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Answerline

Q. What is the white stuff on I-20?

A. TxDOT crews have been putting brine water down on the interstate to help prevent icing before incoming freezes.

Briefs

Downtown Plans

Volunteers with the Main Street program are planning to hold a clean-up of the downtown area on Saturday, March 14th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will gather in Friendly Park, at the corner of Walnut and 2nd Street that morning.

Gun Raffle

Members of the Colorado City Lions Club are holding a drawing for a Taurus Revolver. The Model 45/OPD-38 has a five-round cylinder chambered for .45 or .410. Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5 and can be purchased from any club member. The drawing will be held March 27th. For more information, call Stephanie at 325-728-3413.

Mitchell County Youth Baseball

Mitchell County Youth Baseball will have sign-ups for kids 4-years and older as of April 30 for the 2015 season. Sign-ups will be held Thursday, March 5th at the Railhead at Texas Fest from 5:30-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 14th at the Railhead Trade Days from 9-5. Cost will be \$60 per child.

Howl Night

Howl Night on the Red Carpet 2015 will be held Monday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each from Ann Bazany at the high school. If there are any remaining tickets they will be sold at the door for \$8 each.

Blessing of the Bikes

The Christian Motorcycle Association will be holding a blessing of the bikes on Sunday, March 1st at Ruddick Park in the East Pavilion from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Girlscouts

Local Girlscouts will be selling cookies this Saturday at Dollar General from 10-2, weather permitting.

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LWGCD meeting set March 4th

A public rule-making meeting will be held at the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District office next week, and those interested are welcome to attend. The meeting gives the public a chance to comment on two proposed rule amendments.

The water district board will meet to consider the rule changes on Wednesday, March 4th at 7 a.m. at the district office, located at 131 West 5th Street in Colorado City. Rules regarding well spacing and permit use are under consideration for changes.

The local water district was formed 14 years ago and has instated rules that coincide with the district's mandatory plan to preserve and protect the quality and quantity of all groundwater for all citizens in the county.

According to LWGCD Director Sue Young, the changes are recommended by Dr. Bill Hutchinson, a hydrolo-

gist that visited Mitchell County to look into water levels of the Dockum Aquifer. Young said that the hydrologist looked at levels as far back as 10 years and has taken into consideration several conditions that would take a toll on water levels.

Dr. Hutchinson was invited to perform the study due to citizens complaining of poor water levels in established wells. He is a former employee of the Texas Water Development Board.

Young said that Dr. Hutchinson found that increases in pumping have resulted in lowering of groundwater elevations of the aquifer. She went on to say that the aquifer serves a large area and that most other counties can rely on other aquifers, but Mitchell County does not.

The changes being considered by the water board are the most conservative of all modifications suggested by

the hydrologist.

Several citizens have suggested that the water district is targeting certain types of operations when making rule changes, but personnel inside the district's office say it's just the opposite. "Sometimes the citizens just don't understand, but we're actually their friend. If the local water district doesn't take some steps toward conserving water, the state could come in and take over," county employee Darlene Moore said.

LWGCD uses a process called Modeled Available Groundwater to come up with desired future conditions of the Dockum Aquifer. It is desired that the aquifer suffer only a four-foot draw down in 50 years. Unfortunately, increases in pumping have caused the rate to be exceeded.

Water district officials use well spacing as the primary

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Arson is suspected in fire

According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, a suspicious fire burned down an old farm house on County Road 440 north-northeast of Loraine on Tuesday morning. The suspicious nature of the fire calls for further investigation.

Sheriff Toombs said the call came into the sheriff's office just after 7 a.m. Tuesday morning. Members of the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire, but the abandoned house was fully engulfed by the time firefighters arrived.

The sheriff said that there were

See ARSON, page 5

Pancakes being served February 27

Pancakes are always good, for breakfast, lunch or supper. If you like delicious pancakes, the Kiwanis Club has just the thing for you.

Club members are making the final preparations for the 41st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper. The annual fundraiser helps fund many of the club's charitable youth activities.

The supper is set to be held Friday, February 27th at the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria.

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Filing deadline for elections is Friday

The last day to file to run for a place on the ballot in upcoming city and school elections is Friday, February 27th. Election Day is Saturday, May 9th.

Four seats are up for election on the Colorado City's city council, the position of mayor and seats in Districts 1, 2, and 5. So far, current mayor Jim Baum has filed, as have incumbents Sammy Contreras and Craig Jolley. Keith Hiser has picked up his paperwork and has expressed his intention to file for re-election to the city council.

Two at-large seats are up, along with the mayor's position, at the City of Loraine. According to City Secretary Jamie Muñoz, the council has called for an election, but no one has filed to run. Anyone interested in serving on the council, can stop by city hall in Loraine to file an application to run.

Sheila Plagens and Henry Reyna, both incumbents, have filed for re-election to the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees. Their seats, Place 4 and Place 6, See ELECTION, page 5



THEIR LATEST ADVENTURE - John and Jody Chaney are eagerly anticipating the opening of Corner Drug and Paisley Nest, a gift shop inside the pharmacy. Renovations are set to be completed in March, and the couple hopes to open the new business in April.

Corner Drug to open in April at 10th & Hickory

John and Jody Chaney announced last summer that they had purchased Perkin's Apothecary & Mercantile and City Discount Drug. The two businesses will combine and bring about the resurrection of Corner Drug, a name first used in 1938 when Henry Bilsberry owned the pharmacy in Colorado City.

The Mitchell County natives are in the midst of realizing a dream that began about 15 years ago, when Jody graduated from pharmacy school. They purchased Perkin's from Rick and Patty Perkin, while City Discount was co-owned by Rick Perkin and Jerry Mu-

noz.

The Chaney's have been operating both businesses and are getting ready to merge them together to create Corner Drug.

The new pharmacy and gift shop will be located in at 1001 Hickory. The gift shop, the Paisley Nest, will be perched inside of Corner Drug. Renovations on the building, that was once Eddie's Pharmacy, are on schedule to be completed in mid-March. The Chaney's hope to open Corner Drug in April.

John said that though the name is changing, See CHANEY, page 5



NOT TOO COLD FOR THE DUCKS - Temperatures in Mitchell County plunged back into the deep freeze at the beginning of the week, leaving the area with a light dusting of sleet and snow. After a short respite on Wednesday, another cold snap is set to make its way through toward the end of the week.

Banquet plans are underway

The 106th Annual Colorado City Area Chamber Banquet is set to be held Friday, March 6th, and this year's banquet promises a good time for those attending, as the theme is Mardi Gras. Chamber Manager Amanda Jo Ritchey needs to hear from citizens planning to attend by February 27th.

Ritchey said that she is trying to get a head count so that plans can be finalized. Those planning to be part of the chamber celebration should RSVP by calling the chamber office at 325-728-3403 by Friday, February 27th.

Tickets will be \$15 each, and those attending will be the first to know the recipients of this year's awards.

The 2014 Citizen of the Year award will be presented, as well as the Agriculture Award. In continuing with a tradition started last year, three awards will be presented to the Educator of the Year; one from Colorado City, one from Westbrook and one from Loraine.

The 2015 Chamber Board is made up of citizens who volunteer their time to help promote Colorado City and all of Mitchell County. Board members are: Susan Anderson, Audra Hoback, Ty Wood, Brigada Hiser, Maria Rubio, Joni Laceyfield, Kody Wood, Jerry Shields and Richy Womack.

So, make plans to join in the See BANQUET, page 5

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LOCAL NEWS

Roark speaks to Lions Club



FIGHT LIKE THIS GIRL – Rhonda Roark has fought cancer in a number of ways for years, as she and several family members have been diagnosed with it in various forms. Roark visited the Colorado City Lions Club last week to give a presentation on the local Relay for Life, fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Cancer leaves its mark on her family, but she continues to fight against it!

Cancer survivor and Relay for Life organizer Rhonda Roark visited the Colorado City Lions Club last week. She presented a program to local Lions telling how cancer has affected her personally and about the plans for Mitchell and Scurry County Relay for Life.

