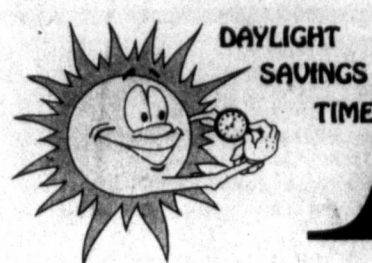


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Answerline

Q. How many pounds of rattlesnakes were turned in at the recent Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup?

A. A chamber spokesman said 10,212 lbs. of rattlesnakes were turned in this year. It was the 5th largest total ever in the roundup's 47 year history. Also local snake handlers are warning residents that rattlesnakes are in the process of leaving their dens, so be careful.

Q. Do passenger trains run through Mitchell County?

A. Mark Davis of Union Pacific said the company may run one or two a year for inspection purposes.

Briefly

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of State Health will be having an immunization clinic Tuesday, April 5th from 10-12 and 1-3:30 at the Wallace Center. Please bring your child's immunization record. Call 325-754-4945 for more information.

Project Celebration

Project Celebration will have a concession stand for the Middle School track meet March 31. Parent volunteers are needed to work 1 or 2 hour shifts. Any high school senior will receive credit toward money on a Visa card for each hour they work. Please call Barbie Lelek at 728-8051 and leave a message as to the hours you would like to work, beginning at 1 p.m.-9 p.m. and the name of your child.

Bake Sale Saturday

The Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be having a homemade baked goods sale Saturday, April 2 at Fuller Foods. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until sold out. All types of homemade goodies will be available.

Golden Age Club

The Westbrook Golden Age Club will have a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 followed by a covered dish meal at 7 p.m.

CHS Band Boosters

The monthly meeting for the CHS Band Boosters will be held Monday, April 4 at 6 p.m. at the CHS Band Hall. Plans will be completed for the concession stand at the Lone Wolf Relays April 9.

Home & Garden Show

The Home and Garden Show, originally scheduled for April 9 and 10, has been cancelled.

Mitchell Co. Reunion

There will be a meeting of the current and future committees concerning the Mitchell Co. Reunion. This meeting will be held at the Wallace Senior Center on Tuesday, April 5 at 1 p.m. If you are interested in this event continuing, please come to the meeting and help to choose a chairperson and set up all committees to get this year's reunion in the planning stage. This is an urgent request for your attendance!

Deaths

Harkey, Hays

Around Town

Happy birthday Felix Franco... Ask Don Boyd about plowing over utility poles... Kim Anderson entertains the Record office... Happy 3rd birthday Christian Sanchez (Apr. 3)... Happy 97th birthday Maria Sanchez (Mar. 30)... Ask Angie Maberry how to spell sucker... Happy 16th birthday Donica Fowler (Apr. 4)... Happy birthday Angelita Gomez (Apr. 4)... Welcome home, Nancy Shrode... Eddie Wheeler looking slim & trim... Carolyn Walker watching lots of tennis... Tex Blankenship cooking a burger or two... Brenda Wood excited about her new baby...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2069.68'
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Down .62'
Lake Champion.....2040.20'
Full at 2,083'
Down 42.80'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Spring cleaning

City clean-up Saturday

Get your tools and work clothes ready this Saturday for Colorado City's next city-wide clean-up day.

Also, the city's landfill will be open Saturday, April 2, with the normal fees waived for Colorado City residents.

Please note that the landfill cannot accept heavy metals, junk cars or axles.

Organizers of the clean-up effort hope residents take advantage of this unique opportunity to clear yards of tree limbs, building materials and other debris.

"This fits in with the spring cleaning that everyone does this time of year," said Carol Sue Dakan, president of Keep Colorado City Beautiful (KCCB). "Let's work together to make our city to look as nice as possible."

KCCB also welcomes volun-

teers to help with picking up discarded items at various locations on April 2. The pick-up is limited to Colorado City.

Volunteers plan to gather at 8 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church parking lot.

Mitchell County Commissioners have approved the free use of three dump trucks and a front-end loader by KCCB.

In the event of inclement weather, the clean-up may be rescheduled for the following weekend.

The city-wide clean-up has evolved into a semiannual event, with the second one taking place in October.

"This is turning into a nice tradition for Colorado City," Dakan said. "The people I talk to really appreciate the opportunity to dispose of items and make our town look nicer."

Hill trial delayed

The capital murder trial of a former Colorado City football player had been scheduled to begin next month, but it has been postponed indefinitely.

Justin Wesley Hill was indicted in December 2004 by a Taylor County grand jury on one charge each of capital murder and murder.

Hill is accused of causing the death of Cai Cardwell, an 11-month-old boy, in August 2004.

John Young, a Sweetwater attorney representing Hill, said the trial had been put on the docket for April 11.

"However, all the parties agreed that the case wasn't ready to be tried yet," Young told the Record Tuesday. "This case requires an extraordinary number of experts and much more preparation time."

Young said the new date of the trial was still undetermined, although he said it probably would occur later this year.

Cardwell is the son of Corey

Lee Little of Abilene. According to reports, Little was Hill's girlfriend at the time of the incident.

Hill took the infant to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene with head injuries. The infant was then airlifted to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth and later died.

Abilene police have said that the injuries to the child were consistent with being struck in the head, and that the injuries did not appear to be accidental.

Under Texas law, a capital murder charge can be applied when the victim is younger than 6. A capital murder conviction carries the death penalty, or an automatic life sentence if the death penalty is not sought. Parole could be sought after serving 30 years.

Hill, who played football while a student at Colorado High School, graduated from CHS in 1999 and later played college football in Abilene.

Allen gets death

A South Carolina judge has sentenced Quincy Allen to death in the shotgun murders of two people.

Allen, 25, was captured by a posse that included Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, his deputies and other law enforcement officials on Aug. 14, 2002.

Toombs testified during the sentencing phase of Allen's trial. Allen was sentenced Friday, March 18 after pleading guilty to the killings.

"It came out pretty much like I expected," Toombs said recently.

The South Carolina native was accused of a murder spree that left four dead in North Carolina and South Carolina.

In February 2004, Allen was sentenced to life in prison for killing a clerk and a customer at a convenience store in Dob-

son, N.C. in early August 2002.

His most recent trial in Columbia, S.C. was for the shotgun deaths in July 2002 of two people. One was believed to be a prostitute and the other was an acquaintance of his best friend.

After the killings, Allen was confronted at a rest stop near Westbrook. He had been on the run for several days and was found sleeping in a vehicle that was linked to the crimes.

When confronted by law enforcement officials at 5:10 a.m., Allen attempted to flee. He drove through tire spikes and initiated a high-speed chase that reached 80 miles per hour.

He encountered gunfire from officers in a couple of instances, once when his tire was blown out and another when Howard County deputies

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN is Mike Hansen, a resident of the Galveston area who is riding horseback from Houston to Cheyenne, Wyoming to raise awareness and money for Shriners Hospitals. Hansen made a stop in Colorado City last week before riding north to Snyder.

On the road again...

Man on horseback to Wyoming stops by

By Henry Martinez

Last week, Colorado City served as a rest stop for a most unusual journey.

Mike Hansen, a resident of the Galveston area, rode into town on horseback.

That might not be so unusual, except for the fact that Hansen was in the midst of a journey on horseback from Houston, Texas to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Hansen is undertaking the journey to raise awareness and money for Shriners Hospitals.

The origins of this journey date back nine years when

Hansen's son Clayton, then a 12-year-old, suffered severe burns in a fire-related accident.

His son was treated at the Shrine Burns Institute in Galveston. Hansen was amazed to find out that his son's medical care at the hospital was free of charge.

"I couldn't believe it," Hansen said last Wednesday during a stop between Colorado City and Snyder. "I really didn't know what the Shriners were about."

Fortunately, Hansen's son recovered completely from his burns. Today, Clayton is a

21-year-old father who works in construction.

"He wanted to come with me on this trip, but he has a child to care for now and he couldn't afford to do it," he said.

Hansen said he made a promise to himself that, if he got the chance, we would do something to help the Shriners.

As a person who's been around horses all his life, Hansen got the idea to ride horseback from Texas to Wyoming.

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City ponders \$4.2M budget

The Colorado City Council began working toward a 2005-2006 city budget during two workshops held last week.

Council members are expected to adopt the new budget in April, with the budget taking effect May 1.

In presenting his budget summary, City Manager Paul Catoe discussed a total budget of \$4,228,817 for both the general fund and the water and sewer fund.

The estimated revenue, and corresponding expenditures, for the general fund total \$2,308,617.

The estimated revenue, and corresponding expenditures, for the water and sewer fund total \$1,920,200.

