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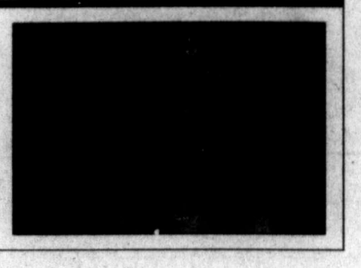

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Council OKS purchase of land from CISD

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Independent School District said all along it supported the city fire department's attempts to expand their current facilities.

On Tuesday evening they let the City of Colorado City know just how much.

In a letter to the Colorado City City Council, CISD Superintendent Jim White announced the school was dropping its request to have the city trade land for the property it owns behind the CISD Adminsitration Building in lieu of allowing the city to purchase the three lots outright.

City commissioners, at the urging of Colorado City Fire Chief Rufino Martinez, accepted the offer and agreed to pay the school district $4,500 for the property.

Previously, the city and school district had discussed a possible trade/purchase in which each entity would buy land from the other at an equal price. That deal never materialized.

""It just never worked out," said City Manager Paul Catoe.

The CCVFD had been seeking to acquire the land from the school district for the past 20 months in an effort to expand its current fire station. The expansion would make it possible for the fire department to store some of its expensive equipment indoors in a protected environment.

Catoe said city leaders would meet at a later date to discuss options in expanding the facility.

C-City, Westbrook voters may have easy choices

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

There may not be a reason for an election during the May 13 municipal election in Colorado City and Westbrook. Mainly because the two Mitchell County communities will not need to vote for city candidates on May 13.

City officials in Colorado City and Westbrook announced Tuesday morning only a minimum of candidates had shown interest during the filing period which ended Monday evening, making municipal elections unnecessary. Officials with both communities, said the local portion of the election could be cancelled if no write-in candidates declare prior to the March 20 deadline.

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Darby, Campbell to decide House 72 race in April runoff

After more than three months of campaigning State Representative Scott Campbell and challenger Drew Darby find themselves right where they started: Facing an election.

Campbell and Darby are scheduled to face off against one another again on April 11 in the Republican Party runoff. The winner of that race will likely face former Democratic candidate Jeri Slone, who recently announced she would be running as an independent this November.

Drew Darby

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Railhead Trade Days this weekend

Railhead Trade Days is returning to the Mitchell County scene for the first time in 2006 this coming weekend when merchants and artists from throughout West Texas converge on downtown Colorado City.

The event is scheduled to fun from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, and from

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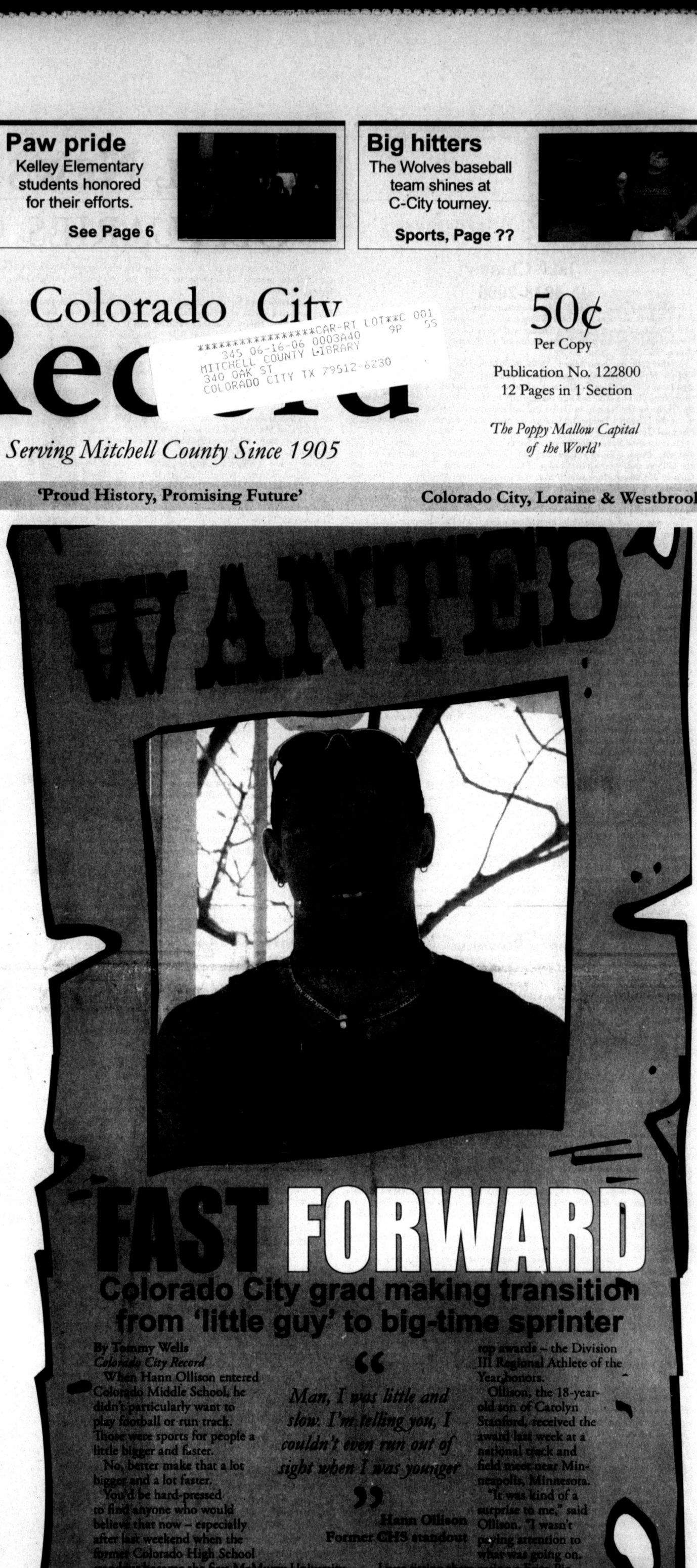

Colorado City grad making transition from 'little guy' to big-time sprinter

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

When Hann Ollison entered Colorado Middle School, he didn't particularly want to play football or run track. Those were sports for people a little bigger and faster.

No, better make that a lot bigger and a lot faster.

You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who would believe that now – especially after last weekend when the former Colorado High School standout became the first McMurry University freshman to ever walk away with one of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' top awards – the Division III Regional Athlete of the Year honors.

> *"Man, I was little and slow. I'm telling you, I couldn't even run out of sight when I was younger"*
>
> **Hann Ollison**
> **Former CHS standout**

Ollison, the 18-year-old son of Carolyn Stanford, received the award last week at a national track and field meet near Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"It was kind of a surprise to me," said Ollison. "I wasn't paying attention to what was going on. I was sitting there eating a Frito Pie when I heard my name announced.

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Around Town

Happy birthday **Patty Perkin** (March 16)... Ask **Randy Erwin** about his "Mad Cow Disease"... Happy birthday **Priscilla and Raymond Molina**. Both were born March 21 .... **Janet McCright** finds her way back from Houston .... **Gretchen Maddox** looking at some jewelry...

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Dan L. Majors, San Antonio
Jerry Dale Dixon, Odessa

Briefs

Fish Fry
House of Hope Community Church will have a fish fry with all the trimmings on Fri., Mar. 17th starting at 5 p.m. The church is located at 200 W. 17th St. Take-out dinners available by calling 728-5900.

Book Fair
The Westbrook School book fair will be held Wed. through Tues., Mar. 15-21. On Tues., parents are encouraged to attend with their children for breakfast and book fair. The fair will be held in the home economics room.

Bridge Closed
The low water crossing at Lone Wolf Creek Bridge in Ruddick Park will closed all this week March 13 through March 20.

Account Opened
An account has been opened at First Bank of West Texas in Loraine for the family of Gene White, Jr. who was killed in an accident. Parents are Pat and Gene White of Loraine.

Answerline

Q. Who is the speaker at the Chamber Banquet Monday, March 27th?
A. The speaker will be Colonel James J. Hammes, the Inspector General of the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base.

Lake Levels

(as of March 14, 2006)

Lake Colorado City...2067.31'
Full at 2070.3'
Down 2.99'

Lake Champion...2041.61'
Full at 2083'
Down 41.39'

Levels courtesy of United States Geological Service

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Jake Chaney
1938-2006

Brother Jake Chaney, age 67, of Colorado City, died Sat., Mar. 11, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. Services were held Wednesday in the Christian Fellowship Church with Dr. Eric Belcher, Claudine Chaney and Larry Chaney officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Brother Jake was born May 6, 1938, in Frost to Jake D. and Mary Jane Horn Chaney. He married Barbara Jane Patterson on Aug. 27, 1960, in Odessa. He graduated from Odessa High School and attended Odessa Junior College and Sul Ross University. He was ordained into the ministry in May of 1987 by Dr. Eric Belcher of the Christ for the Nations in Dallas and had served as former pastor and senior pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church for many years. He also served in the Texas National Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Chaney of Colorado City; two sons, Britt Kyle and wife, Dawn Chaney of Levelland and Tip Clay Chaney of Lindale; two brothers, Gilbert and wife, Marie Chaney of Colorado City and Floyd and wife, Evette Chaney of Odessa; three sisters, Mae and husband, Tom Montague and Margaret Robinson, both of Colorado City, and Evelyn Trant of Laporte; four grandchildren, Laci Allen, Logan Chaney, Tyler Chaney and Courtney Chaney and one yet to be born great-grandson, Parker Allen.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Cody Pat Chaney in 1963; and a brother, James E. Chaney, who was killed in action during WWII.

Virginia "Puddy" Neff
1922-2006

Mrs. Virginia "Puddy" Neff, age 84, of Colorado City, died Tues., Mar. 7, 2006, in an Abilene hospital. Services were held Friday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. James Shields officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Neff was born to Walter and Lucy Buchanan Whipkey in Colorado City on Feb. 15, 1922. She graduated from Colorado High School in 1938 and from Baylor University with a BA in Music. In the 1940s, she taught music at Colorado Middle School. She married Rush Neff on July 17, 1965, in Weatherford. Together they were the founders of the West Texas and New Mexico Florist Association. She was a florist for many years and a member of the Garden Club and a lifelong resident of Colorado City.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Rush Neff of Colorado City; two sons, Walter and wife, Linda Hearin of Temple and James and wife, Lou Hearin of Colorado City; a step-daughter, Pat Bowlin and husband, Shug of Colorado City; a sister, Betty O'Shaughnessy of Detroit, Michigan; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Billie "Nana" Forbes
1934-2006

Billie "Nana" Forbes, age 71, of Colorado City, died Thurs., Mar. 9, 2006, at her residence. Services were held Saturday at the New Life Bible Ministries Church with Ken Northcutt officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home in Snyder.

Mrs. Forbes was born July 1, 1934, in Snyder. She married Donald Ray Forbes on Oct. 18, 1952, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 2004. She was a former Justice of the Peace in Mitchell County. She held that position for 12 years. She also served on the Welfare Board and the Child Abuse Board of Colorado City. She worked as a nurse's aide at the Mitchell County Hospital and taught Sunday school.

Roger Stevens
1956-2006

Mr. Roger Stevens, age 50, of Colorado City, died Thurs., Mar. 9, 2006, in an Abilene hospital. Graveside services were held Friday in the Mitchell County Cemetery with Rev. Jackie Brem officiating, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Clifton Kyle "Cliff" Beights
1984-2006

Clifton Kyle "Cliff" Beights, age 21, of Lubbock, died Thurs., Mar. 11, 2006, in Fort Stockton after injuries sustained in an accident. Funeral services were held Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Snyder with Brady Traywick, pastor of First Baptist Church in Snyder and David Frazier, former FFA advisor at Snyder High School, officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery, under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home in Snyder.

Cliff was born July 20, 1984, in Abilene to Ricky and Terri Beights. He was a tutor for students with learning disability at Texas Tech Techniques Center. He was also a student assistant at Texas Tech Animal Science Department. He was on the National Dean's List from 2003-2005 and Texas Tech's Dean's List 2004-2005. He was a member of the Order of Omega Honor Society, Dobro Slovo National Slavic Honor Society, Phi Sigma Theta Honor Society and a member of Omega Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. He was also involved in the Farm House Fraternity and Greek Wide.

Mr. Beights is survived by his parents, Ricky and Terri Beights of Snyder; one brother, Brian Beights of Snyder; his maternal grandparents, Johnny and Meredith Edwards of Colorado City; his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Armstrong of San Angelo; and aunts and uncles, Tim and Helen Edwards, Penny and Matt Salmon, Ricky and Robin Arispe, Bruce and Marsha Dockrey, all of Colorado City, Mike and Betsy Beights of McKinney, Cindy Hearrell of Palestine and Scotty and Venita Beights of Talpa.