Roark started by telling her own story and she got to know the disease that is cancer. She grew up in Snyder, attending school and graduating from Snyder High School.

In 1985, one of her grandfathers was diagnosed with lung cancer. He didn't live long after his diagnosis.

A spot on Roark's mother's shoulder had been bothering her, and after a biopsy in 1985, she found out that it was also cancer. Though scans didn't reveal any further cancer, the disease had spread. In late 1986, a lumping up after stepping on a cat's tail resulted in the breaking of her mother's femur. Further testing revealed that cancer had spread to her bones and brain. Roark's mother managed to live until May the next year. Rhonda was 27 when her mother passed away.

In 1996, Roark was the mother of a 15-year-old, a 12-year-old and a five-year-old. One time, her middle son Dylan commented that his neck was sore after jumping on the trampoline, and the school nurse later found that he was completely deaf in one ear. Looking back, these things were symptoms of cancer.

Roark said that her son, Dylan, rarely complained but when the side of his face swelled, she took him to a hospital and the doctors discovered that he had cancer in his sinus cavity. The form of cancer was rare, and doctors were grim, giving Dylan only a very small chance of survival.

Before his first chemotherapy treatment in June of 1996, doctors explained to Dylan and the family that the prognosis was not good. According to Roark, Dylan said he didn't care because

he had lots of people from everywhere praying for him.

The treatments worked and Dylan lived for a few years cancer-free. By 1998, he had gained 70 pounds and was weighing about 140. At 15 years of age, the cancer came back with a vengeance. Physicians found that a tumor had grown down his neck and was surrounding his carotid artery.

Roark said that it took over a month to put together a surgical team willing to do the surgery that would be required to save Dylan's life. The surgery began at 5 a.m. on a Thursday morning and lasted until 7 a.m. on Friday morning.

Dylan is now 31. He had some hard years and still suffers from headaches, but he is alive thanks to treatment.

In 1999, Roark's sister-in-law was diagnosed with lung, liver and adrenal cancer. Her dad suffered through prostate cancer.

And, just when she might have thought cancer was done with her family, Roark was diagnosed with lymphoma on February 14, 2011. She had seen the effects of chemo and didn't want to go down that road, but her family members persuaded her to take the treatments which could be responsible for saving her life.

She said the American Cancer Society gave her the first wig and head-wrap after she lost her hair. Through her own struggles, Roark learned that the ACS helps many cancer sufferers and families.

Last year, the ACS answered 45,711 calls from cancer patients and family members in Texas. Volunteers made 2,911 visits to breast cancer patients. The organization provides wigs, wraps, prostheses, housing, food and much more to patients and their families.

"It takes a huge burden off the family," Roark said.

In 1985, Dr. Gordon "Gordy" Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, decided to raise money for the Tacoma, Washington, ACA. He enjoyed running marathons, and came up with the idea of sponsors paying to walk or run with him around a track for 24 hours. He raised \$27,000 to fight cancer. The Relay for Life now raises \$5 million nationwide.

Roark said that Dr. Klatt's story gave her strength while she was fighting. She now passes on some of that strength to others who are diagnosed with cancer at Mitchell County Hospital, where she works.

The local Relay for Life is planned for April 11th at the Mitchell County Sports Complex. A survivor meal is planned for March 20th at the Copper Press. Roark urged Lions to help with this worthy cause.

OBITUARIES

Lois Wright 1931-2015

COLORADO CITY-- Lois Wright, 83, formerly of Sand Springs died Saturday, February 21, 2015 at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born March 16, 1931, at Belton to Bertha Ethel and William Walter Hinds. She grew up at Belton. She married Luther P. "Luke" Wright November 18, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on November 19, 1986. She lived all of her adult life in Howard County until moving to Lake Champion July 4, 1988. She was a licensed journeyman meat cutter. She worked in the meat market and the deli at Newsom's Grocery for a number of years. She was especially known for her pies. She later worked for Safeway and also at Sweetwater and other area grocery stores and meat markets. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by one son, Colton Wright and his wife Judy of Ecuador; one daughter, Bridget Milliken and her husband Mark of Odessa; her partner, Paul Stuteville of Colorado City and his daughter, Paula Stuteville of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Jason Milliken and his wife Lisa of Elgin, Latisha Perry and her husband, Chris of Coahoma, Nicole Jones and her husband Jay of Abilene, Cassi Walden and her husband Ty of San Angelo, and Chase Wright of Abilene; three great grandchildren, Nathan Jones of Abilene, Dallas Perry of Coahoma, and Kinzi Walden of San Angelo.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Honorary pallbearers were Jason Milliken, Chris Perry, Jay Jones, Ty Walden, Charles Angel, Randy Merket, Joey Grant, and Nathan Jones.

The family suggests memorials to a memorial account in Lois's memory at Citizens Federal Credit Union or other favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Ferron Forbes 1935-2015

COLORADO CITY-- Mr. Ferron Forbes, age 79, died Monday, February 23, 2015, in an Abilene hospital. As per his request, he will be cremated and a private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Forbes was born March 9, 1935 in Mitchell County to John M and Bessie Chism Forbes and had been a lifelong resident. He married Peggy Mitchell on September 12, 1985 in Colorado City. He was employed by TXU for 34 years retiring as a shift leader and a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Peggy Forbes of Colorado City; a daughter, Pam and husband, Weldon Walker of Colorado City; a son, Jebby and wife, Mellicie Forbes of Colorado City; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Johnnie Lee Kucker of Shawnee Mission, KS; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Parkinson Society or donor's favorite charity.

POLICE REPORT

On February 15th at 4 p.m., an officer was on patrol and observed a vehicle with a defective brake light in the 1100 block of Hickory. A traffic stop was conducted. After failed field sobriety tests, the driver was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where the 50-year-old was booked accordingly.

On February 15th at 9 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a vehicle with a defective clearance lamp in the 100 block of E. I-20. A traffic stop was conducted. Prior to the stop, the officer observed the passenger door open and something being dropped. After a records check of the driver and the passenger, the driver was found to have no driver's license. Upon retrieving the dropped item, it was found to

be a small amount of marijuana. The 24-year old male and the 28-year-old male were arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where they were booked accordingly.

On February 16th at 5:46 p.m., an officer responded to the 1900 block of Chestnut in reference to a burglary that had already occurred. Unknown person or persons had entered the residence and removed items without the owner's consent.

On February 19th at 6:04 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Front Street in reference to a burglary. Unknown person or persons had entered the residence and removed an item without the owner's consent.

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LOCAL NEWS

2015 Warrant Roundup begins March 7th

Representatives of law enforcement agencies and courts from more than 300 jurisdictions across Texas recently announced combined efforts to host the 2015 Great Texas Warrant Roundup beginning Saturday March 7th through Sunday, March 15th.

In 2014, a total of 37 local warrants were cleared, bringing in \$10,652. In 2015, 477 violations involving 327 people have resulted in warrants worth \$141,721.23.

The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions. It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrests expected to continue for several days.

Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities. Numerous counties, justices of the peace, constables and municipalities of all sizes will participate in the roundup.

Specific information as to the number of outstanding warrants, how to take care of warrants prior to arrest, and any other special roundup activities or events may be obtained by contacting the representative for each agency.

Affected persons are urged to contact the appropriate jurisdiction or jurisdictions during the next two weeks to dispose of their cases voluntarily to avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrest at home or work in front of family, friends or co-workers.

Those with outstanding warrants are listed below.

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Raymond Frank Gonzales
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Levi Sifford
Big Spring
Bobbi Harvey
Rodney Joseph Keleman
Michelle Denise Malmoros
Kenneth Ray Peacock
Anthony Robert Sanchez



MAKING ROOM FOR SOMETHING NEW – The remnants of the Days Inn were being cleared away by heavy machinery operators last Friday. No plans of what will become of the property have been announced.

‘Geocaching 101’ to be presented at State Park

Have you ever wondered what Geocaching is all about? Do you wish you had a way to bridge technology and nature to get your kids outdoors more? Geocaching 101 program was made for you.