Catoe said the proposed budget calls for the tax rate to stay the same at \$0.7588 per \$100 valuation.

City Finance Officer Connie Ponko explained that the coun-

cil was working with \$41,547 more in total funds than last year's budget.

She also noted a positive impact to the budget of \$92,010, which consists of savings from the recent refinancing of city bonds due to lower interest rates.

The most significant budget allocations may come in the area of capital improvements. The highlights are:

- A street sweeper at a cost of \$85,407

- Funds for a new police department building at a cost of \$65,000

- The city's cash contribution toward participation in the Texas Main Street Program, if approved, at a cost of \$30,000

- The city's cash contribution toward Ruddick Park improvements as part of a proposed state grant, at a cost of \$25,182.

In addition to these capital

improvement proposals from Catoe, the city's department heads had a chance to present their wish lists for the upcoming budget year.

It should be noted that not all requests from department heads are guaranteed approval for the upcoming budget.

Rick Carver, head of the streets department, requested a street patcher, a pick-up and extra funds to repair the city's compactor, which must run in order for the city to operate the landfill. These items total \$113,000.

Pat Taylor, head of the police department, requested two patrol cars and car video systems. These items total \$58,000. On behalf of animal control, Taylor requested \$20,000 for a new truck.

Ruffino Martinez, head of the fire department, requested funds to repair a tanker, bunker

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LW Creek to be cleaned out

Colorado City is seeking bids from contractors to clean out sediment at Lone Wolf Creek along Ruddick Park.

Funds were allocated in the current city budget for cleaning out the creek. It's also part of the Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W) grant the city received last year for the construction of a nature trail near the creek.

Since the funds were allocated in this budget, the city is attempting to secure a contractor before the current budget

year ends, which is April 30.

The request for bids calls for the creek bottom to be cleaned out to a minimum of four feet with an estimated average width of 90 feet and a distance of approximately 600 feet.

City Secretary Donna Madrid said the city received clarification this week that the area covered will encompass 8,000 cubic square yards.

The city set a deadline of noon April 8 for receiving all sealed bids. Bids will be opened

at 1:30 p.m. April 8 in Madrid's office.

The City Council is expected to consider the bids at its next regular meeting April 12.

Recently, the council decided to seek a one-year extension on its TP&W grant for the nature trail, because the decision was made to move the trail away from 2nd Street and more inside the park due to flooding concerns.

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Editor's Note...

Heart of the matter

By Henry Martinez

Last week, I started a three-part series on Texas cities that have successfully participated in the state's Main Street Program. Post was the first town I highlighted.

The series will resume next week with a feature on Comanche, which is located south of Eastland.

I will likely wrap up the series by focusing on Decatur, located between Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. It's also the place where I last worked in the newspaper biz more than a decade ago.

All these towns are great reference points because they all have similar populations to Colorado City. These small towns have big stories to tell about their respective programs and where they are today.

The lesson here is that town's self-worth is not determined by its size, but by the size of its heart.

I'm sure we'll see our city's heart on full display this coming Saturday when citizens band together for KCCB's semiannual city-wide clean-up day.

Our town shows its heart when it comes out to support events like Railhead Trade Days, the Car Show & Cruise, the Menudo Cook-off, the Boer Goat Cook-off and countless other activities.

The city also shows heart with its support of the Christmas in Action program and its Home Repair Day next month. The low-income residents who reap benefits from the program are grateful beyond words.

Heart is shown every day by individuals like Jan Lemons, who recently earned a "Woman of Distinction" award from the West Texas Girl Scout Council for her tireless work in the community.

And I truly believe that our town's heart will be on full display again when we take the initiative to make Colorado City viable and strong for the next generation -- and beyond.

So, c'mon everybody. Show a little heart.

Speaking of heart, the heart of rock and roll is alive and well on the Random Thoughts desk.

As you might remember, I've been adding five artists per month to my personal Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in honor of rock's 50th birthday this year.

By the end of the year, I will have an exclusive Hall of Fame consisting of 60 artists. Next week, I'll add my next five.

But as a bonus, I've decided to throw an extra five "influencers" into the mix. Some of these artists didn't play what we now call rock music and some are unknown to the casual music fan, but the imprints they left are indelible.

Robert Johnson -- This seminal bluesman from the Mississippi Delta had a short career back in the 1930s, but his work influenced future generations of blues and rock players, including B.B. King, Muddy Waters and Eric Clapton. It all started at the Delta crossroads with Mr. Johnson.

Woody Guthrie -- Folk pioneer who influenced Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Simon & Garfunkel and many others. A key figure in 20th century music along with his contemporary, Leadbelly.

Hank Williams Sr. -- The most crucial of all country & western artists of the last century. His distinctive sound was a key influence on the development of early rock and roll.

The Velvet Underground -- In the late 1960s, this obscure group's uncompromising approach would set the stage for more unconventional artists to come, like KISS and the Sex Pistols.

Big Star -- The most criminally overlooked band in rock history. This Memphis power-pop quartet, led by Alex Chilton, produced three masterpiece albums in the 1970s that fell through the cracks. But artists like R.E.M. and Cheap Trick knew about Big Star and incorporated their classic style in their own sounds. (In fact, the theme song to "That '70s Show," performed by Cheap Trick, is actually a remake of a Big Star song.)

Tougher school standards proposed

County educators may be looking at tougher standards to become "acceptable" schools in the eyes of Texas.

A Texas Education Agency (TEA) committee recently recommended a tougher set of standards for public schools to be "academically acceptable."

Currently, there are 92 Texas schools that are labeled unacceptable under the current formula.

If the new standards were in place, that number would have jumped to more than 1,100 schools.

Schools that earn the "unacceptable" label are subject to state intervention.

In Mitchell County, all schools except one were academically acceptable, according to the 2004 accountability ratings.

Westbrook was the lone county school to earn a "recognized" rating from the TEA. Loraine and all Colorado ISD schools received an academically acceptable rating.

To be an academically acceptable school, 50 percent of the students in a district must pass the reading, writing and social studies portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS); 35 percent must pass the math portion; and 25 percent must pass the science portion.

According to the proposal approved by the TEA committee, each of those rates would increase by 10 percentage points in 2006, and most would go up five more points each year until 2010.

Supporters say the change is needed because a 50-percent passing rate is too low of a standard for the state of Texas to have.

They also cite the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which mandates that all schools march toward 100-percent passing rates by the year 2014.

Opponents of the change, which includes some superintendents who have publicly voiced their opposition, say that the change will set up some school districts for failure.

Opponents say that while they fully support accountability in the school system, they don't support artificially inflating failure rates to make Texas look especially tough on education standards.

The ultimate decision will rest with the state's education commissioner, Shirley Neeley, who is expected to make her decision on the committee's recommendation in the coming weeks.

Neeley recently sided with school administrators when

they sought an exemption regarding special-education students.

That situation involved the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rates as required by the federal government.

Many schools felt the percentage of students exempt from the testing results should be higher to take special-education students into account.

Neeley sided with the schools by granting appeals to 431 school districts, which enabled them to achieve AYP as required by federal law.

All schools in the Colorado, Loraine and Westbrook school districts met the AYP requirements.

Merrell, Overby on dean's list

The following students have been named to the Spring 2005 McMurry University Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taken 12 or more credit hours. To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete 6-11 hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Megan Renee Merrell, a senior at the university, has been named to the Dean's List. Also earning recognition on the Dean's List is Tiffany D. Overby, also a senior. Both Merrell and Overby are from Colorado City and are majoring in multidisciplinary studies.

POLICE REPORT

• On Sunday, March 20, 2005 at about 11:14 P.M. Elias Jonathan Flores, 22 year-old male, of 632 Oak St. Colorado City, was arrested at 632 Oak St. for Disorderly Conduct (Vulgar Language). Flores was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Taylor.

• On Monday, March 21, 2005 at about 10:35 P.M. Jamie Wayne Dotson, 21 year-old male, of 1236 Oak St. was arrested in the 300 block of 8th St. for Driving While License Invalid and also for having several outstanding Municipal Court Warrants. Dotson was booked into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Becker.

• On Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at about 1:50 P.M. First National Bank, at 2225 Hickory St. reports Counterfeiting. They report that on this day they received two counterfeit bills. They stated that the bills were found in the night deposits that had been dropped by two different merchants. One is a \$20.00 bill that had been passed at McD's the night before. The second bill is a \$100.00 bill that was passed at Dairy Queen the day before. Both merchants have been made of aware and a possible suspect has been identified in one of these cases. The investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Torres.

