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Council postpones water easement

Approval for water and sewer easements in order to begin construction of sewer lines for the proposed motels was tabled by the council at the city council meeting Monday.

"It's really going to cost a lot if we do it all at once," said Mayor Carol Sue Dakan.

Keith Hiser expressed concern with insufficient legal action on the part of the city to move forward with the easement, although the city already has all the materials to lay the new lines which would provide water pressure north of I-20 for future economic development.

"We have no agreement of Mr. Stewart on file that says he's committed," said Hiser. "It's not very tidy, not very neat."

"City ordinances say the contractor should be responsible for 100% of the costs," Jeannie Full-

er, city attorney advised the council. "We need a clearer picture of who's responsible for what."

Fuller also recommended the need for an easement across the top of the area in question before approving an easement underneath.

A recycling drop-off center was once again a major topic as council members discussed locations, costs and accountability for maintaining the site.

Keep Colorado City Beautiful president Bob Reily presented three possible sites for the proposed center, stressing the need for a recycling program in order to improve the city's appearance and release the strain on the landfill.

Riley Kitchens of Big Spring's Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) See COUNCIL Page 6

Hope, Faith & Love

Relay for Life brings together survivors, caregivers & community

Hope, faith and love drew together cancer survivors, caregivers and community supporters for the 10th annual Mitchell County Relay for Life last weekend.

For cancer patients, the journey is often rocky and difficult. Like the 12 hour relay, a cancer patient's journey begins with hope, walks through the darkness of despair and ends with the continuing hope of a cure.

For caregivers, the journey is equally strenuous. "Caregivers understand the importance of life and the importance of love because a caregiver has to have both," said Roy Stice, whose wife Mary lost the battle with cancer earlier this year.

"It's hard," said Stice. "It's a challenge to try to get them something to eat that they'll eat."

Chemotherapy and radiation treatments often leave patients with little or no appetite and the chemicals have a tendency to make everything taste bad.

Patients and their caregivers also face the strain of traveling to and from treatments, often over long distances.

"Mary took chemo every Wednesday in Lubbock. Shirley Delaney and I took turns taking her to Lubbock," he said. "It's hard to be a caregiver long distance," said Mary Lou Helton. "You worry. All you can do is call and work in an hour here and there. Helton, who lives in Odessa, depended on her two sisters to provide the majority of caregiving for their mother, Christine Cooley.

"Her Colorado City sisters would call her and tell her 'Mom is real bad,'" said Cooley, a cancer survivor.

"You don't think of yourself as a caregiver when you have a sister there who can give the TLC," said Helton. "You can give the phys-

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IT TAKES TWO - Beverly and Jim Cogburn participate in the 10th annual Mitchell County Relay for Life as caregivers join cancer survivors on a celebratory lap.



PUSHING BACK THE DARKNESS of cancer, survivors, caregivers and community members light candles in honor of those who are battling cancer during the luminaria ceremony during the Relay for Life.

Improvements turn hospital around

Mitchell County Hospital District is slowly turning around the downward slide that has hindered its growth.

"Last year we lost \$38 million on operations," said Karl Stinson, CEO. "This year our goal is a \$2.5 million turnaround."

Part of the upgrade and improvements to the hospital's financial situation is centered on a \$650,000 investment in a new billing system.

"The old system has led to some abuses and errors," Stinson said. "The new clinical automation system will put us 5 years ahead of much of the rest of the world."

It will also contribute greatly to reducing medicine administration errors, thus reducing errors in billing. "The biggest issues in medical health care are medicine errors. Reducing errors reduces the

length of a patient's stay," Stinson said. "The new system will help eliminate a large percentage of error."

The new system relies on bar coding everything from medicines to lab tests and patient information. Bar coding permits lab results to go immediately to the doctor and the charge to the patient's account straight from the lab instead of passing through several departments.

"We're missing dollars we should have been charging for," Stinson said, referring to charges that fell through the cracks under the old system.

Hospital managers have been putting in nights, weekends and extra hours getting ready for the countdown for the changeover, according to Stinson.

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Tip leads to discovery of marijuana plants

Law enforcement officials confiscated several marijuana plants found growing along the creek at Champion Lake.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs, Deputy Dickie Summers and Ronnie Stiltner and Billy Sides of the 32nd Judicial District received a tip about the plants and began a search last Friday.

"We knew what site, but not exactly where," said Toombs. The six plants were discovered after an hour of searching. The plants were located about 1/4 mile west of the Champion Creek Bridge on Highway 208.

"If the lake was where it should be, they would have been underwater," said Toombs.

Officers believe the plants were grown for individual use.

"They were gradually stripping the limbs a little at a time, just get-

ting enough for personal use for 2-3 people," said Toombs.

Toombs estimated the plants would have produced around a gallon sized bag at harvest, worth approximately \$2-3,000.

"If we had someone to charge, we'd have to strip the leaves, dry and weigh them out to find the charge," he said. "If the plants had been allowed to bloom out in October, we'd be looking at 2-3 pounds of marijuana."

Difficulties in the location of the plants would have made surveillance difficult for law officials.

"It's better to take it out now before some could get on the street," said Toombs. "We'd like to catch the people growing it, but this is better in the long run. A lot of folks go out there to fish and other people or kids could have found it."



MARIJUANA PLANTS GROWING along Champion Creek were confiscated by local law officials. Sheriff Patrick Toombs displays the six plants found Friday.

Westbrook VFD mud bog Aug. 29

Got mud? The Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department is getting "down and dirty" and putting on a mud bog on Saturday, August 29 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds where mud and mayhem will prevail.

Registration for the event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. for drivers. Boggging will begin at 5 p.m.

Registration fee will be \$30 per entry, with 100% payout and plaques for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.

Helmets are required for drivers, and only drivers will be allowed in bogging vehicles during the runs.

Admission at the gate for adults will be \$5 each and \$2 for kids 12 and under.

There will be VIP parking available along the fence for \$25 per vehicle. However, act fast, there are only 16 spots available. VIP parking must be paid for in advance. Contact Stacie at 325-728-2100 to reserve a VIP parking spot.

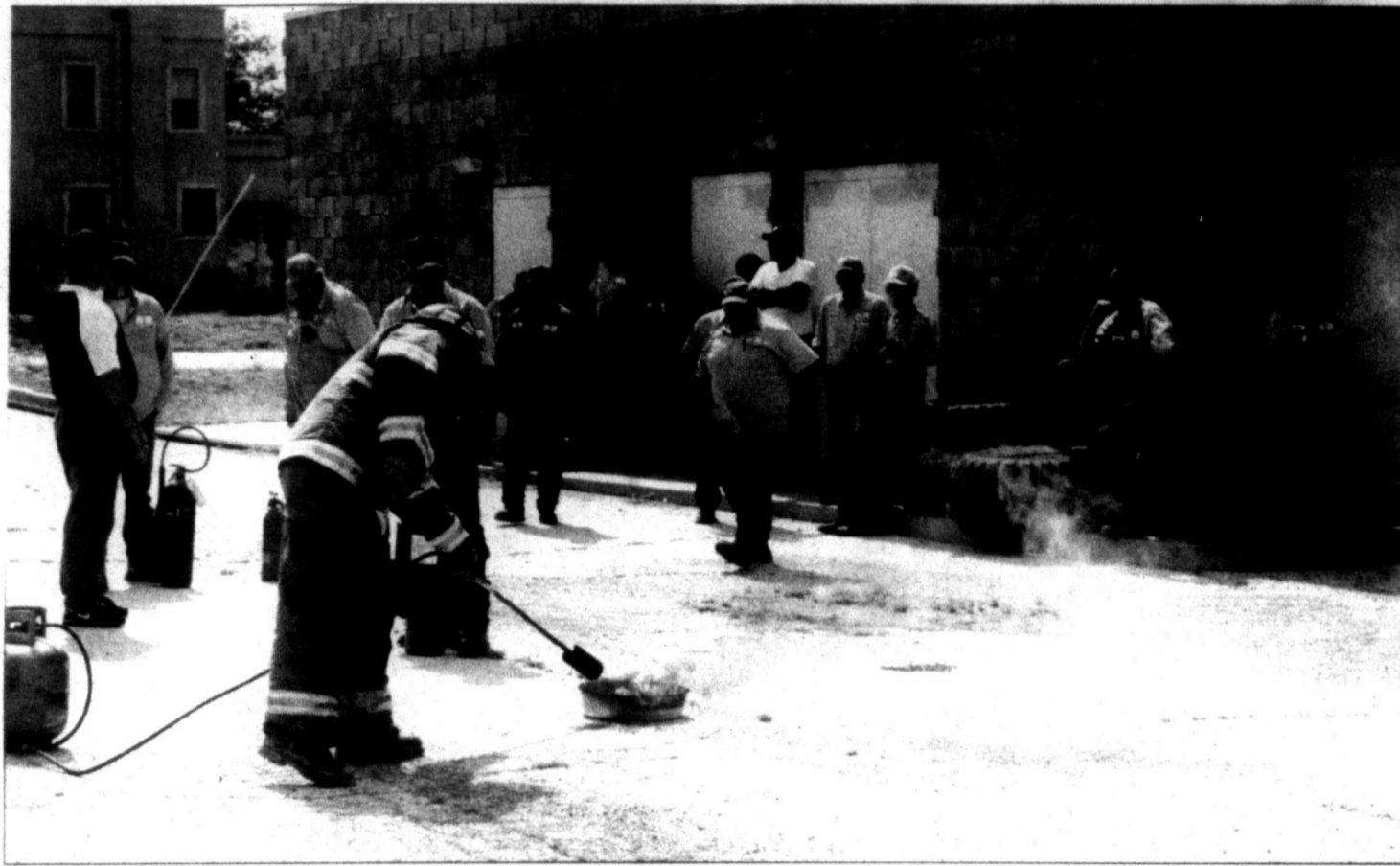
Full concessions will be available for spectators and participants, so bring your appetite. T-shirts will also be sold at the bog.

For more information on the mud bog, contact Brandon Hale at (325)242-2739, Blaine Lemons at (325)933-0224 or email westbrookvfd@yahoo.com.

Everyone is welcome, because "you're never to old to play in the mud."