Everyone is invited to get a basic introduction to what geocaching is and how it got started with lots of hands-on experience at Lake Colorado City State Park. The class provides preset GPS units which will be provided. It is fun for the whole family and good for kids ages 8 to 108.

The program is offered in the morning and in the afternoon to try and accommodate more folks. The first session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 7th, and an afternoon session will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.

If you are interested, class size is limited so please call the park to save your spot, (325) 728-3931.

There is no cost for the program, however you will pay daily entrance fees of \$4 per adult with children 12 and under getting in free.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Storming the beach at Normandy

George Hangar of Killeen was drafted into the Army in 1943 when he was 18. "I never had it so good. I was paid 50 dollars a month. Before I came in I was paid a dollar a day." He became a combat engineer. "Our unit was composed of farm boys who already knew how to string barbed wire, fire every type of rifle and drive every type of vehicle."

He received amphibious training on the coast of England in preparation for the invasion of France at Normandy. "They told us that half of us would be casualties. I looked at the guy next to me and thought that one of us was going to be gone."

He was trained in mines and demolition. At Omaha Beach on June 6th, 1944, his specific job was to clear a path for the 29th infantry division. "We started off with a mine detector but we had to discard all of that coming in because of the waves and high water. When our squad got ready to go off the landing craft, I was the first one to go down the ramp and as soon as I was off, the ramp blew up."

Getting off the landing craft was dangerous. "We were out quite a ways from shore. When we left the landing craft we were in over five feet of water and the waves were four feet high. They would throw you up and down, up and down. Of course we had to fight the enemy to get in, even though we were soaked, carrying a heavy pack and our weapons."

"We wore a life preserver belt high under our arms. When you would give it a squeeze it would inflate. So many of the infantry guys didn't have amphibious training and their belt was around their waists. When they inflated the life preserver while they were in the water, six or seven feet deep with high waves, it would flip them upside down because they had all this weight on their shoulders. I saw two infantry guys in the waves with their legs sticking out of the water and their heads under water." He says it is extremely important to give invading troops amphibious training.

Once on the beach, they found a wall of barbed wire in front of them and machine gun fire coming from the Germans. They were pinned down for an hour or so. When the machine gun fire stopped for a moment, a Lieutenant from the infantry unit stood up and was immediately shot in the head and killed. "A half-track vehicle trying to reach the beach got stalled and our squad leader went over to it and called us over there. It had machine guns on it and me and another guy took a machine gun and continuously fired it while two other guys took explosives and blew an opening in the barbed wire so the infantry could move through. We used our bayonets to clear the mines."

George can still wear his uniform and got it out to show me. I took a picture of him holding it. He stays in shape by taking six-mile walks. He has been on six hundred of them. "I'm trying to bankrupt Social Security," says George.

Few things please Tumbleweed more than sitting on a front porch somewhere in Texas visiting with people who love life. Contact him at is@tumbleweedsmith.com

Counter OPEC's power by boosting American oil exports

By J. Michael Barrett

The national average for a gallon of gasoline is quickly approaching just \$2. Drivers can mostly thank the highest level of domestic oil production in four decades -- over 9 million barrels per day -- for these low prices.

With American energy production booming and gas prices plummeting, it's difficult to imagine a return to the shortages that characterized the 1973 Arab oil embargo. But Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the rest of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have recently launched a price war to force Americans back to a dependency on foreign energy. They are being aided by an outdated U.S. policy prohibiting the export of domestic crude oil.

The best way for American legislators to combat OPEC's aggression is to lift this ban. Scrapping this outdated policy will secure American progress towards energy independence.

It's easy to see why OPEC is scared. Innovative extraction techniques like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have boosted U.S. oil production by 4 million barrels per day in just the last six years. Consequently, U.S. demand for OPEC oil has dropped to its lowest level since the Reagan administration.

OPEC can't stand to see one of its biggest customers move toward energy independence. But the cartel might not be able to endure the self-inflicted wounds caused by rock bottom oil prices for very long. Of OPEC's 12 member countries, only Qatar can balance its budget with prices at \$60 per barrel. Six OPEC members need the price to stay above \$100 to avoid fiscal ruin.

By contrast, most U.S. producers still make a profit below \$60 per barrel.

That's why, in late November, the governing board of OPEC decided not to cut oil production despite a global surplus of 2 million barrels per day. Instead, OPEC maintained

its production levels to push prices down in hopes of driving American firms bankrupt. The cartel believes that American energy firms will break under pressure.

Congress can strengthen our domestic economy while countering these plans. It should lift the ban on crude oil exports. Domestic firms could then sell oil to the many overseas buyers eager to reduce their own energy dependence, thus reducing the power of OPEC to maintain a throttle on U.S. and global oil supplies.

What's more, if U.S. producers are allowed to expand to foreign markets, they'll be able to compensate for lower oil prices with greater total sales.

Fortunately, the effort to repeal the ban is gaining traction. Texas congressman Joe Barton has introduced bipartisan legislation to lift it. However, some lawmakers argue that permitting crude exports might contract local oil supplies and push up the price paid by domestic drivers at the pump.

They needn't worry. In a new report, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office finds that allowing U.S. crude exports will actually save American drivers up to 10 cents per gallon of gasoline. The CBO explains that the price of gas depends "primarily on the world price of crude oil, which would decline slightly once lower-priced U.S. crudes were available in the international market."

If Congress lifts the ban, crude exports could add 300,000 jobs and \$38 billion to the U.S. economy by 2020.

Congress should lift the ban on U.S. crude exports. Repealing this outdated law will lower energy prices, jumpstart the economy, and cement America's role in the global oil market while furthering collective independence from OPEC's oil-based price manipulations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

Homo-erect us, Neanderthal and Cro-magnon man thought the water belonged to no one. With civilization comes property. The water board is a throwback of 100,000 years.

The Texas Supreme Court, defending the constitution, the most civilized and the supreme law of the land, rules that underground water belongs to the entity or person who bought the land as deeded and patented by the state.

Then comes the state legislature with, out of unfounded fear or desire to grow the population, creates a water board whose mission is to prevent the rightful owners harvest and use. The legislature has sworn on their Bible and to the public to defend the constitution even from domestic encroachment.

The constitution establishes life, liberty and property to all citizens even against the wish of the majority or its legislature. Local water boards get their authority from illegal legislation and

local majority vote. The rules are being expanded to permit a local tyranny to become grossly illegal. This tyranny restricts the constitutional rights of irrigation farmers while exempting nearly all other property owners. From George Orwell's "Animal Farm" (in communism) "we are all equal but some of us are more equal than others."

What now exists on Mitchell County is a water board which, in effect, enacts its own law by employees on the spot. I have been accused by the manager of violation, falsely. In spite of testimony of another employee which supported my defense, the fine stuck "to set an example." My well was perfectly within the "permitted" spacing, but I was cleared by the wrong employee.

As in any tyranny envy drives.

On March 4th the board persuasion is scheduled to surround a large table in a small room where large egos and covered envy will rule on bankrupting and/or severely denying the rights of irrigation farmers.

The purpose of the groundwater boards of Texas is to deny property rights without due process in the courts. I predict that the courts will become backlogged. That "experts" and attorneys will have a booming business and that the right to private property will be perverted beyond recognition. That property investors will become victims of socialism, as it occurred in Russia, Cuba and Nazi Germany.

America is the late great land because of the resistance to destroy its constitution by majority vote. I shall survive till that eminent finish line of life without property; I would rather leave my heirs a constitutional America than the whole state of Texas.

Tea anyone?

Troy Powell

Letter to the Editor:
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Felix Franco

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LOCAL NEWS

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no utilities on at the house, and it became fairly obvious that the fire must have been set. The property has been roped off, and officials from the State Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating.

Owners of the land and house are being contacted to rule out a purposeful burning of the structure, but Toombs said that no one was on the scene when law enforcement and firefighters arrived.

Anyone with any information about the fire is urged to call Deputy Jeremiah Witte at the MCSO at 325-728-5261.