Mary Price Womack
1924-2006

Mary Price Womack, of Midland, passed away Thurs. Mar. 9, 2006.

She was born Sept. 7, 1924 to Oscar Byron Price and Lela Mary Whipkey Price in Colorado City. A graduate of Colorado High School, Mary continued her education at Hardin-Simmons University receiving her Bachelor of Music in 1946. On January 24, 1947, she married T. W. "Jack" Womack. The couple moved to Odessa, in 1950 where Jack established and developed a successful advertising business, Womack-Claypoole-Griffin, which operated for over 40 years and expanded to Dallas and San Antonio. Mary was primarily a homemaker, but also taught piano for many years, and was the church pianist for First Baptist Church in Odessa.

Mary was a strong Christian wife and mother whose life was an expression of her deep faith. She was active in every church congregation with which she was involved including First Baptist Odessa, Trinity Baptist in San Antonio, Trinity Baptist in Kerrville, and most recently, St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. She was an active supporter of Market Place Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ and other missionary endeavors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son, Thomas Price Womack.

Mary is survived by her husband, T. W. "Jack" Womack of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law, R. Kyle and Brenda Womack of Midland; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Womack of Odessa; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert B. and Becca Price of San Antonio; a sister, Nancy Price Neal of Kerrville; grandchildren, Amy L. Womack of Fort Lauderdale, FL, W. Kyle Womack of Austin, Rachel L. Womack of Fort Worth, and T. Ryan Womack of Lubbock.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 25, 2006 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701 or the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, Mission Square, 4400 N. Big Spring, #C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

Patricia "Pat" Boon
1944-2006

Patricia Boon, age 61, of Breckenridge, died Sun., Mar. 12, 2006 at her residence. Graveside services were held Tuesday in the Breckenridge Cemetery with Rev. Steve Nance officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Patricia Louise Wofford Boon was born on Nov. 7, 1944 in Florence, Arizona to parents Henry Guy Wofford and Lela Mae Ballard Wofford. She was raised in Grow, TX and attended schools in Guthrie. She married Jerry Glynn Boon on Nov. 20, 1961 in Paducah. Patricia and Jerry moved to Breckenridge in 1996 from Colorado City. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Billy Wofford and George Wofford.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Jerry Boon of Breckenridge; two sons, Jeffery Boon and wife, Beth, of Weatherford and James Boon and wife, Dee, of Breckenridge; brothers, Henry Wofford of Ponder and Leon Brady of Snyder; grandchildren, Bonnie Cleveland of Denton, Bobby Cleveland of Breckenridge, Jacob Boon of Weatherford, Emily Boon of Weatherford, and Jaylen Boon of Breckenridge.

Dan L. Majors
1937-2006

Dan L. Majors, age 68, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2006, in San Antonio. Dan was born July 31, 1937, in Colorado City, to Marvin and Devada Majors, where he spent most of his youth. He moved his family to San Antonio in 1968, at the peak of The World's Fair. Dan was employed with Sears and Roebuck for 10 years before acquiring his Real Estate Brokers License, and retired in 2003, from North Park Lincoln Mercury, after 25 years of service. He was a Texas Free Mason for 38 years. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and also had a passion for his family, friends and golf. In Dan's last golf tournament, held July 2005, the final putt of his life was a 40 footer that fell in the 18th hole to place him "in the money." Sadly, Dan succumbed to a most rare form of Appendix Cancer.

Dan was preceded in death by, his father, Marvin Majors and his infant son, Kyle Damon Majors. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda; son, Marcom Daniel Majors and wife, Nannette; daughter, Shelly Lynn McManus and husband, Mitch; grandchildren Zachary, Tyler, Jordan McManus and Juliette Majors; mother, Devada Almand; sisters, Donna Watson and Leah Grace Fuller; brother, Brad; numerous nieces, nephews and many loving relatives from the Butler Family.

Services were held Mon., Mar. 13, 2006 in the University United Methodist Church in San Antonio with Rev. Ryan Barnett officiating. Masonic graveside services under the Auspices of the Victory Lodge #1160 A.F. & A.M. were held at Sunset Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dan's name to The Foundation for Applied Research in Gastrointestinal Oncology (F.A.R.G.O.) c/o Washington Hospital Center, Suite 3900N, 106 Irving St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20010.

Jerry Dale Dixon
1959-2006

On Tuesday, March 7, 2006, after fighting the good fight, Jerry (Touch Down J.D.) Dixon went home to claim his prize from his Heavenly Father at the tender young age of 46 surrounded by his loving family and friends at The Hospice House in Odessa, Texas.

He was born September 14, 1959 in Odessa, Texas and attended John Ireland Elementary, Nimitz Jr. High and Permian High School. He was preceded in death by his loving maternal Papaw T. A. McMurry, Aunt Patsy Parum, and paternal grandmother Carlene Bullock.

He is survived by his mother Ginger Dixon, his father and step-mother, W. C. & Becky Dixon, sister, Lori Dixon Courtney, brother, Ricky Dixon and wife, Brenda all of Odessa, Billy Dixon and wife, Pam of Las Cruces, New Mexico, special sister-in-law, Janice Turner and special brother-in-law, John Turner of Odessa, best friends, Jimmy Fincher and Amanda Warner of Odessa, nieces, Chashann "Nikki" Dickson, Candice Dixon, Christopher Turner, Cody Dixon of Odessa, Chelsea Dixon of Las Cruces, New Mexico, nephews Michael Dixon of USS Marine Corp., Sean Dixon of Austin, and his second family and friends in Jackson and Bristol, Tenn., and his pet/child Cinder "Cindy" Dixon, all of whom he loved dearly.

Jerry J. D. Touch Down Dixon was a Christian who loved Christ with all of his heart. He lived in Jackson Tenn., and actively attended Skyline Church of Christ and Partner's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church in Germantown, Tenn. He left this place with nothing more than wanting to know his family and friends loved Christ as much as he did and they would one day be reunited in heaven in a joyful celebration. His love for Christ and faith in God is shown best in the following poem he wrote himself and shared with all he met.

The Storm Will Bring the Blessings
Sometimes the sun seems hidden
When our lives are filled with pain,
Yet God sees us clearly
As His promises remain.
Sometimes we pray for something
That He doesn't seem to give,
But He knows exactly what we need
To help us grow and live.
Finally when the sun shines
And the clouds are there no longer,
We see how much he blessed us
Because the storm has made us stronger.

A Joy Graduation Service was held at 2:00 pm, Monday, March 13, 2006 at Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University in Odessa, Texas with Mr. Bob Clark officiating. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Cody Dixon, Sean Dixon, Jimmy Fincher, Billy Dixon, Ricky Dixon and Danny Dickson. Honorary pallbearers are Allen Martin, Danny Jackson, Glen Pendergrass, Danny Walker, Tom Palmer and Sam Bopps all of Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following: Home Hospice Foundation, 903 N Sam Houston Ave, Odessa, TX 79761; Skyline Church of Christ, 1024 Skyline Drive, Jackson, TN, 38301 or Partner's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, PO Box 38525, Edmontown, TN, 38183

(PAID OBITUARY)

Local Lions Club kicks off its local glasses campaign

The Colorado City Lions Club is looking to spread its vision of everyone having good vision over the next few days as it holds its annual eye-glass recycling campaign.

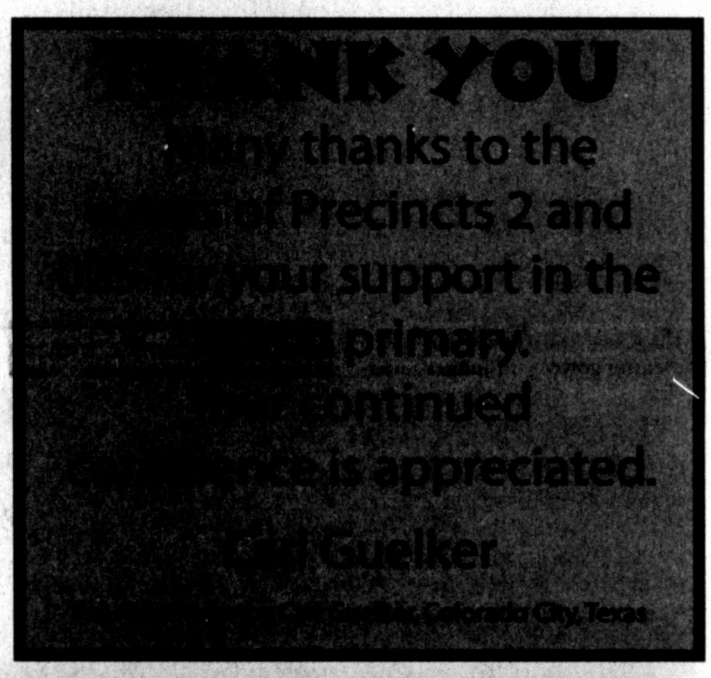
According to Lions Club officials, special drop boxes will be placed at the two banks in the community for persons who wish to donate their old glasses to the service group's cause. The drop boxes will be displayed in City National Bank of Colorado City and First National Bank for the next two weeks.

The glasses collected during the drive – and from throughout the year – will be sent to Midland to be reconditioned and then distributed to needy children in developing countries.

"People can put their old glasses in the drop boxes or give them to me or any other Lion," said J.O. Dockrey. We'll send them to Midland to be repaired and they will send them all over the world to help people see."

The Lions Club officially adopted the eye-glass program in 1994.

Persons interested in donating glasses to the Lions Club program can also do so by contacting Dockrey at 728-2542.



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11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the following day.

All activities will take place in and around the Railhead Building, located at First and Elm streets.

Railhead Trade Days is an arts and craft fair sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We invite the public to come out to Railhead Trade Days and hunt for some great buys," said Sue Lowrance, the executive director of the Colorado City chamber.

Attendees of the event also are encouraged to visit other businesses in the community, including those merchants located in the downtown area.

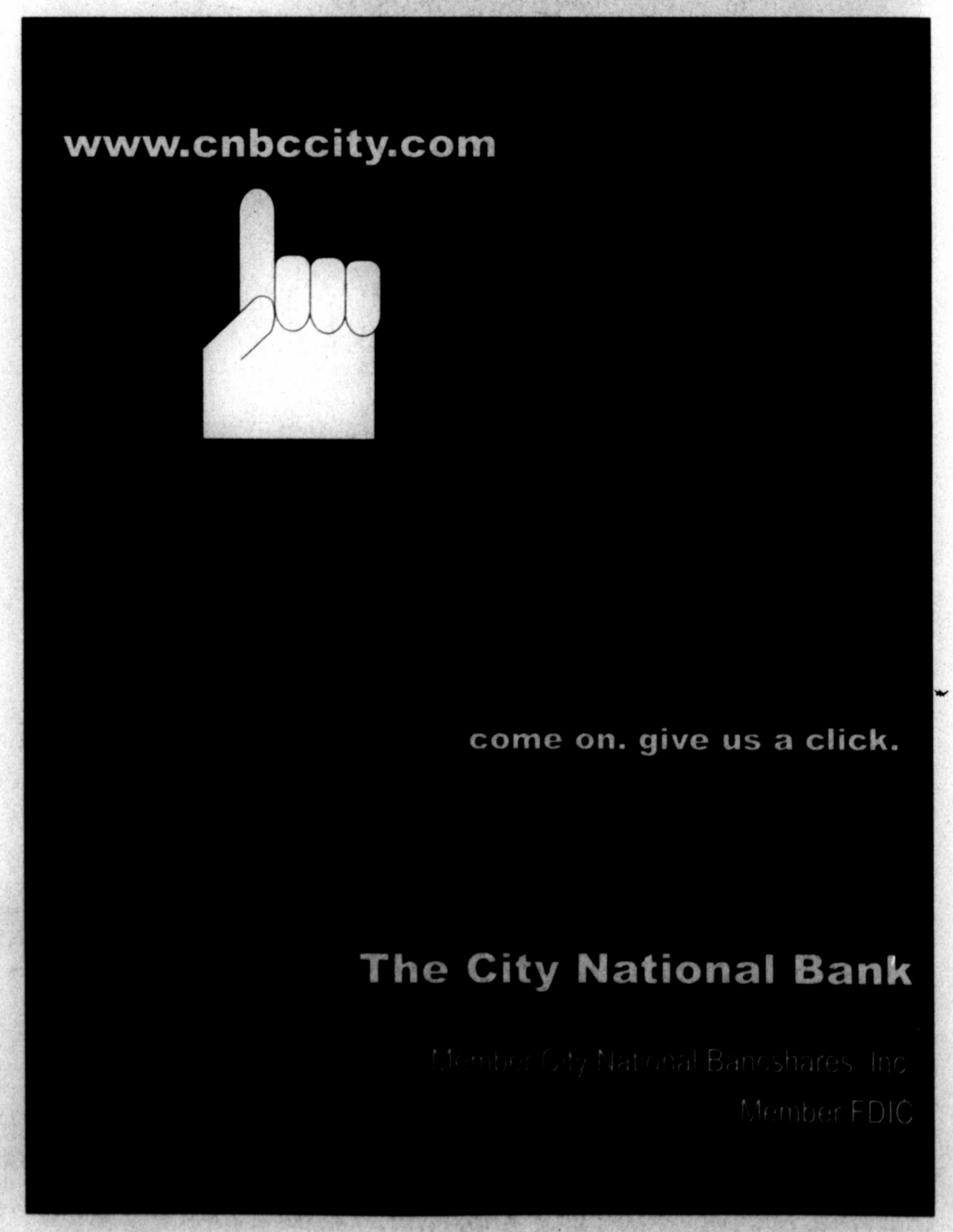
Persons interested in renting a booth for the event can check on availability by contacting the chamber at 728-3403.

