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WHO NEEDS SNOW? — In West Texas, Santa water skis. The unique float, created by the Homer Matlock family, received first place in the annual Colorado City Christmas Parade Saturday.

Parade starts holiday season

Colorado City rocked around the Christmas tree with a larger than usual parade downtown last Saturday in spite of frigid temperatures.

The annual Christmas parade, which had numerous floats, bikers, and riders, including military veteran Shan Covington, was 15 minutes long from start to finish.

Santa put in his appearance atop a shiny red fire truck instead of the more traditional sleigh. First place in the float competition went to the

Homer Matlock family for their Santa on water skis entry. Hutchinson Elementary took second place with a rock star float featuring teachers and staff as musical rock stars and the Sonic Drive-in team came in third place.

The Wheels Award went to Mark Merrell and grandsons, Cooper and Carter Roberts.

Parade goers warmed up at the Railhead Bldg. with a bowl of homemade chili from the Lions. See **PARADE**, Page 5

City moves toward using more efficient measures

The city council approved several new systems designed to streamline management capabilities and improve work accountability.

The council began the meeting by voting for a services agreement plan with Jacob and Martin Engineering to create the best usage of a \$20,000 energy efficiency grant related to city facilities and the growth of the community.

"It would provide an initial energy assessment of major power consuming facilities and prioritize and list projects," said city manager Pete Kampfer.

Fees for the services to help the city develop an energy management plan to best utilize the grant monies was limited to \$5,000.

The city also authorized purchasing INCODE, a software system with Tyler Technologies to create an integrated financing system for the city.

INCODE software streamlines the work flow by using one system to handle finance, payroll, utilities and municipal court accounting features.

"It's the best possible option, with outstanding references," said Kampfer.

Tyler Technologies, a West-Texas based company was created in 1984 by a Texas Tech graduate to provide interrelated financial software that specifically targeted small to mid-size cities.

The software saves time, effort and eliminates double entries, making the interchange of information between the utility billing system, meter reading interface, central cash collection and the core financials (general ledger, budget preparation, bank reconciliation, payroll entry and account payable) a smooth transition.

See **COUNCIL**, Page 5

Gas pipeline explosion closes portion of FM 670

A natural gas pipeline ruptured in a pasture five miles south of Westbrook last Thursday, shutting down a portion of FM 670 for several hours.

A natural gas leak is thought to have caused the explosion which ruptured the line belonging to OneOK gas company out

of Midland, according to Westbrook Fire Chief Brandon Hale.

No one was injured in the explosion, although the leaking gas sent a herd of cattle to the far end of the pasture.

The roar of the escaping gas could be heard a half a mile away, as local law enforcement offi-

cers from the DPS and Mitchell County Sheriff's Office, as well as members of TxDOT assisted with traffic control.

It took two to three hours before shutting off the gas through OneOK's Big Spring subdivision, as officials worked to find the

See **PIPELINE**, Page 5

Icy roads create conditions for numerous accidents

Snow and ice contributed to a number of accidents this past week in Mitchell County.

The light snow fall last Friday resulted in slick roads, causing a pickup to hit the concrete barrier on I-20 just west of the hospital.

The pickup, driven by Edwardo Escamilla of Haskell, hit a slick spot on the bridge past the second exit ramp west of Mitchell County Hospital shortly before 9 a.m. last Friday, according to

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

The impact spun the west-bound pickup around, which came to rest right side up facing east.

Escamilla was transported to Mitchell County Hospital, treated for minor injuries and released.

DPS Trooper Frank Casares and Deputy Jeremiah Witte, MCSO, were the investigating

officers.

Icy roads late Monday evening and early Tuesday morning resulted in at least 11 wrecks from 7 p.m. on December 7 through 9 a.m. on December 8.

"We had eight wrecks Monday night and three more from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday morning," said Toombs. "Everybody from the sheriff's department was out Monday night at different

See **WRECKS**, Page 5

E-On wind farm to begin local tax payments

Mitchell County and the Loraine ISD will soon be receiving 2009 tax payments from E-On Climate and Renewables, the largest wind farm in the world.

The German company announced in October the completion of the 100,000 acre wind

farm near Loraine and Roscoe that spans four counties, including Scurry, Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan.

Third Planet is completing their 67-turbine farm north of Loraine and is not a part of E-On.

The company says the 627-turbine wind farm is now producing energy. It has the capacity to generate 781.5 megawatts, enough electricity to power more than 230,000 homes.

Recently, the U.S. Treasury Department announced the

company would receive \$121 million in stimulus funds for the Pyron Wind Farm located in Scurry and Fisher counties. The Pyron project is the third phase of the Roscoe Wind Farm.

The money is part of \$550 million announced by the U.S.

Energy Department to help create jobs and help expand development of clean, renewable energy.

Texas is the nation's top wind power-producing state.

"Texas continues to lead the nation in the development of re-

See **WIND**, Page 5

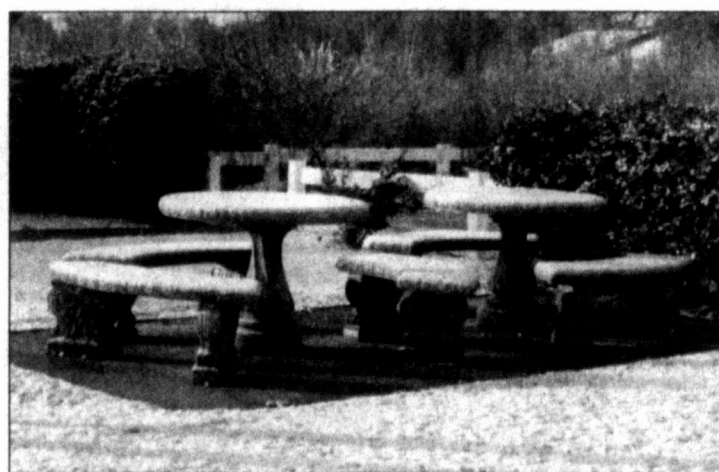
Newspaper to publish Santa letters

There's still time to make sure your letter to Santa arrives before Christmas.

The Colorado City Record will publish children's letters to Santa in its special Christmas Edition on Thursday, December 24.

Parents, teachers and youngsters should mail their letters to the newspaper at P.O. Box 92, Colorado City, Texas, 79512, or

See **LETTERS**, Page 5



THE FIRST SNOW fall of the year sprinkled a little pre-holiday magic on Colorado City last Friday morning. Although the snow didn't last, the feeling did as residents and out-of-towners enjoyed Main Street's Light before Christmas that evening.

Co. treasurer, justice of peace will not seek re-election in 2010

County Treasurer Ann Hallmark and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 & 3, Glenda Haltom, have both said this week that they will not seek re-election to their respective offices.

All incumbents to the other county offices up for re-election have filed or indicated they will file for re-election.

The official primary filing started last Thursday and will continue until January 4, 2010.

Local offices up for election in-

clude County Judge Ray Mayo, County Commissioner Precinct 2 Carl Guelker, County Commissioner Precinct 4 Bill Preston, County Clerk Debby Carlock, and District Clerk Sharon Hammond.

Also up for election is the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2&4, held by recent appointee James Williams.

Mayo, Carlock, Preston, Guelker and Williams have all filed for re-election. Hammond

has indicated that she will file soon.

Those planning to run in the March 2 primary election will have to sign up with the county's party chairmen. Republicans will sign up with Teresa Beckmeyer, Mitchell County Republican Chairman, and Democrats will sign up with Geory Martin, Mitchell County Democratic Chairman.

Regionally, the seat for U.S. See **ELECTION**, Page 5

Around Town

Happy birthday Eli Castro (Dec. 8)... Happy belated birthday Cyria Romero (Dec. 6)... Ask Tony Turner about getting water in his face... Happy birthday Daniel CLAY Copeland (Dec. 11)... Happy 11th birthday Brilee Young (Dec. 9)... Happy birthday Lisa Wood (Dec. 13)...

Answerline

Q: How much does it cost to file to run in the primaries for a county seat?
A: It costs \$750 to file for any elected county position in Mitchell County except justice of the peace where the filing fee is \$375.

Obituaries

Benny Bollinger Snyder

Winter Concert & Lunch

The Colorado High School and Colorado Middle School will hold their annual winter concert Sun., Dec. 13. A lunch of chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This is a major fundraiser for the CHS band boosters. The concert will begin at 2 p.m. in the CHS auditorium.