CHANEY

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ing, customers can expect to receive the same great service from the same great personnel. He went on to say that all prescriptions and accounts from both pharmacies will transfer to Corner Drug.

The pair are excited to offer quality merchandise that customers have come to expect. "There's also tons of new stuff," John said Monday, adding that Jody had been to market and the new merchandise is arriving daily.

The Chaney's were particularly interested in using the name Corner Drug because of the historical value it holds for Colorado City. Billberry opened the first Corner Drug in 1938 on 2nd Street. Rick bought the pharmacy in 1970 and changed the name to Perkin's in 1977.

Perkin expanded his entrepreneurship by opening City Discount Drug in 1985. Muñoz became a partner in the late 1990s. The Chaney's bought both businesses in May of 2014.

"We have really enjoyed servicing the community and being a bigger part of our hometown," John said.

Jody said that she plans to keep accepting insurances the two pharmacies already take and may even expand the service in the future.

"Our ultimate goal is to continue to serve with a hometown atmosphere, local feel to the store," Jody said.

PANCAKES

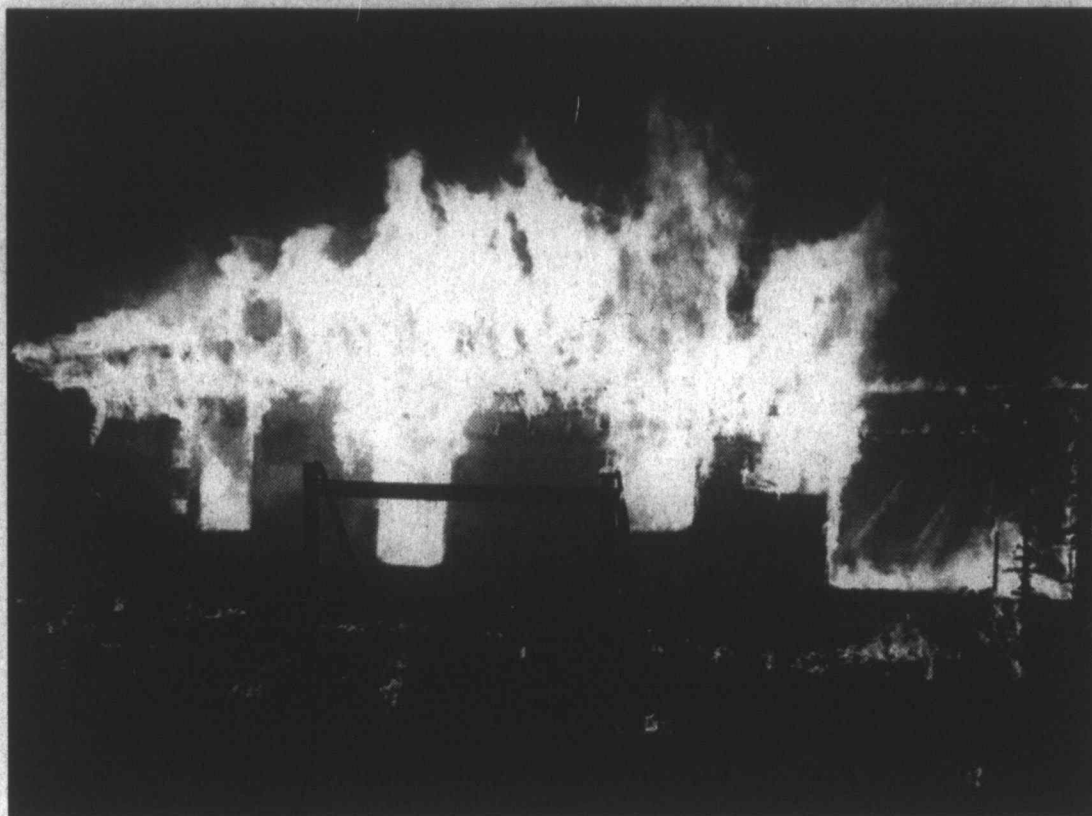
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All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and drinks will be served to all attending.

Serving begins at 5 p.m. and continues until 7:30 that evening.

Adults' tickets cost \$7 each, and children's tickets are \$4 each. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis Club member or at the door.

So, if you are a lover of fine pancakes, make plans to attend the 41st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper.



LOOKING FOR ANSWERS — Loraine firemen responded to a call about 7 a.m. Tuesday morning and found this abandoned farmhouse on CR 440 fully engulfed. Loraine fireman Doyle Mitchell is hoping someone will call to give him information about the fire before the State Fire Marshall comes in to investigate. If you know anything about the fire, call Mitchell at 325-737-2163. Photo courtesy of Doyle Mitchell.

Mitchell County Hospital board to meet Thursday

The Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors will meet Thursday, February 26th, and consider approving an amendment to the Luminant tax abatement agreement. Details of the agreement will remain the same, but more land has been added to the original area.

Hospital board members currently serving are Jerry Reynolds, Florence Bodine, Sterling Burleson, Cheryl Warren, Patty Pharis, Hollis Gainey, and Mark Merrell.

Besides looking into the abatement amendment, board members will hear a financial report for the hospital and for the Mitchell County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center from Chief Financial Officer Joe Wright. Balance sheet and statistical information will be presented during the reports.

A capital expenditure will be presented to the board, and members will consider amending the budget to include the expense. There will also be a discussion and consideration of match-funding of hospital employees' 401K accounts.

Physical Therapist Cliff Shiller will provide a department review of the Physical Therapy Department. Each month, the head of a department gives a full review of what is going on within that section of the hospital.

A bid sale property will be considered by board members, and Hospital Administrator Robbie Dewberry will give his administrator's report, consisting of an update on the Mitchell County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, a CEO update and the Peer

Review Report.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 on Thursday evening and, like always, is open to the public.

ELECTION

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are the only positions up for election.

Two at large seats on the Loraine ISD Board of Trustees are up for election, and those serving have filed to run for the places again. According to LISD Superintendent Travis Edwards, Ricky Bailey, Frank Garcia Jr. and Ron Gibson have filed to run.

Anyone wishing to file must do so before 5 p.m. on Friday.

LWGCD

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water management tool.

The new rules, if adopted, would stipulate that wells producing up to 25 gallons per minute or 36,000 gallons per day should adhere to a minimum spacing of 400 feet from other wells and 200 feet from property lines. Wells generating 50 gallons per minute would require 1,000 feet between wells and 500 feet from property lines, 75-gallons per minute wells would see spacing increase to 1,500 feet between wells and be located 750 feet from property lines, and so on.

Anyone wanting to see the full details on proposed spacing amendments, can pick up a copy at the LWGCD office.

A permit amendment is also being proposed. The proposed rules states, "No person shall take any of the following actions to any well located in the district without notifying and receiving authorization from the district:

1. Change the type of use of a well
2. Change the place of use of the water produced from the well
3. Alter the size or depth of a well, the well pump, or its pumping volume
4. Plug a well
5. Abandon a well

Such changes require a permit amendment and may change exempt well status to non-exempt. No pump installer or water well driller shall make changes to a well if the owner has not applied for and obtained authorization for an amendment. The district may schedule a hearing for all activities for which a permit amendment is required."

The thing that water district officials want citizens to understand is that they are doing everything they can to fulfill their part of ensuring enough water for all Mitchell County citizens.

"If we don't prove we are managing resources well, the state can come in and no one wants to see that," Young said.

She also pointed out that many water districts require wells to be metered, at the expense of the well owner. "We are trying everything we can to not do that," she said.

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Bingo night planned to raise money for RFL

The Relay for Life team Cancerbusters is raising money to further cancer treatment research. The group will hold Bingo Night at the Loraine school, and proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Bingo Night is set for Saturday, February 28th, and games will be held in the Loraine ISD cafeteria. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and games begin at 5.

Each game packet has 45 games, and cost is \$15 per packet. There will be grand prizes awarded. For an extra \$5 bingo players can opt to play for a Kindle HDX or a 55" Sanyo flat screen TV.

A concession stand will be open, and homemade baked goods will be auctioned off that night as well.