<p>Around Town</p> <p>Happy belated birthday Beatrice Davila (Aug. 18)... Happy 50th birthday Luis Davila (Aug. 20)... Happy belated birthday Chris Martinez (Aug. 16)... Happy 3rd birthday Maile Martinez (Aug. 20)... Mark Merrell introduces a new concept... Marty Davila enjoys a tour of Shiner Brewery... Velma Bender enjoying cutting up some cantaloupe.</p>	<p>Obituaries</p> <p>Brenda "Tense" Neff Sonora</p> <p>Everette Booker Big Spring</p>	<p>Soccer Signups</p> <p>Last chance soccer signups will be held Aug. 21 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room.</p> <p>Band Boosters</p> <p>CHS Band Boosters will meet Thurs., Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the CHS Band Hall. Organizing teams for this year's concession stands. Be present to ensure your place. Those not present will be assigned.</p>	<p>Briefs</p> <p>PeeWee Football Signups</p> <p>Signups for PeeWee football will be held Aug. 20, 6-8 p.m. in the Administration Bldg, equipment room, at Pigskin Preview, Sept. 7, Wolf Stadium and the last signup will be Sat., Sept. 12 at the CMS practice field beginning at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Medical Fund</p> <p>A medical fund has been set up at City National Bank for Betty San-</p>	<p>chez. All donations will go toward medical expenses.</p> <p>Celebrate Recovery</p> <p>A 12-step Christ-centered "umbrella" recovery program is meeting weekly at Christian Temple, 1927 Hickory, each Mon. from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for a meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separate for open-share sessions. Call for more information 728-3118.</p>	<p>Thought of the Week</p> <p><i>A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.</i> Mark Twain</p>
<p>Answerline</p> <p>Q. What is the shortest sentence in the English language? A. "Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.</p>		<p>Lake Levels</p> <p>(as of August 18, 2009)</p> <p>Lake Colorado City...2061.19' Full at 2070.3' Down 9.11'</p> <p>Lake Champion...2048.94' Full at 2083' Down 34.06'</p>			

LOCAL NEWS



PUTTING OUT FIRES isn't as easy as it looks, as city workers learned during a fire safety class last Wednesday. Local firefighters showed city employees the proper usage of both dry chemical and carbon dioxide extinguishers.

City workers attend safety training

City workers attended a workshop on proper usage of fire extinguishers last Wednesday. Rick Goodney of the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department conducted the class for 20 members of the public works department as part of ongoing state requirements for safety training. Participants viewed a Power Point presentation on fire safety

and watched a DVD on the different kinds of extinguishers. "We basically showed them the different types of extinguishers, how to use them and what not to use them on," said Goodney. City workers also had the opportunity to practice extinguishing fires using both the carbon dioxide and dry chemical extinguishers.

Goodney explained how quickly fires can engage a building. "It takes three to four minutes before a room becomes fully involved in fire and flashover occurs," he said. Flashover is the point where everything in a room that can burn catches on fire. Protocols for fire safety require a person at the site to set off the fire alarm or call the fire department before attempting to use the fire extinguisher.

"You need to get the fire department on the way as quickly as possible and not wait, because if the extinguisher doesn't work, you're already behind the eight ball," Goodney said. Firefighter Chris Cloutier helped with the live burn demonstrations during the class. Using a fire extinguisher is not as easy as it looks. "You lose a lot of visibility and it doesn't taste or smell too good," Goodney said. "Using it too close to the fire can make the fire worse, if you don't use it in

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OBITUARIES

Brenda "Tense" Neff 1942-2009

SONORA - Brenda "Tense" Neff, age 66, formerly of Snyder, died Sunday, August 16, 2009, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Mr. Jay Allen, a cousin, and Rev. T. Wayne Price, pastor FBC Sonora, officiating. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens, directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Mrs. Neff was born August 22, 1942, in Loraine and grew up in Mitchell County. She was a floral designer and owned Neff Floral in Snyder. She was a former longtime Snyder resident for seven years. She also resided in Fredericksburg for a couple of years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sonora. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Skip Craig of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Wetonia Neff of Snyder, Scott and Linda Neff of Sonora and Todd and Connie Neff of San Angelo; her mother, Arlena Claxton of Midland; one sister, Lavonne Schauwecker of Henderson; one brother, Weldon Claxton of Midland; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Everette Booker 1966-2009

BIG SPRING - Everette Booker, age 43, died Friday, July 24, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Scott Willis officiating. Interment followed at Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook. He was born on March 15, 1966, in Odessa. Everette attended Odessa High School and was on the swim team. He loved anything to do with the water: fishing, jet skiing and sports. He was a hard worker, a people person and an animal lover. Survivors include his wife, Tammy Douglass Booker of Big Spring; a step-daughter, Shawna Junek of Big Spring; his parents, Bobby and Sonja Booker of Colorado City; two aunts; a great-aunt and great-uncle. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Booker. Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Beef cattle and forage seminar is approaching

By John R. Senter
Mitchell CEA-AG
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

As we reach towards the prime dates for fall forage planting and begin to think about fall beef cattle production, Extension Agents in Borden, Scurry, Garza, Lynn and Mitchell Counties have put together a Beef Cattle and Forage Seminar to be held in the Scurry County Coliseum, in Snyder. The program will take place on Tuesday, August 25 and the agenda will read like this:

- 8:30 - 9 am: Registration, coffee and donuts
- 9 am: 2009 -2010 Feed Outlook and Pricing Update - Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist.
- 9:30: Managing Expiring CRP Fields for Wildlife and Cattle - Dr. Ken Cearley, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Amarillo.
- 9:30 - 10am: CRP Management and Grazing - Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Specialist
- 10:30- 10:45 Break, sponsored by Capital Farm Credit and Western Texas College
- 10:45 - 11:15 Update and Regulations on Trichomoniasis, Dr. Ted McCollum
- 11:15-11:30 Vaccination Update and New Products, Kevin Johnson, Ft. Dodge Animal Health
- 11:30 - 11:45 Product Update and Parasite Resistance in Cattle, Jamie Smith, Ft. Dodge
- 12 Noon: Meal, courtesy of Fort Dodge Animal Health

The program will adjourn shortly after lunch but will offer a great insight to new developments of handling and managing CRP acreage that is set to expire from contracts beginning this fall. Also, new product updates, marketing information and dealing with the Trich regulations which are in effect. This line up of speakers will prove to be a great shot of information, just as we enter one of the key seasons for beef cattle across the county. If your schedule allows, make plans to be present for this "truck load" of information. Make your lunch reservations before noon Monday, August 24 by calling our office at 325-728-3111. Make sure you are in the "herd" to attend this exceptional program.

Ministers plan joint fall service

The Mitchell County Ministerial Alliance met Wednesday, August 12, at the First Presbyterian Church. Officers from last year were reelected: President, Dana Mayfield, First Presbyterian; Vice President, Paul Smith, Calvary Baptist; Secretary, Monte Wike, First Christian Church; Treasurer, Jerry Shields, First Baptist; and Assistant Treasurer, Jackie Brem, Oak Street Baptist Church. The preaching schedule for the local care homes was finalized for the remainder of the year. The date for the Thanksgiving service has been set for November 15, a Sunday earlier than usual, to accommodate those churches that have special services on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. The community observance will be held at Oak Street Baptist Church this year with Rev. Jerry Shields, First Baptist Church, speaking. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. The next meeting for the Ministerial Alliance will be Wednesday, September 2, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. All pastors and assistants are encouraged to attend.

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LOCAL NEWS

Farm heritage reflects Texas' colorful history

One hundred years ago, the average life expectancy was 47 years, sugar was four cents a pound, the American flag had 45 stars and there were only 144 miles of paved roads.

But for Joyce and Kenny McClure's ancestors it was a new start after the Civil War that allowed the family farm to be honored as part of the Family Farm Heritage program 100 years later.

"The program is designed to honor people who have protected their agricultural roots," said Joyce.

The Family Land Heritage Program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more, including one farm that was part of Spanish land grants over 200 years ago.

Both sides of Joyce's family have land that's been in operation for over 100 years. But the Petty side's farmland wasn't eligible because it was rented out following the death of Joyce's father in 1991.

Joyce's great-grandfather George J. McKenney came to Mitchell County in 1879, following the Civil War. He bought 1920 acres from the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company in 1906. Eventually the land was split between sons Terrel (Joyce's grandfather) and Walter.

A land speculator, G.J. McKenney bought and sold large acreages of land in western Mitchell County, including the town site for Westbrook. McKenney, Terrel and Spang Streets in Westbrook are named after the McKenney family, who also donated the land for the Westbrook Cemetery.

Terrel bought 320 more acres in 1908, bringing the family farm to 960 acres, with 500 acres

in cotton cultivation using mule teams. "They dearly loved the land, and called it the Promised Land," said Joyce.

He stocked the land with cattle in 1915, but had to sell them off a year later at the beginning of a three year drought.

"There was not enough rain to sprout a crop," said Joyce.

In 1927, Terrel attended a three day farmers' course on terracing at College Station and became the first to bring the practice of terraced farming to Mitchell County. His father-in-law, Hiram Little, built the first cotton gin in the Westbrook area so farmers wouldn't have to ford the Colorado River to get their cotton to a gin.

During the open range wars, cowboys on a neighboring ranch fired shots in the air while Terrel worked to fence off his land.

"It's poetic justice that we now own the adjoining land to the west, where neighboring cowboys fired off guns to protest the fencing of the open range," said Joyce.

When the severe drought of 1950's occurred, Terrel and Walter moved their cattle to Oklahoma to ride out the rough times. The married couples took turns traveling to Oklahoma to tend their stock.

Maintaining a family farm for so long is not without its challenges.

"We've tried really hard not to overstock and we're up to our necks in brush control," said Joyce.

"Clearing the mesquite and prickly pear are our biggest challenges," she said.

"We have droughts and wet years. We have to learn to manage what nature gives you," said Kenny.

"You can't stock like it's always

going to be a wet year. Although it's tough land, it's delicate too," said Joyce.

Through rainwater harvesting, the McClures continue past farming techniques with modern day technology. "It's really funny that we're going back to the past," said Joyce.

"This side of Mitchell County is different; there's no good well water," said Kenny. "There's a lot of difference in the water quality. Every bit of water they got was what they could capture and store. Survival for farmers and ranchers was hard. We had some tough characters over here who were willing to fight it out."

The fifth generation of McKenney farm operators, daughter April and her husband Dustin Luttrull, live on the original farm in the grandmother's home. "This is a special place," said Mrs. Luttrull.

The family history goes even further back as both Joyce and Kenny's ancestors fought for Texas Independence.

George Washington Petty was killed at San Jacinto and the family was awarded land in Washington County by the new Republic of Texas.

Kenny's 3-4 great-granddad, Josias Bell, was executed at Goliad and the family awarded land at Talpa, near Ballinger. "It's neat to have that piece of history," said Kenny.

The McClures have continued to add acreage to the farm, bringing the Arrowhead Ranch up to 5,000 acres.

"When I was a kid I would look at all these hills and think how neat it would be to own them and now I do," said Joyce. "Since my dad had only one kid, me, and I was a girl, I think my grandfather would be surprised with what we're doing."



PAST AND PRESENT- (from left) Dustin and April Luttrull and Joyce and Kenny McClure maintain the farm that's been in the McKenney family for over 100 years. Behind the family is the original hand-dug well that is still operational.

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Plans underway for National Night Out

Community residents, civic organizations and businesses are invited to participate in the Texas National Night Out Tuesday, October 6.

The crime, drug, and violence prevention program held its national night out August 6; however Texas holds its own program, sponsored by the national Association of Town Watch, in October.

The purpose of National Night Out is to build strong partnerships between the police and communities and to promote crime awareness programs such as Neighborhood Community Watch groups.

Anyone interested in helping organize neighborhood block

parties, barbecues or other activities should contact Jennifer Barber at 325-728-5294. Registered neighborhoods who participate may be visited by public service personnel such as members of the police, fire and emergency medical services as part of the evening's activities.

Raffle benefits area seniors

Raffle tickets are still available for a Bennelli Nova 12 gauge shotgun through the Lions Club until Sept. 4.

Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5.

For more information contact Pat Cawthron at 728-5729.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Colorado City will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.68 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 27, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Civic Center, 157 W 2nd, Colorado City, TX 79512.

