue to follow up on leads that have come into the Colorado City Police Department," Bivins said. "We will not rest until Hailey is found."

Investigators spent Monday in the district courtroom reviewing information and evidence and planning the next course of action.

"I appreciate the support, the leads and the donated reward money of \$10,000 that citizens have provided to assist in bringing Hailey home safe," Bivins said. "If anyone has any information on Hailey's whereabouts, they are to contact the Colorado City Police Department at 325-728-5294."

Dunn was last seen at 1804 Chestnut wearing a light colored

T-shirt, navy sweat pants and flip flops. She is 5'1", 120 pounds with hazel eyes, brown hair with light blonde streaks and pierced ears.

"She seemed to be in good spirits the last few days," her mother recalled.

Although Dunn is glad the Rangers and Snyder are involved, she would like to see some "bigger city involvement. I'd like to see somebody who's got more experience than our small town. Maybe eyeball it and see something they haven't done."

Dunn also urges any of Hailey's friends who might know something to step forward.

"If a friend knows something and is scared, they can contact 1-800-THE-LOST anonymously," she said.

SEARCH

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bringing in officers from the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office and staff from the office of 32nd District Attorney **Anti-Reed** shortly after the start of their initial work on the case. According to Police Chief John Bivins, contact also was made with other regional law enforcement departments in surrounding communities, as well as with the Texas Rangers.

"From the start, our department and our colleagues from the other law enforcement and judicial agencies that have joined our effort, have treated Hailey's case as one of a missing person. We've made no assumptions as to what occurred, intentionally focusing on rapidly collecting facts and using these facts to guide our work," said Colorado City Manager Pete Kampfer. "We're applying all the personnel and other resources necessary and appropriate to our work in finding Hailey, with no plans of letting up. This is a night and day endeavor for us all."

In the early stages of the search and investigation, alerts were

distributed to both the NCIC and TCIC systems, computer networks established to link law enforcement personnel across the country and throughout Texas, respectively. Additionally, an alert was transmitted via COPSync, a system that interconnects the mobile data terminals installed in law enforcement vehicles throughout the region.

Beyond working tips being taken by the Colorado City Police Department's dispatcher and conducting a thorough and ongoing investigation of people and places in the immediate area of the girl's home, including all registered sex offenders in the city.

Since the missing person report was taken last week, Colorado City police also have made three separate requests for posting of an Amber Alert on Hailey's case but have been turned down each time, according to Chief Bivins.

"In each of the three requests, we've been told that there is not enough information currently available about Hailey's disappearance to issue an Amber Alert," said Bivins. "The mini-

mum standard for creating an Amber Alert is knowledge of a suspect, a description of a vehicle involved in an abduction and/or a route and direction of travel."

"This community and, in particular, the family and friends of Hailey Dunn can be absolutely confident that we will continue to pursue the issuance of an Amber Alert with each additional piece of evidence we uncover until such a time as we meet the minimum standards established by the Amber Alert system in Texas," added Bivins.

Persons who think they may have information that could assist in the investigation of Hailey Dunn are asked to contact the Colorado City Police Department at 325-728-5294. A \$10,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts and safe return of Dunn has been posted.

COMMUNITY

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The group reconvened at the middle school to find "more than the dozen or so we started out with," she said.

Merrell and counselor Emily Strain offered the middle school cafeteria as a staging area for volunteer efforts over the weekend.

Students and parents showed up Friday and Saturday to distribute flyers and knock on doors.

"Beverly Adams printed a grid map and we divided the city into sections," Maxwell said.

The volunteers came up with the idea of a vigil "as a means of concentrating prayer efforts and letting her family know how much community support they have," Maxwell said.

It is also the idea behind the or-

ange ribbons blossoming around town.

Volunteers handed out 800 ribbons at the vigil and more ribbons will be handed out at school later this week.

"We'll continue to look for ideas and ways to help," Maxwell said.

The middle school teachers and staff also met with Region 14 crisis management personnel and local pastors Wednesday to prepare for students return to school this week.

"We want a little training on how to respond to the kids, their questions and fears," Maxwell said. "When I have 5th period and she's not there, it's going to be terrible."

TASK FORCE

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sheriffs and city managers.

"Some said it saved money initially, but administration costs became hidden costs as you go on," Arthur said.

The task force commissioned city manager Pete Kampfer to draft a recommendation to seek some sort of cooperative agreement between the sheriff and police departments, yet leave the door open for future negotiations

on facilities.