If you enjoy bingo, or just want to try it for the first time, make plans to go and help the Cancerbusters bust cancer!

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LOCAL NEWS



MR. 98 — Jan and Bobby Lemons paid a visit to Rush Neff (2nd from left) to help him celebrate his 98th birthday. Neff, along with the Lemons and his caregiver, Pat, celebrated his birthday which was on January 22nd. Photo courtesy of Jan Lemons.



HELPING HANDS — Kiwanianne President Jan Lemons (left) presents a trophy to Don and Linda Stewart for placing 3rd in the Toys4MCKids car show during the holidays. Photo courtesy of Jan Lemons.

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4-H to begin shooting sports program

The Lone Wolf 4-H Club will start its Shooting Sports program February 26th at 7 p.m. at the Mitchell County Extension Office. The disciplines offered are archery, rifle, and shotgun.

Adult leaders will begin with 22 rifles, archery and shotguns with trap and skeet will follow in the near future. At the meeting, discussions will be held on rifle discipline, and there will be waiver forms for the parents and children to sign. Computers will also be available to sign up for 4-H.

The focus of the program is to teach children gun safety, the fundamentals of shooting, target practice, competition shooting, and more. While there are already several certified coaches, there are multiple others attending training in Lubbock to become certified March 28th and 29th.

Children ages 8, or in the 3rd grade, to 18 are invited to participate. The cost to register for 4-H

is \$25 from now until August 31st. If you have any questions,

please call the Extension Office at 325-728-3111 or stop by the office at 440 E. 2nd St.

Events Calendar

Feb. 27	Kiwanis Pancake Supper	CMS Cafeteria
Feb. 27	Filing deadline for City, School Election	City Hall, School Dists.
Feb. 28	Bingo Night	LISD Cafetorium
Mar. 2	Howl Nite	CHS Auditorium
Mar. 4	LWGED Public Meeting	Water Dist. Office
Mar. 5	Texas Fest	Railhead Bldg.
Mar. 6	Chamber of Commerce Banquet	Civic Center

To add an event to the calendar, please call 325-728-3413.

Citizens to be "arrested" for RFL

Wanted! A warrant has been issued for the arrest of several Mitchell County citizens to help fight cancer.

Warrants have been issued for Murray Hall, Sterling Burleson, Kathy Cooper, Becky Benivamondez, David Bray, Penny Bray, Audra Graves, Starla Casa-

res, Darin Johns, Dan Gainey, Brodie Harris, Jason Gruben, Rufino Martinez, Brandon Hale, Ricky Bailey, Margo Connell and Coach Hank.

These citizens will be cuffed and dragged away on March 20th to the Relay for Life Jail on the parking lot of Fuller Foods. They

will be held in custody from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no get out of jail free card!

Local citizens can help, however, by donating to raise each of their \$250 bond. All proceeds go to the Relay for Life of Mitchell County.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMS DEPLOYMENT, AMS SURCHARGE, AND NON-STANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

On January 23, 2015, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) a Request for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees. The docket number and style of this application are Docket No. 44361, Sharyland Utilities, L.P.'s Request for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees.

Sharyland is seeking approval from the Commission for its AMS deployment plan pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.130 and the Commission's order in Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate, Docket No. 41474 (Jan. 23, 2014). Sharyland is also seeking approval of non-standard metering fees pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.133. Sharyland also requests approval of the AMS surcharges for recovery of the reasonable and necessary costs which Sharyland will incur under its deployment plan pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.130(k).

If approved, Sharyland's AMS surcharges will go into effect on July 1, 2015. The AMS surcharges will apply to electric service to residential customers and non-residential customers, other than those who have interval data recorder (IDR) meters or take unmetered service. The AMS surcharges will be billed to the retail electric providers (REPs) providing retail electric service to such customers in Sharyland's service areas. The costs recovered through the AMS surcharges will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission. Sharyland has proposed the following AMS surcharges:

Residential	\$3.17
Secondary Small	\$3.25
Secondary Large	\$4.60
Primary	\$3.52

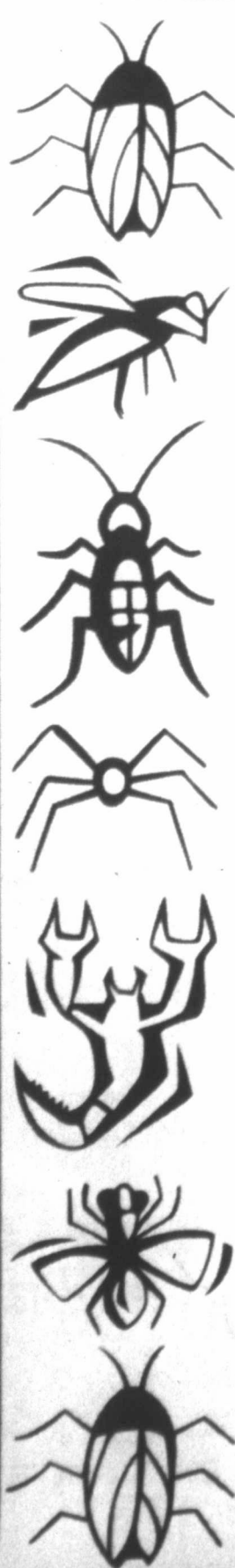
Furthermore, P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.133 allows a customer to choose to receive electric service through a non-standard (non-advanced) meter and authorizes Sharyland to assess fees to recover the costs associated with providing the non-standard metering service from a customer who elects to have a non-standard meter. The following fees will only affect those customers that refuse installation of an advanced meter or any other retail customer who requests non-standard metering service:

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Recurring monthly fee	
During amortization period:	\$39.91 per month
After amortization period:	\$23.24 per month

If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 44361, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland at (512) 721-2668.

A copy of the application is kept at Sharyland's office at 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, Texas 75201 and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Ave., Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 721-2700 (Telephone), (512) 721-2656 (Facsimile).

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is March 9, 2015, and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Howl Night nominees named

Colorado High School's annual awards show Howl Nite is set for Monday, March 2nd, and students are getting ready to entertain the audience with comedy, skits and musical numbers. Awards will be presented to class favorites and other interesting honors. Nominees in all categories are:

Miss CHS
Kascey Miller
Sarena Paschall
Jaci Smith
Mr. CHS
Dillon Gainey
Nick Palacios
Emanuel Ventura
Queen Howl
Taegen Harris
Mason Maddox
Desiree Martinez
King Howl
Alan DeSantiago
Jonathon Jackson
David Sanchez
Most Likely to Succeed - Girl
Taegen Harris
Mason Maddox
Jaci Smith
Most Likely to Succeed - Boy
Jonathan Blassingame
Austin Browne
Adam Pineda
Senior Favorite - Girl
Shirley Hemphill
Kascey Miller
Cassie Sutton
Senior Favorite - Boy
Dillon Gainey
Nick Palacios
Emanuel Ventura
Junior Favorite - Girl
Sonja Gonzales
Alexis Muñoz
Marissa Parras
Junior Favorite - Boy
Trinnon Jackson
Dylan Meguire
Mark Muñoz
Sophomore Favorite - Girl
M'Leah Alexander
Baylie Lindsey
Jordan Smith
Sophomore Favorite - Boy
Don Guazo
Tommy James
Brandon Lujan
Freshman Favorite - Girl
Chloe Castillo
Sara Roach
Clancy White
Freshman Favorite - Boy
Jay Patel
Damian Rivera
Calvin Spencer
Most Beautiful
Chloe Castillo
Sonja Gonzales
Bayleigh Olvera
Most Handsome
Jonathon Jackson
Trinnon Jackson
Mark Muñoz
Most Athletic - Girl
Baylie Lindsey
Alexis Muñoz
Cassie Sutton
Most Athletic - Boy