The second public hearing will be held on September 3, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Civic Center, 157 W 2nd Street, Colorado City, TX 79512.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

For: Sue Mason, Carol Sue Dakan, Marcelo Alvarez, Keith Hiser, Robert Brookshear

Against: none

Present and not voting: none

Absent: Margaret Brown and Jason Castillo

The average taxable value of a residence homestead on Colorado City last year was \$28,835. Based on last year's tax rate of \$.8064 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$232.53.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Colorado City this year is \$35,033. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.7077 for \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$247.93.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.7267 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$254.58.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

CRANFILLS GAP GOES TO VEGAS

Folks in Cranfills Gap are still talking about what happened last December. Chances are they'll be talking about it for a long time. The Bosque County town was recognized last December as the ideal small town. 125 American towns were in contention for the honor. As a result, 120 residents of Cranfills Gap (pop. 380) were flown to Las Vegas for an all expense paid, five days and four nights excursion. "Well, it was done for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority," says Marc Johnson, who made the trip. "I understand the mayor is president of it. Their initial budget for this deal was \$2.5 million dollars. I think the actual figure spent was double that." He says nobody knew who would be going until they all met at the schoolhouse the day they left. They climbed on three buses that took them to the Waco airport. They got on a chartered plane and flew to Vegas. Elvis flew with them. Marc says they were treated like kings. They had \$50 a day spending money to do with what they wished. "You could have left the Gap without a nickel in your pocket and had a ball," says Marc. "They'd tell us that we needed to meet in the lobby at 4:30. They wouldn't tell us where or what. They'd just load us onto nice custom buses that had beer coolers and wine and champagne and take us to some fine place to eat. We had a five or six course meal and the tables had tons of dishes and silverware and glasses." Marc thought there was some catch to it, that they would try to sell them a time-share or something. But they didn't try to sell them anything. "They split us into five groups and put a camera crew with each group. We will be in some commercials." They were put in VIP rooms at some of the finest hotels in Vegas. Some of the younger folks threw a party in one of the big hotels. The bar bill was over \$5,000 and the suite cost \$15,000 a night. It was called the Hardwood Suite and had a basketball court in it. Ray Sorrels and three of his buddies were picked up in a limousine and taken to a golf course with a hefty green fee of \$300 per person. The guy in charge told the foursome to go to the pro shop and get some golf clothes, all paid for by the C & V authority. Each player got about \$400 worth of clothes. "Girls in shorts came by with drinks and cigars," says Ray. "It was one of the most magnificent days I've ever spent. After we played, we climbed in the limo and went back to the hotel."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

The loss of a child is the worst pain that any parent will ever endure. The need to see her or talk to her is a never-ending craving.

One way that I feel close to my daughter is by visiting the cemetery. I have worked hard to make her plot, and the one of my uncle's, look nice. Not only have I done this as a gift for her, but also for the family and friends that were left behind.

On Tues., Aug. 11th, someone stole four lamps that were placed on their graves. Many gifts have been left for Jessica, and they have never disappeared. I just can't understand why someone would take the lamps. Do people not have any morals?

I felt obliged to write this letter in hopes that whoever would take things from the cemetery will stop and realize that losing a loved one is hard. And what they have done is very wrong. Have some respect for the families left behind. Stop taking things that do not belong to you.

Nancy C. Muñoz

Letter to the Editor:

I know it's been over a month, but I'd really like to first say how much I enjoyed the fireworks display at Cooper's Cove. Pat does a beautiful, "bang up", superb job, and I believe this year was his best yet. Yeah, Pat!

Second, however, I'd like to inquire when are the spent tubes, papers, etc., going to be cleaned up from the cove blast site. The blast site has been won-

derfully improved for safety and ease of ignition and display but should the lake rise (remember a few years ago it rose 4" per hour), all that debris could end up in the lake.

Today, the BBQ grill was picked up. Please come and clean up the rest before our beautiful lake gets polluted more.

Not trying to step on any toes, and thanks for the wonderful show! I look forward to more of your fantastic displays, Pat.

Thanks again,
Jennifer Smith

Letter to the Editor:

First, I want to congratulate the paper and radio station for such good coverage of local events and keeping the citizens informed. Then, a praise to KCCB for the beauty spots around town, and to Main Street for the numbers of people they bring in. And a hearty salute for the new buildings and remodels springing up around town. Looks good!

The point I want to make is that in spite of these areas, there are vast deserts of YUKKY sights around town, on every highway approach into town, and usually across from the most visited stores, financial and governmental buildings in town.

Approach from east or west, north or south and there are junk buildings, despicable derelicts that detract from the beauty and progress evident in other places. There are eyesores across from the lumberyard, courthouse, post office,

bank, grocery store, auto parts store and civic center. (There are also despicable junk houses on many main arteries.)

The biggest eyesore, visible from every approach into town, and dominating downtown is the old Baker Hotel. It doesn't need (or deserve) to be renovated, it needs a decent burial. (I will be happy to perform last rites!) When a loved one dies, we honor them with a decent burial. When pets are beyond hope, they are regrettably put down; when a car is worn out, it is replaced. But old buildings are left as hulks and skeletons and inglorious reminders of "has been" rather than "could be".

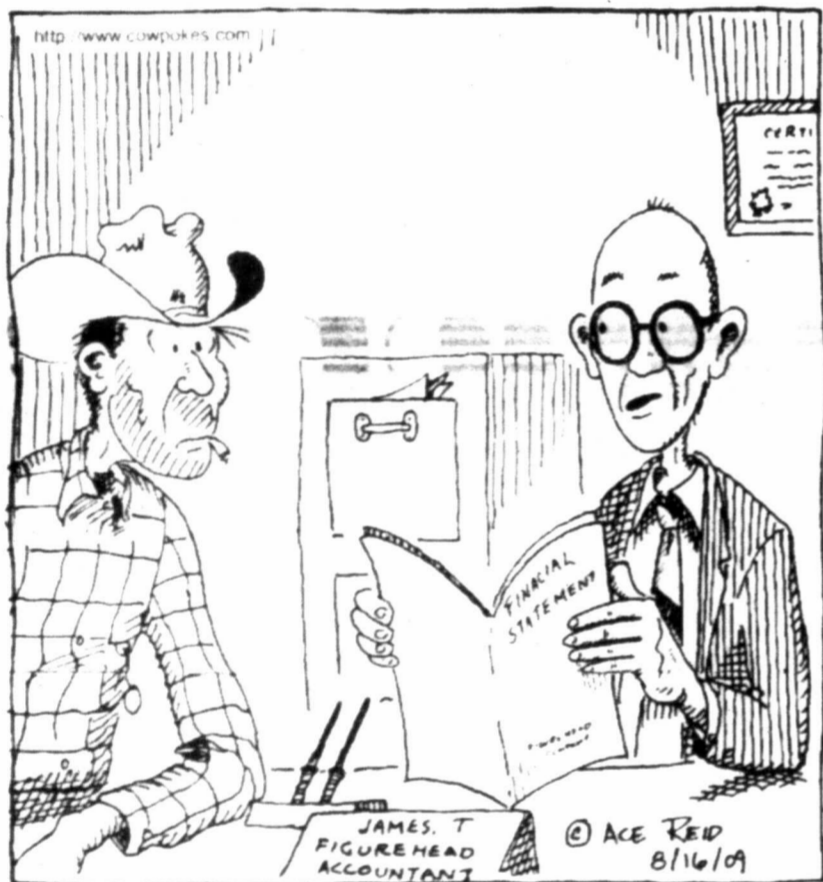
I would like to see YUKKY turned into YUCCA "Yes! Uncolter Colorado City's Approaches (or Avenues). I know the biggest issue is money, then permits, governmental regulations and on and on. But with as many smart people as we have, surely these issues can be solved. I am just a pair of eyes, maybe a voice, but gravely concerned about the overall appearance of our city, and what we present to visitors and leave to the coming generations.

The very organizations that have worked so well for the present progress, might be able to catch this vision and get things moving. Maybe through awareness, shame or legislation, citizens banded together for the greater good, we can turn YUKKY to YUCCA!

Monte Wike

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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LOCAL NEWS

Digging up bones

Archaeology camp fun for all!



STUDENTS LEARN PRINCIPLES of archaeology during a mock dig at the Heart of West Texas Museum. Seth Scales and Jacob Walters (from left) learn how to map and carefully sift dirt for artifacts at a dig site.

Colorado City youngsters got a taste for archaeology during a four-day camp last week, sponsored by the Heart of West Texas Museum.

Fifty area elementary school children attended the camp and practiced basic archaeology skills as they excavated a mock dig on the museum grounds.

Museum curator, Amie Wood, organized the camp, and instructed the children in researching Native American history.

"We used books at the library instead of the Internet," said Wood. "The kids were shocked. This is a whole new generation where everything is done on computer. We used good old fashioned research."

Students took advantage of stacks of books on Native Americans at the Mitchell County Public Library to research various cultures and their similarities to West Texas Indian campsites.

On Wednesday and Thursday, students were assigned to sections of two large wooden sand boxes for excavating simulated Native American artifacts.

"We buried 50 fake arrowheads. They found 29 of them," said Wood, who was surprised that the students didn't find everything. "I thought 'kids and sandboxes', this will be easy," she said.

But like real archaeology, not everything gets discovered.

"There's no way of knowing in real archaeology what you will or won't find," Wood said.

Students toured the museum on the final day of camp and were able to present artifacts from home for a show and tell session.

"They brought fossils, bones,

arrowheads and even two skeleton keys," said Wood. Students talked about their artifacts, including the location where it was found.

"We had such a great turnout, it's possible we'll have another camp next summer," said Wood.

Other options include a day camp or Saturday camp during October, which is Archaeology Month in Texas, or during the spring.

"If the kids are interested, I'd be happy to do it again," said Wood.



ARCHAEOLOGY CAMP AT the Heart of West Texas Museum was a huge success as youngsters excavated a Native American "mock dig" site.

Bama's House

440 E. 5th St. 728-9009

Come join us next week as we get back into the swing of things! School will start Monday, so enjoy your first week of no kids with a lunch at Bama's House.

No hot lunch specials in August. All regular menu items available.

We welcome back all school personnel and pray for a great new school year! We look forward to seeing everyone again as we celebrate our tenth year of business. We have a few new faces and some familiar ones, too, to welcome you back! Come see us here at Bama's and enjoy fresh salads, sandwiches, soups and much more... plus the best homemade desserts around. Everything made fresh from scratch right here at Bama's. See you soon!

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What did you do this summer??

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HOSPITAL

"Small hospitals are always going to be under financial distress because of volume," said Stinson. "We do great when we have 18 patients, but we have to have the same care level of staff even with just 4-5 patients. I feel pretty comfortable that sometime in the future we'll break even in operations."

Moving the EMS station out of the hospital itself will also save the district money. Currently, due to Medicare policies, the hospital district loses \$45,000 every year because the EMS is housed within the hospital itself.

"Now \$40-45,000 will get re-

imbursed by Medicare once the station is moved out," Stinson said.

Another income generator for the hospital is the new dialysis center on Chestnut. The privately owned center will generate income for the hospital through the lease agreement and fees for lab work.

"The center is one of the neatest things that's happened in health-care in this town," said Stinson, adding there are approximately 70 dialysis patients in the three county area. "It's full, but you don't know it yet," he said.

