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Weather to
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Filing open for elections

Several positions on both school boards and city councils are up this year in Loraine and Colorado City.

The filing period to get on the ballot for the May 9 elections begins February 7 until March 13. Interested candidates for city council positions should file at the city hall in both Loraine and Colorado City. For school board positions in Loraine, filing will take place at the administration building; and in Colorado City at the business office on 1132 Hickory. Write in candidates have a week longer filing period, until March 16.

Early voting will begin April 27 and end on May 5th at city hall for council positions and at the business office for school board in Colorado City and the administration office in Loraine for school board positions. Early voting dates for the two mandatory 12 hour days have not yet been set in Loraine. Early voting in Colorado City on April 27 and May 5 will extend from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Elections will be held on May 9 at the senior citizens building in Loraine and at the Mitchell County Courthouse on 349 Oak Street in Colorado City.

The deadline to register to vote is April 9.

In Loraine, two year terms are up for two council members council members Susan

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Local man set for life

AUSTIN—While visiting the local B&B One Stop, 540 N. Interstate 20, George Young of Colorado City saw a Texas Lottery scratch-off ticket sitting on its own. He decided to purchase the ticket, assuming it had been rejected by another player.

Young recalled thinking, "If someone doesn't want that ticket, it might be lucky."

He asked the clerk, Chonita Gonzalez about it, but she revealed that the Set for Life ticket was simply separated from the pack accidentally during a routine inventory count. Luckily for Young, he had already made up his mind to purchase the ticket. On the way back to town, Young began to scratch the ticket with his thumb and revealed a "LIFE"

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



CAROL SUE DAKAN is presented with the 2008 Citizen of the Year Award by former recipient Kitten Arthur. Dakan received more nominations than any previous winner.

Citizens honored

Dakan, Anderson family honored at Chamber Banquet

Approximately 175 Colorado City businessmen, civic leaders and other dignitaries attended the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet last Saturday evening.

The program included generous portions of steak and chicken prepared by the Kiwanis Club and served by Colorado Middle School students.

Carol Sue Dakan was honored as the 2008 Citizen of the Year, receiving more nominations from the community than any previous nominee.

In addition to serving the community through Christmas in Action, Housing Standard Board, First United Methodist Church, KCCB, and as a member of the city council, Dakan is committed to making Colorado City a beautiful place to live and spends countless hours driving patients to medical appointments out of town, as well as

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MIKE SCHWEIKHARD PRESENTS Fay Ellis with the TMCN award.

Hospital board gets report on VFL transition

The Mitchell County Hospital District's Board of Directors received a report on the transition of Valley Fair Lodge to WCG Resource Management during their regular meeting Tuesday evening.

According to hospital CEO Karl Stinson, the management team officially took over operations at Valley Fair Lodge on January 16.

Lodge director Marsha Rickard said this of the transition, "The transition has gone well. Things went real, real smooth, and morale (of employees) is excellent. We're all very, very pleased."

So far, there have been five consultants from the management group visit the facility. After some employee reassignment, only one part-time position was eliminated.

"It's been very nice having this support group who are very knowledgeable on long-term care," Rickard said.

The district is currently constructing a kitchen in the nursing home, so that the facility can cook its own food instead of having

See **HOSPITAL**, Page 12

On the flight homeward

Thousands lined the road way from the airport to downtown Midland to welcome President Bush back to Texas last week.

"It was a great outpouring of appreciation and warmth to someone who spent eight years doing a job that had to be done," said Congressman Mike Conaway, who accompanied the president to Midland. "He certainly did it well."

Nearly 30,000 people turned out to welcome the president home, including "a zillion W signs," said Conaway. "Coming into Midland, the 747 buzzed the town. People said it was the highlight of coming downtown."

Filled with dignitaries and supporters from not only his tenure as president, but his governor and Yale days, the atmosphere on the plane "was electric," said Conaway. "It

See **BUSH**, Page 5

No rain leads to more fires



DRY CONDITIONS AND high winds hampered firefighters as they worked to control a house fire late Friday afternoon. (Photo courtesy of Jesse Hernandez)

All three volunteer fire departments in Mitchell County responded to a large grass fire along the railroad tracks near mile marker 206 in Westbrook Friday afternoon.

Westbrook Fire Chief Brandon Hale said the call came in at 3:15 p.m. Dry conditions, high winds and brushy pastures hampered firefighters in their efforts to divert the fire around a nearby residence belonging to Marvin Cain.