"There are lots of technical stuff and legalities," Arthur said. "The recommendation needs to be worded well."

The task force will meet January 18 to look at the recommendation before officially presenting it to the city and county. The recommendation will include a draft of an interlocal agreement.

SHOW

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could call on him," Brodie Harris, Mitchell County Livestock Show Association president said.

Totals are up for the 2011 show with 260 entries and 101 competitors. The 2010 show had 78 competitors and 212 entries.

Stock show participants will exhibit 137 hogs, 37 goats, 38 lambs, 5 heifers and 43 steers this year.

The Chamber of Commerce will also run a concession stand Friday and Saturday.

Both the Lions Club and the Brylenn Jo Stone Memorial Scholarships will present \$500

to exhibiting seniors.

Rick Alvarez and Judy Honeycutt will present a \$2,500 Raymond Fuller Memorial Scholarship to a senior exhibiting in the livestock show.

The Virginia Fuller Memorial Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to a Mitchell County high school senior. The recipient does not have to participate in the livestock show to be eligible.

All scholarship applicants need to turn in forms by Friday, Jan. 7 at 5 p.m. at the John Deere House, on N Hwy 208. Applications may be picked up at CHS counselor's office.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

THE PIE LADY OF CORSICANA



Some folks in Corsicana told me about a lady in town who makes pies and gives them away. I was in Corsicana recently and while I was being interviewed on radio station KAND, the pie lady came into the studio with three pies for me: chocolate, coconut and pecan. I was overwhelmed. When you think of a pie lady, you think of some kindly old grandmother-type. Not so here. This one looks like a movie star.

I was thrilled to get the pies because my wife and I were staying with my son and his family in Dallas who were entertaining an exchange student from Germany who had spent a year with them. Her parents were with her. I called my son and told him not to prepare dessert, that I was bringing it. The pies were delicious. In my opinion, the chocolate was the best.

Diane Douglas says she gets a lot of comments on her pies. When she was growing up, her mother worked most of the time and did not cook. That job went to a lady who was hired to prepare meals for the household. Diane spent a lot of time in the kitchen watching her cook.

"I decided that was what I was going to do in life, be able to cook," says Diane. "One of the favorite things that lady made was coconut cream pie. I've been making them ever since. I have thousands of cookbooks and I picked the recipe I like best and I've stuck with it all these years."

Diane has been making pies and giving them away for more than 15 years. She donates many of her pies to volunteer fire departments, the VFW and funerals. If somebody is sick and she hears about it, she makes a pie for that person. She makes all kinds of pies, cakes and cobblers. She recently won the grand prize at a cooking contest in Chicago.

"I just love to do it. I don't get paid for them. I donated one of my pies to an auction and it brought \$500 dollars. If I'm feeling down and need something to cheer me up, I'll make somebody a pie and get a smile in return. That's my happiness. Giving pies to others. And it's nothing for me to make seven pies at a time."

It takes her about 30 minutes to make a pie. She makes them in her spare time. She has a fulltime job at the Navarro County Abstract Company. She's been there 36 years. Her mother and aunt worked there for a combined total of more than 100 years.

"We have three boys. We don't eat out. I cook at home. And every Sunday I prepare a meal and we have extra kids, extra friends, you know. One of my deals is memory food. I like memories. Everybody has a food memory. There's something that somebody made for you when you were little or you grew up smelling. One day I was cooking and somebody came in the house and told me she remembered that smell when she was growing up. It's awesome."

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



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Clear thinking is necessary in times of emotional hurt

By Jerry L. Moore

Moore Observations

"Cast all your cares on (Jesus) for he cares about you. Be sober. Be watchful." (The apostle Peter)

Hailey Dunn is missing. That is all I know. When someone asks me what I think might have happened or what caused her to go missing... I must admit I have not a clue... I don't even have an opinion or thought. Why? Because the only thing I know is Hailey Dunn is missing.

What can I do to help? What can I do when a crisis like this happens? One thing an old Army colonel told me once was that emotions are not helpful in resolving crisis. He explained that when the emotions go up, clear thinking seems to go down. When the emotions of fear, anger, and sadness fill every seat in our minds, clear thinking has no place to sit down and talk about ideas and plans of action.

Decision one: Do not speak about

what I do not know to be a fact.

How can I be helpful and do no harm to people who are already hurting? Sometimes our thoughts swirl around so fast we cannot tell the difference between our imagination and real facts in history.