Under current rules, the center

will be the only dialysis center within a 35 mile radius, providing service for Scurry, Nolan and Mitchell Counties.

"It's an economic generator for the community," said Stinson.

The hospital is also implementing a new cardiac monitoring system. "It's the most sophisticated system in West Texas of any hospital," said Stinson.

The new system is wireless, resulting in no loss of patient information during transfer from the emergency room to a regular room. The system should be operational within 3-4 months, or September at the earliest.

COUNCIL

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offered advice on governmental grants and ideas for implementing a recycling program.

Questions arose concerning the suitability and availability of the proposed sites, two of which are not city owned, but are owned by TXU and Texas Pacific Railroad and possible chemical contamination of the sites.

David Maddox, new interim city manager explained that Sweetwater's recycling bins were not a recycling center, just locations in parking lots and senior centers, when asked about Sweetwater's programs.

Sweetwater actually has two levels of recycling, according to Maddox. The first provides dumpsters located at three different areas of town for clean paper only and picked up by the city.

The actual recycling center takes boxes, plastics, glass, tree limbs, etc. "That facility is a man-powered facility and has to have a state license from TCEQ," Maddox said.

"I don't know that you can just have dumpsters and containers anywhere and make that work. Someone has to come by and pick them up," Maddox said.

Further discussion covered the recycling center at TDCJ, options of placing containers at the landfill, and having civic groups volunteer to help with recycling pick up.

"We as a council need to get hard commitments or make hard choices to come up with funds to fund a recycling center," said Hiser.

The council approved a motion to apply for grants through R C & D to purchase recycling containers to begin moving toward a recycling program for Colorado City.

The city council approved the

proposed 2009 tax rate to be set at the rollback rate of \$.7267, thus setting the debt rate at \$.3234 and the maintenance and operations rate at \$.4033.

The certified values for the 2009 tax base is \$91,818,671, up from last year's base of \$80,050,150.

Higher property evaluations are responsible for the rate, which is down from 2008's tax rate of \$.8064. Comparison of the revenue generated by the debt and M&O rates last year with the proposed rates this year are: 2008 debt rate .4013 generated \$321,241; M&O rate .4051 generated \$324,283 in revenue. The proposed rates for 2009 debt rate of .3234 are expected to generate \$296,941 in revenue; while the M&O rate of .4033 should generate \$370,304.

Public hearings on the proposed tax rate will be held Thursday, August 27 and September 3.

Three bids for roof repairs to a number of city buildings were presented to the council. J.C. Roofing Co. of Snyder, Barr Roofing of Abilene and Harrison Roofing Company of San Angelo, all submitted bids to repair roof damage to around 17 buildings, including the civic center, museum, Heritage House, Opera House and city hall.

The city has one year left under the two-year time table from the insurance company to make the necessary repairs to the buildings.

All three companies stressed the need for the city to have an advocate in dealing with the insurance company, estimating the insurance company was \$100,000 short of the actual amount of damage due to upswings in prices of materials.

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J.C. Roofing placed a \$66,750 bid; Barr Roofing's bid will not exceed \$72,257 and Harrison Roofing's bid for the building repairs was \$240,655.

The council voted to table the three bids to give the new interim city manager an opportunity to review the insurance information and the damaged buildings.

Dale Geiger and Richard Arthur were appointed to the planning and zoning commission to fill positions held by Cecil Contreras and Ronny Connor, who resigned due to illness.

Drainage issues at the cemetery and surrounding houses were discussed at length.

"We believe if the county commissioners fixed it (the drainage) in the cemetery, it would stop what's happening in the streets," said Connie Baker.

The council authorized interim city manager Maddox to negotiate with the county about the matter.

Other business conducted by the council included approval of new rates for disposal of tires and rims at the landfill, acceptance of ordinances by the Atmos Steering Committee, review of city manager job applications, and approval of an agreement with Tri-Stem to audit the city's paid utility bills.

The company will check for errors in the rate structure and look for back-owed payments to the city.

The council also voted to look at a proposed job description for the position of city manager at the next council meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, August 27.

RELAY

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cal things, but not the emotional things without being present. You have to see it all through someone else's eyes."

Often caregivers face not one but multiple battles with cancer as more than one family member is diagnosed with cancer.

Charlotte Clemmer and Margaret Adams cared for both a mother and sister with cancer.

Their sister, Kitty Cannon, found facing her own cancer was easier to deal with than her mother's.

"It's easier being a survivor than a caregiver. I felt sure what was going on with me, but not with her," said Cannon.

"I'd do it again in a heartbeat," said Adams, who's faith sustained her throughout her mother's battle with cancer. "It helped being a Christian because we knew they were going to be alright one way or another."

"I don't feel like I faced any challenge because I had God on my side," said Clemmer.

For survivors and caregivers alike, Relay for Life, becomes a

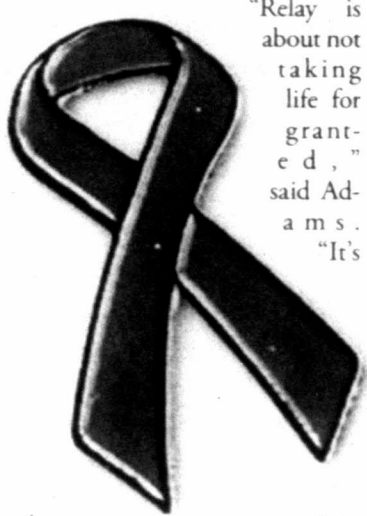
beacon of hope.

"Relay means hope and life," said Clemmer. "You never give up because a doctor can't tell you how long you have."

"It brings an awareness of cancer where people understand what cancer is and what people are going through," said Cannon.

"Relay is about not taking life for granted," said Adams.

"It's about supporting one who has cancer, because I may be the next one."



Although the relay was cut short at 11 p.m. due to rain, representatives from each team were back at 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning to walk two laps before being served breakfast by the Lions Club at 6 a.m.

Forty-four survivors participated in this year's relay which raised \$30,848.75. Those participating were Jim Cugburn, Kitty Cannon, Edward Blake, Jim Baum, Dorothy Acuff, Catharine Morris, Rev. Dana Mayfield, Jan Minkina, Ramona Molina, Patty Pharis, A.W. Phillip, Bob Ratliff, Geneva Ratliff, DeeDee Rice, Bobby Richardson, Betty Sanchez, Chris Sanchez, Miranda Sevier, Nancy Wood, Aida Valenzuela, Betty Zajicek, Gloria Delacruz, Jessie Aguilar, Elroy Boedecker, Lou Harrell, Willie Harrell, Vickie Koch, Jay McCollum, Alma Smith, D. M. Smith, Lee Snead and Andres Trevino.

For more information about cancer and the Relay for Life visit www.relayforlife.org and www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society's Mitchell County Relay for Life would like to thank the following sponsors and contributors for the success of our 2009 Relay for Life.

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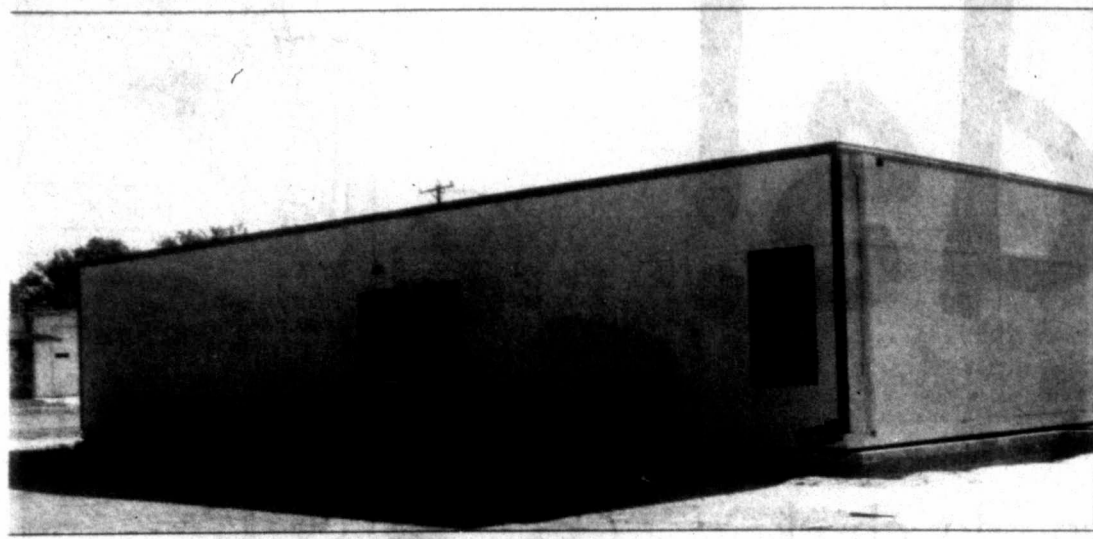
Hey, Kids!



It's time to head back to school. But before you do, check out these safety tips from a variety of sponsors. They are sure to help you and your parents have a great school year!

<p>A</p> <p>Always use caution Use extreme caution when school buses are present.</p> <p>The City National Bank Of Colorado City 228 Elm Colorado City 728-5221 Member FDIC</p>	<p>B</p> <p>Be alert! Watch what's going on around you.</p> <p>B & B One Stop 548 North I-20 Colorado City 728-2125</p>	<p>C</p> <p>Crossing streets Look both ways before crossing the street.</p> <p>Colorado Floral & Gifts 341 E. 3rd 728-5254 Colorado City</p>	<p>D</p> <p>Doors Don't answer the door when you're home alone.</p> <p>First National Bank 2225 Hickory Colorado City 728-3485 Member FDIC</p>
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<p>U</p> <p>Understand traffic signals Know what traffic signs, lights and signals mean.</p> <p>SUBWAY 150 E. I-20 728-8828 Open 10a.m.-midnight</p>	<p>V</p> <p>Valuable friends Walking to school is safer and more fun with friends.</p> <p>Myers Auto Parts 745 E. 2nd Street Colorado City 728-2662</p>	<p>W</p> <p>Walk away If someone tries to start a fight, walk away.</p> <p>Colorado Feed & Seed 100 Pine Colorado City 728-5071</p>	<p>X</p> <p>"X" marks the spot Stand in the right place when waiting for the bus.</p> <p>SONIC America's Drive-In 125 East I-20 Colorado City 728-3951</p>
	<p>Y</p> <p>Yell out! If a stranger bothers you, yell for help!</p> <p>The Medicine Place 2205 Hickory Colorado City 728-3489</p>	<p>Z</p> <p>Zero in on safety Follow these tips to a safer school year.</p> <p>McAndrews Eye Clinic 2145 Hickory 728-2604 Colorado City</p>	

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FINAL ASSEMBLY OF the AccessCare Dialysis Center is nearing completion after the individual sections were placed on the foundation last week.

New dialysis center arrives in three pieces

The new dialysis center, located on Chestnut across from the old hospital, is almost ready for business.

The three sections of the modular construction building were put in place last week by Williams Scotsman Inc. out of Baltimore, Maryland.

The individual units were completely constructed with lights, switches, outlets, tiles, and basically everything in the building, according to Steven Turner, modular building group account manager.