Early Release

Westbrook ISD will have an early release on Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Mon., Jan. 4, 2010.

Livestock Meeting

The Mitchell County Livestock Association will meet Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room. Final preparations for the 2010 county livestock show will be made, so please make every effort to attend. Please bring all

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collected money to the meeting.

Basketball Tryouts

Mitchell County Youth Basketball will hold tryouts and a draft on Sat., Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Administration Gym. All fees must be paid ASAP. Payments and late signups may be made at D&B Antiques, 132 E. 2nd St. For more information, call 242-1195.

Christmas Service

Primera Iglesia Bautista El Cal-

vario, 1635 Walnut, will present a Christmas program Sun., Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrate Recovery

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

LOCAL NEWS



GETTING READY FOR winter, Xavier, Destini and Jeremy (from left) pick out coats with the help of Kiwanianne Jan Lemons (right) at the Christmas in Action building.

Coat giveaway continues daily

Cold weather means Christmas in Action will be giving away coats to anyone who needs some warm cold-weather gear.

The Kiwanianne will be giving away winter coats and heavy jackets at the Christmas in Action building on 3rd street just east of the post office every day especially when temperatures become frigid.

To receive a coat, simply contact Jan Lemons at 728-3678 or 242-0075.

Last year the group gave away 100 coats on the designated coat giveaway day. This year, that number was down because of warmer weather.

"People forget they need coats when the weather is warm," said Lemons.

County commissioners approve longevity pay

The county commissioners approved over \$40,000 in longevity pay during a called meeting on Monday.

Commissioners voted to approve \$40,663.20, providing longevity pay for county employees who met the five year milestone.

The individual amount per employee is \$420, \$7 a month for each year of service and covers 39 five-year employees.

Flu shots for county employees will be given at the courthouse on Friday, December 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the shot is \$20, but the county will reimburse \$10 of the cost to county employees.

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On-line newsletter gives veterans up-to-date intel

The December 2009 edition of the *TexasOnline E-vets Newsletter* is now available on the Texas Veterans Commission website at www.tvc.state.tx.us/PDF/E-Newsletter.pdf.

The newsletter provides information about benefits, job fairs, programs and other important information for veterans.

Interested veterans may subscribe to the online newsletter by emailing info@tvc.state.tx.us.

For more information about veteran benefits contact Veteran Service Officer Larry Johnson at 728-5701.

OBITUARIES

Carol Parham 1965-2009

Loraine - Carol Parham, age 44 went to be with the Lord on December 8, 2009 in Colorado City. Family will receive friends at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home on Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Loraine with Rev. Paul Vasquez officiating.

Carol was born on January 29, 1965 to Trinidad and Monica Chavez in Loraine. She was a longtime resident of Loraine and graduated from Loraine High School in 1983. She was a secretary at the Co-op Gin for 9 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Andrea Chavez of Midland, Stacy Parham of Loraine and Jeanny Crawford and husband Roger of Big Spring; grandson, Matthew Crawford and granddaughter, Khole Crawford both of Big Spring; mother, Monica Chavez of Loraine; brothers, Trinidad Chavez, Jr. and wife Jan of Loraine and Ralph Chavez and wife, Pam of Loraine; sisters, Janie Garcia and husband, David of Colorado City, Irene Rosas and husband, Domingo of Midland, Diana Finley and husband, Landus of Colorado City, Anita Gilbrech of Hot Springs, AR and Vicki Parham of Colorado City.

Carol is preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy

Dean Parham; father, Trinidad Chavez, Sr., and brother, Alejandro Chavez.

Benny Charles Bollinger 1943-2009

SNYDER - Benny Charles Bollinger, age 66, died Sunday, December 6, 2009, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Larry McAden officiating. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Bollinger was born June 17, 1943, in Wink. He married Darlene Waters on August 23, 1965, in Snyder. He owned Bollinger Service Company. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Bollinger of Snyder; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Julie Bollinger of Snyder; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Susie and Jeff Pierce of Snyder, Tracey and Jody Iglehart of Snyder, Kristi and Brian Miller of Gustine and Debra Bollinger of Snyder; one sister, Pat Bollinger of Hobbs, New Mexico; one brother, Don Bollinger of Snyder; and 11 grandchildren, Brent and Brook Bollinger, Ryan and Brittany Mitchell, Bailey Pierce, Justin, Jacey and Jade Iglehart, Blake and Kelby Miller and Reagan Bollinger.

Preview tickets available

Thursday, December 10.

Although there are still projects that need to be completed, Phase 1 of the renovation is completed and the Opera House Board invites everyone to purchase a ticket for the Sneak Peek Preview.

The \$50 tickets may be purchased at City National Bank and the Chamber of Commerce and entitles guests to a ribeye dinner, a tour of the Opera House and a joint short performance by the Shady Mitchell Band and the

CHS Jazz Band.

Part of the ticket proceeds will be donated to the Toys4MCKids, sponsored by the Kiwanianne, while the rest will be applied to ongoing renovations. Those attending the preview will also receive a \$10 off coupon for future Opera House productions in 2010.

An itemized listing of all revenues and expenditures for the Opera House renovation will be available during the Preview.

See OPERA, Page 5



EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - Diane Petty, Pansy Fernandez and Jackie Waldrep get in a little holiday shopping during Main Street's Light Before Christmas last Friday. A slide show of the evening's highlights can be found later this week on the *Record's* website: www.coloradorecord.com

Stay safe during the holidays

During the holiday season, Santa may not be the only one watching you. Car thieves may be watching you and your car, especially if it is filled with holiday gifts and other valuables left in plain sight. Consumers need to be aware that the holidays are a prime time for thieves to strike.

Every 2 1/2 minutes in Texas, another vehicle is broken into and the contents stolen. In 2008, thieves committed 259,705 burglary of motor vehicle offenses, including motor vehicle parts, accounting for an economic loss totaling over \$184,000,000 in Texas.

"The holidays should be filled with happiness, spending time with family and friends and shopping for that perfect gift, not worrying about car thieves," said Charles Caldwell, director of the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

"During the busy holiday shopping season, shoppers may overlook common sense precautions, especially when dealing with crowded parking lots and rushing from store to store."

This holiday season hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives, funded by the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), will be out in their communities, reminding Texans that where they are, car thieves are so they need to take better safety measures to secure their valuables.

"There are a few easy steps that can help make sure your holiday gifts wind up in the right hands," said Caldwell. "In addition to parking in well lit areas, you need to hide your gifts, lock your car, and take your keys."



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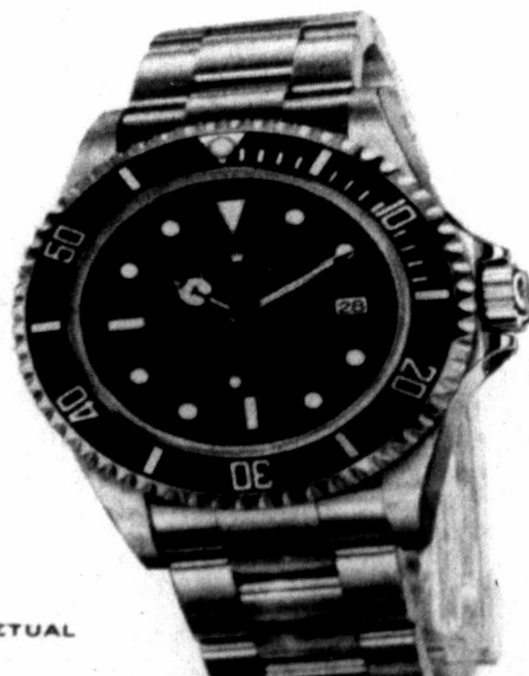
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LOCAL NEWS



WIND POWER RULES — The newly installed wind power appliance at Wallace High School was officially inaugurated with a ribbon cutting Nov. 30, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Attending the ceremony were Bob and Geneva Ratliff, Emma Hopper, Joan Beach, Jerry and Wilma Reynolds, Crystal Hernandez, Christina Jordan, Miranda Catheree, Ashlei Pearcy, Shawndon McVey, Hosie McVey, A.J. Hill, Bob Reily, Melinda Alexander, Carol Sue Dakan, and Bobbie and Russell Banks. Attending, but not pictured were Sandy Ellis, Robert Mace and Esther Guelker.

Warm hearts light up a cold night

By Cecilia Scott

The air may have been cold, but the shoppers had their hearts warmed by the Christmas activities during Light Before Christmas. Shae White and Tabbatha Angelo sang beautifully to an appreciative audience and Chris Cloutier and family manned our wonderful lights and sound system.