Decision two: Take every thought captive. Test the difference between something I know to be a fact and my imagination running free with my emotions.

The apostle James once wrote, "Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger." Sometimes in crisis we want to make others hurt as we hurt. This is a waste of precious time and energy. Use all of your emotional energy in working solutions to the problem. Only the solutions will change our reality.

Decision three: Listen first. Think for a time. Be slow to speak my opinion. Live in self control of any emotions that try to sidetrack my energy and efforts.

I believe in the value of every person on this earth. Each of you are valuable to God. He wants to hear what we think; what we feel; what we want and what we need. Feel free to unload all that's in your hearts and minds to God. Use your own words in any order that is normal for you. God will understand it... even if you must go out into a field and yell it. God understands.

But when it comes to talking to one another:

1. Speak what I know to be a fact
2. Think rather than imagine
3. Listen first, speak slowly without anger

You are valuable. Count others valuable. May we begin to know one another in such a way, we can begin to trust, what we say is not simply feeling... but it is truth we can depend upon.

May we hold one another close as we seek answers to our questions and healing for our hearts. May we all seek to live in faith, hope and love together.

Getting ready for God's blessings

By Monte Wike

When you pray, what do you expect? Do feel that God will send all that you ask? Will He ignore you? Could He possibly send an abundance that you had not expected? Have you ever been so desperate that you thought there was no hope at all?

A situation existed like this during the time of Elisha, the prophet. A preacher's widow was trying to raise her two orphaned sons but was in desperate circumstances. She came to Elisha for help. He asked what she had in the house, what her resources were. She said all they had left was a pot of [apparently] olive oil.

He said that was the solution. She was to send the boys out to get empty vessels from the neighbors. They were to shut themselves in, and begin to fill the emp-

ty vessels from the pot of oil. The more they poured, the longer the oil lasted. There seemed to be an infinite supply. But when the last vessel was filled, the oil stopped flowing.

Then she asked what they were to do with all these vessels of oil. He told her to sell the oil, pay their debts and live off the rest.

Could it be that we limit the Lord's blessings when we fail to believe in a large fashion and borrow hundreds of "vessels" instead of a few dozen? Even destitute people have some resource available. Begin with that. It may be a talent you can develop or a collection of junk that seems worthless. It may just be a clever idea or a love to share. It may seem inadequate, but God is in the creating and increasing business. Trust Him to supply not just

the need, but the abundance.

Malachi suggests that when we pay tithes (commercial break!) that God will send meat to your house, pour out blessings that you cannot contain, and rebuke the devourer for your sakes. The devourer may be debt or unhappiness, rotten social or family relations. It is anything that chokes you down so that you feel there is no hope. You may say, "How can I afford to tithe when I can't pay my bills?" That is exactly God's point. Do you trust your billfold or God's promises? I know personally this works. Because we are faithful, God has kept His promise countless times.

What will the New Year bring? More debt? More responsibility? Or more promises fulfilled, more blessings flowing, more vessels of abundance?

POLICE REPORT

On December 26, a 28-year-old male was arrested in the 900 block of Cherry for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Officers responded to a domestic dispute in progress. While en route, officers were alerted to the fact that a weapon was involved. The subject was arrested and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 27, a subject noticed that a fence on FM 3525 had been broken into and diesel fuel had been stolen. The case is under investigation.

On December 27, a subject in the 1500 block of Locust reported that someone had run up on their lawn and destroyed their mailbox. The case is under investigation.

On December 28, a subject from the 1800 block of Chestnut came into the

police department and stated that she could not find her daughter who was supposed to spend the night at a friend's house. The case is under investigation.

On December 29, a 33-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana. During an investigation, the subject was found to be in possession of marijuana. The subject was arrested and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On December 29, a subject in the 600 block of Cedar reported that he was at home when what he believed were two gunshots shattered windows at his residence. The case is under investigation.

On December 30, a subject in the 1300 block of Cypress reported that a person known to him had broken his windshield on his vehicle. A citation was

issued.

On December 30, a 36-year-old male was arrested in the 1200 block of Westpoint for driving while intoxicated and no driver's license. The subject was involved in a motor vehicle accident, and on arrival an officer observed that the subject was intoxicated. He also found that the subject did not have a driver's license. The subject was arrested and transported to the Mitchell County Jail.

On January 1, a victim in the 900 block of Waco reported that they had been assaulted by a person known to them on multiple occasions. The case is under investigation.