"It was virtually complete when it showed up on the site," said Turner.

The 2,520 square foot building was constructed in three 14' x 60' sections. "The modular construction expedites construction because we basically install every component in a factory setting in a controlled environment," said Turner.

This type of construction prevents components from being exposed to weather conditions during the construction phase that could potentially cause future problems.

"The units are 80 to 90 % complete when they show up on site," said Turner.

"We're very proud to be a part of such a community wide effort, along with AccessCare Dialysis, to benefit patients who need this critical health care service," Turner said. "Williams Scotsman has provided modular space solutions for more than 50 years, and this dialysis center is a great example of the benefits of modular construction."

The new center contains eight dialysis stations, one exam room, an R/O water room, restrooms, a large nurses' station, and conference and waiting rooms.

"It looks fairly small from the outside, but there is really a lot to

offer on the inside," Turner said.

Modular buildings also decreases the construction time table by 30 to 50 percent.

"Using concurrent construction methods means the facility can be built more quickly than conventional construction methods. Quicker time to occupancy means patients can get the critical care they need sooner, which is especially important in a rural area such as Colorado City," Turner said.

The building still needs some finishing touches, including installation of ceiling tiles later this week. The tiles were left until after the fire sprinkler system was installed, which is easier to do in the field, according to Turner.

Once that system is in place, AccessCare will begin installation and hookup of the dialysis station equipment.

ASU to host Rambunctious weekend

Before Angelo State University's fall semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 24, students will spend a few days settling in and having fun during Rambunctious Weekend.

The weekend's scheduled events begin Friday with a lunch cookout from 11:30 -1:30 p.m. at the Pavilion, the Fall Convocation in the Junell Center at 4 p.m.; a brisket cookout from 5-7 p.m. in the Pavilion with music by the John Irish Jazz Quintet, followed by games, a comedy/magic act and DJ block party.

The fun continues Saturday with a mud flag football game at Texan Hall, fajita cookout and Mexican fiesta, a spirit rally at 7:30 p.m. and all night games.

The final activity of Rambunctious Weekend will be a Multicultural Reception at 4 p.m. in the Texan Hall Community Room.

For more information, call the ASU Student Life Office at 942-2191, or go online to www.angelo.edu/services/student_life/rambunctious_schedule2009.html.

Hospital board member receives excellence award

The Texas Healthcare Trustees Foundation recently recognized select Texas hospital trustees for excellence in governance or continuing excellence in governance, as part of its Texas Academy of Governance initiative.

Patty Pharis, member of the board at Mitchell County Hospital, received her award of excellence at the Texas Healthcare Trustees Annual Conference, August 6-8, 2009. The award recognizes individuals serving on hospital-health system boards who achieve knowledge currently through education and the practice of effective governance.

This was the second time Pharis has attended the conference. "Going to the conference was a great learning experience and a way to learn about hospital finance, organization and health-care reform," Pharis said.

"Hospitals and health care systems rely on their trustees and governing boards to make decisions that affect their future," said Peggy Allison, president of the board of directors for the THT Foundation. "Recognition from the Texas Academy of Gov-

ernance indicates a commitment to practicing the most important aspects of trusteeship - community stewardship, leadership, dedication to effective governance, collaboration, vision, commitment and service," she said.

"Recognition for achieving Texas Academy of Governance standards assures those whose health and livelihood depend on the existence of a thriving health care institution that the governing board members are well prepared for their roles," noted Stacy Cantu, CAE, chief executive officer of the Texas Healthcare Trustees Foundation. "It indicates that a trustee not only is concerned with the quality of health care being delivered, but also demonstrates accountability in governance responsibilities."

The Texas Academy of Governance is a statewide initiative of the THT Foundation to encourage, recognize and reward

best standards of hospital governance. To be considered for trustee recognition, applicants must demonstrate commitment to standards set by the Texas Academy of Governance. Those standards include

a commitment to the hospital and the community; meeting fiduciary duties and governance obligations; a commitment to governance; educational development; exemplifying ethical leadership; and continually improving and assessing performance.

Texas Healthcare Trustees is an affiliated organization of the Austin-based Texas Hospital Association. THT members serve on the governing board of hospitals and health systems. THT has approximately 450 hospital/health system governing boards representing nearly 4,000 trustees.



Patty Pharis

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MITCHELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Mitchell County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mitchell County Appraisal District office at 2112 Hickory, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$346,584.01
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget	11,117.03
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	3 (full time)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	3 (full time)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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SOCIETY



CHS CLASS OF 1969 held their 40th reunion on July 10th and 11th. Teachers and students who attended are listed below.

CHS Class of 1969 held 40th reunion

The Colorado High School, Class of 1969, held their 40th Class Reunion on July 10 and 11.

The classmates who attended were Woody Anderson, John Bisnette, Linda Martin Clark, Danny Cooper, Christy Stubblefield Dockery, Jim Dockery, Janet Blum Drew, Marlene Sheppard Evans, Mary Lou Wilkenson Garrett, Carolyn Moore Graves, Glenda Graham Hemphill, Steve Hill, Karen Barr Oliver, Cindy Birdwell Marshall, Mona Normand Mathers, John Paul Matthews, Larry Parham, Randy Parker, Richard Reynolds, Mary McMath Schaule, Mike Shurtleff, Dan Steakley, Johnny Trulock, Christy Hammond Wagenfuhr, Richie Wistrand, Ron Witten, and Debra Erwin Zschiesche.

The teachers and coach who attended were Judy Brent, Doug

Chitsey, Buddy Everett, Francis Godwin and Martha Snider. Saturday morning, Coach Dell Riley came to visit some of the classmates at the Civic Center.

Many people pulled together to make this event successful. Cindy Marshall and Mary Schaule organized decorating the banquet hall. Copies of "Howl" newspapers were used for placemats, which was a neat touch. Mary Lou Garrett invited all the teachers. John Bisnette, who had never been to a past reunion, shipped enough fresh lobster from Portland, Maine to make everyone happy.

Richard Reynolds received an award for "Most Changed" thanks to his dignified white hair. Steve Hill received the award for "Least Changed." Larry Parham received the "Baldest" award, and Marlene Sheppard Evans received the award

for having the most children and grandchildren. John Bisnette received the award for "Coming the Farthest" as he currently resides in Maine.

Amidst the activities, everyone took turns telling about themselves and where life has brought them. Candles were then lit in memory of the students from their class who had already passed away.

"It was so much fun and what a blessing to get to see some we've not seen in 40 years!" commented Christy Hammond Wagenfuhr about the event. Richard Reynolds added, "I am so thankful that I was able to grow up with this group. God has blessed each and everyone of you. I really felt like I had gone home to a warm family reunion instead of a class reunion."

Baum, guest speaker at convention

KVMC broadcaster, Jim Baum, was the keynote speaker at the Texas Association of Broadcasters/Society of Broadcast Engineers 56th Annual Convention and Trade Show in Austin Wednesday.

The convention is the largest state broadcast association convention in the nation, with over 1100 annual registrants.

Baum, who spoke at the Texas Pioneers Annual Banquet during

the convention, started out as a sportscaster in Abilene in 1956 at KRBC. He moved to Colorado City in 1981 and bought KVMC/KAUM, adding the FM station in 1983.

Pettitt Tiller annual reunion joins family from six states

Descendants of John H. and Mary Elizabeth Pettitt Tiller came from six states to join those from Texas for their annual reunion.

The group met Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the home of Ernestine O'Dell, 859 Marshall Street, in Colorado City. A meal of brisket, fried chicken and sausage with all the trimmings was catered by David Stubblefield.

John Tiller Jr., age 62, and Irene Tiller Tidwell, age 90, were honored for their birthdays with special birthday cake and homemade ice cream.

Enjoying the festivities were Johnnie and Joan Tiller of Kansas City, Kansas; Irene Tiller Tidwell, Grand Prairie; Ron O'Neal, Slidell, Louisiana; Truett Tidwell, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin; James Tidwell, Louisville, Kentucky; Tobert and Carrol Smith, Collierville, Tennessee; John, Denise and Betsy Tiller, Stilwell, Kansas; and Nell Dillard and Kendra Mayes of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Others attending were Kevin, Pam, Adam and Kelsey O'Neal,

Cypress; Tom and Anne Palmer, Houston; Carol, Boston and Dashall Dockrey, Conroe; Jimmy, Mary and Joey Comoletti, San Angelo; and Dwayne Stubblefield, Carrollton.

Those attending from Midland were Rhonda Cochran; Doug, Amanda, Mitchell and Mason Cochran; and Justin, Shane, Jaycee and Sadie Dockrey; and MacKayla Marcom

Also attending were Helen Kendrick, Big Spring; Marvin, Teagan, Jessica and Toryn Kendrick, Big Spring; and C.J. Ballard, Big Spring.

Christy Dockrey; Krista and Kaleb Free; Weston Wolf; and

Alan, Leslie and Kelsey Marcom, all came down from Lubbock to attend the reunion.

Others attending were Kirk and Pam Stubblefield, Abilene; and Lori Dockrey, David and Melody Stubblefield, Buddy and Glenda Marcom; Ernestine O'Dell; Edward and Winnie Roach, all of Colorado City.

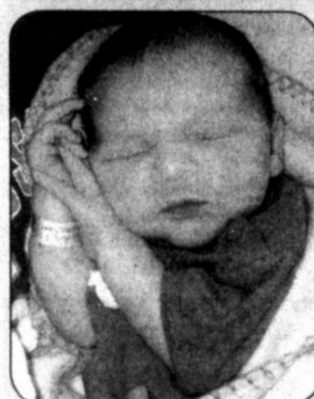
Those staying overnight enjoyed breakfast of casseroles, sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, toast, orange juice, coffee and milk at the O'Dell residence.

"Everyone had a good time and thanks to all who attended, and we're looking forward to next year," said host O'Dell.



THE YARD OF Casey, Betty and Bryan Casares located at 1452 Austin Street has been chosen by KCCB as a Yard of the Month for July. (Photo courtesy of Marge Kolman.)

BIRTHS



Dawson Reed Jones

Dawson Reed Jones was born at 5:54 a.m. on August 1, 2009, in Lubbock. He arrived weighing 8 pounds and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Dawson was welcomed home by his parents, Niki and Tyrell and his older brother, Ethan.

Maternal grandparents are Vic and Jaime Boerner. Maternal great-grandparents are Jimmy and Mary Snooks, all of Lubbock.

Paternal grandparents are Lucky and Cyndi Jones. Paternal great-grandparents are Dale and Leslie Geiger and the late Elwanda Jones and Pat Geiger, all of Colorado City.



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Breakfast Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - breakfast bites, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - cinnamon roll, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled juice, milk.

**CISD Head Start
Lunch Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - corn dog, green beans, peaches, milk.
Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, sweet peas, Texas toast, pineapple, milk.
Wednesday - mac and cheese, mixed vegetables, pears, milk.
Thursday - tacos, pinto beans, mixed fruit, milk.
Friday - hamburger on a bun, pickle spears, cookie, pears, milk.

**Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - waffles, jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

**Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu Aug. 24-28**

Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, golden corn, garlic toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - turkey and gravy, potatoes, sweet peas, rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - beef and cheese chalupa, refried beans, Spanish rice, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - grilled ham and cheese sandwich, pork n beans, pickle spears, canned fruit, choice of milk.