Dana Mayfield and her crew sat in the cold at the Inspiration Park marshmallow-roasting fire pit for five hours and deserve a very special award of some sort. Stacie Goswick passed out free popcorn to add to the seasonal scents.

Santa was a smashing success at the Main Event. The attendance for Santa exceeded all expectations and the fees earned by the pictures taken by Cat Geiger were dedicated to the Blue Santa

Christmas program sponsored by our police department. The program will receive a total of \$390 from a combination of Main Street Santa pictures and two other Main Street members.

Despite freezing temperatures, many smiling children waited patiently for some Santa time. A dedicated Ann Nobles and her students, along with some special student volunteers, staffed the Main Event and had a chance to highlight the tree decorated with recycled items crafted by her talented students.

Christmas cheer continued at 3M Palace Theater when they featured *The Polar Express*, and then *The Christmas Carol* opened to long lines. People braved the cold to visit, shop and create the warm and caring atmosphere that we want our youth to See **LIGHTS**, Page 5

More toys needed for Toys4MCKids drive

The Kiwanians are still accepting donations for the annual Toys4MCKids toy drive this month in order to provide gifts for over 350 children who have registered.

The reason for the large increase over last year is unknown but might be caused by downturns in the economy, more children being born or more families being out of work, according to Jan Lemons, co-coordinator.

Donations may be dropped off at collection points in the following businesses until December 15: Alco, Ramage Appliance, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Eclectiques, Western Bank in Loraine, Dandy's Diner, Summer's in Westbrook, City

National Bank, First National Bank, Fuller Foods, Law Office of Ty J. Wood, Colorado Middle School, Hutchinson Elementary School, Kelley Elementary School, Mitchell County Public Library, Mitchell County Hospital, and Higginbotham Bartlett Co.

"If you don't have time to shop, cash donations will always be welcome, and the money will be used to purchase toys," Judy Phillips said, co-coordinator. "Any way that you can help will be appreciated."

Applications for those wanting to receive toys and gifts this year can be completed at the Community Mission, 244 Chestnut Street until noon on December

15. If you are interested in making a monetary donation in lieu of a toy, those donations can be sent to Kiwanians, c/o Jan Lemons, 314 WCR 145, Colorado City, Texas 79512; or to Kiwanians, c/o Judy Phillips, P.O. 1067, Colorado City, Tx 79512. The Kiwanians will also make arrangements to pick up donations.

The annual toy drive, sponsored by the Kiwanians, helps provide toys for infants, toddlers, small children, pre-teens, and teenagers who would otherwise not be able to celebrate the holiday.

Your gifts help make a child's Christmas memorable.



WHAT'S IN YOUR STOCKING? Norma Perez and Casie Lemons (from left) donate items sure to put a sparkle in someone's eye as part of Toys4MCKids, sponsored by the Kiwanians.

Hot weather sparks Christmas song lyrics

Another familiar Christmas carol written during warm weather is the *Christmas Song*, more commonly known by its first line "chestnuts roasting on an open fire."

Chestnuts have a delicate, sweet flavor and are good in soups, stuffings and salads.

The song evolved from Mel Torme's attempt to cool off during a scorching summer day in 1944 and recalls nostalgic images of Christmas from bygone years.

The 1945 recording by the Nat King Cole Trio was the first rendition of the song and was inducted into the Grammy Hall of

Fame in 1974.

The song was re-recorded later with a small string section and finally a full orchestral arrangement. A stereophonic orchestral version was recorded by Ralph Carmichael in 1961, which continues to be aired during the holidays annually.

In addition to Cole and Torme, various artists have recorded The Christmas Song including 'N Sync, John Denver, Kenny Rogers, Aretha Franklin, Celine Dion, Mannheim Steamroller, Christina Aguilera, Perry Como, Ray Charles, George Strait, The Jackson 5, and Wynonna Judd.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH A LOUD THEATER VOICE GOES SILENT

One of the benefits of a college education is the chance that you may take classes from a genius at his or her peak. That was my situation at Baylor when I enrolled in Paul Baker's Drama 106 course. It was held in a fun place. The lobby of Baylor Theater was made of glass, steel and concrete. It had bright colors. You felt some kind of energy and excitement when you entered the building. The class was held in the theater, an unusual room that had swivel chairs in the middle of it. Stages were in front, behind and on either side. The chairs were in a sunken part of the theater so the stages were at eye level.



Probably no one had more fun than I did during my freshman year. I was certainly not a good student. I started out as a lackluster business major, taking courses that had no interest for me. One night in the dorm during my sophomore year, a friend and I were going over our schedules for the spring quarter and he suggested I take Drama 106. He had taken it the quarter before and said it opened up all kinds of creative thinking. That sounded good to me, since I had never had an original thought in my life. I dropped the history course I had signed up for and went to the theater.

There was something about the way Mr. Baker said the word America. I had never heard it pronounced with such reverence and respect. Just hearing him say that word made me more aware, perhaps for the first time, of what a special and great country we have. He talked about the arts and how art thrives in a civilized society. His words resonated with me and I listened closely to what he had to say. I ended up studying with him for three years, taking courses in playwriting, scene design, acting and directing. Those years changed my life. I did things I had never thought of doing. I drew a picture of an old icehouse. I wrote a song and a poem. I created characters and put them in scenes from my imagination. I was able to look at an object and write down the human characteristics of it. I read about thinking, painting, sculpture and architecture. Frank Lloyd Wright, perhaps the most famous architect in the world, came to the Baylor Theater often because he was designing the Dallas Theater Center, which Mr. Baker opened as an outlet for graduate students.

During my years at Baylor in the mid 50's, Paul Baker and the Baylor Theater rated cover articles in *Life*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Saturday Review* and other publications. Dave Garro, the first host of *The Today Show*, had a program on Sundays called *Wide World*. When he did a segment on Texas, the Baylor Theater took up 11 minutes of the program. The actor Burgess Meredith came down to act the part of Hamlet, which was directed by Charles Laughton. The theater attracted people from Broadway and Hollywood, who came to the theater just to get their batteries charged.

I kept in touch with Mr. Baker. We visited several times in succeeding years. I went to his house and he came to mine. We'd meet at various theater gatherings around the state. He lived a full life until his death in October at the age of 98. I am glad I knew him.

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Joyful Living

In search of the real Christmas

By Larry Fitzgerald

Plainview Church of Christ of Colorado City
It's not the Jewish Hanukkah, or the Muslim Idd-ul-Fitr or the Buddhist Wesak or the "Interfaith" Kwanzaa. It's Christmas. For years, many Christians have celebrated this event. Some have not; some only in a limited way.

Following the tradition of Oliver Cromwell and his 17th century brand of Puritanism, some modern Christians refuse any association with the event other than attending religious services. Still others ban Christmas events all together, claiming that they are of a pagan origin. They put up no lights or tree or wreaths and give no presents. In churches led by such people, to read anything about the

birth of Christ in December could cause a preacher to lose his job.

What are the facts about Christmas? First, we do not know when Christ was born. The date, December 25, was chosen centuries after Christ's birth. It is believed by some historians that this date was chosen in an effort to compete with the pagan Saturnalia festival. However, it has been pointed out that this pagan festival ended on December 21. Other historians point out that the "Festival of the Lights" (Hanukkah) began on the 25th of the Jewish month (roughly corresponding to the Roman December 25). First called the Feast of the Nativity, the custom of Christmas spread to Egypt by 432 and to England by the end of the

sixth century. By the end of the eighth century, the celebration had spread all the way to Scandinavia.

Is Christmas a religious "holy day" found in the Bible? No. In fact, people of the first century apparently didn't celebrate anyone's birthday. However, the Bible does point out that if individuals want to keep a day special, they may ... it's their choice (Romans 14:5-6).

However, whether or not you choose to celebrate December 25, there is one fact that cannot be disputed - God the Son was born as a man so we could have eternal life (Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:28-32; John 3:16). For that I celebrate and rejoice.

Merry Christmas!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

With the Christmas season approaching, I find myself thankful for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon me and our Police Department. Being the Chief of the Colorado City Police Department brings many challenges with trying to provide a safe place to live and work in Colorado City. Being blessed with great employees certainly helps me accomplish my goals and provide for a safe place to live, but my blessings are much more far-reaching than this.