On January 1, a 37-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of Temple for outstanding warrants.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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First Financial Trust & Asset Mgmt Co NS Ind Exec, Marjorie Munger Middleton Deceased, Randy Spiva Sr. VP to First Financial Trust & Asset Mgmt Co NA TTEE, Marsha Middleton Murray Revocable Trust, Janet Middleton Swanson Revocable Trust, Exec Min Deed.

CFLP Interests LLC, John Cravens Member, Hudson & Keyse LLC to Leo G. Porter, Assn of Jdgm.

Internal Revenue Service, Betsy Cruz Revenue Officer, Department of the Treasury, Richard C. Hall, Federal Tax Ln.

Morris Family Enterprises LLC, Chad Morris President to Kevin Ruth, Warranty Deed.

Kevin Ruth to Morris Family Enterprises LLC, Ty J. Wood Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Morris Family Enterprises LLC, Chad Morris President to Alvin Ruth, Warranty Deed.

Alvin Ruth to Morris Family Enterprises LLC, Ty J. Wood Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Mitchell County, Texas, Ray Mayo Mitchell County Judge to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, Special W/D.

Bank of Scotland, Allan Angus Assoc Director to Melrose Energy Company, Release of Lien.

Melrose Energy Company, Barry Archer Vice President, to Quantum Resources AL LP, Quantum Aspect Partnership, QA GP LLC, Mandel C. Selber VP Land, Black Diamond Resources LLC, QAC Carried WI LP, Black Diamond GP LLC, Black Diamond Resources 2 LLC QAB Carried WI LP, Asgmt & Bill Sa.

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James Neil Yocom, 12-29-10, Driving While Lic Invalid w/Prev Co.

Eva S. Grant, 12-29-10, Theft >=\$20<\$500 by Check.

ARRESTS

Julius Dasha Givens, 28, THP, DWLI, 12-28-10.

Maggie Matlock, 35, CCPD, Theft u/50, 12-28-10.

James Kenneth Marsh, 22, MCSO, Motion to Proceed UUMV (Scurry Co.), 12-29-10.

Clinton William Dunn, 33, CCPD, POM u/2 oz, Scurry Co. Wrt, 12-29-10.

Daniel Cosby, 41, CCPD, PI, 12-29-10.

Jaime Garcia, 25, CCPD, Deadly Conduct, Terroristic Threats, 12-29-10.

Moises Mena Delgado, 36, CCPD, DWI, No DL, 12-31-10.

Eric Barrera, 27, MCSO, Furnish Alcohol to Minor, PI, 1-1-11.

Jaime Garcia, 25, MCSO, Furnish Alcohol to Minor, 1-1-11.

Kerre Rene Huff, 37, CCPD, City Writs x4, 1-1-11.

Jonathan Burton, 25, CCPD, DWLI, 1-2-11.

Rico Joe Marin, 17, THP, UCW, Poss Para, 1-2-11.

Bobby Dockins, 37, THP, DWI-"B", 1-2-11.

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LOCAL NEWS

Piano students perform at C-City Opera House



PART OF THE entertainment December 11 at the Opera House included piano students from Baldwin Studio performing on four pianos, accompanied by guitar and drums. Shown here are: (l-r) Evelyn Kerr, Olivia Haley, Caleigh Bragg, Savannah Shiller of Colorado City, Andrew Stelluti, Jesi Hunter, Callie Hargrove and Carolyn Stelluti. Photo courtesy of Lynn Baldwin.

Baldwin Studio of Music presented Christmas Follies on December 11 in Colorado City at the Opera House. Students performed at four pianos accompanied by guitar and drums.

Vocalists were Tabbatha Angelo, Donnie Burk, and Conner Smith. Linda Clay and the Colorado High School Jazz Combo were featured as well as Joni Clay, former Baldwin Studio piano pupil.

Royce and Linda Clay, along with the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce, sponsored the event. Parents, pupils, and guests from Snyder praised the acoustics and beautiful furnishings of the Opera House as well as the Clay family for taking such an interest in this musical program.

Students performing included: Zack Lewis, Jordan Smith of Colorado City, Sterling Lee,

Brienna Chavez, Paige Pollard, Mark Stelluti, Evelyn Kerr, Olivia Haley, Caleigh Bragg, Savannah Shiller of Colorado City, Andrew Stelluti, Jesi Hunter, Callie Oakley of Colorado City, Whitney Tubbs, Elizabeth Rubio of Colorado City, Sidni Hunter, Paige Parker, Conner Smith, Avery Wright, Karissa Medina, Courtney Pollard and Corbin Lewis of Colorado City.