Dillon Gainey
Keandre Malveaux
David Sanchez
Most Talented - Girl
Abby Ballard
Emily Ballard
Jaci Smith
Most Talented - Boy
Isreal Beltran
Jeremy Denton
Ethan Smith
Most Academic - Girl
Delani Graham
Brittany Muñoz
Jordan Smith
Most Academic - Boy
Jonathan Blassingame
Darian Espinoza
Ethan Smith
Friendliest - Girl
Sonja Gonzales
Jordan Smith
Clancy White
Friendliest - Boy
Jeremy Denton
Alan DeSantiago
Allen Hayes
Most Dependable - Girl
Delani Graham
Brittany Muñoz
Marissa Parras
Most Dependable - Boy
Adam Pineda
Jeremiah Salazar
Emanuel Ventura
Funniest - Girl
Autumn Green
Mortyale Green
Baylie Lindsey
Funniest - Boy
Ethan Camp
Brandon Lujan
Jeremiah Williams
Best Dressed - Girl
Nadia Davila
Ramzi Martinez
Kascey Miller

Best Dressed - Boy
Andrew Burrola
Jonathan Castillo
David Sanchez
Best Smith - Girl
Anna Guajardo
Kaeden Molina
Cassie Sutton
Best Smile - Boy
Jonathon Jackson
Trinnon Jackson
Jeremiah Williams
Best All-Around - Girl
Taegen Harris
Alexis Muñoz
Brittany Muñoz
Best All-Around - Boy
Austin Browne
Alan DeSantiago
Mark Muñoz



READY FOR THE STAGE - One Act Play practice is an ongoing activity at Colorado High School this time of year. Students will be performing "Anatomy of a Gray." Those participating include: (l-r) Madison DuCasse, Ethan Smith (front), Ashlei Burrola, Jordan Smith, Jonathan Blassingame (back), Don Guazo, Cheyenne Alford (back), Sierra Salazar, Brady Polich, Daniel Meguire, Emily Ballard and Sonja Gonzales. Photo courtesy of Caleb's Photography.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the week named

Three students have been chosen as Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Carolina Arguijo, Bryce Alvarez and Adriana Brisen.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK — Hutchinson Elementary's students of the week are Carolina Arguijo, Bryce Alvarez and Adriana Brisen. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Carolina is a third grader in Ms. Torres' class. Her favorite subject is math. She has two dogs named Candy and Peter. Her favorite thing about Hutch is meeting new friends.

Bryce is a third grader in Ms. Lindsey's class. His favorite subject is writing. His hobby is playing outside. His favorite thing about Hutch is that they serve good food at lunch.

Adriana is a fifth grader in Ms. Sparks' class. Her favorite subject is reading. She has a dog named Romeo. Her favorite thing about Hutch is that everyone is nice.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Chaney's class has been busy learning the letters of the alphabet. Students in Mrs. Chaney's class are: Liam Beights, Eshan Chowdhury, Mason Craft, Kira Darling, Major Emerson, Mendi Garcia, Desiree Godina, Stanley Henderson, Jacklynn McCain, Destiny Miller, Noah Rivera, Alex Rodriguez, Cassidy Vasquez, Jacelyn Velasquez and Ja'Vante Williams. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Chaney.

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The electronic bucking bull will be back again this year for those who want to try their hand at bull riding. A silent auction will be held, with 12 awesome goody baskets as prizes for the winning bids.

Volunteers will be selling hamburger meals, so supper plans are already taken care of with hamburgers, chips, cookies and tea.

The night's entertainment will continue until 8 p.m., and there will be games, airbrush tattoos, lots of delicious food, bingo, and more. Tickets are on sale now at Kelley and Hutchinson Elementary Schools.

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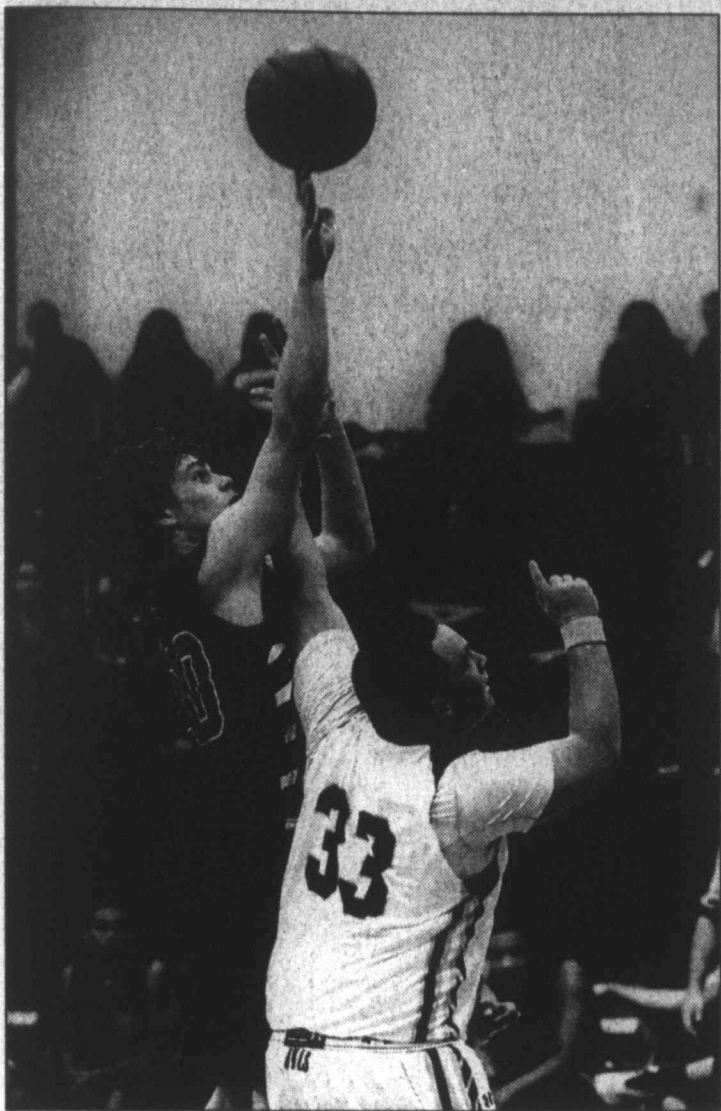
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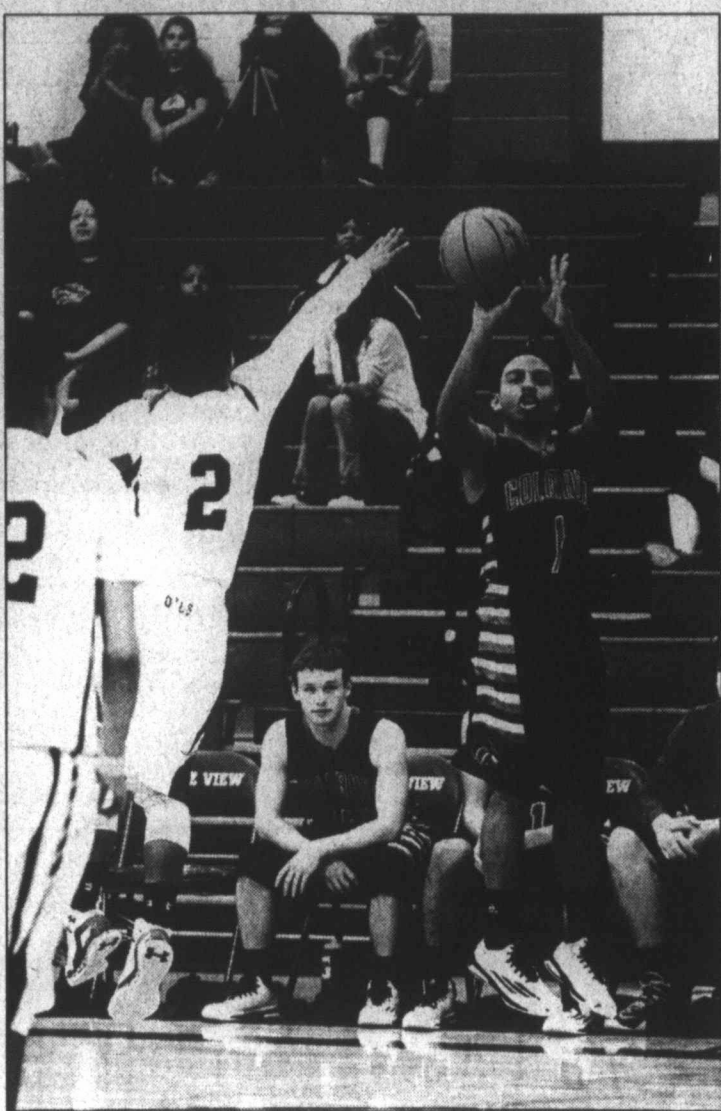
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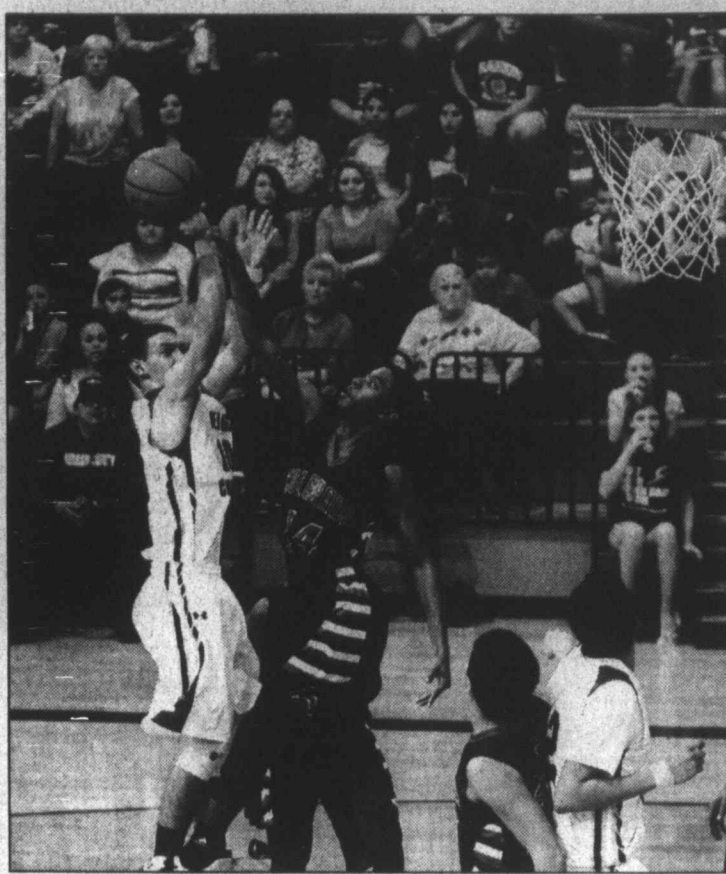
SPORTS