**Colorado Middle School
Breakfast Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, French toast, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, biscuit & gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, scrambled egg with biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

**Colorado High School
Breakfast Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, biscuit and gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, scrambled egg with biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

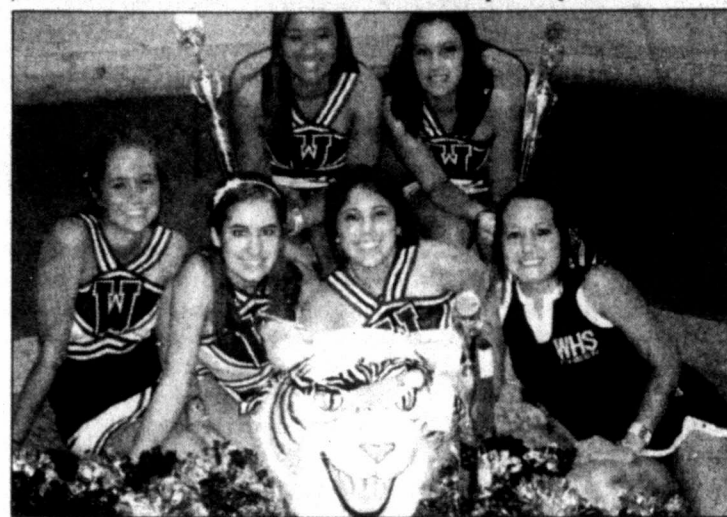
**CMS
Registration**
Colorado Middle School will hold registration on Thursday, August 20 in the cafeteria.
Sixth graders register first that day, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration for 7th graders begins and 10 a.m. and 8th grade registration starts at 11 a.m. School photos will also be taken at registration.

Monday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Texican mac n cheese, sweet peas, Texas toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, golden corn, garlic bread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - chicken tetrazzini, glazed carrots, garlic bread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - grilled ham and cheese sandwich, pickle spears, canned fruit, choice of milk.

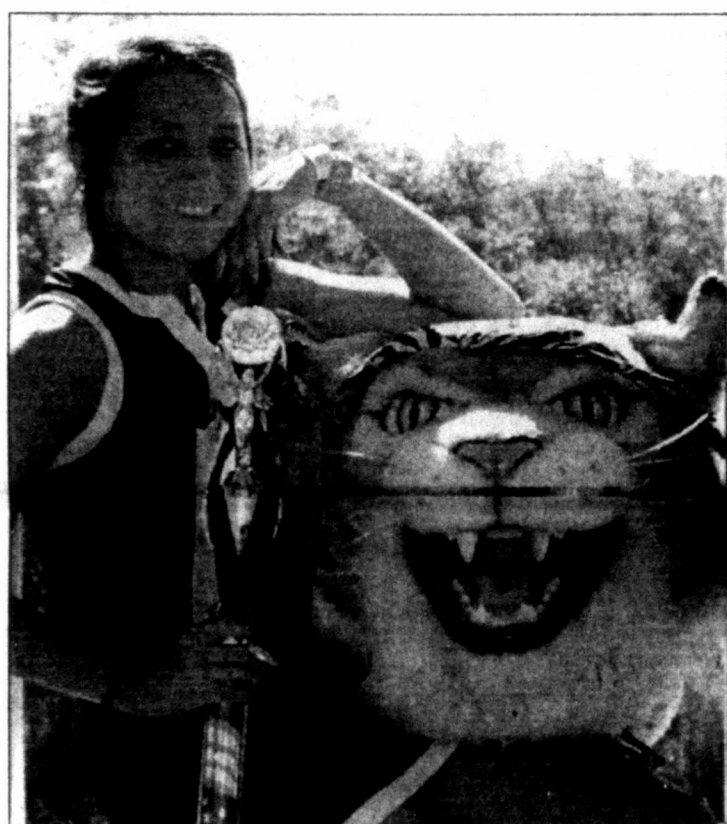
**Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday - sausage, biscuit, cereal, fruit, milk.
Thursday - muffins, cereal, juice, milk.
Friday - breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, milk.

**Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu Aug. 24-28**
Monday - pizza, corn, salad, dressing, orange halves, milk.
Tuesday - chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit, peaches, milk.
Wednesday - burrito, fresh broccoli, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk.
Thursday - tacos, cheese, salad, salsa, jello with fruit, milk.
Friday - hamburgers, mustard, tater tots, ketchup, sliced pickles, milk.



THE 2009-10 WESTBROOK Cheerleaders attended camp recently Grapevine. Members of the squad are: (back, l-r) Milina Funerburg, Hannah Berber; (front row) Shelbi Montgomery, Katie Forbes, Koe Alvarez and Chelsea Martinez. Photo courtesy of Olga Martinez.



AS THE WESTBROOK mascot, Chelsea Martinez received the All-American Mascot award at the Great Wolf UCA Camp in Grapevine recently. Part of the honor includes attending a college football game in Florida on December 29 and performing at halftime.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Loraine Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 24, 2009 in Loraine ISD Board Room 800 South Lightfoot Street Loraine, Texas 79532. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget	
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:	
Maintenance and operations	(5.59% decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	(5.59% decrease)
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)	
	Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 140,590,730 \$ 212,702,860
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 263,260 \$ 536,530
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 83,899,490 \$ 144,215,850
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 263,260 \$ 536,530
* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.	
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.	
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.	
Bonded Indebtedness	
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0	
* Outstanding principal.	
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates	
	Maintenance & Operations Interest & Sinking Fund* Total Local Revenue Per Student State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.170000 \$ 0.000000 \$ 1.170000 \$ 6,133 \$ 3,571
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.300160 \$ 0.000000 \$ 1.300160 \$ 11,759 \$ 72
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000 \$ 0.000000 \$ 1.170000 \$ 10,532 \$ 655
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.	
Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence	
	Last Year This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 22,923 \$ 24,795
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 4,055 \$ 8,712
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.170000 \$ 1.170000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 47.44 \$ 101.93
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$ 54.49
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.	
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.170000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.170000.	
Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 929,544
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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SCHOOL NEWS

"Running is a mental game" says Costible

Running cross-country involves both heart and mind, according to Coach Mary Lou Costabile.

"Running is a mental game," said Costabile, who ran her first

marathon at age 49.

"I came in second in my age group. At the 25 mile marker I hit the wall. I finished that last mile shaking and couldn't stand up," she said.

"The most important part of cross-country is the mindset. Yes, you love running. Yes, you're tired, and your mind tells you 'let's quit.' You've got to convince yourself that you can do it," she said. "After that it's really easy."

Costabile is the head boys and girls cross country coach for Colorado High School and PE teacher at Kelley Elementary. The cross-country program usually fields 30-38 students who stick with the program.

Endurance, along with upper body strength, are essential to cross-country.

"You've got to be able to run three miles in competition," Costabile said. "It's not like track, where you go 100 yards or a couple of times around the track."

Going the distance in cross-country means running uphill and down, through gullies and across rugged terrain instead of the springy surface of a track.

"A lot of footballers play Friday night games, then get up Saturday morning to run cross-country," she said. "Meets are always on Saturdays and they don't mind getting up. They'll sleep all the way, but when they get there they're ready."

Cross-country practice doesn't begin until 5:30 pm, following football practice.

"I'm there and they're ready to run," said Costabile, who runs with her team. Assistant coach Erin White will pace the faster runners as she leads the pack; with Coach Costabile running at the back.

"I tell the runners, you've either got to run up with Coach White or run ahead of me," she said.

Knee surgery sidelined Costabile for a short time, forcing her to ride in a cart. "I was embarrassed to ride in the cart behind the kids," she said. "We always run with them."

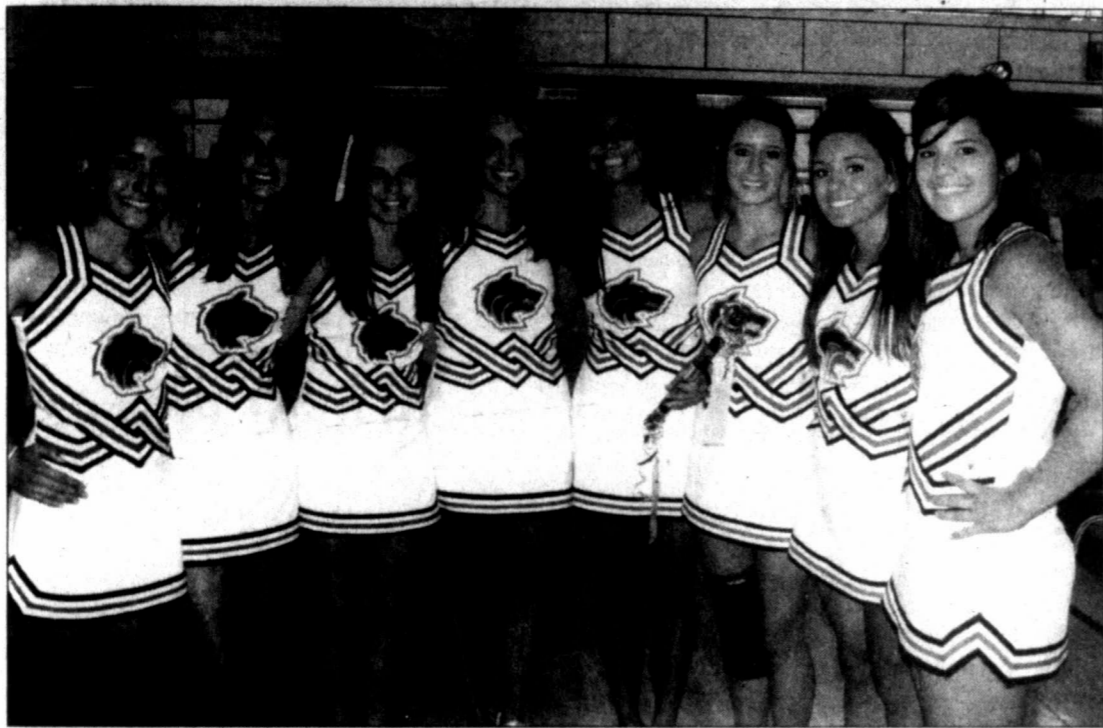
Cross-country, unlike other high school sports, is an individual sport. "It's a timed race that depends on the individual. You have to do a lot on your own to be a good runner," said Costabile.

Runners compete more against themselves than against other runners. Self-starters, cross-country runners put in extra hours running on their own outside school practice hours.

"If you don't have that mindset, you can run, but it's going to defeat you," said Costabile.



JAMBOREE CAMP FOR 6th grade pep squad held CMS cafeteria on Aug 15th. Thirty-four girls learned a dance, a cheer and some chants to be performed at middle school football games and pep rallies. Sponsors are Karen Riley and Mary Kay Williamson (Photo courtesy Mary Kay Williamson)



2009-10 CHS VARSITY Cheerleaders attended camp in Lubbock in June where they received a superior squad trophy. Members of the squad are: (l-r) Tanya Vera, Casie Lemons, Taylor Harris, Jordan Hammond, Lauran Meeks, Ramzi Messick, Briana Ortiz (head cheerleader) and Carissa Sutton. Clarissa Franco is not pictured.