The 8x8 indoor booths rent for $30 and the 10x10 booths with electricity rent for $50.

Reward offered for information on pump dump

On Saturday, March 11, a person or persons pushed a portable water pump off the bridge at the low water crossing at Ruddick Park. The pump was mounted on a small trailer that was on loan from the TDCJ facility.

Crimestoppers will pay up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the vandalism. Individuals can call 728-TIPS (728-8477) and do not have to identify themselves.



LOCAL NEWS

Wallace/Ware Units gearing up '07 ACA review

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Wallace and Ware Unit warden J.V. Young openly says his employees help make Colorado City one of the best operated correctional facilities in the entire Texas Department of Criminal Justice system.

In February, he'll get the chance to prove it.

The Wallace and Ware Units kicked off preparations for the American Correctional Accreditation (ACA) review on Tuesday morning as officials from throughout the TDJC system gathered at the Webb Chapel to brief the facilities' employees on the upcoming process. The ACA review will be conducted in February of next year and will help determine the Wallace/Ware Units' standing within the Texas correctional system.

"I have the best people in the entire system," Young told TDJC officials. "I don't think we'll have a problem."

According to Doug Dretke, the TDCJ Director of Correctional Instititions Division, the Wallace/Ware Units would be visited by three out-of-state auditors early next year to determine if the facilities meet the ACA's mandated and non-mandated standards. The auditors will tour the facilities over a four day span in an effort to document information about the Wallace/Ware conditions.

At that time of the review, the Colorado City facilities will be one of approximately 35 correctional facilities seeking a 3-year approval from the ACA Commission Board. Results of the review will be available in May of 2007.

"This facility has always been known for how clean and organized it is," said Dretke, who echoed Young's belief the units would pass the ACA review.

Drekte, who flew in earlier in the day from Huntsville to attend the meeting said the ACA review benefits everyone, offenders, employees and the overall system.

"When you go through an audit, you will have professionals who have had long careers in other states in corrections. They are going to go into every closet and open every door and tell us where we stand. It will sharpen our focus and take us through a team-building process."

TDCJ Regional Director Rodney Cooper also said he felt good about the Colorado City facilities' performance in the review process. The unit's first warden after opening, Cooper said the process was designed to make sure the facility maintained high standards in areas such as cleanliness, quality of life and other areas.

"The ACA process is a team effort," he said. "I know what kind of people we have here. I know these units won't have a problem, but it will let us look at where we may have slipped a little. That's always a good thing."

According to ACA Accreditation manager, the group originally began accrediting TDCJ facilities in 1996 when it reviewed a correctional unit in Teague.

Record Photo/Tommy Wells

TDCJ REGIONAL DIRECTOR Rodney Cooper (right) talks to officials to the Wallace/Ware Units Tuesday morning at a ceremony kicking off the facilities' preparations for the American Correctional Accreditation review. Cooper, who served as the Colorado City facilities' first warden more than decade ago, said he believed the unit would do well in the process. Also attending the ceremony was TDCJ Divison Director Doug Dretke.

CHS senior is latest to become 'Charmed'

Colorado High School Senior Sara Warren was crowned "Miss Snake Charmer" at the 2006 Miss Snake Charmer Pageant in Sweetwater on March 9. The pageant marks the opening each year of the world's largest rattlesnake roundup.

Ten girls from the surrounding area competed for the title of Miss Snake Charmer. They were judged in the areas of casual wear modeling, talent, evening gown, and judges' interview.

Warren was crowned by reigning Miss Snake Charmer Virginia Tovar in front of a large crowd at the Sweetwater Civic Center. Her selection continued a recent Colorado City tradition at the pageant. Colorado City residents have won each of the last two events.

Tovar, also a senior at CHS, won the Miss Snake Charmer honors a year ago.

Courtesy photo

2006 MISS SNAKE CHARMER Sara Warren takes her first walk after being selected as the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup queen last week.

A pageant official was overheard saying, "There must be something in the water in Colorado City."

Catoe: Search for new CC police chief still under way

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Colorado City City Manager Paul Catoe informed members of the city council Tuesday evening that the search for a new Colorado City Police Chief was still under way, and that applications are still be accepted from throughout the state.

"We still haven't found the individual I'm looking for so we're going to hold out a little longer and interview a few more applicants," Catoe said. "Hopefully, we can find an applicant that everyone can be proud of."

Catoe said he had interviewed four applicants for the position since it became vacant on Feb. 24 when former chief Shawn Myatt stepped down.

Of the four, Catoe said only one could be considered a serious candidate for the city's top police position.

"It's going to be hard to find someone as good as Shawn, but we're going to keep looking," he said.

Myatt, who had been on the job less than a year, resigned abruptly last month to accept a similar position -- with a sizeable increase in pay -- in Navasota.

ELECTION

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In Colorado City, only three candidates filed for the May 13 election, including incumbents Robert Brookshear and Marcelo Alvarez, Jr. Brookshear currently represents District 6 on the Colorado City City Council. Alvarez, who is seeking his first full term, is the District 3 representative.

Colorado City residents could see a new face on the council, however. Incumbent Jason Castillo did not file for re-election to his District 4 seat. Carol Sue Dakan did file and currently is running unopposed for the seat.

City Secretary Donna Madrid said the names of all municipal candidates would appear on the May 13 ballot – due to state law governing elections with statewide initiatives..

In Westbrook, all three incumbents filed for re-election. Among those filing for re-election were Mayor Romero Fuentes and council members Elida Fuentes and Sue Hawley.

The residents of Loraine will be going to the polls to cast ballots in the city elections in May as four candidates, including incumbents Jimmy Ruth and Jennifer Zuniga, filed for the three open seats on the Loraine City Council. Joining Ruth and Zuniga on the ballot will be Dearl Messick and Iréne Graham.

Catarina Martinez did not seek re-election.

In local school board races, residents of Westbrook will be choosing from four candidates for its two at-large seats. Among those seeking office are incumbent Ranee Dawson and challengers Roberta A. Fiscus, Valerie Dykstra and Craig Rees.

In Loraine, incumbent school board members Ricky Bailey and Don Epperson have both declared for the LISD election. Joining them on the ballot will be Jeff Wooddell, David A. Alvarez, Sidney Johnston and Louis Davila.

In the CISD election, incumbents Charles Walker and Lisa Hernandez are running unopposed.

RACE

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In District 72 -- composed of Mitchell, Scurry, Tom Green and Coke counties – Darby and Housley fared well. The two combined for almost two-thirds of the ballots cast. In Mitchell County, the two picked up more than 77 percent of the voters. In addition to Mitchell, Darby also carried Scurry and Tom Green counties.

Persons who voted for a particular party in the joint primary must vote for the same party in the run-off. Individuals who did not vote in last week's elections can vote for either party in the April runoff but will be unable to sign petitions for other candidates.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Memories of the store

My father had a corner grocery store in Fort Worth. Growing up, I worked there when I wasn't in school or sleeping. Our lives revolved around the store.

My dad was a fabulous meat man. He could make choice taste like prime just the way he sliced off a steak or roast. He was an artist with a butcher knife. It was fascinating to watch him stand at the meat block and work. He did lots of cutting up. He told me he had butchered about 10,000 head of cattle. He had the strongest right arm I've ever known about. It got that way by using a hand meat saw for decades.

Customers came from as far away as Austin to buy his meat. The store carried a complete line of groceries and produce, but about half the income came from the meat market. That's where the action was. When salesmen came in, my dad just kept right on working at the meat block, talking and answering questions just like he was giving the salesman his full attention.

My dad was a philosopher and a poet. He had the unique ability to make people feel good. State legislators came to the store and leaned over the meat counter for advice and counsel, to hear a story or joke and get their batteries charged. He was pre-med at Baylor, but left after two years to tend to business and raise a family. He quoted poetry that suited the occasion, no matter what the occasion was. He was a Kiwanian and served as Lt. Governor for the Texas-Oklahoma district. He also served on the school board and taught a Sunday school class. He always wore a dress shirt and tie while working in the store and seldom walked out the front door without a coat and hat.

He always enjoyed a certain status. He was valedictorian of his high school class at Athens. He was so popular that once he exploded a firecracker in a classroom and nobody would tell the teacher who did it.

When he and my mother began to travel, I came home and managed the store and its dozen or so employees. I loved the constant parade of characters that came in, especially the ones from across the street that walked over just to visit. My dad discouraged that, but I thought they provided the most interesting part of the day.

My dad got up at 3 or 4 o'clock Saturday mornings to get the meat counter ready for the biggest day of the week. A few days after I got back from an Army tour in Europe, the two of us sat on meat blocks one Saturday morning and just talked. It meant a lot to me because I was 25 years old and wasn't sure just what I was going to do with the rest of my life. That was a very special time for me, especially knowing how valuable time was on Saturday mornings.

My dad passed away in 1975 at the age of 64. He always had a goal of doing $5,000 worth of meat business in a single day. I was taking care of the store while he was in the hospital near the end of his life. One Saturday night I took the adding machine to his hospital bed and showed him the bottom number. It was $5,000.

Passing out the Darwin Awards to those who really need them

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR

Like most people I know, I get a kick out of surfing the Internet for those odd stories that would have most people scratching their heads and wondering what in the name of God were people thinking.

Well, the other day a friend of mine in North Dakota sent me the mother of all odd stories. Seems someone actually went about gathering some of the most unusual stories and compiled them into a list known as the Darwin Awards ... only these awards aren't given for one's mental capacity.

I thought everyone would get a charge out of these real stories. Trust me, even I couldn't make these up.

Imagine the gunman's surprise when he accidentally shot himself in the eye during a botched holdup in Long Beach, California. It seems the robber's 38-caliber pistol failed to fire at his intended victim, so the robber did what any braniac would, he looked down the barrel and tried the trigger again.

This time it worked.

Or imagine the look on a chef's face in Switzerland when he reported to his insurance company that he had injured himself while preparing a meal at a hotel. According to his report, he said he lost a finger while operating a meat-cutting machine. The insurance company, expecting negligence, sent out one of its men to investigate the claim. The investigator tried the machine himself and also lost a finger.

The chef's claim was approved.

Still yet, there was the report of a man in Chicago who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard. When he went to get his car and returned, he found a woman had taken his spot, so he, understandably, shot her.

One of my personal favorites was about the bus driver in Africa who, after making an unscheduled stop at a bar for drinks, discovered the 20 mental patients he had been transporting had escaped. Not wanting to get himself in trouble, the driver did the only thing her could think of. He went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the orderlies the patients were very excitable and prone to telling fantastic fantasies.

It took the hospital staff three days to discover the mistake.

Another incident occurred in Louisiana when a man entered a convenience store and placed a $20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the attendant opened the register, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash. The man took the cash and fled, leaving the $20 on the counter. After the attendant reported the incident, it was learned the robber had made off with $15.

Perhaps the best story of all came from Seattle where a man was attempting to siphon gas from a motor home parked on a street. When police arrived on the scene, they found the would-be gas thief curled up on the street and very ill.

The police said the man admitted to trying to steal gas, but had accidentally plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank instead.

The owner of the motor home refused to press charges, saying the whole ordeal was the best laugh he had ever had.

Until next year, be on the look out for Darwin Award winners.

POLICE REPORT

On Mon., Mar. 6th, at 9:30 a.m., a school official reported a student had left school without permission. Juvenile was later located.

On Mon., Mar. 6th, at 4:40 p.m., the department received a call of a subject threatening self-infliction with a weapon. Subject was transported to Mitchell County Hospital.

On Tues., Mar 7th, at 11:25 a.m., a subject in the 300 block of Locust reported that another subject broke a part of his parent's vehicle. Case was referred to County Attorney's Office.

On Tues., Mar. 7th, at 1:45 p.m., a store clerk reported receiving a counterfeit traveler's check. Case is under investigation.

On Tues., Mar. 7th, at 8:15 p.m., a subject in the 400 block of Hickory reported that someone has taken her medication without permission. Case is under investigation.