I am blessed with a dedicated staff of police officers, dispatchers, code enforcement officer and animal control officer. These professionals perform their job day in and day out, doing the right thing, and always keeping the best interests of our citizens at heart. For this I thank you.

I am blessed with other great law enforcement officers in Mitchell County. We work closely with the Sheriff's office, Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Corrections, District Attorney Investigators, Game Warden and others, who routinely drop what they are doing, to assist us with investigations. Warden Heaton of the Wallace and Ware Units has been instrumental in helping us with several projects, and their search dogs are always available to help us when needed. For this I thank you.

I am blessed with great prosecutors and judges. The municipal, county and district judges are great to work with and put in countless hours to help our county and city. Our County Attorney Ty Wood assists us greatly in our pursuit to charge misdemeanor offenders. Our

municipal Judge Blessingame is a huge asset to our city and is always there to help when needed. I can always count on Judge Mayo to be there for search warrants, at any time of the day or night. With 19 years of police experience, I have never worked with a better District Attorney. Our District Attorney Ann Reed has given our police department funds to purchase police cars and other police equipment, which could not have otherwise been purchased. In addition, Ann Reed provides free training for my officers, so that our city does not have to pay the bill. I sincerely appreciate everything that you do for us Mrs. Reed.

I am blessed with city leadership that has the best interest of Colorado City at heart. They understand what a huge challenge it must be to provide police services, 911 dispatching for Mitchell County, Code Enforcement and Animal Control services to the citizens of Colorado City. They provide me with the tools needed to do my job and for this, I am grateful.

I am blessed to have citizens that support our police department. They understand that the job of police officer can be very tough and dangerous, and it's not always possible to make everyone happy in a particular situation. They understand that sometimes we have to give out citations, because it reminds us to slow down. They approach our officers in public and shake their hand and say "thank you for the job you do, I know it must be tough at times". They show support for our programs such as Blue Santa, and hand us cash donations, so that needy children can receive a toy at Christmas. I am grateful for your support.

Indeed I feel very blessed and I am extremely proud to be your Police Chief. I am provided more than just the tools to succeed in my job; I am surrounded by dedicated coworkers and colleagues that work together as a team, to provide for a safer place to live and work in Colorado City. I would like to publicly express my heartfelt thanks to all that help to make our Police Department as great as it is.

Respectfully,
Chief Ron Dooley
Colorado City Police Department

Letter to the Editor:

It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Mitchell County for 26 years. Since I will be retiring in December 2010, I will not be filing for re-election for the 2010 election.

The office of County Treasurer is the people's representative for financial affairs of the County. It is extremely important that the holder of this office have both financial and accounting knowledge and experience.

I wish to convey to the voters the importance of the treasurer's office in county government. Clearly it is a position of trust, integrity and knowledge of finance and accounting by the individual selected by the voters. The office plays an integral and vital role in maintaining and providing the necessary checks and balances for the funds of the County.

I appreciate the support the citizens of Mitchell County have given me over the years and I hope my successor will have the same support and confidence I have enjoyed.

Ann Hallmark, CCT

Events Calendar

Dec. 13 CHS Winter Band Concert/Meal CHS Cafeteria/Auditorium
Jan. 15-16 Mitchell County Livestock Show Ag Barn

Add events to the Events Calendar by calling 728-3413.

PUBLIC RECORDS

FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK

Patrick Toombs Sheriff, Mitchell County Sheriff's Dept to Mark Anthony Webb, Dep. Attorney.

Jean Anderson Simpson, Jean Anderson aka to Jean Anderson Simpson Ttee, Jean Anderson Simpson Living Trust Dated 4-29-84, Mineral Deed.

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Linda Burton Asst Vice-Pres, Bank of American NA to Jay A. Browne, Robin D. Browne, Release of Lien.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., David Jordan Asst Secretary to John Ladd, Lanette Ladd, Release of Lien.

CMH Homes Inc. dba, Clayton Homes #143, Hugh T. Statum Secretary to John Ladd, Lanette Ladd, Release Mech Lien.

Chase Home Finance LLC, Barrett, Daffin, FRappier, Turner & Engle LLP Atty in Fact, C. Stephen Porter Authorized Signatory to Terry Browder Ttee, Laura Browder Ttee, Marsha Monroe Sub Ttee, Appt Suc Trste.

Tommy Dulin, Connie Dulin to Bank of America NA, G. Tommy Bastian Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Ernie Wood, Brenda Wood, Wood Family Properties LTD to C.N. Marsh, Anna Marsh, Gregory L. Roddy Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Ernie Wood, Brenda Wood to Public, Homestead Design.

Albert Carlile, Gayla Carlile to Lone Star State Bank of West Texas, Alan Lackey Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Rose Mary Aguilar Affiant to Elvis Robert Martinez aka, Elias Martinez, Affid/Identity.

Rose Mary Aguilar to Western Bank - Lorraine, Bill Crockett Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Elias Martinez, Victoria J. Martinez aka,

Vickie Martinez, Mitchell County, Loraine ISD, City of Loraine, Public, CC Order/Sale.

Terry Lentz to Western Bank - Loraine, Deed of Trust.

Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, R.A. Mitchell for M&R Cotton Inc., Federal Tax Ln.

Mackie T. Hursh, Mandy M. Hursh to Edward Jones Mortgage LLC, Robert K. Fowler Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Maxine Watt Co Ind-Exec, Leanna Pitts Co Ind-Exec, Public, Raymond Edgar Althof Deceased, CC Probate.

Alec Ordway, Katharina Ordway to Thomas F. Vetter Ttee, American State Bank, Home Equity.

Royce Gleghorn, Clara Gleghorn to Carla Harrold, Release of Lien.

Westbrook Independent School District to Rosemary Peterson aka Rosemary Martinez, Abst Judgmt.

Westbrook Ind School Dist to Buford E. Boyce, Abandonment.

May Dean Elliott to Brooks Wallis, Susan Wallis, Warranty Deed.

Brooks Wallis, Susan Wallis to Texas Savings Bank SSB, Jeffrey Martin Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Brooks Wallis, Susan Wallis to Texas Savings Bank SSB, 2nd Lien Deed.

Henry G. Hortenstine, Melanie D'Silva, Reynolds Childrens Trust, Jeff Reynolds Ttee to Newfork Royalties LLC, Noble Royalty Access Fund III LP, Conveyance.

David N. King, RBC Dain Rauscher Custodian, David King Benefit of IRA #1101-1650-0485, Jennifer Norling Sr. Manager to Newfork Royalties LLC, Noble Royalty Access Fund IV LP, Conveyance.

Dorothy Wilkes Terry to Charles R. Wiggins, Arabella Minerals & Royalties LLC, Corr Min Deed.

Jeanne Bolin, Hobie Bolin Agent to Callie Chamberlain Succ Agent, Public, Power of Attor.

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Barton Louis Ind; Ind Executor & President, Lawrence Grounds Deceased, Big Tex Convenience LLC to Shawn D. Davis, Asgmt Note & DT.

Basic Energy Services LP, Sara Lovett Director - Financial Services, Soma Oil & Gas LLC Et Al, Strmt/Lien/Aff.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT
John Dittmer, 12-2-09, Driving While Intoxicated.

MARRIAGES
Martin L. Penabaz to Denise Mary Gomez, 11-30-09.

Henry Rivera Hernandez to Guadalupe Garcia Amador, 12-4-09.

ARRESTS
Stanley Fraley, 45, MCSO, 72 hr Court Commital, 11-30-09.

Santos Rodriguez, 42, CCPD, FTA Stephenville, 12-1-09.

Byron Richard, 23, THP, Warrant Ector Co., MTR - DWI, 12-2-09.

James Martinez, 19, CCPD, Writ - MTR Martin Co., 12-4-09.

Louis Robles Martinez, 45, CCPD, Crim Misch, 12-3-09.

Robert Brent Moore, 25, CCPD, PI, 12-4-09.

Frank Rodriguez, 37, CCPD, PI, 12-4-09.

David Smith, 54, MCSO, Writs x2, 12-5-09.

Traion Lenard, 23, CCPD, Theft of Property, 12-6-09.

Christopher Ray Mares, 20, CCPD, PI, Retaliation, 12-7-09.

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LOCAL NEWS

ELECTION

Representative for District 11, currently held by Mike Conaway (R), is up for grabs as is the state representative seat currently held by Drew Darby (R).

Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson have been on the election trail for months.

PIPELINE

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company responsible for the pipeline itself and then to determine exactly where the leak was in the system.