"It was hard to get to," said Hale. "The area was real brushy. A lot of the fire we had to wait for it to get to us after it got past the

house." Sometimes the flames were within 10-15 feet of the fire trucks.

A call was issued for assistance to the Colorado City fire department and soon afterwards the Loraine fire department was called as well to help combat the flames and protect several buildings in the area that were in the fire path. West winds fueled the fire according to Colorado City assistant fire chief Tom Carlock.

Although the house was saved, several of the out buildings were destroyed or damaged in the fire.

Assisting the three local fire See **FIRES**, Page 5



A GRASS FIRE along the railroad tracks near mile marker 206 threatened a residence and several outbuildings last Friday. (Photo courtesy of Erika Cloutier)

Around Town

Happy birthday Jonathon Miles (Jan. 31)... Happy birthday Vicente Nava (Jan. 29)... CCVFD would like to congratulate its two newest members, **Richard Maxwell** and **Kregg McKenney**... **Karen Johns** works a concession stand...

Answerline

Q: Is it against a city ordinance in Loraine to construct an RV park inside the city limits?
A: No, it is not against city ordinance to construct an RV park. The city does have an ordinance regarding RV parks, and a building permit is required.

Obituaries

Jimmy Grimes, Snyder

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Bring child's immunization records to clinic. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

Baseball Board

The Texas Teenage League baseball league has space available for seven board members. The board will meet Mon., Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room. Anyone interested is

Briefs

welcome.

Mural Viewing

A mural, depicting Armistice Day in the 1940's, is on display at the Colorado City Civic Center. The mural which was painted by Leola Anderson may be viewed during regular business hours.

BBQ Dinners

The House of Hope Community Church, 200 W. 17th St., will sell barbeque plates with all the trimmings and have a bake sale Sat., Jan. 31 beginning at 11 a.m. Call 728-5900 for delivery.

Super Bowl Party

All 7th through 12th graders are welcome to attend the annual Super Bowl Bash Sun., Feb. 1. Meet at Wolf Stadium at 3:30 p.m. to play football, then go to the First Baptist Church gym at 5 p.m. to watch the big game on the big screen. This free event is sponsored by First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church.

Council Meeting

The City Council meeting for the City of Colorado City has been rescheduled to Thurs., Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Thought of the Week

*The more you chase money,
the harder it is to catch it.*
Mike Tatum

Lake Levels

(as of January 27, 2009)

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LOCAL NEWS



ICY ROAD CONDITIONS caused this rollover on Highway 208 north of Colorado City Tuesday. Brit-tany and Brook Cannon of Westbrook were treated at the site and released. The accident was the 12th since Monday evening, according to Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

New officers installed at KCCB

Keep Colorado City Beautiful held its annual meeting, complete with cornbread and stew, last Thursday at the First United Methodist Church.

New officers for 2009 were approved: Bob Reily, president; Martha Holstine, vice president; Shirley Delaney, secretary; and

Diane McKenney, treasurer.

Marge Kolman will continue to serve as chairman of the Adopt-a-Lot program and Carol Sue Dakan is chairman of Special Projects.

Twenty-five people attended the meeting, including several new prospects.

Reily said the club plans to "hold off on the recycling project for the time being."

KCCB is planning the first bonfire of the year to coincide with the full moon in March.

The club continues to wait for the go-ahead from TxDOT re-

See KCCB, Page 6

Low water crossing finished

The low water crossing to replace the bridge on CR 337 is finally complete according to County Commissioner Jesse Muñoz.

"They put down acceptable materials on it. It's a good low water crossing," said Muñoz. "We haven't had any hard rain. The water going through it right now doesn't disturb it."

Local farmers were already utilizing the crossing before repairs were complete. "There's very little modern day farm equipment that would fit through the narrow bridge," he said.

The crossing replaces the See CROSSING, Page 5

OBITUARIES

Jimmy Lynn Grimes 1949-2009

SNYDER — Jimmy Lynn Grimes, age 59, passed away January 11, 2009, in Snyder. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 13, at 2 p.m. in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Steve Highfield, associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Mr. Grimes was born August 25, 1949, in Seminole. He married Shirley Childers on June 14, 1990 in Colorado City. He worked as a truck driver in the trucking business. He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Grimes and one brother, Bill Grimes.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Grimes of Snyder; two daughters, Patricia Brown of Snyder and Lori Fowler of Theodore, Alabama; three sons, Terry, Bobby and Tony Grimes, all of Snyder; his mother, Dorothy Grimes of Snyder; two brothers, Jerry Grimes of Snyder and Ricky Grimes of Sweetwater; the mother of his children, Helen Grimes of Snyder; six grandchildren, Sydney Grimes, Steven Grimes, Samantha Pena, Zackery Ball, Raleigh Fowler, Morgan Fowler and several nieces and nephews.