HAPPY NEW YEAR... This Chihuahua named Tinkerbell rang in the new year by giving birth to five puppies on New Year's Eve with the first puppy making its appearance a little before midnight. The dog's owner is Gayla Ferris. Photo courtesy of Gayla Ferris.



THESE LITTLE PERFORMERS were part of the entertainment for those attending the holiday special event held at the Colorado City Opera House in early December. The students were part of a large group of piano pupils from Baldwin Studio of Music in Snyder. They are: (l-r) Will Haley, Ryleigh Tinkler, Dani Greer, Caleigh Oakley of Colorado City, Whitney Tubbs, Elizabeth Rubio of Colorado City, Sidni Hunter and Paige Parker. Photo courtesy of Lynn Baldwin.



THE BALDWIN STUDIO of Music had several students performing in the December 11 holiday event at the Opera House. Students performing included: (l-r) Conner Smith, Avery Wright, Karissa Medina, Courtney Pollard, and Corbin Lewis of Colorado City. Photo courtesy of Lynn Baldwin.

State art contest open to students

Student artists across Texas take notice: It's time to start preparing your entries for the

Regional guide to feature Colorado City

Colorado City is one of 40 communities in the region featured in the 2011 Texas Midwest Guide.

The 2011 Texas Midwest Guide, now in circulation, is a marketing project of Texas Midwest Community Network. This year's guide is the 16th edition of the annual publication that showcases quality of life and points of interest in the region.

Each year the Texas Midwest Guide includes community information, attractions, recreation, lodging and much more information about the Texas Midwest region. Distribution of 70,000 copies goes to Texas Travel Information Centers along the State's borders as well as to chambers of commerce, CVBs, hotels and motels and advertisers throughout the region.

An online turn-the-page version of the guide is at www.texasmidwest.org. All websites on community pages and ad spaces have hot links from the online guide.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network, visit the website www.texasmidwest.org.

2011 Wildlife Forever State Fish Art Contest.

The contest is open to all students in public, private or home schools and requires submission of a one-page essay and a drawing of an officially recognized state fish. Entry deadline is March 31 each year.

Contest rules, guidelines and entry information can be found at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishart.

Support for the Texas division of the contest is provided by the Toyota Texas Bass Classic, which makes

it possible for the top three Texas entries in each grade level to win cash prizes. First place in grades 10-12 wins \$1,000; second place \$750; third place \$500. Prizes in the 4-6 and 7-9 grade levels are \$100 for first; \$75 for second; \$50 for third.

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Wilson's Weekly

Psalm 59 - Greatness of God

The 59th Psalm is a prayer to God to protect David from King Saul and his men as they try to pursue and kill David. David pleads for deliverance and for God's justice. David declared that they are like dogs growling at him and howling when they are not satisfied. The enemies were not able to bring David down because his trust was in God.

In the final two verses of this Psalm, David praises God for His protection and deliverance:

- "I will sing of Your Power" - God is all powerful (Omnipotent). He created this world and sustains this world. He has power over the nations of the earth. He has power over all men. He has power over Satan. He also has power over our lives. We must submit to His power and obey Him so that He will save us.
- "I will sing aloud of Your mercy" - God is merciful. He loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins so that we can have life everlasting. Certainly we realize that all have sinned and are not worthy of a relationship with God. However, because of His tender mercy and love, He has made provisions to bring us back into His arms.
- "You have been my defense and refuge in the day of trouble" - God is the protector and provider for His people. He has promised that if we will seek Him first, that He will provide the things we need in this life. He has promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us. He loves us, provides for us and protects us in our lives when we follow Him.
- "To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises" - On my own, I will fall. On my own, I can never be good enough. On my own, I will never be victorious. But there is good news, and it has nothing to do with my car insurance. God is our strength. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Through our faith, He has provided us victory that overcomes the world.

Life is hard and there are no ifs, ands, or buts about it. Yet, we shouldn't lie around and complain and cry about our hardships. Instead, let's get up and sing praises to God who is our power, mercy, defense, refuge and strength. Our God is an Awesome God! - Denny Wilson

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**The family of
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Dorn Chapel United Methodist Church thanks everyone for sharing in our Christmas Candle Lighting Program and for those who selflessly gave to make it a great celebration of our Lord's birth. Please join us any Sunday at 9 a.m. for worship service.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the prayers, flowers, food and kindness shown by so many during the loss of our mother.