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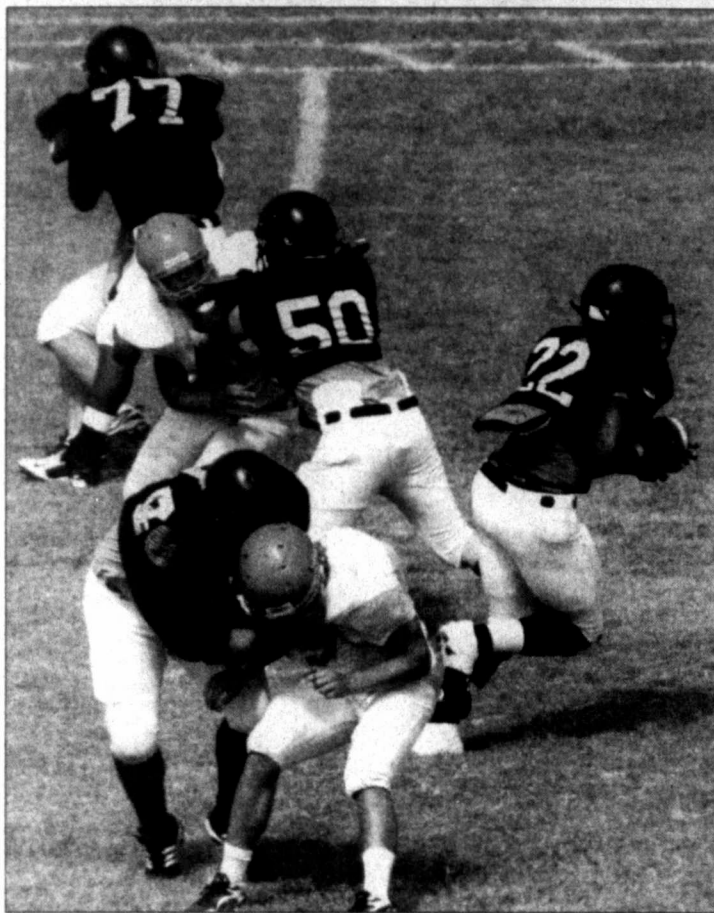
SPORTS

Wolves hold their own against Albany

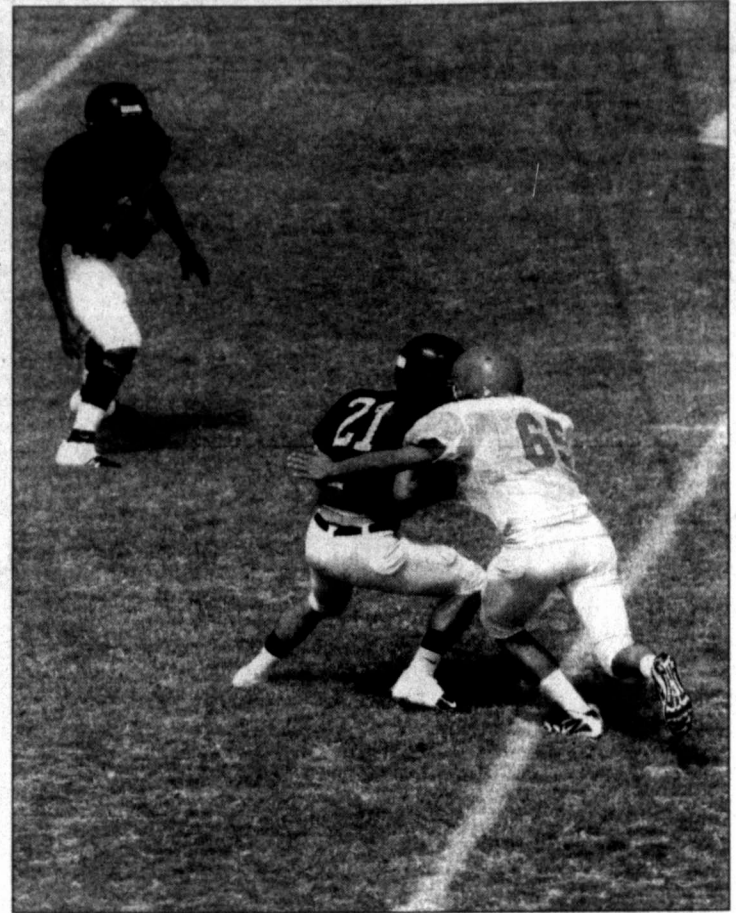
The Colorado High Wolves held their own against state-ranked Class A Albany last Saturday at Wolf Stadium in the team's first scrimmage this year. Both teams scored twice but, one Wolf touchdown was called back. The Wolves other score was a 50-yard touchdown by senior Jamarcus Brooks. Brooks ran for an average seven yards per play during the scrimmage. "I was pleased with the way we played," head coach Frank Johnson said following the scrimmage. "Our offensive really moved the ball. We still have a long way to go, but I think we held our own against a state ranked team." The Wolves still haven't decid-

ed on a quarterback. Sophomore Derek Gainey and junior J.C. Johnson split the quarterbacking chores during the scrimmage. The Wolves final pre-season scrimmage will be Thursday in Haskell. The junior varsity kickoff is at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity scrimmage. Reagan County will be the Wolves opponent to kick-off the 2009 season on Sat., Aug. 29 at the Sammy Baugh Classic in Sweetwater.

SCRIMMAGE
Colorado City vs. Haskell
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JAMARCUS BROOKS (22) HAS a huge hole opened by lineman (50) Jacob Martinez, (77) Eli Farrell and (74) Frankie Atkinson. The action took place during Colorado City's scrimmage with Albany last Saturday. Photo by Hollis Gainey.



JUNIOR J.C. JOHNSON (21) is corraled by an Albany defender at last Saturday's scrimmage. Johnson split time with sophomore Derek Gainey as quarterback. Photo by Hollis Gainey.

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Loraine
Aug. 25 - vs. Colorado City at Loraine

FOOTBALL
Westbrook
Aug. 21 - vs. Veribest, Rankin, Paint Rock - Varsity
Colorado City
Aug. 20 - vs. Haskell at Haskell - Varsity
Aug. 27 - vs. Reagan County at Colorado City - Varsity
Loraine
Aug. 22 - vs. Hermleigh at Hermleigh - Varsity

Loraine to scrimmage Hermleigh Saturday

The Loraine Bulldogs are set to scrimmage Hermleigh this Saturday at 10 a.m. First year head coach Dale Means is still looking for a start-

ing lineup and hopefully after Saturday's scrimmage will be able to choose his starters for the season's opening game Aug. 29 at Trent Gridiron Classic.

The team looks to be well balanced and is continuing to work hard. Don't miss the chance to meet the Bulldogs this Friday night in Loraine at 5 p.m. in Loraine.

"Meet the Wildcats" to be held Friday

By Jeremy Rhoades
The Westbrook Wildcats are continuing their search for a starting lineup. With some athletes playing several positions, it seems to be a little more difficult than expected.

"The whole team seems to be very well balanced but still in need of a little more work," said Coach Hill. "Basic play-running is looking great, but catching the ball is looking not as good as it should." The Wildcats blue and white

inter-squad scrimmage is set for Friday at 5 p.m. The annual Meet the Wildcats will also be held Friday following the scrimmage. Any junior high athletes planning to play football should be at the field at 6:15 p.m.



THE WESTBROOK WILDCATS get a new concession stand and restroom for the upcoming season which is just one of the new projects in the works.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Mitchell County conducted public hearings on August 13, 2009 and August 18th, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Mitchell County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.26 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at the last year's tax rate of \$0.420000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,527,372.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.477000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,814,338.

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The Commissioner's Court of Mitchell County is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 26, 2009 at Mitchell County Courthouse, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512 at 9:00 am.

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SPORTS

Lady Wolves win 5 out of 7

The Colorado City Lady Wolves won 5 and lost 2 games at The Best of the West Volleyball Tournament in Wink last Friday and Saturday.

The girls faced off against Fort Hancock, winning 2 out of 3 matches, 25-15, 23-25, 25-15.

Their next opponent, Midland Classical, proved to be much tougher, handing the Lady Wolves their first loss of the tournament. Midland Classical beat the Lady Wolves 25-11, 25-17.

Colorado City played both the Wink varsity and the Wink junior varsity during the tournament, beating both squads in 2 matches. The Lady Wolves beat Wink JV 25-18 and 25-16 and Wink varsity, 25-27, 19-25.

The Midland Greenwood squad gave the Lady Wolves a bit more competition, forcing the girls to 3 matches. Greenwood came out on top, beating Colorado City 15-25, 25-17, 25-23.

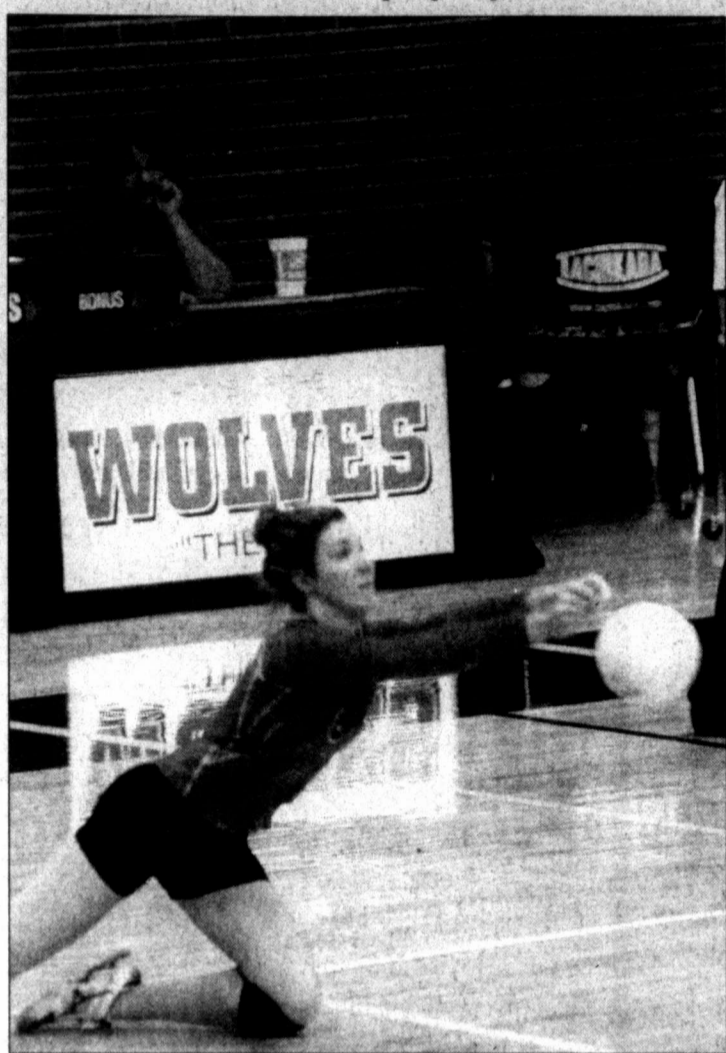
The Lady Wolves beat out the Midland Christian squad, 19-25, 10-25.

Coach Graham said that the Lady Wolves "started to run out of gas" during the games against

Wink and Midland Christian but she was impressed with the girls' teamwork.