On Wed., Mar. 8th, at 6:46 a.m., a subject in the 100 block of 12th Street reported someone had kicked in the front door and ransacked his house. Case is under investigation.

On Wed., Mar. 8th, at 1:49 p.m., a subject in the 1100 block of 7th Street reported someone stole her debit card and withdrew money from her savings account. Case is under investigation.

On Wed., Mar. 8th, at 9:24 p.m., a subject in the 1300 block of Walnut kicked out the screen on a front door of his residence. Owner of the house did not want to file charges.

On Thurs., Mar. 9th, at 2:30 p.m., a representative from a financial institution reported receiving a counterfeit check. Prosecution was refused.

On Thurs., Mar. 9th, at 6:56 p.m., a 24-year-old female was arrested in the 300 block of Concho for an outstanding warrant and transported to Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On Fri., Mar. 10th, at 4:45 p.m., a 24-year-old female was arrested in the 900 block of E. 16th for outstanding warrants and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Ruby Carpenter Saffle to Grayhawk Operating Inc., Oil & Gas Lease.

Dallas L. Smith Jr. to Western Casting Ltd., Asgmt & Bill Sale.

Naomia R. Hollingshead to Robbie Garland, Contract of Sale.

Derrick Boone to Ella Green, Limited Power of Attorney.

Troy A. Powell, Doyce Lee Powell Jr., Bettye Powell Pratt, Billie True Powell Morton to Alfred Vardeman, Lana Vardeman, Warranty Deed.

Donald Pat McPhaul Ttee & Co-Ttee, Ricky Leon McPhaul, Julie Renee Rogers, Randy Don McPhaul Trust, Shirley Ann McPhaul Co-Ttee to Public, Declaration and Affidavit.

Mary Katherine Brady to Coastal Mgmt Trust, Highland Missions Inc., Pearl State Inc., Hawkeye Resources Inc., Blanco-D Trust, Mineral and Royalty Conv.

Occidental Energy Company, M.D. Keyes President to Petrojarl Inc., Assignment and Conveyance.

Bank Luemi USA, Yuval Talmy 1st Vice-Pres to Alon USA LP, SWBU J.P fka, Alon USA Energy Inc., Israel Discount Bank of New York Adm Age, Release of Lien.

Sun Trust Bank Succ Ttee, Thomas D. Snowden Marital Trust, Janet P. Kitson Vice President, Lucille Berwick Snowden Trust to Dorothy H. Snowden, Suntrust Bank Ttee, Thomas D. Snowden III, Trustee Mineral Deed.

Associates Financial Serv. Co. of Tx. Inc., Geraldine M. Simpson Vice President to Timothy Wyatt Beights, Connie Beights, Release of Lien.

Aspen Integrated Oil & Gas LP, Philip H. Carlisle President to Rubicon Resources LLC, Philip H. Carlisle Managing Director, Asg Orr Roy Intr.

Cynthia D. Smith Ind Administratrix, James Marvin Cook Estate aka, J. Marvin Cook Deceased to Edward Garza, Yolanda Garza, Release of Lien.

Katheryne Dunn to James H. Dunn, Warranty Deed.

Robert Earl Barkley, Betty J. Barkley to Jack Miles, Johnny Choate, Warranty Deed.

City National Bank Colo City, Royce D. Clay Pres to William Lance Walker, Karen L. Walker, Release of Lien.

Mark M. Merrell, Judy Kay Merrell to ABN Amro Mortgage Group Inc., Robert K. Fowler, Deed Trust.

Mark M. Merrell, Judy Kay Merrell to ABN Amro Mortgage Group Inc., Deed of Trust.

James H. Dunn to Adam Stegemoller, Warranty Deed.

City National Bank Colo City Ttee, Hazel E. Rogers Revocable Trust to Bobby Wayne Wilson, Quitclaim.

Richard L. Gale, Floy Nell Gale to Conard Coppedge, Warranty Deed.

Troy Powell to Conrad Coppedge, Warranty Deed.

Helen Sue Dyer, Helen Sue Webb Mayfield fka to Grayhawk Operating Inc., Oil & Gas Lease.

Karen B. Turnbow, Cletus E. Turnbow to Jim Waltz, Warranty Deed.

Sue Schmidt, Ted Schmidt to Don Murray, Willie Murray, Release of Lien.

Oneta Ruth Sanderson Affiant to James Luther Sanderson Deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

Tara Lynn Cope Bowman to Tandy R. Curlee, Quitclaim Deed.

Frances Monteverdi Cummins, Robert Eugene Cooper, Richard Thomas Cooper to Aurora L. Munoz, Warranty Deed.

Norma Jean Fruge, Sally Sue Compton, Karen Elaine Compton-Mathews Ind Exec, Jack H. Compton Estate to Frances M. Cummins, Cor. Deed.

James W. Burson Sr., Loretta M. Burson to Maggie Espinoza, Warranty Deed.

Maggie Espinoza to Royce D. Clay Ttee, City National Bank of Colorado City, Tx., Deed of Trust.

United States of America, Rural Development, Rural Housing Service Succ in Int., Farmers Home Adm., State of Texas, U.S. Dept of Agriculture, Karen Sue Daniels Comm. Dev. Specialist to Marvin B. Bruce, Beverly F. Bruce, Release of Lien.

Tommy Meeks Sr., Diana Meeks to Tommy Meeks Jr., Warranty Deed.

Martin C. Rodriguez, Mary S. Rodriguez to Martin S. Rodriguez, Gilbert S. Rodriguez, Warranty Deed.

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City National Bank Colo City, Royce D. Clay Pres. to Richard L. Gale, Nell W. Gale, P/Rel of Lien.

Kenney Gillespie to Cap Rock Energy Corp, Easement & R/W.

First National Bank Colo City, Mark A. Waldrip Pres/CEO to Mark Merrell, Judy Merrell, Release of Lien.

First Ag Credit FLCA, Whitney Williams President to Mitchell Brown Properties Inc., Cary D. Brown Vice President, Release of Lien.

Swartz & Brough Inc., David Justice Vice President to Macario Martinez Jr., Brenda Albarran, Special W/D.

Marcario Martinez Jr., Brenda Albarran to Swartz & Brough Inc., Robert Klemme Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Fonda Jordan to Leon Jadlowski, Gail Jadlowski, Warranty Deed.

Jacqueline Dunn Nail, Beverly Xan Dunn Harris to Jodi Dunn, Dirk Dunn, Warranty Deed.

Dirk Dunn, Jodi Dunn to Jacqueline Dunn Nail, Beverly Xan Dunn Harris, David Cotton Ttee, Deed of Trust.

Mortgage Electronic Reg Systems Inc., Allan Grushkin Asst Sec., Travis Heupel, Swartz & Brough Inc. to Alaska Seaboard Ptrners LP, Asgmt of Lien.

Royalty Clearinghouse Ltd, Royalty Clearinghouse 2003 LLC Gen Ptr, R. Shain McCaig Jr. Mgr to Crestone Royalties LLC, Mineral and Royalty Deed.

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Red River Royalties LP, Red River Holding Co. LLC Gen Ptr, Patrick Beathard Sole Mgr to Ft. Worth Royalty Company, Mineral and Royalty Deed.

Swartz & Brough Inc., Andrew Swartz Pres, Phillip Vigil to Jim Turkett Sub Ttee, Teri Turkett Sub Ttee, Appoint Sub ttee.

Vallie Lucille Driver to Kay Driver Davis, Joann Driver Tapley, Ronnie Quinn Tapley, Vickee Driver Faught, Warranty Deed.

City National Bank of Colorado City, Tx. to Angie Tovar, Abstract Judgment.

Margie Barrera to Jess Watson, Debra Watson, Bill of Sale.

Matt Ornelas to Luis Pineda, David Pineda, Warranty Deed.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Tony Martinez, 3-6-06, Crim. Trespass.

Edwardo Garcia 3-6-06, Asslt Causes Bodily Inj.

Ernest Timothy Garcia, 3-6-06, Poss Marij <2oz.

Manuel Luis Godina, 3-6-06, Poss Marij <2oz.

Diana McGinnis, 3-6-06, Crim Trespass.

Alvin A. Ruth, 3-6-06, Asslt Causes Bodily Injury.

Seneca Lee, 3-6-06, Crim Trespass.

Buddy Lenard, 3-6-06, Crim Misch >$50.

Bruce Gonzales, 3-9-06, Driving While License Invalid.

Cynthia Crowder Lewis, 3-9-06, Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.

Jose Roberto Lopez Jr., 3-9-06, Driving While License Invalid.

Diana Lopez, 3-10-06, Driving While License Invalid.

Scott E. McGlothlin, 3-10-06, Driving While License Invalid.

Michael James Sterpka, 3-10-06, Driving While License Invalid.

Billy R. Harrison, 3-10-06, Speeding/Appeal from Lower Court.

ARRESTS

George Edward Shaw, 32, MCSO, MTR, Capias Pro Fine, 2-28-06.

Austin Ray Watson, 24, CCPD, PI, City Warrant, 3-1-06.

Juan Lopez Vega, 32, CCPD, Warrant, 3-3-06.

Shane Huff, 28, THP, POM, 3-3-06.

Bruno Tyler Tyree, 18, THP, DWLI, 3-4-06.

Little Earl Blake, 24, CCPD, Johnson Co. Warrants x4, 3-4-06.

Jose Jaime Alvarado, 27, THP, DWLI, No DL, 3-7-06.

Tommy Roger Groves, 37, CCPD, PI, 3-7-06.

Jake McCartney, MCSO, PI, 3-9-06.

Nick Santana, 24, CCPD, Warrants MTR, 3-10-06.

Alva Garcia, 22, CCPD, DWLI, 3-10-06.

Dewayne Jones, 36, CCPD, DWLI, 3-10-06.

Ieshia Maxwell, 24, THP, Fail to ID, 3-11-06.

Larry Scott Keen, 46, CCPD, Display Fictitious Inspection Certificate, 3-11-06.

Seneca Lambrone Lee, 29, MCSO, Criminal Trespass, 3-11-06.

Chrystal L. Conoway, 28, THP, POM u/2oz, 3-12-06.

Ruben Drake Silva, 23, CCPD, City Warrants, 3-12-06.

Marcus Williams, 18, MCSO, DOC, 3-12-06.

Billy Manicchia, 48, THP, DWI, 3-12-06.

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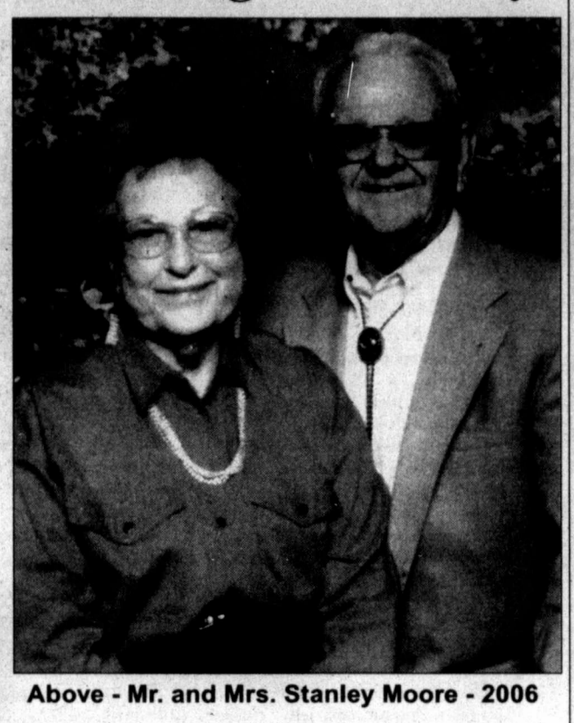
LOCAL NEWS

Moores celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Thurs., Mar. 9, 2006.

Stanley Moore of El Paso and Dorothy Jean Dawson of Colorado City were married on Mar. 9th, 1946, after his discharge from the Navy. They were married in the home of the bride's mother, Ethel Dawson. They lived in New Mexico and Utah until Mr. Moore's retirement from El Paso Natural Gas Co., in 1981, when they moved to Colorado City to make their home. The Moore's daughter and son-in-law, Charlie and Brenda Shifflett also live in Colorado City.



Above - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore - 2006

Left - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore - 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Truelove - united March 3, 2006

Truelove, Oatman united

On March 3, 2006, Daniel Emmit Truelove honored Nita Lynne Oatman at the Nolan County Courthouse where they were married by Judge Tim Fambrough and attended by Scharles and Jim Kelley. Daniel is the son of Dan and Sharon Truelove of Colorado City.