A special thank you goes to Hospice of Big Spring for their compassionate treatment and to Kristi Lee Manor for their professional, kind care given to our mother.

The family of Lois Collier Reynolds

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Proposals may be delivered to the Administration Building of the Westbrook Independent School District, located at 102 N. Bertner.

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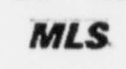
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LORAINE NEWS

By Aimee Jackson
Loraine Correspondent

Lorainians would like to give a special thanks to Billy McPeters for watching over and taking care of the Christmas lights downtown during the holidays. We appreciate all you do!

Loraine looked so nice and festive at night during the holidays with all the decorated homes. Many people have spoken about driving around and seeing the lights with their families.

Rosa and Juana Garcia on Crockett St. won the free photo shoot with Fanati-Click Photography. There were many beautiful homes to choose from. All those who participated are appreciated, and we look forward to next year.

I think everyone should take advantage of the after Christmas sales and go buy lots of lights at 75% off and stock up for next year!

Elnora Mitchell had a very happy Christmas visit from December 20-30 with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Raynard Macha in the Providence community north of Lockney.

Christmas Eve was spent with Raynard's family at his mom's, Lois Macha's home. A good meal, visit and exchanging of gifts was enjoyed by all.

Christmas day was spent at Judy and Raynard's home with the visit attended by Herman and Penny Mitchell of Loraine; Dave, Betsy, Derek, Ian, and Jewell Mitchell of Lubbock; and good friends, Mark and Lisa Collins of Plainview. All enjoyed another good meal, visit and gift exchange. The afternoon was spent skeet shooting with Joe Macha and family from Plainview in attendance.

The Loraine Methodist

Church would like to announce that beginning Saturday, January 8th at 7 a.m., a men's breakfast will be hosted. The men of the church will host the breakfast each 2nd Saturday of the month.

All men are welcome to come and bring a friend and enjoy good food, good fellowship, and a good devotional. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall, and everyone is asked to please use the east glass door for entrance.

The Loraine Senior Center had their monthly birthday meal on Wednesday, December 29th, and Debby Mitchell and Judy Beasley provided music.

Visitors to the Loraine Center last week included Joyce Buchanan, daughter of Francis Godwin and Jeanie Tally, daughter of Janie Wright and the late Tommy Wright who came all the way from Austin.

Debby Mitchell provided special music at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning singing, "Put Your Hand in the Hand". Visitors to the church included Jason Kendall of Abilene.

Coach and I had lots of fun New Year's Eve. We joined Jennifer Fales and lots of locals for Bingo at the Senior Center. Seemed the Grahams had the fix on winning, though.

Everyone brought lots of treats and dishes to share. We would play a few games of bingo, then take a break and snack while we enjoyed live music and then start playing again. Everyone had so much fun that Jennifer is planning to host a pancake supper and bingo sometime in January or February. Stay tuned for details.

We want to wish a speedy re-

covery to Joe Iglehart. He was pretty banged up in a four-wheeler accident this last weekend.

He is at home now, recovering with his momma keeping a watchful eye over him. All of our prayers and best wishes are being sent your way, Joe!

The Loraine kids and ag teacher Duffy Galloway are busy getting prepared for the Mitchell County Show, which will be held January 13-15th. Make sure to mark your calendar and come support our school kids and their projects.

2010-11 Loraine Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Schedule

Jan. 7	Hermleigh	T
Jan. 11	Roby	H
Jan. 14	Ira	T
Jan. 21	Trent	T
Jan. 25	Westbrook	H
Jan. 28	Highland	T
Feb. 1	Hermleigh	H
Feb. 4	Roby	T
Feb. 8	Ira	H
Feb. 15	Trent	H

Loraine boys beat W'brook in season district opener

The Westbrook Wildcats hosted the Loraine Bulldogs on Thursday, December 30, in the basketball district opener. Loraine's boys came out on top, beating Westbrook 52-36.

Bulldog Toby Garza led his team offensively, scoring 19 points, and Brandon Gibson also scored in double digits with 13. Others scoring for Loraine were Joe Iglehart, 9; Este Benivamondez, 6; Nate Martinez, 4; and Ricky Cantu, 1.