"It was a good tournament for us," said Coach Graham. "I feel

like we built up our confidence and helped us play as a team. The game against Greenwood was an exciting game. The girls were pumped up for that."



MEGAN BULLARD DIVES to get under the ball as the JV Lady Wolves battled Water Valley Monday evening at The Pit.

Lady Wolves fight hard against Water Valley

On Monday, August 17, the varsity and junior varsity Lady Wolves volleyball teams played Water Valley at The Pit.

The Water Valley varsity team proved to be too much for the Lady Wolves, beating Colorado City 3 out of 5 matches. Though the girls lost 25-26, 25-15, 25-20, 23-25 and 12-15, they played hard and managed to stay in the game, according to Coach Anita Graham.

"They battled hard and were in this match the whole time," Coach Graham said.

Laura Warren and Candice Aoyama were dig leaders of the game. Erin Graham, Amanda Arispe and Michelle Billingsley led the board for hits. Briana Ortiz had 33 assists. Arispe led in the blocks category, racking up four during the contest.

The Colorado City JV team fared better than their counterparts, beating Water Valley 2-1.

This weekend the JV squad will go on the road, traveling to Crane to compete in a tournament there. The freshmen and varsity squads will be playing at home against Midland Classical on Saturday. The freshman contest will begin at 11 with the varsity game to follow.

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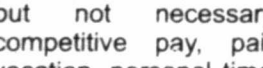
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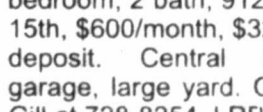
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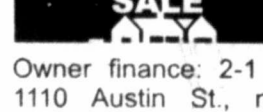
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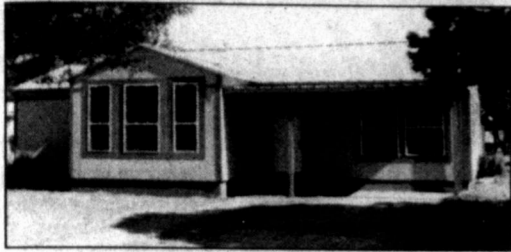
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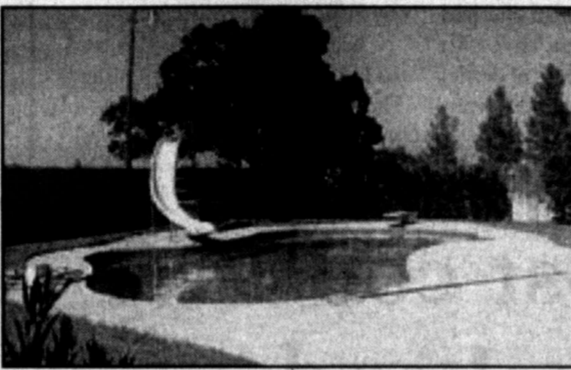
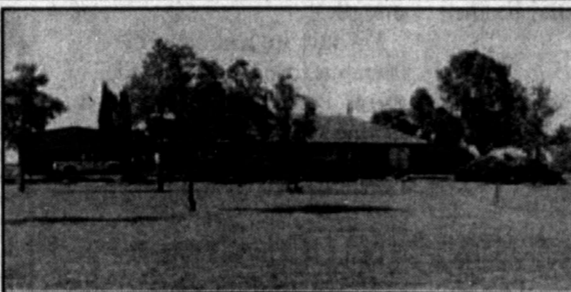
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LORAINE NEWS

**By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Lorraine Correspondent**

The homemade ice cream supper with brownies and other assortments of cookies was held at the Senior Center last Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed it while listening to the musicians and singers. Those entertaining were Henry Holley, Dale Hartley, Charles Dunn, Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams, and Tommy from Sweetwater.

This fundraiser was well received and attended. Everyone who helped in any way is greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of volunteers to keep things running well at the center.

The music was great and the ice cream and cookies were very good.

Visiting at the center last week were Belinda, Hailey, and son L.B., daughter and grandson of Billie and A.K. Sheffield.

Gary and Karen Parnell of Washington visited with their dad, Virgil Parnell, recently.

Last Thursday, Virgil celebrated his 98th birthday, and they came for that. He still lives alone in his own home, drives around locally and still enjoys life.

Virgil has pets that he watches out for and feeds. He is partial to cats and kittens. He also really enjoys going to the Senior Center.

Providing special music last Sunday at the Methodist Church was Charlene Hays. Her selection which was very well received was "It Is No Secret."

We had concerns for Billie Powell last week as she was in the regional hospital at Abilene for four days after surgery on her leg for a blood clot.

I'm happy to report that she is now at home and doing well.

I feel sure Beep Beep and all the critters at Powell casa missed their landlady those four days she was gone from home.

Joan Long visited her son, Quenton Merket, and family in Ackerly last week. While she was there, they did a lot of fishing and having fun.

Early Monday morning, her son, Keaton Merket from Midland, came to Loraine, stopped to visit his mom, and they had breakfast together.

Visiting with James and Gerrie Wooddell last week were Joyce and Garland Honeycutt, Gerrie's sister and her husband. They will be moving here very soon. They are working and doing a few things to the house they bought here in Loraine which is the former home of Ray and Iris Preston.

We will welcome new residents for sure, and Gerrie will love hav-

ing her sister here.

J.A. and Y., Mike and Heather Sadler and Hadley went to Sweetwater to visit and celebrate Y's and daughter-in-law Pat's birthday.

Also, Dick Colson from Dripping Springs was there. The family members had a nice day and enjoyed the birthday fun. Happy belated birthday to both birthday girls.

Also visiting the Senior Center last week were Lilia and Richard Ocuna from Odessa. Lilia is the sister of Jo Olgin. Elaine and Rex Johnson from Mesa, Oklahoma, also visited.

Monday was Joke Day at the Center. Here is one joke:

Milly the skunk told her two young ones named In and Out that they could go out and play for 30 minutes. When the time was up, In came in, but she

thought he was Out. And while they weren't looking, Out came in.

Mama skunk turned to him and said, "Out, go look for your brother."

"But Mama," he said. "I'm In."

"You can't fool me," she said. "And, you don't smell well."

He said, "Mama, I smell just as good as my cousin and brother, Over and Out."

Billie McPeters is grateful to everyone at the center and around town that said so many nice things about him.

My traveling sister-in-law, Dottie Vaughn, called me Saturday complaining that she had to cancel a trip to New York with two other ladies because of dental problems and visits to her "wonderful" dentist.

She asked if we had a dentist here in Loraine and if we ever

had one. Of course, I had to tell her no, we don't have one at this time, but back in 1901 we had a dentist come here. He did work for a short while and also put on a medicine show in his spare time. He was Dr. W. H. Henthorne, who was part Indian.

He was so happy to be here for a short while, and in 1905, he came back to live and put out his shingle.

I'm sure we had other dentists later, but I have no knowledge of them. Perhaps someone might. Let me know for sure.

Charles Bowen writes that he and his son, Buddy, had a good time in the mountains, but the streams were running so slow that the fishing wasn't very good.

Charles caught three fish and Buddy caught two. It rained Thursday and Friday there in New Mexico. During the week before, there were two nights with frost.

Lorraine to host cook-off Labor Day weekend

Residents of Loraine will host the 1st Annual Barbeque Grill Cook-Off and Swap Meet on Labor Day weekend, September 5, 6, and 7.

Everyone is encouraged to come out, bring their barbeque grills, lawn chairs and mosquito spray and enjoy the fun. There

will be spots for setting up on Pacific Avenue, near Western Bank.

On Saturday, September 5, activities will kick off with the swap meet beginning at 8 a.m. A singing talent show will be held at 6 p.m. that evening. Sunday's activities will feature a horseshoe pitching contest from 9 a.m. to

noon, as well as bicycle races at 5 p.m. and a magic show at 6 p.m.

Activities will conclude on Monday with a parade and bike/motorcycle show beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 737-2293, 737-1028 or 325-436-7167.

Fire ant prevention starts at home

(ARA) - Fire ants are very serious and territorial insects. They are not only a nuisance to your property; they can harm you, your children and your pets.

Being able to identify fire ants, where they live, treatments for prevention, working with your neighbors for season-long control, and what to do if you are stung are all very important elements to educate yourself and family in order to be fire ant-free.

Fire ants are small insects. They range in size from 1/16 to 1/5 of an inch long and are dark red and brown. A fire ant mound can be identified by its dome-shaped, soil-based structure that forms the upper most part of a fire ant colony. Their mounds can reach up to 12 inches or more in diameter and height and are usually found where water is nearby and the soil is damp.

Mounds are typically visible in yards as soil granules form a "mound" shape, but are small and often hidden in grasses, weeds, under rocks and other landscaping. Mounds can pop up almost anywhere, but common places to watch for them include: Lawns and ornamental planting areas, patios, sidewalks,

curbs, flower beds, compost piles, under trees and around electrical equipment.

There are two common approaches for effectively controlling fire ants -- broadcast treatments and mound treatments. For large yards and early season prevention, use a broadcast treatment, such as Over 'n Out Fire Ant Killer or AMDRO FireStrike to treat the entire yard. For smaller areas when visible mounds are present, use a mound treatment such as AMDRO Fire Ant Bait directly around individual mounds.

For the most comprehensive control, especially in the case of severe infestation, experts recommend a Two-Step Method using both broadcast and mound treatment. First use a broadcast spreader to treat your entire lawn. Then, treat particularly stubborn mounds you see with AMDRO Fire Ant Bait to eliminate fire ant activity in as little as one week.

The best way for homeowners to prevent fire ant infestations is to coordinate treatment with neighbors. A coordinated effort among neighbors maximizes the treated area, making it harder for fire ants to find a place to re-col-

nize.

Studies show that areas with diligent neighborhood fire ant control programs, where multiple homeowners treat their lawns at the same time with the same fire ant control product, can reduce the number of active mounds by as much as 96 percent.

Fire ants bite and then inflict painful stings, which cause small blisters or pustules on the skin, typically up to 24 to 48 hours later. If you, your child, or your pet is stung by fire ants, follow first aid guidelines and to seek medical attention immediately if there is any suspicion of an allergic reaction. Allergic reactions include severe swelling, shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea, headaches and sweating.

If blisters occur, make sure they are clean and avoid any action that might further irritate the area. Rinse the sting area with cold water and gentle soap to avoid infection and elevate the affected area of the body. You can use a cool compress or ice to reduce swelling and alleviate pain and itching.

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6' T-POST 133, \$4.65		BARBED WIRE, \$61.00
POWER TECH TRANSMISSION & HYDRAULIC FLUID, 5 GAL., \$48.00		
POWER TECH TRANSMISSION & HYDRAULIC FLUID, DRUM, \$447.75		
WRIGHT OIL DIESEL SUPREME, 15W40, \$8.95 GAL., 2 GALS. \$17.50		
ROYAL 876 GREASE \$2.25	ROYAL 760 GREASE \$2.00	
DIESEL GUARD, \$3.10 QUART		
HYDROSTATIC FLUID, \$9.00 for 2 Gallons		
PIED-PIPER DOG FOOD, 50 lbs. \$16.00		
DIESEL SUPREME 15W40, \$18.95 gal.		
MOTOR OILS 5W20, 10w30, \$2.25 quart		

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-5; SATURDAY 8-Noon