• On Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at about 6:30 P.M. H.C. Zermeno, 53 year-old male, of 1525 College Avenue reports theft. He states that back in March of 2004 person(s) stole his electric sheet metal shears. He describes the shears as being gray and purple in color. The loss is estimated at \$900.00. Zermeno also on this day reports that a Victor cutting torch with its gauges and hoses was also stolen. He reports that this theft occurred back in November 2004. The investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: P. Taylor.

• On Thursday, March 24, 2005 at about 4:00 P.M. The Wallace Senior Citizens Center, at 1495 S. Hwy 208 reports theft. They report that a black 3 disc Compact Disc Player and am/fm radio was taken from the Wallace Center. The CD player is about 4 years old. The loss is estimated at \$78.00 and the investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Saturday, March 25, 2005 at about 7:06 P.M. Jeannine Ayotte, 61 year-old female reports assault. She reports that a family member who she knows assaulted her by striking her with an open hand. At this time Ayotte is refusing to file any criminal charges. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Sunday, March 27, 2005 about 12:30 A.M. Officers were dispatched to a disturbance at the Colorado City Apartments located at 2330 N. Hwy 208. Officers then discovered two juvenile females to be in possession of alcoholic beverages. The two juveniles were then issued citations for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and were released. An adult was found at that location and he is currently being charged with Making Alcohol Available to a Minor. This case will now be referred to Municipal Court and to the County Attorney's Office for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Becker.

• On Monday, March 28, 2005 at about 1:00 A.M. Leticia Mitchell, 40 year-old female, of 1428 Austin St. reports Attempted Sexual Assault of a Child. She reports that a person who she knows had tried to Sexually Assault her niece who is a juvenile. Information was taken and the investigation is continuing. Investigating Officers: Torres and Becker.

• On Friday, March 25, 2005 at about 4:16 P.M. a collision occurred in the parking lot of 529 Walnut St. A grey 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier 4-door driven Crysta Dawn Parnell, 34 year-old female, of 742 Locust St. struck a concrete pole. Two children that were in the vehicle had distracted the driver. The driver then backed without safety and struck the concrete pole. There were no injuries in this accident. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

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A reception honoring
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For the journey, he enlisted the aid of three horses. He rotates them so that one of the horses gets rest each day.

Hansen also must accomplish this feat on a tight budget. One company had pledged to support the journey financially, but the company backed out just a day before Hansen began his journey.

"I decided to go ahead with the trip anyway," he said. "I have a couple of hundred dol-

lars to try and make it through."

Hansen began getting some attention when the San Angelo newspaper published an article about him in its March 19 edition.

Don Scott of San Angelo was so moved by the story that he drove out to meet Hansen personally.

"He seems to have a good heart," Scott said. "The guy just needs a little help on his

trip."

By March 22, Hansen was riding up Texas Highway 208. Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs heard about Hansen's journey and met him in Silver.

Toombs said he wanted to make sure that Hansen's journey proceeded safely through Mitchell County.

Hansen said he purposely mapped a route that included many small towns along the way. The towns provide a natural resting spot each night.

For instance, last week he slept overnight in Colorado City where he parked his horse trailer. In the morning, he set out for Snyder, leaving his truck and trailer behind.

"When I get to Snyder, I'll find a place for my two horses to stay and I'll hitch-hike back to Colorado City to get my truck and my other horse," Hansen said.

If this sounds like a tough way to conduct a cross-country trip, it is. But Hansen is not letting any setbacks prevent him from fulfilling his promise.

"I've been meeting some very friendly people along the way," said Hansen, who expects to reach Wyoming by July.

From Scurry County, he proceeds on to Lubbock and toward Clovis, New Mexico. After reaching Albuquerque, he will go north into Colorado.

Hansen said people can support his journey by making a donation to the Shriners organization.

To make a donation, clearly state that the donation is for the "Houston to Cheyenne" benefit and mail it to: Arabia Shrine Hospital Benefit, c/o Arabia Shrine Center, P.O. Box 20625, Houston, Texas 77225-0625.

Although he was having some cell phone problems last week, Hansen does welcome calls on his trip. He can be reached at 409-457-4955.

Locally, Holli Welch of Colorado City can vouch for the good work of the Shriners organization. Her son Peyton was the beneficiary of care at a Shriners facility.

"I'm in full support of this gentleman because I know the positive impact the Shriners organization has had on my family," Welch said.

Loraine clean-up slated

The City of Loraine will be having their annual Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 9, 2005. Dumpsters will be located on the lot northwest to the Post Office. This service will be provided to the City of Loraine residents only and all persons dumping will be required to show a current water bill from the City of Loraine.

Only trash items, grass clippings and small tree limbs will be allowed in the dumpsters. You will not be allowed to dump batteries or tires. Old appliances and any metal items can be dumped west of the dumpsters. If you have any questions please contact Connie Harshaw at 737-2222.

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A MAN ON A MISSION recently was the Rev. Robert Cantu, second from left, as he was the driving force in establishing a mission in Loraine. Also pictured at the facility, from left, are Betty Cantu, Michael Cantu and Linda Martinez.

Loraine mission fulfills dream

By Carl Graham

Loraine's Robert Cantu had a vision about having a local mission that would provide food, clothes and furniture for those in need.

The vision, years in the making, is coming to fruition.

"It's been about three or four years ago that I saw this place," said the Rev. Cantu about the old Johnson Hospital building in Loraine. "I always passed right by it and looked at it sitting there."

"I told God that I needed a place for the vision I had to build a mission that we could use to store clothes, food and other items for the homeless or individuals who were just down on their luck and needed these items," he added.

Cantu started checking around and found that the old hospital building had been donated to the City of Loraine.

"I asked to be put on the city council agenda and went before the council to tell them what I planned and what I wanted to do with the building," he explained. "After they heard what I had to say, they voted to deed it to us for that purpose."

Cantu said the work of getting the building up to code began in earnest.

"We started coming in here and cleaning it up," he said. "We have done a lot of work, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Most of the materials have been donated by other churches or individuals because we all work together."

Over spring break recently, the group from Cantu's church as well as pastors from Waco and students from Loraine worked to put a new roof on the building.

"What is so great about it is that they (the Waco pastors) paid for the entire thing," he noted.

Cantu said a lot of people have already donated items to the mission.

"A lot of people bring stuff in from Loraine such as clothes, food, different items of furniture and appliances," he said. "Stuff comes in, and things go out almost as quickly. That's what it's all about, giving to

those who need the help.

The items are free, and people are not forced to pay, Cantu commented.

"We never ask for money for anything they take out of here," he added. "Some want to donate, and we do have a box for them to put their money in, which goes back into the mission for supplies. But money will never stand in the way of someone getting items that they need."

Cantu said anyone with items to donate, or anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the mission project, can call him at 242-1142 or 242-2508. He said Linda Martinez may also be contacted at 737-2199 for more information.

ALLEN

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fired shotguns at him.

Allen eventually ran another vehicle off the road on I-20 toward Big Spring. The vehicle was driven by Stetson Rankin of Colorado City, who was not injured.

Because the vehicle Allen was driving was heavily damaged, he could not advance further. He was surrounded by officers, with Toombs handcuffing him. Allen was not hurt.

He was extradited to South Carolina following his arrest.

South Carolina prosecutors sought the death penalty against Allen because of the heinous nature of the crimes.

Allen's defense argued that Allen suffered from mental illness and should have been spared the death penalty.

"I have not seen convincing evidence that Mr. Allen had a major mental illness at the time of the crimes in 2002," Judge G. Thomas Cooper said, according to WIS-TV in Columbia, S.C.

The station reported that it was the first death penalty sentence handed down in the area in 10 years.



THE HEART OF WEST TEXAS MUSEUM was the recent beneficiary of a Heritage Preservation grant of nearly \$8,000 for potential improvements to the museum and to the Heritage House. Inspectors Mary Frederickson, left, and John Volz assessed both buildings and provided Museum Director Shirley Scott with recommendations regarding building improvements and artifact maintenance.

OBITUARIES

Cora Mae "Cody" Hays 1915-2005

Mrs. Cora Mae "Cody" Hays, age 90, of Westbrook, died Monday, March 28, 2005, in a local care center. Services were held Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hays was born March 9, 1915 in Colorado City to James and Ida Dyer Doss and had been a lifelong resident. She married Earl Hays on April 14, 1936, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on January 19, 1976. She was a homemaker, farmed and ranched and was an oil operator for many years. She and Earl were founding members of the Westbrook Golden Age Club and former members of a group of musicians that entertained residents at care centers.

She is survived by a daughter, Joan McCollum and husbandm Weldon of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Susan Solomon and husband, Gene of San Angelo and Melinda Reavis and husband, Randy of Graham; four great-grandchildren, Keli Reavis of Stanton, David Solomon, Nicole Solomon and Catherine Solomon of San Angelo; and numerous nieces, nephews and family friends.