"I feel like the boys did well," said Loraine basketball coach Brandon Langston. "I feel like a playoff spot in this district is wide open, and I want to take advantage of the opportunity to advance." Langston also stated that the team will continue to work on basics and emphasize drills and techniques.

Both Loraine's boys' and girls' varsity teams will travel to Hermleigh on January 7th to face the Cardinals.

Sale tax figures down for C-City

While state sales tax revenue is up for the state, according to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, several West Texas towns including Colorado City, Lamesa and Lubbock took a hit.

Colorado City sales tax revenues were down 5.34% overall for 2010, while tax revenue dropped 17.19% for December.

Lamesa was down 7.15% for December and Lubbock dropped .37%.

Statewide December sales tax allocations were up 4 % compared to December 2009, netting Texas cities \$290.9 million, according to Combs.

Area Sales Tax Rebates

City	Dec. '10	Dec. '09	+/-	Year 2010	Year 2009	+/-
Abilene	\$2,570,580.67	\$2,391,175.13	7.50%	\$33,244,725.98	\$33,247,655.38	0.00%
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Colorado City	\$42,426.84	\$51,234.61	-17.19%	\$578,010.30	\$610,619.01	-5.34%
Lamesa	\$84,262.40	\$90,754.44	-7.15%	\$1,186,674.05	\$1,189,393.52	-.22%
Lubbock	\$3,659,196.64	\$3,672,928.75	-0.37%	\$49,404,456.68	\$49,027,273.93	.76%
Post	\$68,856.21	\$71,014.32	-3.03%	\$913,436.44	\$827,303.54	10.41%
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Sweetwater	\$234,295.27	\$219,129.18	6.92%	\$2,930,200.34	\$2,868,526.26	2.15%

Eleven weird things to do in 2011

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Everyone has their own definition of what "weird" means. To us, it means having some—or actually a lot—of money, because so many people are broke! If you could keep hundreds of extra dollars a month instead of paying credit card bills, car payments and your alma mater, would you want to become weird?

If you're tired of being normal (aka broke) like everyone else, here are some ways to get started on your journey to weirdness!

1. Set a solid foundation. Without a proper start, big plans will eventually crumble. We are here to help you along the way during this weird year that will carry through the rest of your life.

2. Bring out your inner bookworm!

According to The Literacy Company, 90% of learning is based on reading. You would think that Americans would read a lot, right? Well, about 27% of adults read no books at all in the past year. Set yourself apart from

the majority by reading a few beneficial, nonfiction books this year!

3. Take baby steps with meal planning.

Food often costs more than you think. Plan your meals ahead of time to eat healthier and avoid hitting up your favorite fast-food spot five times a week. It's not a daunting task when you get help from eMealz for just \$5 a month!

4. Compare yourself to the Joneses—really!

The Joneses are broke. They're in debt and don't have money for emergencies, retirement or college. Do you really want to be like them? Doubtful. So compare yourself to them and determine what you need to do so you aren't like the Joneses.

5. Practice saying no!

There are so many good things to do, but you can't do it all. Learning to set limits in your life will actually allow you to do more, whether it's with your time or money. Plus, you'll be better at those things you do since you aren't rushing around trying to cram a bunch of stuff into your

schedule.

6. Surprise!

Who says giving to others only has to take place at Christmas? Challenge yourself to continue giving like no one else throughout 2011. You'll be amazed at how much better life is when you give to others!

7. Dream.

Just because you're a responsible adult who's all grown up doesn't mean you have to stop dreaming. But don't just be a dreamer; do something about it! Determine what's stopping you from making your goal a reality, and challenge yourself to overcome it.

8. Sacrifice.

Most people cringe at the "s" word. But sacrifice doesn't mean you have to live in a cave and never have fun. Maybe you need to pick up an extra job or cut out a monthly treat from your budget to get closer to achieving your goal. Think of something you can give up, and commit to following through this year.

9. Get a will for real.

About 60% of Americans die without a will. So what's the big

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10. Quit your J-O-B.

Don't love your job? Then quit it! Find your passion and do work that truly matters to you. Yes, even in this economy you can quit your job—just be smart about it. Think it through. Have a plan, and be wise about your decisions. Consider this.

11. Pass on the weirdness!

It's cool to be weird! Tell others about your journey to weirdness and how you're changing your life for the best. Send them weekly email challenges, pass along your budgeting knowledge, or invite them to a free Financial Peace University class. Dave has so many resources available for you and your friends that there's definitely something for everyone.

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