The couple, who now reside at the Double Heart Ranch, have a newly combined family of five sons, Cason Barrett Fayles, a senior at Indiana University; Dan Matthew Truelove, a junior at Angelo State University; Tyler Holden Fayles, a junior at Lewis & Clark University; Logan Emmitt Truelove, a Westbrook senior to attend Angelo State University this fall; and Jordan Lee Truelove, a junior at Westbrook High School.

Culbertsons celebrate anniversary

Lee Roy and Fern Culbertson of Comanche, Texas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 9, 2006. A reception hosted by their children was held from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, March 18 at Eastside Baptist Church fellowship hall in Comanche.

They were married March 9, 1956 at Southside Baptist Church in Colorado City, Texas where they spent most of their married life. Mr. Culbertson retired from Dowell/Schlumberger in 1989 and continued to work as a consultant until 2001. Mrs. Culbertson was employed by Hoyt Furniture Show Room and Landes Home Furniture in Snyder, Texas. She has been a church pianist in several churches for over forty years. The Culbertsons moved to Comanche in 1996. They have two sons, Terry and wife Vikki of Gainesville, Texas and Kerry and wife Kim of Andrews, Texas; four grandchildren, John David of Dallas Baptist University; Phillip of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Matt, a junior at Andrews High School, and Kaitlyn, a sophomore at Gainesville High School.

Mr. & Mrs. Culbertson - 2006

Mr. & Mrs. Culbertson 1956

Browning aboard USS Ronald Reagan

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon L. Browning, son of Sharla and Harold Sowa of Colorado City, and his fellow shipmates made a five-day port visit to Brisbane, Australia while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, home-ported in San Diego.

In early January, USS Ronald Reagan began its maiden western Pacific deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism and maritime security operations (MSO). The port visit was an opportunity for Sailors to participate in community service projects while also visiting tourists attractions and experiencing the Australian culture.

During the visit, Sailors volunteered at the local children's and women's hospitals, helped restore an Australian World War II frigate at the Queensland Maritime Museum and cleaned a training facility for emergency medical technicians.

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Browning joined the Navy in January 2004.

Rollins gives devotional to JOY class

The JOY class of Westbrook Baptist Church met for a fellowship last Friday evening. Nell Rollins presented the devotional.

Class members present were: Blanche Bell, Irene Edwards, Marcel Moody, Naomi Williamson, Francis Ranne, Ruby Chamber, Nell Rollins, Judy Moore, Drucilla Board, Gladys Hayes, Clola Whitesides, Betty Brumley and Alma Fulton. Special guests were Jessie Dorn and Georgia Langford.

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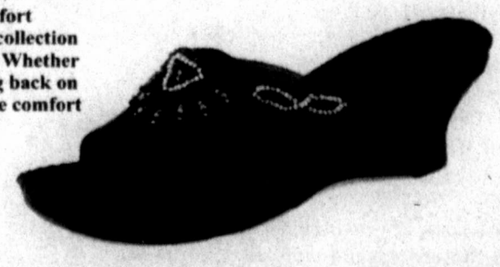

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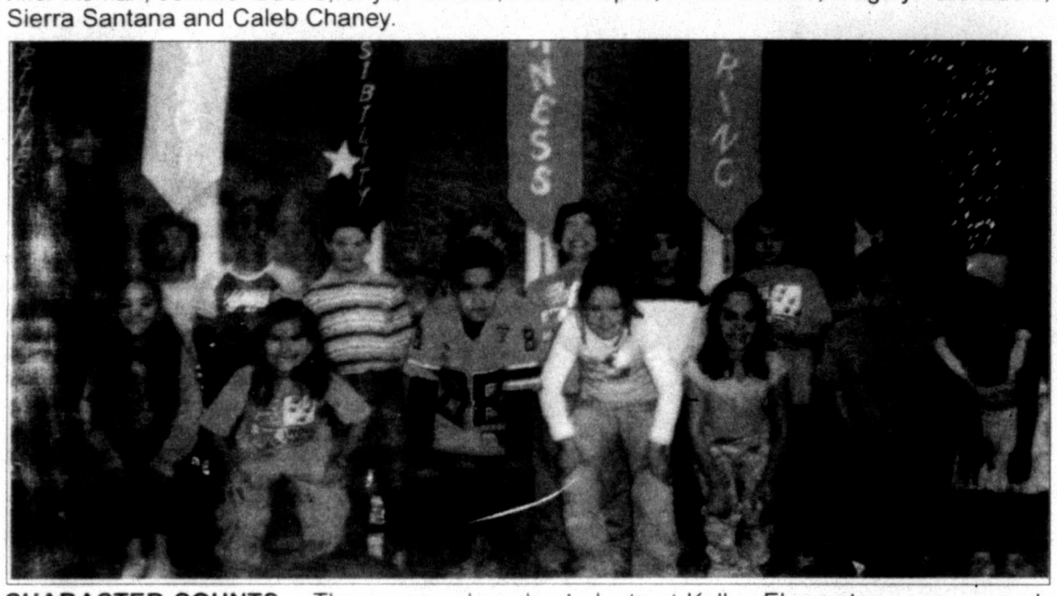
SCHOOL NEWS

CHARACTER COUNTS... THESE students at Kelley Elementary received Golden Paw awards during the Character Counts ceremony for the fourth six-weeks of the school year. First graders receiving the awards were: Autumn Green, Nathan Perez, Alejandro Chavez, Carrie Chaney, Faline Espinoza, Jazmin Mendoza, Brianna Martinez, Cristobal Chavez, Jisell Ventura, Jennifer Roman, Jennifer Bueno, Skyler Givens, Alexia Lopez, Amor Carrillo, Magaly Valenzuela, Sierra Santana and Caleb Chaney.



CHARACTER COUNTS... These second grade students at Kelley Elementary were rewarded for showing good character recently, receiving Golden Paw awards. Those receiving the awards for the fourth six-weeks were: Zachariah Luera, Casey Hammond, Tanner Harman, August Lane, Delaney Hernandez, Erik Flores, Hunter Garrett, Brennan Ross, Nadia Davila, Talyn Messick, Madalyn Gutierrez, Trinnon Jackson, Tony Martinez, May McVey, Brittany Munoz and Bethany Sosa.

CMS perfect attendance released

Colorado Middle School has released the perfect attendance list for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

Sixth grade: Mary Arguijo, Kristi Barnett, Kyle Beights, Dylan Billingsley, Bethany Blassingame, Haley Cogburn, David Davila, Jadrian Dominguez, Alexia Espinosa, Frankie Gaona, Christopher Garrett, Delbert Gloria, Rafael Gonzales, Mathew Guerra, Tyler Hammond, Jessica Hampton, Taylor Harris, Guillermo Hernandez, Marisela Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez, Tara Higgins, Aaron Mendoza, Tracy Pena, Ramiro Reyes, Miranda Reyna, Daniel Rodriguez, Jason Rodriguez, Ross Salmon, Gladis Ventura and Arturo Villalon.

Seventh grade: Ronald Aoyama, Amanda Arispe, Christina Arispe, Brooke Bruington, Sarah Campos, Tony Castillo, Kyler Free, Erin Graham, Michael Hernandez, Emily Hicks, Elizabeth Hickson, Kayley Hill, J.C. Johnson, Terry Keen, Ema Leanos, Michelle Lopez, Ava Macedo, Amanda Maddox, Chris Madrid, Kamron Martin, Tiffany Martinez, Tyler Plagens, Olivia Ornelas, Nicholas Reyna, Christian Rodriguez, Joe Salazar, Courtney Sutton, Valeria Vera and Isaac Yanez.

Eighth grade: Frankie Atkinson, Leslie Blake, Gabriella Carillo, Andrea Castillo, Jamarcus Denson, Briana Godina, Alec Goodney, Jesus Guerra, Chris Guerrero, Jordan Hammond, Wesley Hernandez, Melissa Hickson, Mathew Higgins, Anthony Hill, Dylan Hulme, Kandace Johnson, Marissa Lara, Autumn Martin, Samantha Miller, Macey Owens, Ana Rueda, Lisa Salazar, Inez Salinas, Carissa Sutton, Desiree Thompson, Brittany Valdivia, Eder Ventura, Ricky Ventura, Tanya Vera, Alexandria Villalon, Laura Warren and Breshanae White.

Jameson, Clay make dean's list at Tarleton

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the fall 2005 semester has been released at Tarleton State University. Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Margaret Jameson of Colorado City is listed on the A Honor Roll and the Distinguished Students lists. Joni Clay, also of Colorado City, is listed as a Distinguished Student.

To be named a Distinguished Student, freshman and sophomore students must be in good standing with the University and have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C; junior and senior students must be in good standing with the university and have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu
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Monday – dry cereal with toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday – malt-o-meal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday – graham cracker, yogurt, orange half, milk.
Thursday – oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday – sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch
Mar. 20-24

Monday – beef n mac, glazed carrots, peaches, milk.
Tuesday – grilled ham and cheese, sweet peas, orange half, milk.
Wednesday – baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, crushed pineapple, and milk.
Thursday – peanut butter and jelly sandwich, golden corn, pears, milk.
Friday – wolf burger on a bun, French fries, pickle chips, apple half, milk.

Kelley, Hutchinson, CMS Breakfast Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – dry cereal with toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – biscuit and jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – pancake pups, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – sausage with toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley, Hutchinson Lunch Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday – turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, golden corn, hot roll, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday – spaghetti with meat, sweet peas, garlic toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday – tacos, refried beans, tossed salad, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Friday – wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, and choice of milk.

CHS Breakfast Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, egg taco, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – dry cereal, biscuit, biscuit & sausage, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – taco salad, tasty rib basket, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday – chef salad with chicken, grilled ham & cheese, barbeque on a bun, baked beans, pickle spears, bread pudding w/peaches, choice of milk.
Wednesday – chef salad with ham, burrito with cheese, baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, golden corn, hot rolls, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday – chef salad with bacon, Polish sausage on a bun, cheese quesadillas, refried beans, Spanish rice, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Friday – garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookie with walnuts, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – donuts, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday – sausage, gravy, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday – cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday – cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Friday – sausage in a blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – oven chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, sliced bread, milk.
Tuesday – nachos, meat, cheese, salsa, tossed salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday – barbeque on bun, pork n beans, peaches, milk.
Thursday – chicken fajitas, tortillas, salsa, cheese, refried beans, pineapple chunks, milk.
Friday – chicken salad & peanut butter sandwiches, French fries, salad fixings, orange half, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – cereal, toast, fruit milk.
Tuesday – sausage, biscuit, juice, milk.
Wednesday – burritos, fruit, milk.
Thursday – pizza, juice, milk.
Friday – pancakes, syrup, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu
Mar. 20-24

Monday – turkey pie, bread sticks, baby carrots, peaches, milk.
Tuesday – burritos, cheese, baked beans, corn, shape-up, milk.
Wednesday – baked chicken, gravy, squash, salad, bread, Jell-O with fruit, milk.
Thursday – corndogs, mustard, corn on the cob, butter, pork n beans, apple, and milk.
Friday – nachos, jalapenos, beans, tater tots, ketchup, orange, milk.

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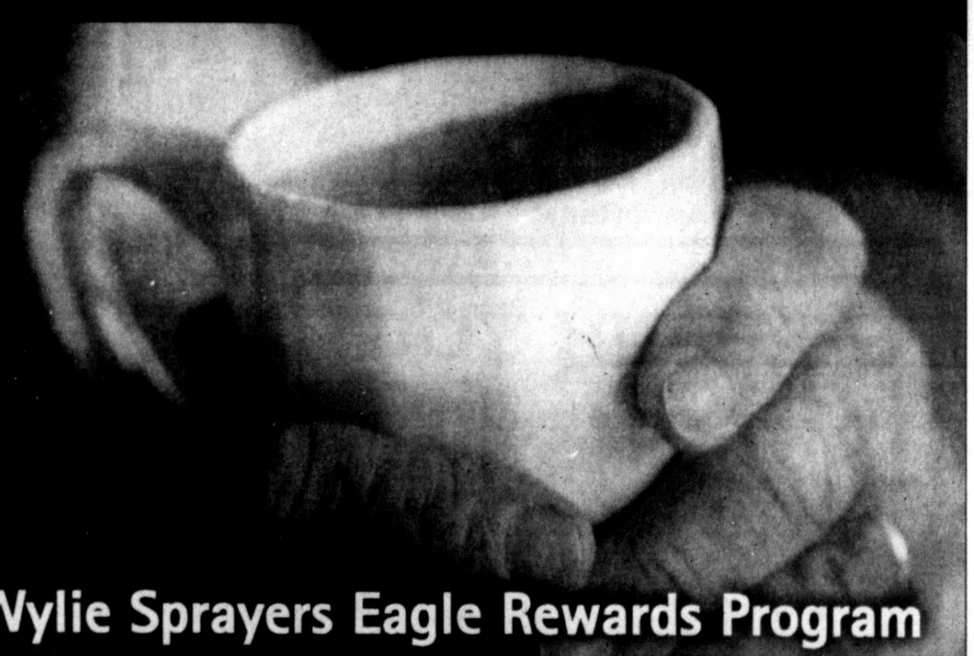

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SCHOOL NEWS

Westbrook ISD honor rolls announced

The Westbrook ISD has released the honor roll lists for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

All A Honor Roll

First grade: Benjamin Brown, Christopher Haggerton, Esperanza Jaimes, Allison Jones, Aubrianna Jones, Bradyn Lamb, Sebastian Rincones, Madison Rivera and Jordan Smith.