After turning off the gas, nature handled the clean up while officials maintained travel safety. "It took one and a half hours to bleed the line down. The way the wind was blowing, it just dissipated into the atmosphere," said Hale.

The Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department also sent a truck to help with the situation.

"We weren't sure what we were going to get into, so we called Colorado City," said Hale.

OPERA

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Other upcoming events at the Opera House include the Shady Mitchell Band's Christmas show on December 12 and the Colorado High School Jazz Band's Christmas program on December 18th. Tickets for each event will be \$10.

"The program will include soloists, skits, singers, and a quartet from the Tarleton State University, as well as numbers by the jazz band," said Linda Clay. All proceeds from the December 18th Christmas program will go toward the renovation process.

The drama *Eyes in the Back of Her Head*, a nostalgic look at the relationship between mothers and daughters, will be presented in late January.

The Opera House has been undergoing extensive renovations from dropped ceilings to refurbishing the stage and foyer areas, as well as repair and repainting of the outside walls. Future renovations will focus on replacing the aging stage curtains and new roofing.

The Opera House is located at 3rd and Walnut.



THIS THE SEASON to be giving — Ronnie Stiltner, special investigator with the District Attorney's office, dropped by the Colorado City Police Department with an arm load of gifts for the Blue Santa program. Photo courtesy of the CCPD

SHOWING THIS WEEKEND

Now Showing:
Dec. 11-13, 2009
Fri., Sat. & Sun.

Old Dogs
Fri., Sat. and Sun.
7:15p.m.
No Late show.

Coming Next Week:
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The Princess & The Frog
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Alvin & The Chipmunks:
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Both want to be the Republican nominee for governor.

Others who have announced a run for the governor's mansion are Republicans Larry Kilgore of Amarillo and Debra Medina, who is the Wharton County party chairman.

On the Democratic side, musician Kinky Friedman has announced his candidacy. Also announcing was rancher Hank Gilbert, Farouk Shami, the executive officer for a hair products company and Frank Smith, Mayor of Houston.

Statewide, in addition to the governor's office, the lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, commissioner of

WRECKS

ent times."

Although some of the victims were transported to Mitchell County Hospital for treatment, there were no serious injuries.

The majority of the wrecks occurred near Lorraine, part on the bridge and part near the road side

COUNCIL

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sition.

The estimated \$98,000 system includes online and phone support, as well as on line CPA assistance.

The licensing fees are one-time and the annual maintenance fees cover future upgrades.

The bar coding format simplifies the billing process.

The council also authorized the city manager to implement a fleet fuel card program with local fuel service vendors to allow the

COUNTY

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The court also approved the official 2010 holiday schedule as follows:

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 18
President's Day, Monday, February 15
Good Friday, Friday, April 2
Memorial Day, Monday, May 31

WIND

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nation in the development of renewable energy and has more wind generation capacity than any other state and all but four countries," said Gov. Rick Perry.

The county, along with the Road and Bridge Fund, hospital district and water district taxes received in 2009 will total \$346,794, according to Tax Assessor Faye Lee.

The Lorraine Independent School District will receive

general land, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, three members of the state Supreme Court, three members of the Court of Criminal Appeals and eight members of the state board of education are up for election.

The last date to file for either primary election is Jan. 4.

Those planning to vote should be registered at the county clerk's office by Feb. 1.

Early voting will be held Feb. 16-26 on the first floor of the county courthouse. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 2. If a runoff is needed in any race, it will be held April 13.

Other wrecks took place north of FM 644 and on Highway 84.

The Lorraine Volunteer Fire Department, DPS and members of Mitchell County Sheriff Office responded to the accident scenes.

city to better track and document fuel usage.

Eight new lap tops, for less than \$4,500 will be purchased to expedite communication between the city manager and the council and the sharing of information with council members, as well as saving the city money.

The current estimated annual cost of preparing agendas for monthly council meetings is \$8,000.

Independence Day, Monday, July 5
Labor Day, Monday, September 6
Columbus Day, October 11
Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving, Thursday-Friday, November 25-26
Christmas, Friday-Monday, December 24-27



READY FOR DELIVERY — Blue Santas (from left) Tommy Haren, Marcus Flores, Jesse Hernandez, Traven Berrie, Ron Dooley, Adam Davis and Cary Hale are raring to deliver Christmas packages on Christmas Eve. Photo courtesy of Adam Davis.

PARADE

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Club. The annual fundraiser helps provide eyeglasses to those in need and scholarships for graduating Mitchell County high school seniors.

An expanded Festival of Trees filled the Railhead with beauty as visitors exclaimed over brightly lit trees decorated by students, local civic groups and individuals.

Elementary students and Mother's Day Out groups toured the Festival of Trees on Tuesday and Wednesday.

LETTERS

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drop them by the office at 252 East 2nd Street.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Please write "Santa Letter" on the outside of envelopes. The Record will forward all letters it receives from children to Santa Claus' workshop at the North Pole.

LIGHTS

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continue in the future.

Last week in one of our retail businesses, I met a shopper from Sweetwater who works at the WASP Museum. She mentioned that she loves to shop in Colorado City and that she wishes that Sweetwater had such a vibrant downtown. We should be so proud that our downtown has gotten to the point that some people have made it their destination.

A Sweetwater business called me last month and said that Texas Country Reporter was to come and feature her business and she would like me to come at that time. I took along with me a packet that highlighted some people and locations here in Colorado City that would be great material for upcoming episodes. Perhaps that will happen. Our community is truly blessed with talent.

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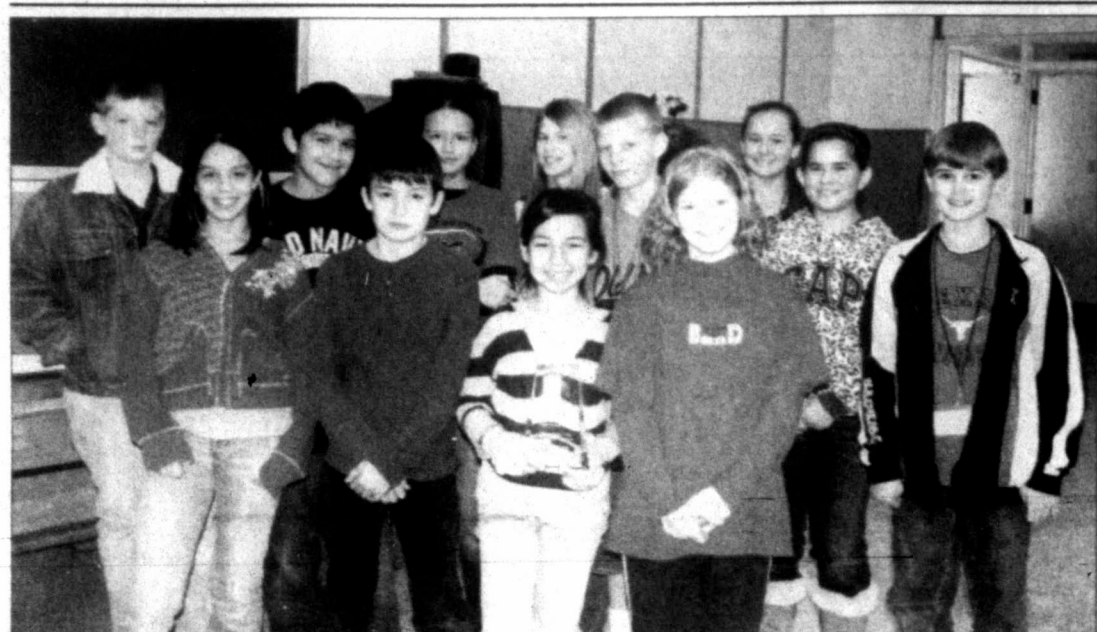
Dorn Chapel

Sat., Dec. 12, 6 p.m.

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Everyone welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS



UIL INFOMERCIAL WINNERS – Members of Coach Harold Sowa's sixth grade Gifted and Talented class won second place in a Region 14 UIL competition. The class prepared an infomercial video to showcase Colorado City. Competing were (from left) back row: Keifer Holman, Andrew Burrola, Madison Ducasse, Megaen Cloutier, Eric Pool, Marissa Parras, Brittany Munoz; front row (from left): Maddy Gutierrez, Jake Rivera, Nadia Davila, Mikayla Dillon and Brennan Ross.



COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL students, along with Buster Aycock help put together care packages to be sent to military personnel who are stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan this holiday season.