UP AND OVER – The Wolves' Casey Hammond shoots over a Reagan County Owl last Friday night in San Angelo during a play-off seeding game which the Wolves lost 59 to 43. Hammond is a junior. Photo courtesy of J.L. Mankin/The Big Lake Wildcat.



SWISH! KeAndre Malveaux drains a 15-footer as the Wolves lost to Reagan County last week and will represent the district as the #3 seed and play Wall Tuesday night in San Angelo. Photo courtesy of J.L. Mankin/The Big Lake Wildcat.



NOT ON HIS WATCH – Defense got a boost when the Wolves' Jeremiah Williams (14) blocked a Reagan County player's shot during last week's game with the Owls. Photo courtesy of J.L. Mankin/The Big Lake Wildcat.

Track meets planned at newly renovated Hollis Gainey Track

Hollis Gainey Track, located inside Wolf Stadium, has recently received a makeover and is ready for upcoming track meets scheduled to be held in Colorado City the next couple of months.

This Thursday, February 26th, was to be the first of four track meets held at the facility. However, due to freezing weather, CISD Athletic Director Dan Gainey said the meet may have to be canceled. The decision on whether or not to hold the meet was made on Wednesday morning, after press time.

Another junior high meet is scheduled to be held here in March. The Colorado Middle School meet will be held Tuesday, March 31st.

Track athletes from Colorado High School will gather at Hollis Gainey Track on Thursday, April 2nd for the Lone Wolf Relays. The facility will also host the District Junior High Track Meet on Monday, April 13th.

All fans of track and field should take the time to attend one or all of the meets, check out the new track surface and support their favorite track stars.

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3/20/15	Reagan County *	Reagan County	6:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
3/24/15	Sonora *	Colorado City	6:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
3/27/15	Coahoma *	Colorado City	6:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
3/31/15	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	6 p.m.	---
4/2/15	Reagan County *	Colorado City	6:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
4/7/15	Sonora *	Colorado City	6:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
4/10/15	Coahoma *	Coahoma	6:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
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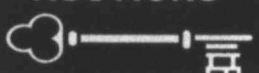
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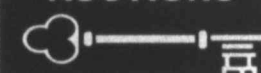
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**Saturday, February 28, 2015 and
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Living Estate of Mrs. Sharon Truelove

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Auctioneers note: Mr. and Mrs. Truelove owned and operated Truelove Tax Service in Colorado City and Snyder. This sale will be held two days and includes items from both businesses and their home.

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Loraine Lots- Several lots in Loraine for sale, call for location details.

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606 Reeves Loraine- 2008 Laredo single-wide M. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, laundry room, carport and on 2 lots in Loraine. \$55,000.
603 S. Main St. Loraine- Charming, 1978 2 bedroom, 2 bath with addition. Includes appliances, some furniture and 2 storage buildings and carport on beautiful large lot. Priced to sell! \$38,000
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REDUCED! 520 E. 7th- Newly remodeled home with 3 bedroom, 3 baths, beautiful. Must see to appreciate. \$171,900. Owner will pay \$5000 in closing costs and home warranty.
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LAND

52.96 acres long I-20 and going deep to 18th St. Land is zoned for commercial to residential. Call for specifics. \$650,000.

For Sale: Awesome newer home at 1210 East 18th St., Colorado City, TX! 3 br, 2 bath, living, dining, kitchen, laundry, sunroom, double garage, storage building, outdoor wooden playset, vegetable garden, sprinkler system front and back, flower bed features, lots of trees, sprinkler hoses in all flower beds, extra lot next door. Must sell immediately, but can't vacate for few months. Only be on market another month, then my option is up on another house so will stay here! Call 325-728-9157 if interested.

For Sale: Spectacular historic home at 440 East 5th, Colorado City, TX! Has been a restaurant for the last 16 years, but would make a wonderful home again. Upstairs: 3 br, full bath. Downstairs: 3 living areas with beautiful, original fireplace, two half baths, 2 kitchen/dining areas. Outside: water well, cellar, storage building, separate garage, fenced backyard, wraparound porch. Make an awesome home, retail store, boarding house, restaurant, offices. Great location! Could live upstairs and have a business downstairs! \$175,000 Call 325-728-9157.

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 103 E. 22nd. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, home with fireplace and has recently been remodeled with large kitchen. Also has a covered back patio and sunroom, a pond in the backyard, water softener and a sprinkler system for the front and back yard. For more details or information please call 728-5681 after 6 p.m.

RENTALS

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For Lease: Very nice 14x80 total electric 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home with central heat and air on Colorado City Lake. Washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator and microwave furnished. 2-Car carport, large covered porch with 12x12 room (would make great office or storage). Dumpster and yard care provided. NO pets. First month plus deposit required at signing lease. (325) 728-6246 or (432) 631-3969.

For lease: Office space 1928 Austin St., Colorado City, TX. Call (325) 242-0609.

House for rent: 1110 Nicolasa; 1114 Nicolasa; 2658 FM 1229 South of Colorado City and about 3 miles out; 2818 S. 163; and one COMMERCIAL building for rent 1709 Westpoint. (940) 644-5500 Ask for Anna or LeeAnn.