Convalescing easier on swing ward

By Lindsay Paris

Have you or anyone you know ever struggled to get back to normal after suffering a serious illness or injury? Mitchell County Hospital District offers a program that perhaps many are unfamiliar with. Maybe you've heard of a program called Swing Bed. No, it does not entail beds that move in a swinging motion, which is the thought that first comes to mind for many people.

The real reason that the program is called 'Swing Bed' is because it helps patients transition, or swing from the hospital to a home setting. The district's Swing Bed Program is intended for hospital patients who are recovering from an illness, injury or surgery, and need more time, care and support to regain health and independence before returning home.

"The program offers a reliable and caring place for those needing less acute care than a hospital stay would provide," said the District's Chief Nursing Officer and Swing Bed Coordinator Donna Goebel, R.N. "It bridges the gap between hospital and home."

The district's Swing Bed Unit is specifically designed for patients recovering from infirmities such as stroke, brain injury, trauma, amputation, hip fracture, arthritis, surgery, cardiac failure, cancer and more. Swing Bed patients do not require the daily supervision of a physician, but do have the need for skilled nursing and/or rehabilitation services daily to sustain health status. The program can help

patients return to a productive lifestyle, protect themselves from re-injury and perform routine activities with more ease.

Margaret Conaway, a recent Mitchell County Hospital Swing Bed patient, described her experience with the program. "It was exactly what I needed to get myself back to normal. I had lost mobility in my leg, and could receive the therapy I needed while still being monitored in the hospital."

The needs of each patient are considered on a case-by-case basis, and individualized treatment plans are developed to meet the unique requirements of each patient. The interdisciplinary team

of professionals that work with swing bed patients holds weekly conferences to discuss each patient's progress and to assure that goals are being met.

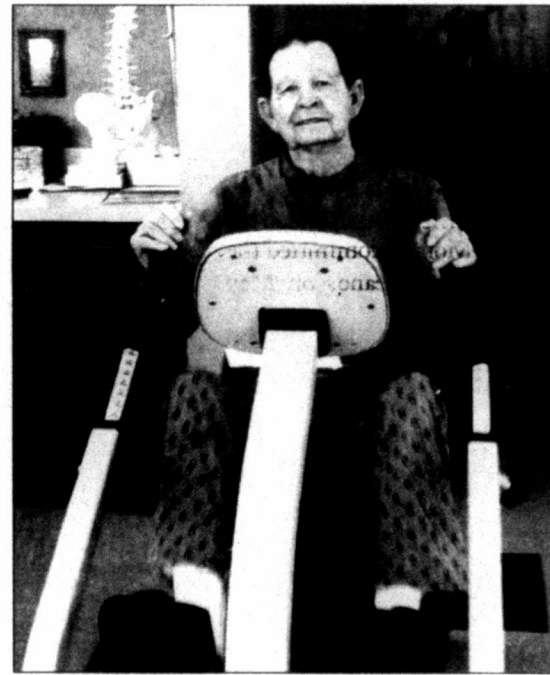
"The nurses check on me often, but I have more freedom than a regular hospital stay," said Henry Burton, also a patient in the hospital's Swing Bed Program. "I can get up and walk around,

and the freedom is helping me get stronger."

The team of professionals includes physicians, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, activity coordinators, respiratory therapists, social workers and dietitians.

"Everyone was very helpful and attentive," said Conaway. The professionals also assist patients and family members in making discharge plans and help ensure that the necessary support system is in place for the patient's return home.

Certain criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for admission. See WARD, Page 6.



HENRY BURTON WORKS out on a physical therapy bike in the hospital's swing bed ward. (Photo courtesy of Mitchell County Hospital)

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LOCAL NEWS

Artist takes on hospital website

By Toni Everett and Lindsay Paris

How do you maintain 105 hospital computers, the hospital network, and the hospital district website? It can't be easy, but Lulu Boyd gets the job done through hours of hard work with a smile on her face. Her handiwork can be seen at the Mitchell County Hospital District website: www.mitchellcountyhospital.com.