Second grade: Holly Bradbury, Garrett Brownfield, Anthony Gutierrez, Dacota Kirk, Shannon Morris and Iris Vasquez.

Third grade: Sarah Andrews, Brandon Brown and Ethan Smith.

Fourth grade: Jasmine Alaniz and Cason Smith.

Fifth grade: Brianna Brown, Reanna Krapf and Alexis Nobles.

Sixth grade: Klanci Whitesides

Eighth grade: Milina Funderburg and Kimberlin Johnson.

Ninth grade: Dirk Dykstra and Ashley Vicars.

Tenth grade: Tate Burleson, Colton Nobles, Emerald Snowden, Joshua Solko and Drake Thurman.

Eleventh grade: Allison Bray, Lisa Dykstra and Lauren Johnson.

Twelfth grade: Trey Chavez, Josiah Hannon, Joe Ponce and Logan Truelove.

A Honor Roll

First grade: Ivy Gutierrez, Shea Lynn Hale, Kyle Lastly, Jaiden Lopez, Rowdy Morris, Katlyn Rees and Baylee Whisenhunt-Raff.

Second grade: Seth Burleson, Zane Clemmer, Bryson Dominguez and Danye Vigil.

Third grade: Madison Anderson, Chloe Garrett, Donovan Harvey, Trevor Lamb, Austyn Rivera, Ivan Rivera and Courtney Stinson.

Fourth grade: Kaylea Holbrook, Brianna Jones, Makena King, Jacob Morris, Madison Pardue and Madison Rice.

Fifth grade: Kaitlynn Andrews, Kaitlyn Forbes and Kenzey Morris.

Sixth grade: Hardy Berber and J.T. Mize.

Seventh grade: Stetson Jones and Justin Morton.

Eighth grade: Hannah Berber and Stormy Haggerton.

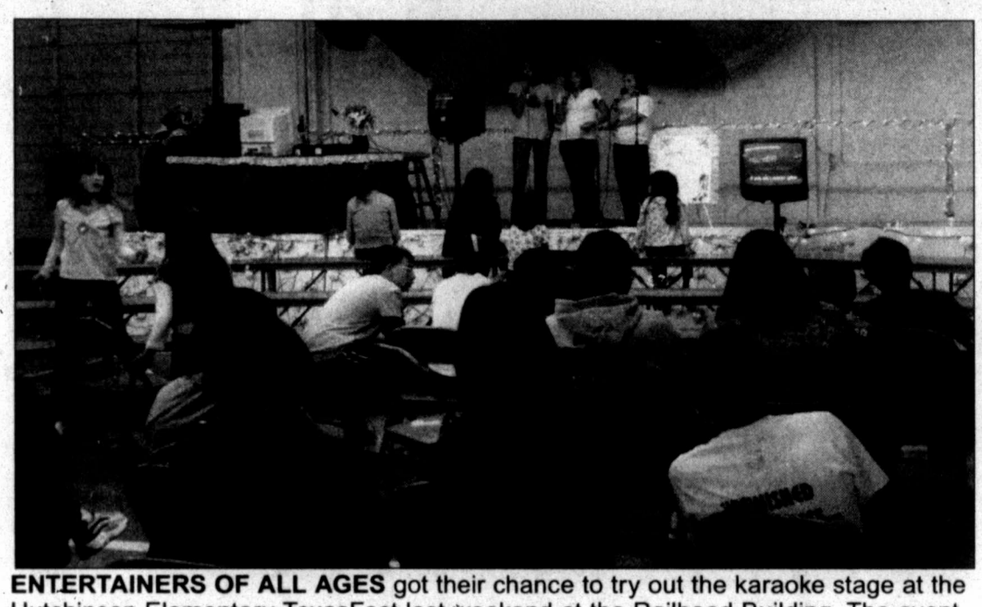
Ninth grade: Cassie Bass, Wesley Goswick, Laremi King, Michael Midwell, Colton Rich and Brandon Smoker.

Tenth grade: Linsey Chavez.

Eleventh grade: Jonthan Beaird, Kourtney Bisnette, Heather Bowerman, Caitlyn Colaw, Sean Llewelyn and Jordan Truelove.

Twelfth grade: Stacie Diese, Trevor Groat, Keagan Lendermon and Cory Morton.

THE PRIDE OF Wolf Country Marching Band featured section is the percussion section. Members of the drum section are: (back row, l-r) Samuel Williamson, Daniel Perez, Cody Hubbard, Zack Rangel, David Arispe, Zach Garza, Virginia Tovar, Krystal Molina (front row) Manuel Garza, Cheyenne Guelker, Crystal Stewart, Shelbi Turner, Chelsea Duncan and Sarah Smith.



ENTERTAINERS OF ALL AGES got their chance to try out the karaoke stage at the Hutchinson Elementary TexasFest last weekend at the Railhead Building. The event, which drew hundreds, enabled local residents to participate in a multitude of games and activities, such as putt-putt gold, free-throwing shooting, face painting as well as the opportunity to win several unique gifts through a silent raffle. TexasFest is an annual fund-raiser for Hutchinson Elementary.

Thomas graduates from Texas A&M this past December

Nathaniel Jordan Thomas

Nathaniel Jordan Thomas graduated from Texas A&M University with Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Distribution on Dec. 16, 2005, in College Station.

While there, he was involved with Freshmen Leaders in Progress, a student organization committed to getting Freshmen involved in the campus and the community and to develop the Freshmen as leaders. He served as Counselor and Social Committee Chairperson. He was also a member of MSC Hospitality, the official host committee of Texas A&M, and an organization dedicated to community service.

Nathaniel began working for TTI Inc. on Jan. 30, 2006, in Sales & Marketing in Fort Worth.

Nathaniel is the son of Mary Munoz Thomas and the late Gary Thomas of Plano, the grandson of Paula Munoz and the late Pablo Munoz of Loraine, and the late Tom and Kathryn Thomas of Abilene.

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High school seniors have the opportunity to win the 2006 Don't Mess with Texas scholarship, which this year honors the legacy of a Temple physician who worked to keep his community litter-free.

The family of David D. Barton, M.D. is funding the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) scholarship program, which will award one $3,000 and two $1,500 scholarships to graduating Texas high school students who have implemented a creative and sustainable solution to a litter problem in their school or community.

All Texas high school seniors are invited to apply no later than April 7, 2006. Students may obtain an application and information at www.DontMessWithTexas.org or through their counselor. Students must meet these guidelines:

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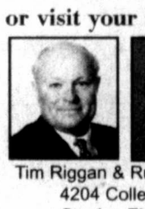
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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Lady Wolves open 4-2A play Tuesday

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves will begin District 4-2A softball action next week when they travel to Hawley to face the Ladt 'Cats.

The Wolves, who are coming off a 4-0 effort at the Slaton tournament, will be making its first outing in more than a week. The team is enjoying Spring Break activities.

The game is slated to start at 7 p.m.

Next outing for the Bulldogs will be when they play host to Rotan on Tuesday, March 20th, at 4 p.m.

Loraine to host Rotan on Tuesday

The Loraine High School Bulldogs will resume varsity basketball action Tuesday, March 21, when they host the Rotan Yellowhammers.

The game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. at the LHDS field.

C-City teen baseball signups set

The Colorado City Texas Teenage League baseball League will be holding registration for players at Thursday's Texas-Fest activities at the Railhead Building. Signups will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The league is open to players ranging in age from 4-15. The cost is $40 per player for athletes aged 4-12 and $45 for those 13-15.

Additional signup dates will be held on March 21 and March 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Thompson Room.

First-year players will need to bring their birth certificates to registration.

WHS track season starts March 17

The Westbrook High School track and field teams will kick off their 2006 season March 17 when they travel to Gail to compete in the Borden County Invitational.

Following that, the WJHS thinclads will compete in Highland (March 24) and Welch (Marcn 31) before competing in the district meet in Gail.

WJHS track teams begin March 21

The Westbrook Junior High track teams will compete in the Highland Relays on March 21.

The will also compete in the district track meet in Roby on March 31.

Lady Wolves' Dolan sweeps singles titles at C-City, Sweetwater meets

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Catherine Dolan may well be the closest thing the Colorado High School Lady Wolves' tennis program has to a "no-brainer" selection.

Dolan nailed down a pair of singles titles recently by hammering out clutch victories at the Colorado City Invitational and the Sweetwater Invitational tennis tournaments. She turned in impressive performances in each tournament by going unbeaten.

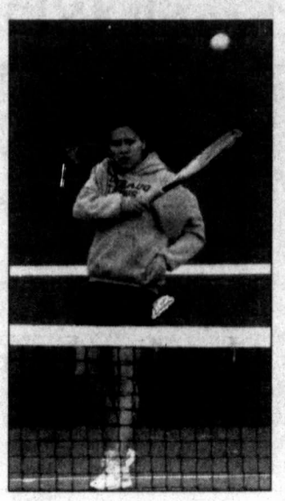
Dolan capped the two-tournament swing on March 7 when she won the girls' singles title in Sweetwater by downing teammate Brittany Farquhar in the finals. Four days earlier, she had ousted a Clyde player in the finals of the Colorado City tournament.

Dolan and Farquhar weren't the only Colorado High School netters shining in Sweetwater. The Wolves also garnered big-time performances from three of its doubles teams.

In girls' doubles play, Miracle Ramirez and Marinea Arispe teamed to finish third in the final standings. CHS teammates Dara and Lindsey Kelly won the consolation bracket.

Matthew Wilson and Ashton Raschke finished third in the boys' doubles bracket.

The Colorado tennis teams are scheduled to take this week off as part of the school's Spring Break activities.



Record Photo/ Tommy Wells
CHS TENNIS STAR Catherine Dolan won the girls' singles title in each of her last two outings. Last Tuesday, she defeated teammate Brittany Farquhar in the finals of the Sweetwater Invitational.

Record Photos/Tommy Wells
COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL players exchange congratulations after retiring Grape Creek in order Saturday night in the third inning of their final tournament outing at the Mitchell County Sports Complex. Celebrating were (left to right) Kenneth Scott, Tanner Borcik, Michael Luera, Henry Reyna and catcher Tim Atkin. Grape Creek used a 5-run sixth to claim a 9-6 win over the Wolves.

GC rally sinks Wolves

Colorado City turns in solid effort in tournament

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Colby Skinner drilled a two-out pitch off the scoreboard in left field in the top of the sixth inning Saturday evening and helped spur the Grape Creek Eagles to a stunning 9-6 upset of the Colorado Wolves in the final game of the Colorado City Baseball Tournament held at the Mitchell County Sports Complex.

Skinner's home run – one of just seven hits Grape Creek managed in the contest – ignited a 5-run sixth inning for the Eagles that broke a 4-4 deadlock.

With the win, Grape Creek managed to finish the tournament with a 4-1 record. Colorado City also finished at 4-1.

Grape Creek, which had eked out a slim 6-3 win over Littlefield earlier in the day, got off to a quick start against the Wolves. The Eagles took advantage of three wild pitches in the first inning to jump on Colorado City starter Kenneth Scott for three runs in the top of the first.

Wolves' centerfielder Jose Gonzales came up with a defensive gem that prevented Grape Creek from adding to its run total. With two outs, Eagles' outfielder Landon McCall drew a two-out walk.

Things went sour for Colorado City from there. Moments later, when McCall attempted to take second on a double steal play, the throw from CHS catcher Tim Atkins squirted past second and rolled into centerfield, allowing one run to race home. Gonzales cut down McCall at the plate with a throw from center.

Grape Creek didn't get to enjoy its lead for long, however. Colorado City pounded out three runs of its own in the bottom of the first to tie the contest at 3-3.

Brik McGuffin led of the Wolves' first by drawing a two-out walk. Moments later, CHS third baseman Chris Martinez singled to put a pair of runners on base. Scott didn't waste the opportunity. He drilled a hard two-out single to left that plated both runs.

Nolan Frizzell singled later in the frame to score Scott.

Grape Creek managed to scratch out an unearned run in the top of the third to take a 4-3 lead. The Eagles run scored on a CHS error.

The Wolves answered right back, however. Atkins, who went 3-for-3 from the plate in the game, led off the C-City half of the fourth by driving a pitch from Eagles' reliever Blake Farmer down the left field line for a triple. One out later, Michael Luera hit a sacrifice fly to right that drove Atkins home with the tying run.