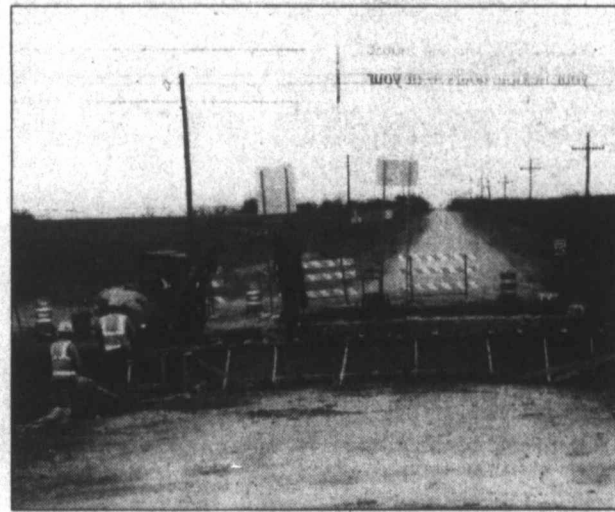
THE JUDGE - The Colorado City Lions Club is selling tickets for a drawing for a Taurus Revolver. The gun is a Model 45/OPD-3B with a five-round cylinder chambered for .45 or .410. Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5 and can be purchased from any Lions Club member. The drawing will be held March 27th. Proceeds will benefit the local Lions Club service projects. Photo courtesy of Leslie Scott.

Youth basketball shootout to be held March 21st, 22nd

The 4th Annual West Texas Shootout Youth Basketball Tournament is set to be held in Colorado City in March. Boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th are eligible to participate.

The tournament is set to be held March 21st and 22nd and cost to enter is \$150 per team. Each team is guaranteed a three-game minimum and 1st and 2nd place medals will be awarded.

Deadline to enter is Monday, March 16th. For more information, contact Bea Monroe at 325-518-5187 or Marcus Monroe at 325-829-7708 or email Entertainment_3m@yahoo.com.



DETOUR - TxDOT crews have been working to replace this bridge on County Road 121, about a mile and a half south of Champion Creek Reservoir. TxDOT oversees the construction of bridges in the county.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fire is one of the original management tool

By Derrick Fuches
Rangeland Management
Specialist

For thousands of years fire has played an important role in shaping the landscape of this country. The use of fire by the Native Americans helped to create the tall grass prairies and hardwood savannas documented by the early explorers. Native Americans understood the benefits that come from fire on rangelands and how it directly benefited their hunter/gatherer lifestyle.

However, along with European settlers came the fear of fire and ultimately the suppression of fire on rangelands and forest lands. The suppression of the use of fire was the beginning of the loss of the beautiful tall grass prairies and savannas that were the draw for many of the early settlers to move west.

This fear of fire often stems from the belief that fire is only a destructive force of nature or man, and under certain conditions, it certainly can be. But when used properly, fire is an excellent tool for managing our natural resources and becomes a tool for rejuvenation and plant growth rather than destruction.

So why should fire be used by landowners and agricultural producers as a tool and not suppressed or feared?

The most alluring aspect of using fire as a tool for conservation is that it is a relatively cheap conservation practice. On well managed lands, prescribed burning can be used as a brush management practice and is much more cost effective than chemical or mechanical (power grubbing) brush management.

Predominantly, the most expensive part of implementing a prescribed burn is the installation of fire guards. But still, once the fire guards are installed they are easily maintained and

can be in place for many years. Now this is not to mean that prescribed burning is always the best brush management practice to use. On acres where fire has been suppressed and mesquite and juniper have encroached, the use of chemical or mechanical brush management practices may be initially needed. A fire regime can then be introduced to best achieve the goals of the landowner.

The combination of complementing conservation practices can increase effectiveness and better protect or enhance the existing plant community. Ground disturbance caused by grubbing equipment is perfect seed bed preparation for re-seeding rangeland.

Once these practices have been completed, a fire regime will help to maintain the desired brush canopy and plant community created by brush management and re-seeding. Fire on rangelands can also be utilized to improve and enhance livestock and wildlife habitat. Enhancements of habitat with fire include increasing grazeable acres, opening of brush canopy and increasing nutrient cycling into the plant community.

There is also a residual benefit to utilizing fire on rangelands. It can help to protect a landowner's property from wildfire should one occur, because fire reduces the fuel load on rangelands. Without fire, dry and old plant growth increases, creating a large fuel that will allow a wildfire to move across a property. By utilizing a fire regime, the fuel load of dry and old plant material is reduced and replaced with green and growing plant material that does not carry a fire very well, ultimately reducing the risk of wildfire.

Improved livestock and wildlife habitat can ultimately increase the overall performance of individual animals and possibly increase the number of animals that a ranch

or pasture can sustain. As a result of improved animal performance and increased animal numbers, a landowner's profit from rangelands can increase.

Fire is a natural process that man has witnessed for ages, seen the benefits and then began to use to manage natural resources. Still, with all the benefits that come with utilizing fire on rangelands, people are afraid to fully utilize this natural process.

One of the main reasons that many landowners shy away from utilizing fire as a conservation practice is a fear of liability. This is understandable as rangeland is a valuable asset, and landowners do not want their land or operation damaged. Landowner liability is why the practice of using fire to manage natural resources is called prescribed burning and

not controlled burning.

A controlled burn would be like a fire inside a steel drum with the lid secured. Prescribed burns are planned under a strict prescription that takes into account everything from relative humidity, air temperature and wind speed to the fire guard placement, direction to ignite the fire, and placement of personal and equipment. Along with detail instruction on how to ignite the fire and weather conditions, there is also a smoke management plan and a fire fighting plan.

The smoke management plan addresses any issues that could occur due to the smoke generated by the fire. Smoke management is another resource used to protect property and individuals that are not associated with the prescribed burn.

Also written into the prescribed burn plan is a fire fighting plan. This plan details what will occur should a prescribed fire escape the fire guards or if there is a spot fire outside the burn unit. A properly written prescribed burn plan takes into account certain parameters of weather condition and scenarios that could affect the fire and how any adjoining property is to be protected. When a prescribed burn is conducted within the prescription, it makes this practice as safe as it possibly can be.

Prescribed burning is just one of the many tools in the natural resource conservation toolbox. We at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have a motto, "Helping People Help the Land." We help landowners conserve their natural

resources through education, planning and implementation of conservation practices.

Our natural resources are not exactly a renewable resource, as it takes hundreds of years for them to renew so it is imperative that landowners do everything they can to protect their existing natural resources. Soil erosion from wind and water, brush encroachment, depleted desirable plant species and lack of plant diversity is just a few of the natural resources that are affected on our rangeland. But all of these issues can be addressed through the utilization of conservation practices.

Anyone interested in any type of conservation can come by and visit us. Our office is located at 2302 N Hwy 208 in Colorado City or call (325) 728-3473 ext.3.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD
Kelley Breakfast Menu
March 2nd - 6th

Monday - Oatmeal round, yogurt or dry cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Waffles, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Animal crackers, cheese stick or dry cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Sausage biscuit or dry cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Cinnamon rolls or dry cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
Hutchinson, CMS, CHS
& Wallace Breakfast Menu
March 2nd - 6th

Monday - Sausage biscuit, cheese stick or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Muffin, scrambled eggs or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - French toast, bacon or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Banana bread squares or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Waffles, sausage or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
Lunch Menu
March 2nd - 6th

Monday - Texas combo basket, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Texas chili w/corn bread, potato rounds, veggie cup, fresh fruit,

carnival cookie, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Toasted turkey and cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, carrots w/ranch, fruit cup, choice of milk.

Thursday - Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, garden salad, green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat, choice of milk.

Friday - Cheeseburger or grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger garnish, seasoned corn, carrots w/ranch, peaches, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
March 2nd - 6th

Monday - Chicken-n-waffles, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast club, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday - Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, parfait, juice, milk.

Thursday - Muffin, yogurt, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday - Breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
March 2nd - 6th

Monday - Spaghetti w/meatballs, breadsticks, garden salad, carrots, peaches, milk.

Tuesday - Chicken enchiladas, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon apples, milk.

Wednesday - Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, strawberries and bananas, milk.

Thursday - Beef and bean burrito, broccoli, garden salad, oranges, milk.

Friday - Hot dogs, fries, cucumbers, fruit, milk.

Westbrook ISD menus were not available at press time.

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