Mrs. Hays was also preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Tammy Yvonne Griffin Harkey 1967-2005

Services for Tammy Yvonne Griffin Harkey, 37, formerly of Colorado City, were held March 22 at Bates-Cooper Chapel in Mount Pleasant with the Revs. Kyle Smith and Larry Rice officiating. Interment was in Nevills Chapel Cemetery. She was killed in a motorcycle accident. Mrs. Harkey was born December 16, 1967 in Tyler and died March 19 in Pittsburg. She worked for Pilgrim's Pride Corporation as an instructor, Department of Transportation/safety department. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Harkey; and her parents, Vernon and Yvonne Amick Griffin, all of Pittsburg; her grandfather, E.L. Amick of Jacksonville; one son, Kevin Thomas Harkey; and one daughter, Kayla Michelle Harkey, both of Pittsburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Andy and Stacy Griffin and Lee and Heather Griffin; one sister and brother-in-law, Missy and Lonnie Carter, all of Pittsburg; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Glenn and Elaine Harkey; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Scott and Wendy Harkey, all of Mount Pleasant.

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Commissioners table quarry decision

Mitchell County Commissioners may consider using a contractor to mine the county's rock quarry.

The item was discussed during a called meeting of commissioners Monday, March 28.

Tommy Whitesides spoke to commissioners on behalf of an Odessa company interested in doing business with the county.

The company proposes paying the county a royalty rate of 75 cents per ton and providing each precinct with 5,000 cubic yards of material from the quarry.

Also, the company would be responsible for all blasting, crushing and permitting of material.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Carl Guelker asked Whitesides what a precinct would have to pay if it needed more than 5,000 cubic yards of material.

Whitesides said he did not know and would have to consult with the company owners.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Preston said he would be comfortable with leasing only the part of the quarry that would be of most interest to the company.

The company's proposal had called for leasing 200 acres of county land, part of which includes the quarry.

County Judge Ray Mayo said he would need to consult with County Attorney Tom Rees Sr. to see if this item needed to go out for public

BUDGET

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gear, pagers and furniture for the fire house. These items total \$39,176.

Other items requested during the sessions included:

- A heating and air conditioning unit for the Heritage House, requested by Shirley Scott, at a cost of \$4,300

- A heating and air conditioning unit for the Civic Center's kitchen, requested by Belinda Blessingame, at a cost of \$4,800

- Engineering costs for work related to a potential Texas Department of Transportation grant for the municipal airport, requested by Carver, at a cost of \$8,500.

On the water and sewer ledger, department head David Sanchez made requests for the following:

- Two pickups for the sewer treatment area and a control system for the city's lift station, at a total cost of \$60,000

- A portable welder and trailer at a cost of \$31,000

- Four quick taps at a cost of \$20,000

- An irrigation pump and pump motor at a cost of \$10,500.

At the present time, no contingency funds are included in the proposed budget.

In addition, some capital outlay items that were discussed include:

- Reimbursement of base rates for cell phones used by all department heads

- A new computer system for City Hall

- Lawn maintenance education for a full-time employee at Ruddick Park, if hired.

In addition to the hiring of an employee to maintain Ruddick Park, the council also will consider the following recommendations from the Parks Board for the upcoming budget:

- Additional lighting at Ruddick Park, as discussed at a previous council meeting

- The acquisition of two bridges from Mitchell County for the park

- The spraying of weeds at Ruddick Park.

At its March 22 meeting, the council did approve the Parks Board's recommendation for a June 18th celebration to be held at Ruddick Park.

The council's next regular meeting is April 12, but the council may reconvene for another budget session before then.

Commissioners tabled the item in order to wait for Rees' official response.

In addition, commissioners approved renewing a certificate of deposit at First National Bank for a period of three months.

Commissioners had considered renewing for a full year. However, they cited the possibility of higher rates of return on CD's in the near future.

The county approved a three-month rate of 1.8 percent. The bank had offered a 12-month rate of 2.4 percent.

However, Preston said he had

visited the Loraine bank recently and saw 12-month CD rates that nearly reached 3 percent.

"Maybe we need to do some more negotiating," he said.

The principal amount on the county's CD is \$90,000.

In other business:

- Commissioners tabled action on how to invest proceeds from revenue bonds, which was discussed at a previous meeting.

County Treasurer Ann Hallmark said the proceeds had not been delivered yet to the county, but she expected them to be delivered before the next regularly scheduled commis-

sioners' meeting on April 11.

The county received notice recently that it expected to receive approximately \$235,000 in bond proceeds from city-issued bonds.

- Commissioners approved a tax sale property bid of \$400 from David McLeod for a property at 221 Locust Street in Colorado City. The Colorado ISD board previously approved the bid.

- Commissioners approved specifications for a depository contract, with sealed bids to be opened May 9 at 10 a.m. They also approved advertising for bids.

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A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY was held recently for Lone Wolf Cellular in Colorado City. Cutting the ribbon is business owner Leslie Scott, accompanied to her left by Bambi Hill. Also enjoying the ceremony was Scott's dog, Mac, as well as ambassadors from the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Brand name contest ends Apr. 8

Time is running out for the "Help Us Brand Colorado City" contest.

Sponsored by the city's Beautification Action Team (BAT), the contest is designed to help establish a brand identity for our city.

Branding is a term used to create a slogan that defines a town.

The grand prize for the winning brand is \$188.20. There's a reason for the unusual

amount, Arthur said.

"It comes from the year that Colorado City was established, which was in 1882," she explained.

The deadline for the contest is Friday, April 8.

Other Texas cities have successfully used branding as a means to help identify their towns to potential visitors.

"Tourism is a giant industry in Texas, and we want to 'brand' Colorado City with the

perfect slogan that will encourage visitors to exit the interstate and spend some time in our city," BAT President Kitten Arthur said.

To submit an entry, send it to: Branding C-City, Chamber of Commerce, 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

Entries may also be faxed to 325-728-1037 or dropped off at the Chamber office.

society page

Early season lawn thoughts

By John R. Senter, Mitchell CEA-Ag

As we approach the first green up of our spring time lawns, there is a question that has surfaced over the last couple of seasons and addressing the problem appears to be in order. That age-old question of lawn scalping. Scalping is defined as the removal of an excessive quantity of leaf tissue at any one mowing. Remember, that this approach will often times leave a stubby, brown appearance to your lawn and if that bothers you, then you may skip this part. Scalping is usually not recommended for warm season turf grasses during the active growing season or prior to winter dormancy. It can however, be beneficial in late winter or early spring.

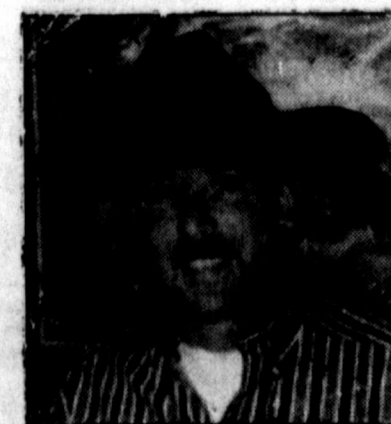
Benefits of this cultural practice can include: earlier spring green up, control of some winter and annual broadleaf weeds and removal of some debris that can contribute to thatch accumulation. It is thought that scalping warm season grasses, just prior to spring green up, is a good way to not only remove old plant material, but also expose the soil to sunlight to warm the soil for a more rapid green up. To properly approach scalping, lower your mower setting to about one inch high and begin mowing. Take caution not to overdo on lawns with heavy thatch accumulation, this could result in injury to "runners" that may be located in the upper portion of the thatch layer.

Scalping creates a large amount of debris so it will be necessary to use a bag attachment on your mower, or rake the debris and remove it. However, do not haul this material off to the landfill - it makes an excellent addition to your compost pile and can add value to this type of homemade fertilizer. Scalping can be a great cultural practice to help produce a strong lawn, but you must use caution and time this approach wisely or you can create more harm than good.