That score stood up until Skinner highlighted the Eagles' sixth with his home run.

Colorado City didn't go down quietly. McGuffin ignited the Wolves' seventh inning by slapping a pitch to left for a one-out double. After Martinez had walked, Scott came up big again for C-City by drilling a pitch from Farmer to right-center for a two-run double.

Grape Creek managed to work its way out of the jam, however. Skinner came on in relief of Farmer and enticed the last to CHS batters to ground into outs.

Despite the loss, Colorado City enjoyed a solid effort at the tournament. In the Wolves' five tournament games, they managed to outscore their opponents by a staggering 56-22.

Colorado City opened the tournament with back-to-back 13-3 romps over Jim Ned and Forsan in their first two games of the tournament on Thursday.

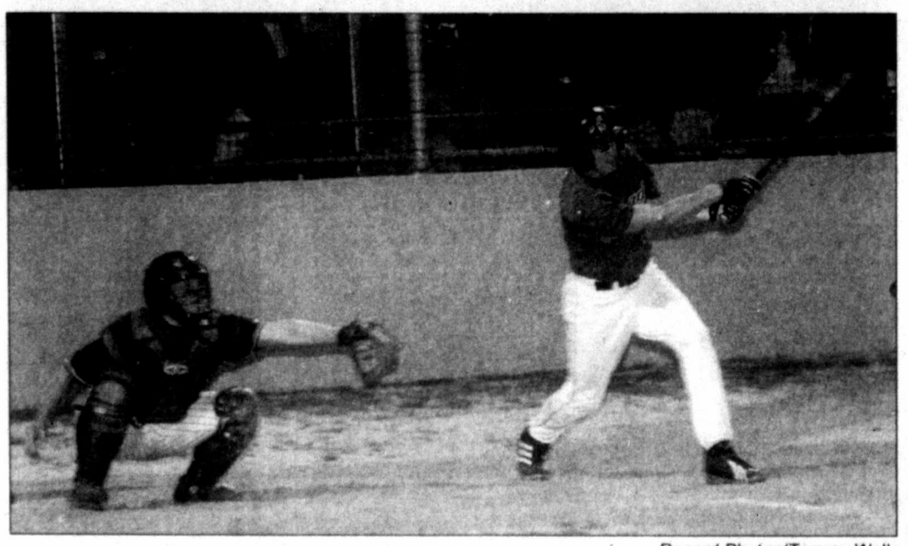
On Friday, Colorado City defeated Lamesa by a 15-6 clip and then downed Littlefield by a 9-1 margin.

Colorado High School Baseball Tournament

Thursday's results
Colorado City 13, Jim Ned 3
Littlefield 8, Jim Ned 5
Lamesa 12, Littlefield 11
Grape Creek 3, Lamesa 1
Colorado City 13, Forsan 3

Friday's Results
Colorado City 15, Lamesa 6
Lamesa 22, Forsan 5
Grape Creek 22, Forsan 12
Jim Ned 10, Grape Creek 8
Colorado City 9, Littlefield 1

Saturday's Results
Jim Ned 4, Lamesa 3
Jim Ned 14, Forsan 4
Littlefield 24, Forsan 5
Grape Creek 6, Littlefield 3
Grape Creek 9, Colorado City 6



Record Photos/Tommy Wells
COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL catcher Tim Atkins slaps a Grape Creek pitch into left for a single during Saturday's final game of the Colorado High School Baseball Tournament. Atkins went 3-for-3 from the plate in the contest. The Wolves finished the tournament with a sparkling 4-1 record.

CHS girls dominate at Slaton tourney

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves continued their recent tear last weekend by reeling off four straight victories and winning the Slaton Invitational Softball Tournament.

"We really put it together at the tournament," said Rianna Rivera. "This was our best effort of the year."

In the absence of head softball coach Sara Davies who was out of the state on spring break, Colorado City head football coach Frank Johnson did an admirable job of coaching the young ladies to a first-place finish.

On Thursday, the Lady Wolves defeated Denver City 13-5 with Brittany Hill going the distance on the hill for the win.

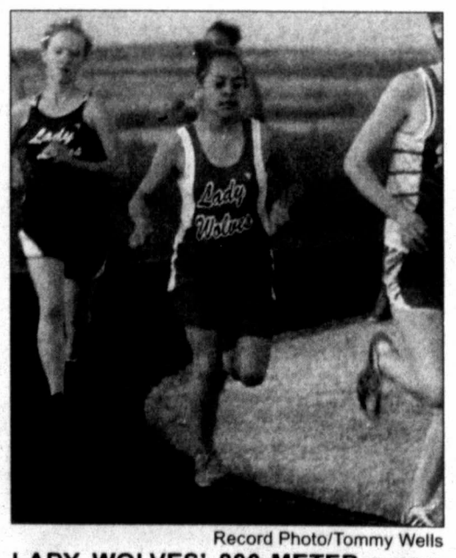
Coming back on Saturday, Colorado City defeated Idalou by a score of 3-1 margin. Hill, again, went the distance for the CHS girls.

Following their win over Idalou, the Lady Wolves unloaded on the Slaton Lady Tigers in Game 3. Colorado City hammered out a 27-0 victory in a game called in the fourth inning due to the 15-run rule.

Hill pitched the first two innings against Slaton before shortstop Jessica Castillo and Crystal Stewart came on to close out the affair. Castillo retired Slaton in order in the third before giving way to Stewart in the final frame.

The Lady Wolves closed out the tournament by facing off with Denver City again in the championship game. The second time was just as sweet for the CHS girls, who pounded out a 13-3 win.

With the victory, the Lady Wolves captured their first tournament championship of the season.



Record Photo/Tommy Wells
LADY WOLVES' 800-METER runner Georgianna Guerra was one of several CHS athletes that participate in the annual Rattlesnake Relays.

Colorado thinclads shine in Sweetwater

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Wolves and Lady Wolves track teams performed well at the annual Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup Invitational track meet last weekend.

The Colorado High School girls' team grabbed first-place honors in four events with Paige Newby taking another first-place ribbon in the discus with a toss of 141 feet,

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SPORTS

Esquivel, Bulldogs throttle Cardinals

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Loraine Bulldogs may be young, but they didn't show any of it Saturday while putting away the Hermleigh Cardinals, 14-2.

Hermleigh, a first-year program, scored two runs in the top of the first inning to take an early 2-0 lead. That would be the only runs Hermleigh could produce.

The Bulldogs batted around in the bottom of the second inning, putting up 12 runs en route to taking a 10-run advantage, 12-2.

Loraine added a single run in the third and fourth innings to go up 14-2 -- and force Hermleigh into having to score at least three runs in the fifth in order to prevent the game being called due to the 10-run rule.

Michael Walker

Kenny Esquivel, who had came on in relief of freshman starter Cody Sheppard in the fourth inning, put the Cardinals down without a run in the top of the fifth.

Sheppard was awarded the win for his three innings of work.

Jimmy Grissom had a three-run triple in the second inning. Sheppard and Jake Hester had doubles which knocked in runs. Esquivel, Michael Walker, and Sheppard also had RBI singles. Derek Martinez had a run-scoring sacrifice fly and an RBI single.

"We seem to be improving with each game," said Loraine head coach J.K. Wood. "We only made three errors today which is much better than what we have been doing. Our hitting was great."

The Bulldogs are scheduled to return to action Tuesday when they host the Rotan Yellowhammers at Ray Preston Field.

Record Photo/ Carl Graham

Record Photo/ Carl Graham

NAMED TO THE DISTRICT 13-A ALL-DISTRICT TEAM FROM WESTBROOK ARE: (top, left to right) Cory Morton, Josiah Hannon, Dustin Luttrull, Tate Burleson, and Colton Nobles. Named to the 13-A girls' all-district team were (left to right) Allison Bray, Caitlyn Colaw, Lauren Johnson and Keisha Krapf.

Trey, Linsey Chavez capture singles championships at Snyder tennis meet

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Westbrook High School senior Trey Chavez won the boys' singles title at the Snyder Invitational Tennis Tournament recently and highlighted a strong outing by the WHS tennis team.

Chavez defeated Max Praechyl of Class 5A Abilene Cooper, 8-3, for the title.

Linsey Chavez was just as impressive. She defeated Kyle Easterling of Post by an 8-5 margin for the girl's singles title.

Keesha Krapf and Allison Bray teamed up in doubles competition to place third in the tournament, while Cory Morton and Jordan Truelove reached the quarterfinal round of the boys' doubles competition.

Allison Bray

The doubles team of Cassie Olivas and Laremi King also reached the quarterfinal round before bowing out.

Sophomore Tate Burleson reached the quarterfinals in the boys' singles division.

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I was asking everyone what was happening when our coach hollered at me to let someone hold my food and to go get the award."

Ollison, who placed 13th at the meet in the 400-meter dash, wasn't the only one who was floored by the award. His mother, who works at the Wallace Correctional Facility as part of the inmate records staff, laughed off her son's phone call.

"She just laughed when I told her," said Ollison, who is scheduled to run next week at the Dr. Pepper Invitational at Baylor University in Waco. "She told me she would call me back and talk to me later because she was at work right then."

"It was a surprise to all of us, I think," he said.

By being named one of the NAIA's top athletes, Ollison completed an amazing journey that almost saw him give up athletics.

"I lost hope when I was in junior high," he said. "Man, I was little and slow. I'm telling you, I couldn't even run out of sight when I was younger."

His lack of size and speed prompted him to tell Colorado High School Athletic Director Frank Johnson prior to his freshman year that he was giving up sports. He figured his body was better suited to playing an instrument in the band.

Johnson refused to let Ollison walk away.

"It's always been my philosophy that you never know how big a young man is going to be when he is in junior high," Johnson said. "He came to us and said he wasn't going to do anything and that he was going to be in the band, but luckily we talked him into playing a little longer."

It was a talk that proved well worth the wait for Johnson and Ollison.

By the time his freshman season was complete, Ollison began to grow. By the time he was entered his sophomore year, he had grown even more – and become one of the fastest athletes in the school.

"Through my sophomore year, I was still growing but I don't think I did too good, but I started thinking to myself, 'I have to go back because I know I can do better,'" he said.

He didn't just do better. He did a lot better.

As a junior, Ollison earned all-district honors as a member of the CHS football and basketball teams, and earned all-state honors in track. In track, he was part of a historic effort for the Wolves as the school qualified for the state meet in the 4x100-, 4x200- and the 4x400-meter relays.

At the state meet in Austin, he teamed with Frankie Arguijo, Jacobie Russell and Otis Johnson to lead Colorado City to second in the 1,600-meter relay. He joined Christopher Spear, Patrick Spear and Johnson on the school's fourth-place 4x200-meter squad to lead Colorado City to third, and ran with Roland Rivera, Johnson and Russell on the Wolves' seventh-place 4x100 team.

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10 ½ inches.

Others taking first place were Lacresha Johnson with a first in the triple jump with a leap of 35-7 ¾ to go along with a fourth-place effort in the long jump.

Johnson recorded a leap of 15-11 ½ in the long jump.

Chasity Jackson placed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.31 seconds while the 800-meter relay team brought home a first-place trophy in a time of 1:47.95.

The 400-meter relay team finished third with a time of 52.58, while the CHS 1,600-meter relay team placed fifth.

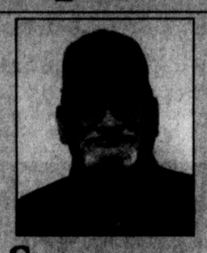
Logan Boyd placed third in the boys' shot put with a toss of 47-10 ¾. He also took fifth in the discus with a toss of 135-8.

Jake Marsh was fifth in the high jump with a leap of 5-8 while Tony Salazar grabbed a third-place ribbon in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.4 seconds.

The CHS 800-meter relay team finished third with a time of 1:36.55 despite it being their first competition due to an extended basketball season. The 1,600-meter relay team finished fifth in a time of 3.36.77.

On the JV level, Mario Atkinson placed fourth in the shot put with a toss of 38-7, while sophomore Kolby Free was third in the high jump with a leap of 5-2 and second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.3 seconds.

March Madness brings hope of Texas 3-peat



SPEAKING OF SPORTS...
CARL GRAHAM
SPORTS EDITOR

Hello sports fans!

March Madness has arrived! I always look forward to this time of the year to see who got in -- and who did not get in to the "Big Dance." Obviously, there are some teams left out in the cold who have to wait to get invited to the NIT.

Of course, the University of Texas Longhorns got in, but due to late season losses to both Texas A&M and Kansas they dropped from a sure No. 1 seed to a No. 2.

That's all right though because I feel the Longhorns are destined to become the first team in history to own the national championship in football, baseball and basketball at the same time. HOOK 'EM HORNS!