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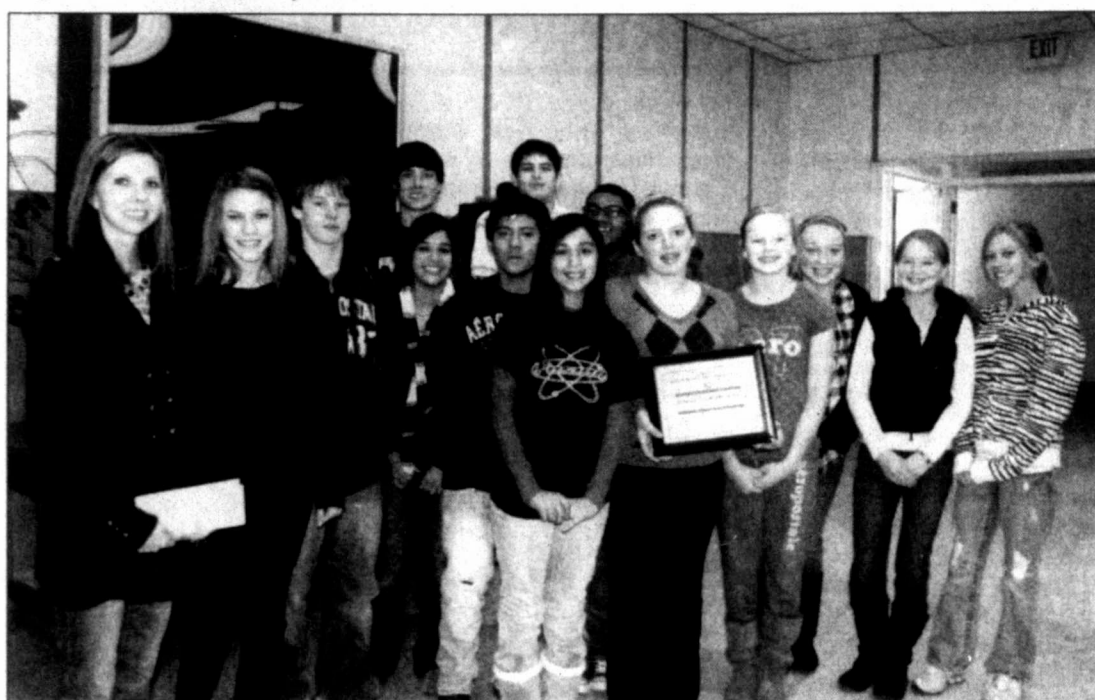
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Bands to perform Sunday

All bands at Colorado Middle School and High School will perform at the Winter Concert on Sunday, December 13 at 2 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Band Boosters will be serving chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert prior to the concert, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids and senior citizens.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy a good meal, followed by an afternoon of good entertainment.



MEMBERS OF RACHEL'S CHALLENGE at the Colorado Middle School placed fourth in a Region 14 UIL infomercial competition. The group created a video promoting CMS. Those participating were (from left) back row: Rankin Bullard, Josh Sutton, David Sanchez, Jason Vidal; middle row (from left): Emily Strain, Bethany Toombs, Dillon Gainey, Cassie Sutton; front row (from left): Desiree Gaona, Haley Maxwell, Taylor Griffith, Taegen Harris, Mason Maddox, and Delani Meguire.

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start
Breakfast Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit, milk.
Tuesday – breakfast bites, chilled fruit, milk.
Wednesday – yogurt, toast, chilled fruit, milk.
Thursday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit, milk.
Friday – sausage, toast, chilled fruit, milk.

CISD Head Start
Lunch Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – chicken nuggets, French fries, sweet peas, pears, milk.
Tuesday – beef and mac, glazed carrots, half slice bread, peaches, milk.
Wednesday – steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, crushed pineapple, milk.
Thursday – chulup, refried beans, applesauce, milk.
Friday – ham and cheese chunks, half slice of bread, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit, milk.
Tuesday – pancakes, chilled fruit, milk.
Wednesday – French toast sticks, chilled fruit, milk.
Thursday – scrambled egg, toast, chilled fruit, milk.
Friday – breakfast burrito, chilled fruit, milk.
Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – pizza, glazed carrots,

green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – tacos, spicy pintos, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – cheeseburgers, lettuce cup, fries, strawberries, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School
Breakfast Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, French toast with syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, scrambled egg, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – dry cereal, biscuit, breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School
Breakfast Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, French toast sticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast Hot Pockets, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, mini corn dog, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, biscuit and gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Lunch Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – steak fingers, potatoes & gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – nacho grande, spicy pintos, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – cheeseburger, bun, fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – cereal, Pop Tarts, juice, milk.

Tuesday – breakfast bagel, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday – oatmeal, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Thursday – pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, milk.

Friday – eggs, flour tortillas, cereal, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – beef and vegetable soup, sandwich, broccoli, dressing, crackers, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday – burritos, cheese, salsa,

corn pickle spears, jello with topping, milk.

Wednesday – corn dog, mustard, pork n beans, fries, ketchup, peach cups, cakes, milk.

Thursday – chicken patty, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday – pizza sticks, corn on cob, baby carrots, dressing, celery sticks, chips, sherbet, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – toast & jelly, yogurt, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – Hot Pockets, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – pancakes, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu Dec. 14-18
Monday – hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk.

Tuesday – golden fish patties, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, garlic bread stick, milk.

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

Thursday – stew, grilled cheese sandwich, strawberries & peaches, crackers, sherbet, milk.

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

Bama's House
440 E. 5th St. 728-9009
Hot Lunch Specials
Menu for the week of December 14-17
Monday, December 14
Pork Roast w/ Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Broccoli Spears, Salad, Hot Roll
Tuesday, December 15
Hamburger Steak w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Hot Roll
Wednesday, December 16
Chicken Pot Pie, Normandy Vegetables, Salad, Biscuit
Thursday, December 17
Green Beef Enchiladas, Beans, Spanish Rice, Chips & Hot Sauce
Hot Lunch Specials - \$7.95 plus tax. Includes tea.
Our last day open will be Thurs., Dec. 17. We will be closed for the holidays until Jan. 4, 2010. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.
We now have something new at Bama's!
We have fixed gift sets with some of our homemade mixes of breads, cakes, cookies, popcorn, seasonings, etc. All you add is the fresh ingredients! And all sets are made up with a perfect group of items to help you prepare the dish. These would make perfect Christmas gifts or birthday gifts. We also have coffee cups with flavored coffee and creamers or flavored tea bags. Many options available with more to come as we make them. Come see!

Wilson's Weekly
Psalm 10: Humble Servants

The wicked persecute the poor, appear to be prosperous, and generally think they will never have a problem in this world (v.1-11). It seems that around every corner that there are those who are looking to take advantage of those in need. Sadly, there are also those who through fraud take advantage of those with big hearts making it harder to get help for those truly in need. The Christian cannot let these problems distract them from being a good servant of God.

The Lord is King forever and ever (v.16). He will hear the desires of the humble. Humility is a character trait that is lacking but that is much needed in our world. It is important that we consider others above ourselves (Philippians 2:3,4). We must be servants to the world. It is essential that we help our fellowman, especially the fatherless, the oppressed, and the widows (v.18; James 1:27).

Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and He will exalt us (James 4:10). We will not need to be oppressing others to get ahead. We will not have to mistreat anyone by fraud. Fellow citizens, let us help those who are in need with love for their souls and love for the Creator of souls.

Come Worship With Us – Westbrook church of Christ
Sundays: Bible class – 10:00 am; Worship – 11:00 am; plus Sunday & Wednesday evenings
Denny Wilson – roydw3@aol.com – or leave a message at 644-5356
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COLORADO CITY RECORD, Thursday, December 10, 2009

Upwork help

Colorado host a Fine Arts Festival on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the shop is for and their purpose is to provide one hour of portance and student Ann Dur

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SCHOOL NEWS



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL marching band flute section, from left to right: Darian Lendermon, Ashli Cooper, Mandy Scott, Olivia Luera and Destyne Gaona.

Upcoming financial aid workshop at CHS to be held next Tuesday

Colorado High School will host a Financial Aid Workshop on Tuesday, December 15 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. This workshop is for college-bound seniors and their parents.

The presentation will last only one hour and will cover the importance of grants, scholarships and student loans. The presenter, Ann Duncan from Panhandle

Plains Student Loan Center, will also cover the importance of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Two \$100 scholarships will be given away during the presentation just for being at the meeting. Refreshments will be provided, and the workshop is hosted by the CHS Counselor's office.