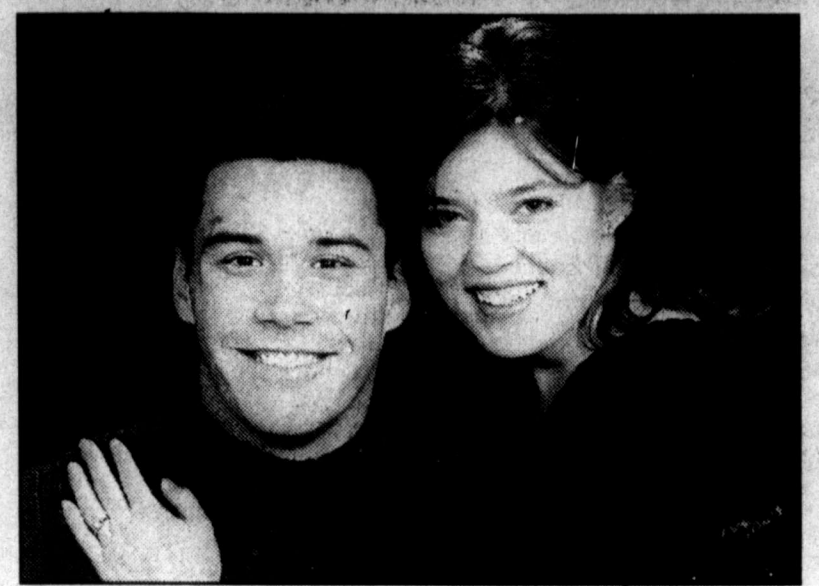
While we are on the subject of lawn care - how long has it been since you checked you lawn mower blades? This is one practice that is very often overlooked but can be extremely important. Dull blades will not only cause your lawn to look unattractive, but can also place stress on your grass as well. Grass mowed with a dull blade will have splintered or jagged leaf tips and can also be a point of entry for small insects or disease pathogens.

Take time to inspect your mower blades. If you find them in terrible shape, then replace them. If they are in working shape then have them sharpened. If you are not comfortable doing this yourself, a repair shop or professional can help. Take time to care for your lawn care equipment - your lawn will show its appreciation by an improved, healthier appearance.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability or national origin.



John Senter



Jacob Glover and Dodie Davis

Couple to exchange vows June 4th in Fort Worth

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis of Whitehouse would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dodie Davis, also of Whitehouse, to Jacob Glover of Tyler.

The bride's parents are former residents of Colorado City. Dodie is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Forbus of Loraine.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig Glover of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. on June 4 at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Dodie is a graduate of Whitehouse High School and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Jacob is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler and East Texas Baptist University in Marshall.

Both Dodie and Jacob are pursuing their master's degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

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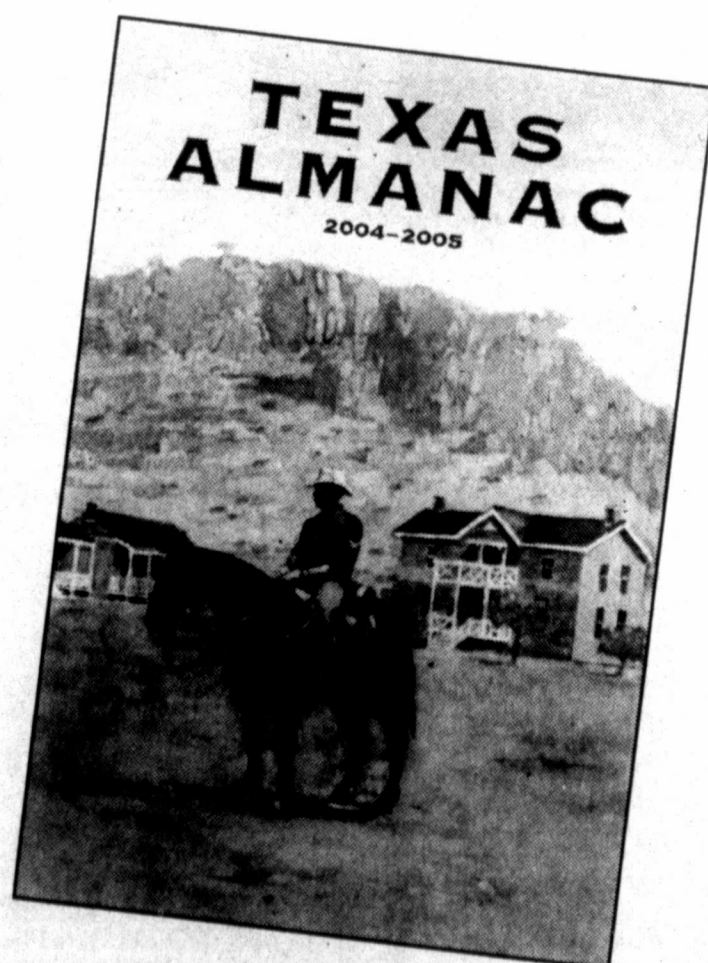
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

A word of explanation and apology to the Mitchell County Hospital Board and citizens of Mitchell County as to my absence from the March 22nd meeting. It was my understanding that the monthly meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month, when actually they are on the fourth Tuesday of each month (March has five Tuesdays). I left town on Monday morning unaware of the meeting on Tuesday in which I was to be sworn in. The people who know me will verify that I take my obligations and responsibilities seriously.

It is an honor to be appointed to the MCHB to fill the vacancy left by Larry Johnson. I am looking forward to the challenge!

Geneva Ratliff

Dear Editor,

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce has just begun their 2005 annual membership drive. Our first leg of this annual drive is to deliver to our current business members their 2005 decal, a directory of all chamber members (business, individual, and organizations), calendar of events and a statement of appreciation. Packets for our individual members are also available at the Chamber office.

Currently there are 98 business and organization members. There are 54 individual members. Twenty-three events are scheduled in 2005. The directors are also entertaining ideas to add new events. Events such as softball tournaments, basketball tournaments, bingo, and an antique car rally should enhance retail opportunities. Our focus is to attempt to meet the mission of the Chamber to have events that support the businesses in this community. In order to accomplish this mission, we need to continue to have the commitment of our current members and to increase the entire area chamber membership with businesses and people that are a part of our community.

All full business and organization members are entitled to a free booth rental at one of our three Railroad Trade Days events to sell or just advertise/promote their business. The Chamber will also publish the names of all businesses, organizations, and individual members in a full page ad in the Record at the end of our membership drive.

I invite all businesses, ranchers, farmers, organizations, politicians, professionals and individuals that have an interest in promoting Colorado City, Westbrook, and Loraine to consider becoming a member of the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,
J.V. Young
President

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MARKET REPORT

Colorado City Livestock
Market Report
Wednesday, March 23

We sold 313 head of cattle on Wednesday, March 23. Market was active and demand good on a steady to stronger market on most classes with the 400 lb. to 500 lb. steers and heifers \$3 to \$6 higher. Bred cows and pairs steady. Packer bulls steady, packer cows \$1 to \$2 higher.

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How my favorite shirt got bloody

By Tumbleweed Smith

I wore my favorite shirt to my Rotary club meeting last week. There was a sign on the door indicating this was the day for Rotarians to donate blood. I went to the blood donor room and rolled up the sleeves of my favorite shirt.

I have never seen a bigger needle. I have given blood many times and don't remember the needle being that big. When the guy poked that big needle in my arm, it hurt. And I let him know it hurt. He said he probably hit some type of nerve when he stuck the needle in my arm.

I filled up that sack with blood in about five minutes. That's because the needle poked a hole in my arm the size of a chinaberry.

After the blood letting, I rolled the sleeve of my favorite shirt down over the bandage they put over the big hole in my arm. It was just 12:30 and I decided to return to the Rotary meeting. For some reason the door leading into the Rotary room was stuck and I was rattling it trying to get in. Finally someone came across the room and let me in. I grabbed a plate and was going to eat lunch.

At the salad bowl I noticed the right sleeve of my favorite shirt was covered with blood. It was dark maroon. Blood was gushing out of my arm. I looked down at the side of my shirt and there was blood there too, where I had rubbed my arm against it. Seeing my bloody shirt certainly got the attention of some people sitting in the rear of the room.

I put the plate down and walked out the door with the intention of driving home but decided to let the blood people take a look at the situation. The guy who had stuck the big needle in me said that apparently when I rolled down my sleeve I dislodged the bandage they had put on my arm.

He put about a pint of peroxide on the sleeve and side of the shirt. It bubbled up and felt warm. It took out some of the blood. I drove home and my wife wasn't home. I am not the handiest man with a washing machine, so I put some water and Dial soap in the bathroom sink and put my shirt in there. My pants waistband also had blood on it so I stuck the top of the pants in the sink, too.

I had a dental appointment at 1:30 and it was by now 1:05. I was hungry and weak. I went to my favorite burrito place and ordered two bean burritos. When I got to the dentist I had flour tortilla stuck to my teeth, but he didn't seem to mind. I called my wife from the dental chair and she hadn't gone home yet. I told her not to be shocked when she was the bloody mess in the bathroom.

The peroxide and my wife's diligence with stain removers and a washing machine got my favorite shirt looking as good as new. Now it has some character.