I love the great weather we've been having because it makes you want to get out and watch baseball, softball, track, tennis or whatever suits your fancy.

I have been hearing rumors that Roger Clemens may come back to play with the Texas Rangers. Of course, Nolan Ryan is trying to convince him to come back for another year with the Houston Astros. Let's see who wins out in this tug-of-war.

That's it for another week. Hope you have a super week, and remember, be a great sport in everything you do!

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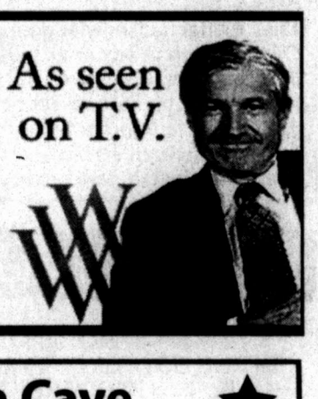

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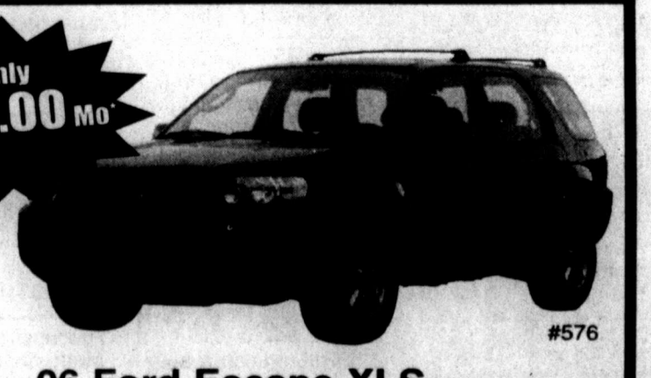

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NO. 5087
IN THE ESTATE OF PAULINE DAIVS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Pauline Davis, deceased, were issued on March 8, 2006 in Cause No. 5087 pending in the County Court of Mitchell County, Texas to Jimmy R. Davis.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Jimmy R. Davis
c/o Peter F. Sheridan
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 488
101 Third Street
Sweetwater, Texas 79556
Dated the 8th day of March, 2006.
Respectfully submitted,
Griggs & Sheridan
Attorneys at Law
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State Bar No. 18238500
Attorney for the Estate

CARD OF THANKS

Rush Neff and family wish to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love during our time of sorrow in the passing of Virginia "Buddy" Neff. Your prayers, thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. We'll all miss our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Card of Thanks
On behalf of Petra Fuentes and the Fuentes family, we would like to thank everyone for the prayers and phone calls during my open-heart surgery. We truly believe that the surgery and recovery have gone so well because of the prayers. Please continue to pray, the power of prayer is a great thing. God bless everyone.
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1 - 1978 John Deere 750 Crawler - Dozer Cab - A/C - 3Way Blade - Rear Rippers
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LITTLE

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Individually, Ollison finished fourth in the 200-meter dash at state.

In May of 2005, Colorado City's "Little Kid That Couldn't" returned to the state meet as a member of the school's 1,600-meter team. With teammates Arguijo, Cody Avalos and Johnson, Colorado City finished third.

Suddenly, Ollison was drawing the attention of some of the nation's top track and field programs. As a senior, he received letters from Angelo State University, the University of Texas-Arlington, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Texas State University in San Marcos.

Ollison chose a school a little closer to home – McMurry.

"It was a little closer to home for me," he said. "I liked the small school environment when I went there for a visit. It also let me stay close to my mom and my brother (Jerrod Ward). I knew I wanted to go somewhere close so I could come back and see my family and watch my brother play."

Choosing McMurry also enabled Ollison to compete against some of the nation's top track and field stars. The Indians, despite being an NAIA Division III program, regularly compete in meets that showcase some of the country's top Division I standouts.

"It's been really good for me," he said. "The competition is pretty stiff. We're always running against D-I schools so it's not like were just a Division III team. We've run against some of the best Division I schools."

Ollison has more than held his own against the NCAA big boys. Thus far this year, he has competed in five indoor meets and two outdoor track and field contests, including one at Texas Tech in which he finished second in the 400-meter dash, second in the long jump, and won the 55-meter dash. He was also part of the McMurry University 1,600-meter relay team that finished third.

His first-place finish in the 55-meter event earned him a spot in McMurry track history. His time in the race set a new school record – and earned him a berth in the NAIA National Track and Field Championships later this year in Tennessee.

"I didn't realize I had set a record for a while," he said. "In fact, I was playing dominoes with the mile-relay team when coach came by and told me."

Later in the year, he finished second in the 400-meter dash at the University of Oklahoma Indoor meet in Norman.

The biggest adjustment Ollison had to make in adapting to the collegiate 55-meter race was the end. The abrupt stop at the end was something he had never encountered in high school – at least not willingly or without falling.

"It (the race) is short and quick," he said. "It seems like one you are out of the blocks your finished then it's a surprise to run into a padded wall. That takes a bit to get used to."

Ollison has also performed well as a member of the McMurry relay team. He – along with teammates Burt Green of South Carolina, Jim Bob Bizzell of Odessa Permian and John Miklak of Georgetown – head into the Dr. Pepper Invitational with the nation's fastest Division III time in the 4x100-meter relay.

Ollison's 13th-place finish at the recent meet in Minnesota didn't get him down. In fact, as one of only four freshmen entered into the 400-meter event, it only gave him something else to shoot for.

"It kind of helps me," said Ollison, who is pursuing a degree in education. "I know what it is going to take to get my body ready for it next year. I can't sit around over the Christmas break and eat Payday candy bars and enchiladas. If I work hard enough, I know I can do better."

Knowing he can succeed is a long way from the CMS seventh grader that almost walked away from sports because he was too little and too slow.

Nowadays, Hann Ollison is on the fast track to track stardom.

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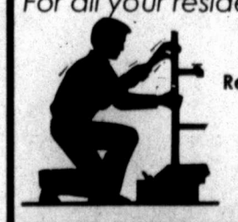

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LORAINE NEWS

KCCB officers elected

In January, Keep Colorado City Beautiful met to elect officers. Those elected and their offices are Carol Sue Dakan, president; Brenda Crosley, vice president; Diana Kirchner, secretary; Louise Crenshaw, treasurer; and Martha Holstine, publicity. Committees were also appointed during the meeting.

The committee in charge of this year's 2nd Saturday Clean-ups consists of Bobbie Banks, Shirley Delaney and Kathy Newby. The nominating committee consists of Bobbie Banks, Shirley Delaney and Kregg McKinney. The telephone committee consists of Lula Leach and Dolores Wood.

Marge Kolman and Pearl Jefferson are once again in charge of Yard of the Month. Each month, May through August, four yards are chosen under various criteria. In September, owners of the yards selected will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates from Neff's Nursery and Greenman's Nursery.

Everyone is encouraged to join KCCB and volunteer during the clean-ups.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR LORAINE ARE: (l to r) Margarita Medina, 11th grade; Carlton Johnston, 9th grade; Joel Bradley, 8th grade; and Adrian Talamantes, 7th grade.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

People and rattlesnakes both had great weather for their roundup. Can you believe that some people have been known to come all the way from other states and even other countries to witness the reptile roundup?

Did you buy some of the dressed snake meat to take home and fill your freezers? Oh, come on, it tastes just like chicken, "they" say.

I hope I don't ever find out about the taste.

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Tommy Doyle of Arlington came to Loraine last week to visit his mom, Nell Doyle. He stayed a couple of days, did some chores for her and took her out to eat and they had a nice visit.

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Carl and Sandy Graham of Loraine visited his sister, Jean Graham of Lancaster last Wednesday and Thursday. While there, they attended the funeral of Carl's uncle, T.J. Stovall of Mesquite.

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Charles and Mary Rose Bowen and their four children celebrated their 2005 family Christmas on March 11, 2006.

Mary Rose wrecked her car on Dec. 29th and both she and Charles had the flu. The get-together was postponed until March 11th.

For the past four years, the family has met at the Fairfield Inn in Abilene to exchange gifts and visit.

A very good time was had by Charles, Mary Rose, Barbara and Jake Gonzales, Brenda and Doug Kinning, Charles Jr. and Jon Bowen, Brad and Denise Bowen and grandson, Wesley Bewley.

It was reported that Charles had changed from a Texas Tech supporter to that of a burnt orange person. "This has not and never will happen," he said.

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Guests in the home of Doris Henderson and Jay Henderson Sunday were Brad and Pennie Henderson, Morgan Henderson of the home, Ashley Henderson of Texas Tech, and Susan Farr of Lake Colorado City.

The family members had a nice day together.

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Joan Long is again the proud owner of twin kids. The babies' mother is Big Bertha Long. One baby is blonde and the other is a brunette, so their names are Blondie and Brownie Long.

I don't think Joan is handing out cigars but she is proud of the baby goats.

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The fire boys and girls are busy hauling equipment to the Loraine Co-Op Gin yard.

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Charles Bowen reports he has been busy gathering all the things needed for the concession stand for the annual fire department farm equipment auction to be held Sat., Mar. 25th.

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All are invited to attend the farm equipment auction on Mar. 25th and eat a delicious hamburger cooked by Brian Butler, George Lee Jr. and Dub Wooddell.

This annual fire department fundraiser is probably the largest social gathering of the year for Loraine. You are urged to attend. Please go look, visit and buy something.

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Visiting in the McAdams' home over the weekend were four of their children. They were: Jimmy and Karen McAdams and Melissa; Gary McAdams and Andra of Valley Mills, Tx.; Alan McAdams of Turpin, Ok.; Michael and Jalene Pointer, Macie and Hutton Olivia of Paris, Tx.; and also Megan Reese of McKinney, Tx.

All attended the ordination service at the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

They received word late Sunday night that Alan was stranded in Claude, Tx., due to the fires in the Panhandle. He was able to continue on home Monday morning by the Western route.

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Critters are out and about over at the Powell Ponderosa. A female dove is cooing and flirting with her significant other. (I'm not sure they are married yet.) But he is working hard building her a nest.

She is so picky, he took a different twig back three times to suit her. He's already hen pecked, or bird-pecked rather!

Two roadrunners are building a large nest right next to last year's nest. The missus won't live in the old house. Poor Beep-Beep, he will always be broke as she wants a new house every year.

Billie went out to move the sprinkler and saw six black young "boy cows" coming over from a nearby pasture. They drank up all the small critter water. To thank Billie for the water, they left several gifts on her grass to make it greener. Wasn't that neighborly?!

Billie shooed them away with a broom.

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Visiting last week at the center from out of town were Dena Trout from Roscoe, Ray and Peggy Harmon of Greenville, and Clyde Parnell of Grand Prairie.

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Virgil Parnell was hospitalized a few days where several tests were taken. He is now at home and doing well. His son Clyde was with him for a visit.

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Tommy Wright volunteered his time and talent last Friday at the Senior Center. He sang with his accompanying music.

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The McAdams are scheduled to play Wednesday and on Friday, March 17th Grandma Merrell and friends are to make an appearance to entertain. Green enchiladas will be served on the 17th as well.

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Seniors having birthdays in March are Sug Bynum, Charles Brumley, Jack Hollis, Betty Brumley, Tommy Palmer, Thelma Matlock, Ina Vay McAdams, Edgar Haltom, Kay McCarley, Charlene Walker, Connie Rodriquez, Allie Ruth Wiggins, Mary Ann Fincher, Shirley Kendall, Betty Bagwell, Keifer Cauble and Norma Brandenburg.

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Debbie Mitchell provided special music for the Methodist Church Sunday morning. She took the melody from "Oh My Love" and wrote words that were apropos to Christian love and spiritual meaning.

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Connie Harshaw has been busy with getting her children Sam and Jake to Houston and home for the stock show. Sam showed her goat and Jake had a pig in the show.

Volunteers pitch in for clean-up

Drivers will see something different along Texas roadways April 1, when approximately 200,000 volunteers around the state participate in the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off – one of the nation's largest one-day litter clean-up events.

Trash-Off launches the spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) and the Texas Deaprtment of Transportation (TxDOT). The public is invited to participate by signing up online at www.ktb.org or by contacting your local TxDOT district office at www.texasaah.org to adopt a stretch of highway.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and trash-off is certainly one of the things we are most proud of."

Last year, the Keep Colorado City Beautiful organization and interested citizens volunteered for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off. Again this year, KCCB's Semi-Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Day is held in conjunction with the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off. Deadline for pickup requests is March 29. Cleanup forms may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce.

In January, TxDOT introduced the new "Real Texans Don't Litter" television public service announcements (PSA) as a spring board for the Don't Mess with Texas 20th Anniversary. The PSAs feature some of the Texas' most recognized celebrities including Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Church Norris, Janine Turner, Owen Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

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