Hutch announces honor roll for second six weeks

Hutchinson Elementary has released the A and AB Honor Roll lists for the 2nd six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Dillon Adkins, David Andrade, Karen Barrera, Sara Barrera, Omar Carrillo, Madison Diaz, Destyni Espinoza, Destiny Garza, Bailey Gonzales, Nadia Gonzales, Reid Harris, Viviana Jaimes, Jett Johnson, Kendall Lastly, Jacob Muñoz, Brian Nava, Shelby Ortiz, Kristina Parker, Lilly Parras, Hadley Redwine and Syrrah Tenorio.

4th Grade: Miriam Aguirre, Ashlei Burrola, Brayden Coronado, Devante Emerson, Jady Griffith, Alexus Haag, Shelby Harris, Ma'Kenzie Juarez, Kaitlyn Kimball, Nicole Martinez, Shanna Pelham, Sara Roach, Sierra Santana, Makaya Smith and Clancy White.

5th Grade: M'Leah Alexander, Krysa Boyce, Bryanna Cloutier, Darian Espinoza, Don Guazo, Selvy Lee, Baylie Lindsey, Avery Powell and Jennifer Roman.

AB Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Bethany Barnett, Lexi Barrientos, Omar Boone, Kasey Casares, Adam Clifton, McKaila Davidson, Adon Flores, Alexis Garcia, Natalie Gideon, Jordan Lawson, Kamrun Martinez, Victoria Melendez, Markis Monroe, Maddie Morris, Isaiah Quiroz, Nathan Read, Garren Smith, Taylor Smith, Johnathan Sosa, Brayden Sutton, John Vanderpool and Kimberly Ventura.

4th Grade: Brandon Adkins, Damon Bell, Zachary Casares, Chloe Castillo, Cameron Davidson, Demetrio Davila, Issac Delapaz, Angel Duran, Hope Eime, Kyria Emerson, Taylor Epperson, Gregorio Gaona, Muranda Garcia, Alexa Garza, Jordan Grimes, Marcus Gutierrez, Serena Gutierrez, Erick Hernandez, Tyler Huff, Darian Jondle, McKinna Komppa, Moises Leanos, Chance Limones, Nicholas Macedo, Kelsea Martinez, Terry Massingill, Adrian Matos, Daniel Meguire, Jacob Morrow, Kaci Phariss, Tamren Pierce, Gabriel Salazar, Seth Scales, Gavino Silva, Austin Sosa, Xavier Sosa, Bradon Upshaw, Jalessa Williams, Deanna Wooddell and Misty Zimmerlee.

5th Grade: Alliyah Adcock, Susan Airheart, Logan Allison, Adrian Arguijo, Jose Barrientos, Jennifer Bueno, Amor Carrillo, Jonathan Casares, Carrie Chaney, Rebekah Diaz, Donndric Fowler-Jones, Aaron Free, Skyler Givens, Hazel Gonzales, Adrian Gonzalez, Autumn Green, Courtney Green, Conner Hickson, Layton Holsey, Maci Hopper, Esperanza Jaimes, Candan Jones, Seth Keeton, Brianna

Martinez, Rion Maxwell, Jazmin Mendoza, Koby Miller, Kaedan Molina, Robert Parras, Maryetta Polanco, Eddie Pool, Johnathan Rankin, Kaylin Sims, Jordan Smith, Justin Trawick and Jisell Ventura.

DIVISIONS

Colorado City and Coahoma would be a D2 school while Ballinger is on the bubble and could go either way.

Making the playoffs will be a little tougher as only two schools from D1 and D2 will be able to advance in the playoffs.

The student ratio for D2 schools would be schools from approximately 205 students to 325. Colorado ISD has consistently stayed around 300 students which would put it in the top of Division II.

Under the current playoff format, the large-school Division I championship games for classes 3A, 2A and 1A are a week earlier than the title games in the small-school Division II.

The championships are the same weekend in both divisions of classes 4A and 5A. The 5A title games will be Dec. 19 at San Antonio's Alamodome, the venue for the first year of same-site championships in 2007. Last year's 5A games were at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

Hutch names perfect attendance for the second six weeks

Hutchinson Elementary has announced its list of students with perfect attendance for the 2nd six-weeks of the school year.

3rd Grade: Bethany Barnett, Karen Barrera, Sara Barrera, Lexi Barrientos, Zeke Beltran, Luke Blake, McKaila Davidson, Madison Diaz, Keegan Eades, Logan Fallin, Adon Flores, Zackary Gomez, Nadia Gonzales, Samaria Hernandez, Jarayel Hill, Timothy Hughes, Colton Hunter, Viviana Jaimes, Jett Johnson, Alexis Lara, Seth Linam, Victoria Melendez, Jacob Muñoz, Hadley Redwine, Marissa Reyna, Eli Sauer, Taylor Smith, Brayden Sutton, Syrrah Tenorio, Megan Vasquez and Leonard Williams.

4th Grade: Brandon Adkins, Jimmie Airheart, Juanita Ariz-



HUTCH PRINCIPAL, KITTEN Authur, along with Karen Johns and Tia Matlock (l-r) rock out on the Hutchinson float during the Christmas parade last Saturday. The float won second place. A video of this year's parade will be posted on the Record's website. www.coloradorecord.com

mendi, Damon Bell, Ashlei Burrola, Zachary Casares, Cameron Davidson, Hope Eime, Jady Griffith, Avian Hernandez, Anessa Hulme, Nate Johnson, TW Jondle, Ma'Kenzie Juarez, Sierra Santana, Seth Scales, Austin Sosa, Xavier Sosa, Joseangel Vargas, Clancy White, Jalessa Williams, Deanna Wooddell and Misty Zimmerlee.

5th Grade: M'Leah Alexander, Jose Barrientos, Krysa Boyce, Jonathan Casares, Tye Erwin, Adrian Gonzales, Don Guazo, Conner Hickson, Layton Holsey, Maci Hopper, Candan Jones, Sebastian Martinez, Jazmin Mendoza, Maryetta Polanco, Eddie Pool, Zach Potter, Avery Powell, Kyle Rivera, Jennifer Roman and Jordan Smith.

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the number of contestants per event per classification to nine.

•Require all coaches to complete an annual UIL Rules Compliance Program (RCP) prescribed by the UIL.

•Require schools to use officials registered with UIL in all varsity team sport contests.

The council also rejected, tabled or took no action on the following:

- Allowing school coaches to coach their teams in the summer.
- Adding two additional teams to the playoffs in team tennis.
- Adding bowling.

Coach Johnson is a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association UIL Board of Directors and Senior Director for Region II.



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LOCAL NEWS



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Best friends bike across America

Marshall Wayne Lee, age 40, US Army vet, along with his basset hound, Antigone Puppupagus, is bicycling across the country from Chicago to the Pacific Ocean. Colorado City is mile 1350.

They will be staying in Colorado City Thursday, December 10, 2009, weather permitting.

Marshall pedals while Antigone rides in a kiddie trailer. The

two wish to bring awareness to the Out of the Darkness Overnight walk-a-thon supporting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and to local basset rescues (North Texas Basset Rescue); and to share the story of how Antigone helped Marshall talk himself out of suicide.

For more information visit: www.antigonebasset.blogspot.com or www.afsp.org



BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO -- Marshall Lee and Antigone bike across America in an effort to promote awareness for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



THE FESTIVAL OF TREES is a great time to relax with friends and family. To see a slide show of the festival, visit www.coloradorecord.com.



YOUNG AND OLD enjoy a hearty bowl of chili at the Lions Club chili supper fundraiser Saturday.

Lower fences still keep out feral hogs

By Robert Burns

Farmers and ranchers may be inadvertently aiding and abetting one of their worst enemies, the feral hog, by providing supplemental feed for white-tailed deer and other wildlife, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife expert.

But a new study conducted at the Welder Wildlife Foundation near Sinton showed that it is possible to design fencing that allows deer access to feeders while excluding feral hogs, according to Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

In Texas alone, feral hogs cause \$52 million of damage to crops and pastures annually, he said. "And that does not include damage to wildlife food plots, wildlife feeds and feeders, or to recreational areas like parks, golf courses and landscapes," Higginbotham said.