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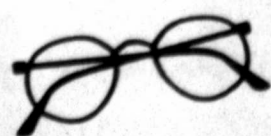
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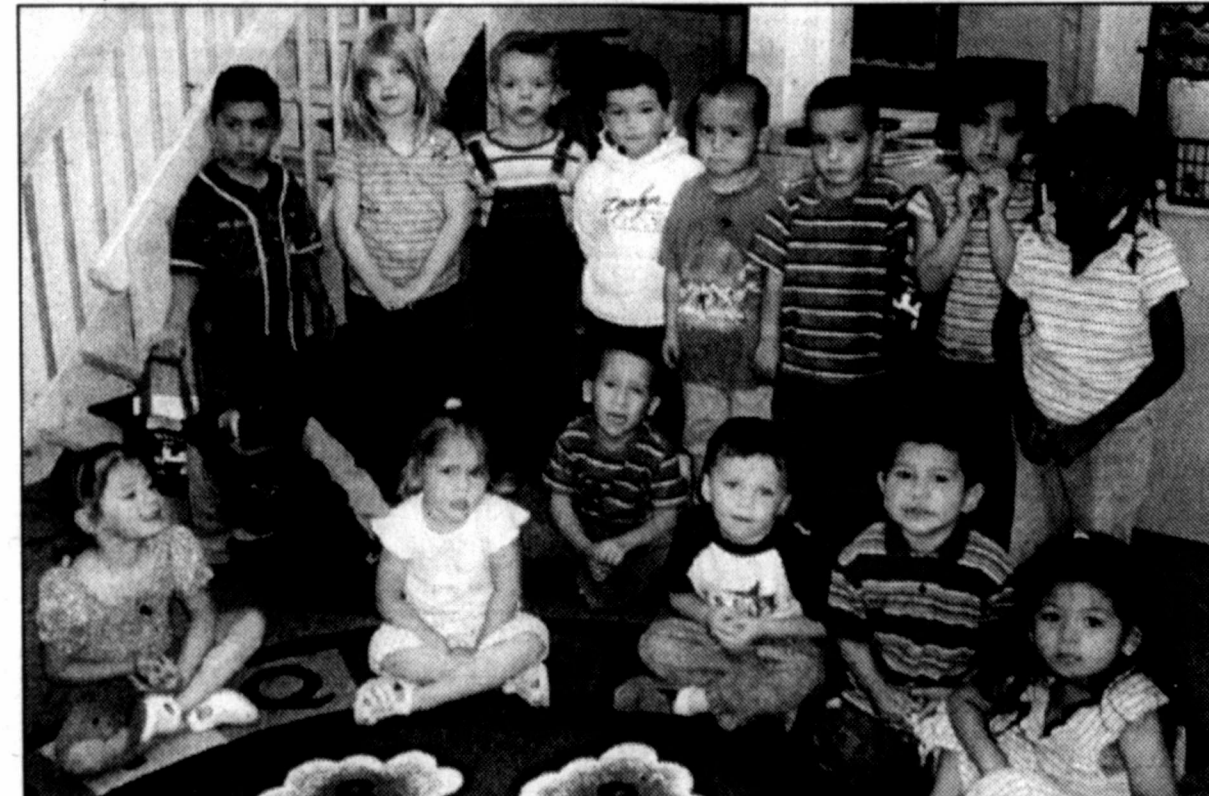
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P.E. SUPER STARS for the third six-weeks at Hutchinson Elementary are: (back row, l-r) Tori Barrera, Ricky Roman, Allison Burrola, Joe Arguio, Alexis Lopez, R.J. Silva, Harlene Blythe, Jonathan Castillo; (middle row) Kenadee Williams, Shea Duncan, Micah Minkina, Daniel Dillon, Destyne Gaona, Simon Reyes, Leslie Davila; (front row) Aaron Mendoza, Neal Denson, Angenette Gonzales, Tara Higgins, Alex Salazar, Stephen Flores, Alyssa Bonner and Hunttyr Messick. Ashley Alaniz and Aaron Griner are not pictured.



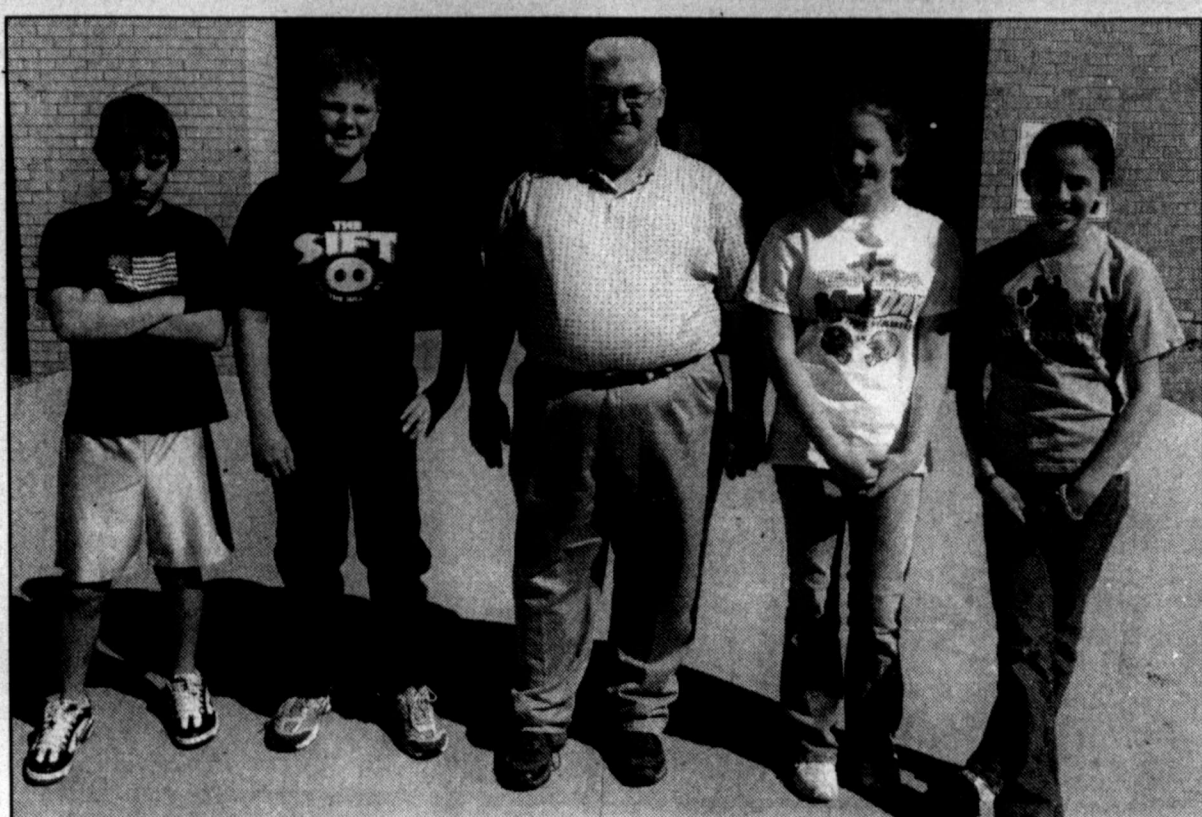
SEVERAL HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY students received the honor of being named P.E. Super Stars for the 2nd six-weeks of the school year. They are: (back row, l-r) Rene Hernandez, Taylor Griffith, Douglas Garcia, Marissa Molina, Cody Tolle, Bailey Sprague, Adrian Ausbie, Maricela Espinoza; (middle row) Jacob Rizo, Darian Lenderman, Aaron Rivera, Olivia Luera, Jake Johnson, Koe Alvarez, Hayden Redwine; (front row) Jason Rodriguez, Laran Meeks, Jessica Hampton, Damian Davila, Kaley Molina, and Tyler Hammond. Juan Beltran and Letisha Richardson are not pictured.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Shrode's Head Start class is learning a love of reading early by visiting the library every Tuesday and checking out books. The students take them home and parents read them to their children and complete an activity sheet. Mrs. Shrode's students are: (standing, l-r) Isaac Pena, Jayli Hawkins, William Smith, Shawl Diaz, R.T. Bishop, Keegan Eades, Syrrah Tenorio, Kyria Emerson; (sitting) Victoria Melendez, Tracy Smith, McKaila Davidson, Keelan Eades, Dylan Calcas, Antonio Rubio, and Samaria Hernandez.



LORAIN ISD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are back row (l-r) Chris Brown and Derek Austin, and front row (l-r) Kayla Atkinson and Claudia DeLoera.



ADVANCING TO STATE COMPETITION in Number Sense and Calculators are a group of students from Colorado Middle School. From left are Ryan Gainey, Nathan McCright, Laura Warren and Briana Ortiz. Not pictured are Matt Sowa, Erin Graham and Rebecca Perez. At center is sponsor and math teacher Kyle Baker. The state meet is scheduled for April 16 in San Antonio. CMS teams have performed well in recent years in these categories.

Fowler nominated for Nat'l. Science Award

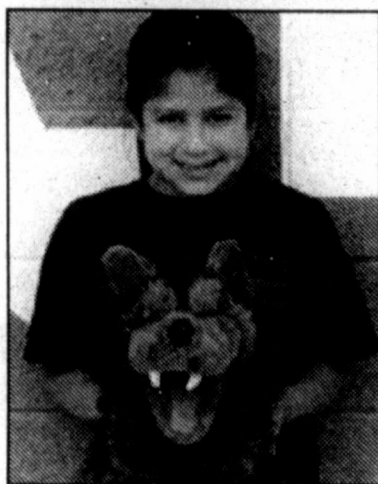
Donnica Fowler, a sophomore at Colorado High School, has been honored nationally by the United States Achievement Academy upon receiving a recommendation from Ms. Allison Haynes of Colorado High School.

With this nomination, Donnica will have a personal biography printed in the USSA National Awards Yearbook. More importantly, it means Donnica qualifies as a candidate who can apply for one of the USSA college scholarships. Only out-

standing achievers whose names appear in the edition are invited to apply for one of these scholarships.

The USSA National Science Award nominations are made by high school and junior high school teachers throughout the nation. Only a small number of students can hope to have their names and achievements featured in this highly respected publication.

Donnica is the daughter of Ms. Daphne Fowler and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Fowler, Jr. of Loraine.



THIRD GRADER Allison Burrola is the first student in her grade to complete the Ultimate Challenge. Students at Hutchinson Elementary go to the Wolves' Den to take timed math challenges throughout the school year. The Ultimate Challenge is a timed test with 100 mixed facts, completed only when students earn 100% on the challenge.

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New records set at Cotton Patch Relays by Newby, Ollison, and relay teams

Both the girls and boys track teams finished the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall in second place last Thursday as the girls collected 106 points while the boys managed to get 120 points.

Sophomore Paige Newby nabbed her fifth discus title in as many outings, setting a new record with a toss of 152 feet.

Others placing were Latoya Jackson who won the 200-meter dash in a time of 26.2. She also collected a first place in the triple jump with a leap of 33'4 1/4".

LaCreasha Johnson took first in the long jump with a leap of 16'7 1/4" as well as staying undefeated in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.2.

Katesha Russell won the shot put event with a toss of 33'3 1/2".

The girls also laid claim to both the 400-meter, and 800-meter relays, winning the sprint relay in a time of 52.21 while the 800-meter team won that event in a time of 1:48.91. Individuals running on that event are Lacy Reyes, Chasity Jackson, Letesha McDuffie, and LaCreasha Johnson.

Senior Hann Ollison, who will be running track next season for the McMurry Indians, set a new record in the 200-meter dash with a blistering time of 21.54. He also won the long jump with a leap of 21'9".

New records were also set in the 800-meter relay as the Wolves won in a time of 1:33.8 while the 1600-mile relay was won in a time of 3:26.11, wiping out a record that was set

20 years ago by the relay team of Don Randle, Kevin Norman, Perry Conner, and Mike Ligon who ran a 3:27.21.

The Wolves also brought home a first place in the 400-meter relay in a time 44.17.

Others that placed in the top 3 were Isaac Franco who won the triple jump with a leap of 42'6", Logan Boyd who won the shot put with a toss of 48'11", and Boyd finished second in the discus with a toss of 132'7".

Nolan Frizzell placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5'10".

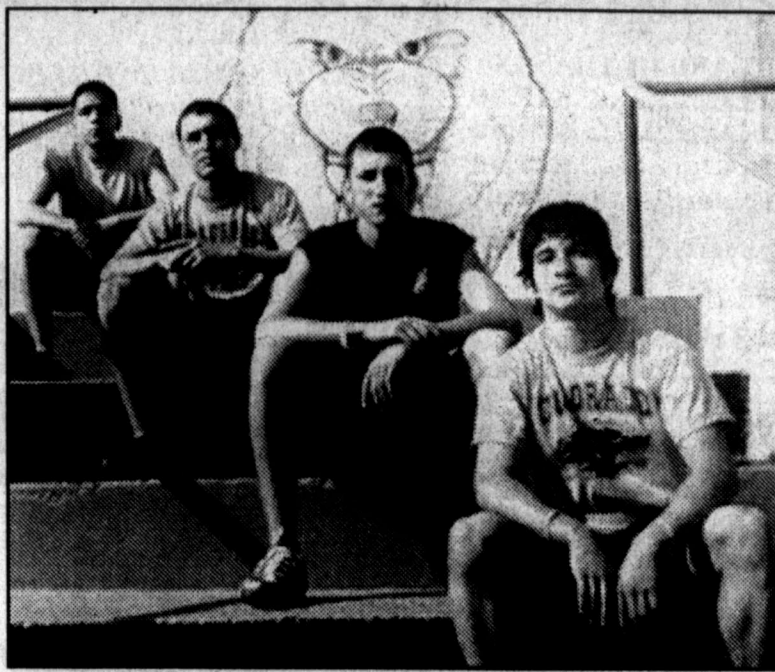
Others placing in the meet were Adrian Salazar who placed sixth in the 400-meter dash, Jose Gonzales who placed fifth in the 1600-meter run, Ray Ryan who placed sixth in the shot put, Rafael Martinez who placed sixth in the 3200-meter run, and Nolan Frizzell who placed sixth in the long jump.

In previous track results the Wolves won the Coahoma track meet with a total point production of 174 points.

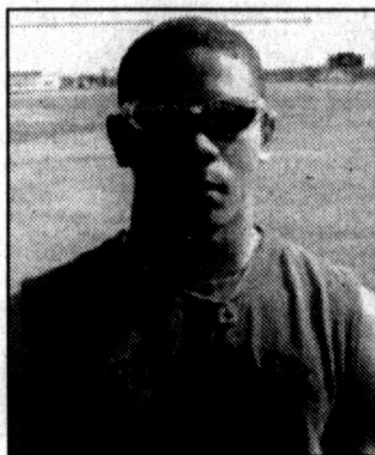
Frizzell won the high jump with a leap of 5'10", Ollison won the long jump with a leap of 21'2 3/4", and the 200-meter dash in a time of 22.07.

Others were Roland Rivera who won the 100-meter dash in a time of 11.81.

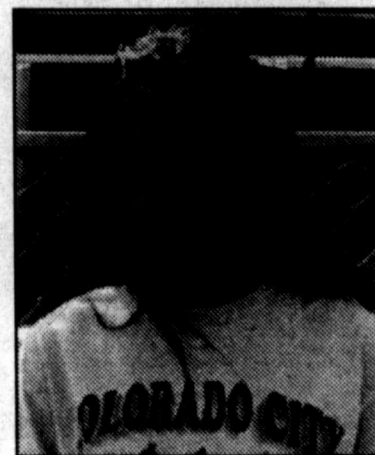
All three relays won in Coahoma with the 400-meter relay winning in a time of 44.21, the 800-meter relay team with a time of 1:34.66, and the 1600-meter relay getting a first place in a time of 3:31.64.



PICTURED IS THE RECORD SETTING 1600-meter relay team that broke a 20-year record set by Colorado City. They are (l-r) Cody Avalos, Frankie Arguijo, Isaac Franco and Roland Rivera.



Hann Ollison



Latoya Jackson

Lady Wolves take two district games, sets up showdown

The Colorado Wolves took both of their district games last week, defeating Anson 8-0 on Tuesday before taking on, and defeating, Hawley 12-4 last Friday at Hawley.

The wins set up a showdown this Tuesday between Coahoma (1-0), and the Lady Wolves (3-0) for first place in the district standings.

Katesha Russell was the starting pitcher for the Lady Wolves, getting seven strike outs, and giving up only one hit in the seven innings she worked. She also only allowed one base on balls.

Giving her adequate support with their bats were Krisha Arispe who had a triple and a single in her two for four outing. Brittany Hill and Jamie Bonner also had doubles for the Lady Wolves.

The Lady Wolves plated six runs in the second inning to take control of the game. They added another run in the third inning, and a single run in the top of the sixth for the shutout win for the Lady Wolves.

On Friday the Lady Wolves defeated Hawley to move their record to 16-2 on the season with Russell again getting the start on the mound. She struck out five, walked two in her seven run outing. She gave up four runs, two of which were unearned.

Jessica Castillo had two singles while Newby added a triple and a double in four trips to the plate. Daniell

Speaking of Sports...