In an attempt to curtail the damage, landowners hunt and trap feral hogs, he said. But at the same time, Texas hunters and landowners put out approximately 300 million pounds of shelled corn annually, primarily for white-tailed deer, spending an estimated \$50 million. Feral hogs crash the party by raiding the feeding sites and eating the corn, often preventing deer and other wildlife from visiting at all.

The party crashing does more than just deny supplemental feed to white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Better-fed feral hog sows are more likely to produce more piglets per litter, and those piglets have a higher survival rate, Higginbotham said.

Fencing seemed the answer to the problem, he said, but how high was high enough to stop hogs and low enough to admit deer?

To answer this question Higginbotham devised a cooperative study with Dr. Tyler Campbell, wildlife biologist and station leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services-National Wildlife Research Center near Kingsville.

Higginbotham and Campbell enclosed deer-feeder sites with fences of

three heights: 20 inches, 28 inches and 34 inches. All fences used six 16-foot long panels, staked with steel T-posts and arranged in a circular pattern around feeders. During July and August, remote sensing cameras, which are tripped by motion, were used to record deer and feral hog traffic. The cameras recorded traffic before the fencing was erected and then for two weeks after in late July and early August.

Before the fencing, the automatic cameras recorded 5.3, 3.1 and 4.7 hog visits per hour for sites no. 1 (34-inch fence), no. 2 (28-inch fence) and no. 3 (20-inch fence), respectively. Deer visits per hour were 0.8, 1.4 and 0.1 respectively for sites 1, 2 and 3. Once the fencing was installed, all three heights limited feral-hog access, but the two highest fences excluded them completely. To a small degree, the 34-inch fencing and the 28-inch fencing limited some deer access as well, but the overall effect on deer traffic was minimal as they could easily jump the fences, Higginbotham said.

With the fencing, hog visits per hour were reduced to 0.0, 0.0 and 1.8 for sites 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Deer visits per hour were negligibly reduced to 0.66 from 0.8 for the 34-inch fencing, but actually doubled for the 24-inch fencing and more than quadrupled for the 20-inch fencing, he said.

Because of these results, Higginbotham and Campbell are recommending 28-inch fencing. The 28-inch high panels worked as well as the 34-inch high panels at excluding hogs," Higginbotham said. "Therefore, 60-inch wide panels can be purchased and ripped lengthwise down the middle to create a least-cost enclosure."

However, Higginbotham said, landowners should not use this data to reduce the standard height of trap cages, which is usually 60 inches.

"I have always believed that the height of a fence necessary to keep feral hogs out was lower than the height necessary to keep feral hogs in," he said. "We'll repeat the trials this winter to better assess whether the fence heights limit fawn access to the feeders."

The winter study will be conducted with the help of Duane Campion, AgriLife Extension agent for San Patricio County, Higginbotham noted.

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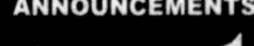
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We want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the "good bags" they provided and Belinda Blassingame for providing a key to the Civic Center.

Cecilia Scott helped us to find someone for our Ghost Tour and Jim Baum and Bob Mace were those two "someones" who so ably led the tour and took it back in history to our early days. Thank you each and every one.

Kudos to Amie Wood for having the museum open for several hours that afternoon, so interested persons could enjoy our wonderful museum.

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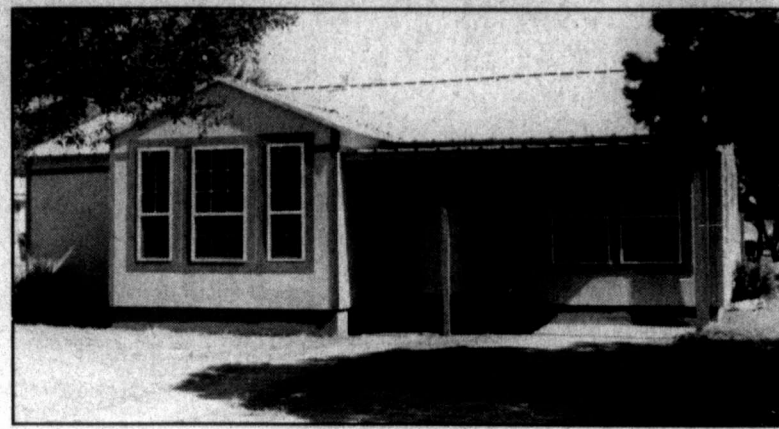
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VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS enjoy some holiday cheer at the annual Christmas party hosted by the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department last Thursday.



LORAINES TOP FIREMAN – Loraine Fire Chief Rick Bailey presents the Fireman of the Year award to Rick Wyman at the annual fire department Christmas party last Thursday. Photo courtesy of Debby Mitchell

new time change. It is now back to 7 a.m.

You are invited to attend the next breakfast on December 12th and urged to bring a friend. You will enjoy good food, fellowship and a good devotional in the fellowship hall at Loraine Methodist Church. Please use the east glass door.

A.K. and Billie Sheffield enjoyed the company of their children for Thanksgiving. They were Mildred Kelley and Dave; Caitlin of Carrollton and her son, Ryan of Texas Tech; and J.D. and Gina Sheffield of Gatesville.

They enjoyed the good food and visiting with each other and having fun.

R.E.A.C. inspectors were in Loraine on Tuesday, December 8th, to inspect conditions at the Housing Authority.

The inspection includes safety, good working concerns and overall conditions of the housing units.

**By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent**

Hello to our *Record* readers. We hope you had a good week, and that you stayed well and warm. Some of us are already thinking of the dog days of summer.

Last Monday was Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941. Do you remember where you were when you heard President Roosevelt saying in his authoritative voice, "My fellow Americans, we are at war with Japan."

Things were never the same after that war in my family, and millions were left feeling the same. When we gathered at the kitchen table after the war, one seat was left empty.

Do you think wars will ever cease? There will be wars and rumors of war, I read. What a pity.

God bless our service men and women where ever they serve, and bless their families waiting at home.

The Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month has a

Energy seminar set Friday at 7

Clint and Shana Hummel from northern Missouri will be in town Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. for an Ambit Energy Information Seminar.

The seminar, to be held in the C C Thompson Room at City National Bank, 220 Elm Street will explain how to save money or possibly eliminate energy bills.

Seats are limited so attendees should come early for the one night event.

My friend, Virgil Parnell, spent Thanksgiving with his children, Nelline and Al Fulcher in Big Spring. He reported having a lot of good food and enjoying their company.

Virgil is still living at home, taking care of his own needs at the age of 98 years young. He is still driving his car, and he enjoys going to the Senior Center whenever it is open.

Friday, November 4th, the Loraine Senior Citizens Center was closed due to the weather. By the afternoon, the snow was melting and the temperature was warmer, so manager Jennifer Ehle delivered meals to shut-ins.

This decision was greatly appreciated by the homebound and those in ill health.

During an old movie last Saturday, a little lady had lost one of her "ear bobs". This brought to mind some words I don't hear anymore, like: algeretta berries, clabber, coal oil, "toe" sack, catheads, Gitney, rik-rak, brogan, petticoat, mush, cat claw, giant stride, bear grass, razor strap, hair "wrench", wiggle tail or carbide lights.

Bama's House was beautifully decorated for a traditional Christmas brunch on December 5th at 9:30 a.m. There was an outstanding manger scene, greens, lights and a tree.

The menu consisted of coffee, orange juice, breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, muffins and strawberry bread.

Ladies from Loraine attending were: Pam Butler, Mary Casey, Jan Millering, Christine Britton, Rachel Moreno, Y. Sadler, Elnora Mitchell, Helen Hartley, Susan Farr, Ina Vay McAdams, Doris Graham, Anita Garner, Christene

Mearse, Sue Linam, Billie Powell, Wanza Graham, Julie Sanchez, Peggy Manning, Doris Henderson, and Krystal Acevedo, who sang a medley of Christmas songs accompanied by taped music.

The ladies reported having a wonderful time.

CEA Mary McMullen gave a monthly report on food safety for delicious holiday goodies.

Glenda Hemphill, daughter of Wanza and Bobby Graham, visited the Center last week.

Providing special music for the

Methodist Church of Loraine last Sunday morning prior to the message was Charlene Hays. She sang, "There is a River", written by David and Max Sapp.

She was accompanied by Debby Mitchell on piano.

My traveling sister-in-law, Dottie Vaughn from Irving, called and after 25 minutes, the most important or interesting thing she said was that she made a big pot of turkey chili with her huge amount of leftover Thanksgiving turkey. She took it to a club care for hungry people.

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