By Carl Graham

Well, we are down to the final four in the NCAA basketball playoffs set for this coming weekend. I hope your team is among those four.

I was hoping Texas Tech could somehow make it, but coach Bobby Knight did a great job in getting them as far as they went. Being a Texas Longhorn it was hard for me to not see the burnt orange making it, but they will be back with a good recruiting year.

Congratulations once again to Paige Newby who set a new record in the discus, her fifth win in that event in a row.

Hann Ollison also set a new record at the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall with a blistering 21.5 in the 200-meter relay.

I hope everyone had a great Easter, and remember, be a great sport in everything you do!

Young Wildcats on the prowl....

By Marcelino Chavez

The Westbrook Wildcat tennis team has been busy collecting hardware all over the Big Country area including last weeks Snyder varsity tennis tournament. The young team, led by two seniors, four juniors, three sophomores, and 13 freshmen are preparing for the upcoming district tournament that will be held April 11-12 in Garden City.

At the Snyder tournament the young Wildcats placed third behind Lubbock Frenship, a 4-A school, and Snyder, edging out Sweetwater, Lubbock Christian Trinity, and San Angelo Lakeview, another class 4-A school.

In boys action Trey Chavez improved to 22-1 for the year, but absorbed his first loss of the season when he lost to Britton Lee of Lubbock Christian by scores of 7-6, 6-3. He ended up placing second at the tournament. Lee is a nationally ranked player from Lubbock.

Tate Burleson and Jordan Truelove took the doubles team from San Angelo Lakeview team to three sets, losing a heartbreaker 7-5 in the third set.

Other action saw Colton Nobles and Dustin Luttrell advancing to the consolation finals against Sweetwater. Number two singles Drake Thurman lost his first match, but advanced to the consolation finals where he lost

to a player from Sweetwater.

In girl's action freshman Linsey Chavez won the singles title by defeating Sweetwater's Leslie Cortez-Lomas 7-6, 6-0 for the second time this season.

Other Wildcats playing included Lauren Johnson, Candice Hale, and Allison Bray. Despite missing most of the season due to other sports activities the group had a great tournament.

At the Seminole tournament Trey Chavez defeated players from Slaton, Lubbock Cooper, and Plainview to win the boy's singles crown. Burleson took seventh place, losing to a player from Snyder.

Linsey Chavez won the girls side while teammate Lauren Johnson added eight points for the Lady Cats with wins over Shallowater and Slaton.

In doubles action the Westbrook team picked up important wins from Cory Morton-Dustin Luttrell, Logan Truelove-Colton Nobles, Michael Morton and Jordan Truelove, and wins by Keesha Krapf-Candice Hale.

"I am so proud of our tennis team," said Wildcat coach Marcelino Chavez. "We have participated in four tournaments so far this year, and we have placed no lower than fourth in any of them. We should be looking very good going into district. The new district is very tough with the likes of Borden County, Klondike, Grady, Garden City, and Sands."

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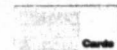
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The family of Angie Harris
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2005 at the office of the City Secretary. Bids received after the due date will not be considered. Sealed bids shall include (1) original and (11) copies. The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked Bids for Cleaning Lone Wolf Creek. Bids will then be considered by the City Council at their next regular meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 12th, 2005 at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. For additional information, please contact the city manager at the city hall. The city reserves the right to refuse any and all bids or to negotiate a contract with the apparent successful bidder.

 Donna Madrid
 City Secretary

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loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Speaking of Easter spells. It was cold, it was wet, it was windy and because Easter came early this year, we have time for another one. That little varmit, the groundhog knew his business.

Even though Saturday morning was cold, children showed up for their annual Easter egg hunt at city park. It just didn't take them long to find their bounty and get out of the cold.

Kennie Sue Irwin and Ruby Homad from Katy are back in Mitchell County (both Loraine and Colorado City). They are still here at press time. They are visiting Juanice Butler and other family members and friends while here. They have a home at Lake Colorado City.

Connie Harshaw and her daughter went to Bennington, Kansas with her dad, Don Burt. They spent the weekend and Connie said they had a great visit with relatives.

Ken and Shirley Kendall invited Betty Chandler to go to Garcia's on Friday night, where they met Benton Ward of Colorado City to help him celebrate his birthday. Shirley gave him a plate of chocolate brownies made by Amanda Kendall. It was a fun time, reported Betty.

Grady and Elnora Mitchell had an Easter dinner with Henry and Kelly Mitchell after church service Sunday morning and on Sunday night they enjoyed the Purpose Driven Life study at night service at First Baptist Church. This study will continue next week.

Joan Long and her brother Durwood McAdams went to Hobbs, New Mexico last Friday to visit with their sister, Kathryn Barr, who resides in a care facility there. They returned home Friday evening.

Becky (Merket) Piatt from Denton and her family were here to visit with Joan recently. They were on spring break and stayed five days.

At Loraine United Methodist Church Easter Sunday a special musical presentation was a quartet of men singers, Don Richburg, Roland Graham, George Martin and Geory Martin. Brother Keifer Cauble accompanied them at the piano. A nice attendance was present.

Nell Doyle had a her children to eat an Easter meal with her last Sunday. Coming to Loraine were Beverly and Chester Collier of Westbrook and Jimmy and Jodie Collier and Hudson from Wall, Texas. They had an Easter egg hunt later and they all had fun.

Jan Millering wants to thank Del for directing her toward a 55 gallon drum of aluminum cans. (She doesn't know his last name). Last week I wrote that she is picking up cans to sell in order to make a trip and buy tickets to see the Green Bay Packers and Dallas Cowboys play football in 2007. She is willing to work long and hard. Removing cans from roads etc. is beneficial for the city as well. Call her at 737-1025. She will be glad to pick up your cans.

Doris and Jay Henderson spent Easter Sunday with Brad, Penny and the girls in Midland.

Pat and Brittany Sadler and Bertie Colson of Sweetwater had lunch Sunday with J.A. and Mike Sadler.

Betty Chandler was in Abilene Monday and stopped by the fried chicken eatery. She ran into former Lorainian Oscar Singleton. They had a real nice visit and he said "Tell everyone in Loraine hello for me." Oscar has had three by-pass surgeries and he is now doing well and feels good.

Crystal Butler Barrera and

husband David of Guadalajara, Mexico went to Laredo recently for his spring break and Danny and Pam went to Laredo to visit. While there they went to Falcon lake. Pam said she and Crystal went wading. The lake was completely full with all the recent rains. They all drove around and saw bluebonnets and other pretty flowers in bloom, of course its warmer there. They reported that the land was so muddy that farmers and ranchers couldn't even check on their cattle. Pam and Danny reported that it all was a beautiful area.

Members of the Loraine city council are getting budgets set for another year. They also are in the process of hiring a dog catcher, so a hint to the wise should be sufficient.

On Thursday, Christine Britton went to Abilene to watch her granddaughter Jorden Holloway play soccer with her team from Carrollton, Texas for district. Jorden is the daughter of Jana and Trey Holloway. They won over Wichita Falls. There were 17 members of her family there. On Saturday Christine went to Abilene to go with Carla and Dwight Aston to take their son Scott to catch a plane at DFW in Dallas to go back to Germany where he is stationed in the army. Scott is Christine's grandson. From there they went

to Carrollton to have Easter dinner with Christine's daughter, Jana and family. Scott will be going to Afghanistan in May.

Senior Center
Last Monday, Aubrey Wilson, Bennie Benitez of Snyder and Durwood McAdams played and sang for seniors prior to the noon meal. Mrs. Novila Benitez visited the center also.

Friday was games and visitation.

Loree Music of Midland visited Friday. Also visiting were Bea and Wayne Childs of Brownwood.

Sandra Givens and Lana McClain from Roscoe Nursing Home brought a pretty set of glasses for a door prize. Ruth Richburg won the prize.

Don't forget about the birthday party for seniors having birthdays in March. A special lunch of turkey or chicken and dressing with all the trimmings will be served.

Do all the good you can in all the ways you can in every place you can at all the times you can with all the zeal you can as long as ever you can. J. Wesley.

The Loraine Volunteer Fire Dept. held their annual farm

equipment auction sale on Saturday, March 26. It was a great success. Both firemen and their wives worked very hard. Not only with setting up all equip-

ment but also erecting and working a concession stand. The amount of hamburgers they cooked and sold was huge. The weather wasn't friendly at all

but like the old postal motto... In rain or shine we prevail. Loraine residents are very fortunate to have such a great department.



SHIRLEY GRAHAM (far left) congratulates Irene Graham (2nd from left) on 20 years of service to the County Extension Agency. Others pictured at the reception were Kay Richmond and (standing) Nelma Ritchey.

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