Boyd has the difficult task of maintaining lines of communication for employees through the hospital computer system. She has been a hospital district employee for 18 years, beginning

her hospital career as an LVN, later working in the pharmacy, where she obtained her RPhT (registered pharmacy technician) certification. She modestly says, "I am really no different than a lot of employees here who have worn several different hats. That's the way it is in a small facility."

Boyd took night classes to attain her Associates in Computer Science Degree. "I have to smile when someone asks about the stress level in my job. It is anything but boring, and everyday presents a new challenge," said Boyd.

She recently presented an innovative idea to the Mitchell County Hospital Board that allowed the hospital district to purchase a new phone system. She figured that by installing the new system and cutting several unnecessary lines, the district could save \$800 a month and have a state-of-the-art phone system. At the end of five years, the hospital district will accrue a savings of \$9,600 according to Boyd. The board said yes to her proposal and the new system is in place and working great.

Boyd and her husband, Jug, have four children and nine grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family, playing with the farm animals, and riding horses. She is gifted in pottery design and photography. Her photographs are displayed in the hospital and on the hospital website.



MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL employee Lulu Boyd wears many different hats as she serves the community through both her artistic skills and her business acumen. (Photo courtesy of Mitchell County Hospital)

Loraine wind park agreement approved

The county commissioners approved an agreement with the Loraine Wind Park Project for use of county roads during a called meeting Monday.

The agreement specifies responsibilities and obligations for use of County Roads 456, 464, 462, 460, 468, 424, 448, 450, 438, 440, 442, 446, 412, 406, and 404 in Commissioner Bill Preston's district.

The commissioners also approved the 2009 court term

beginning with the January term from January 5 - February 2; the March term from March 2 - May 2; the May term from May 4 - July 4; the July term from July 5 - September 5; the September term from September 7 - October 31; and the November term from November 2 - January 2.

Former commissioner Larry Johnson was appointed as the Veteran Service Officer for Mitchell County. Johnson, a vet-

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Court clears six cases

Two cases involving alcohol and four involving drugs were handled in the 32 Judicial District Court last Thursday, under presiding judge Glen Harrison.

Hugo Morales entered a plea of true to allegations of driving while intoxicated in an application to revoke probation. He was sentenced to six months confinement in the Mitchell County Jail, fined \$1,200, \$416 in court costs and \$500 in attorneys fee. His driver's license was suspended for one year. Morales committed the Class A Misdemeanor on May 29, 2007.

Thirty-year-old Steven D'Wayne Rich was sentenced to 5 years confinement in TDCJ institutional division after entering a plea of true to allegations of possession of a controlled substance by fraud in an application to revoke probation. Rich committed the second degree felony on February 17, 2005. He also was fined \$1,000, \$5,177 restitution, \$288 in court costs and \$900 in attorney fees.

For driving while intoxicated on July 3, 2008, Stacey Bryan Tarter entered a plea of true to the Class A Misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 135 days confinement in the Mitchell County Jail, fined \$1,000, \$416 in court

costs and suspension of his driver's license for one year.

Joseph Lee Jackson pled true to allegations of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams. The third degree felony was committed on April 2, 2008. He was sentenced to 4 years confinement in the TDCJ institutional division; as well as fined \$2,000; \$140 restitution to the DPS Crime Lab; \$355 in court costs and \$1,000 in attorney fees.

Austin Wayne Shipley pled true to possession of a controlled substance, namely cocaine, in an amount of less than one gram, which is a state felony. Shipley received 15 months confinement in TDCJ state jail for the felony, committed on December 5, 2006. He was fined \$800; \$140 restitution to the DPS Crime Lab; \$301 for court costs and \$900 in attorney fees.

Dario Dominguez pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, cocaine and was sentenced to two years in the TDCJ state jail division, probated two years. He was also fined \$400; \$140 restitution to DPS Crime Lab; \$288 in court costs and \$500 in attorney fees.

Library continues in Annex

The Mitchell County Public Library is now asbestos free, but it will still be a few weeks before the doors are open to the public.

"We're starting to lay the carpet," said Librarian Brigada Hiser, "but it will still be several more weeks. With over 30,000 items in circulation, it will take a while to get everything back in order."

Meanwhile, readers can still check out books at the library's temporary location at the courthouse annex on Oak Street.

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For more information, please call on Terry Munoz, R.N., Case Manager at MCHD for a brochure.

Mitchell County Hospital District

* Please see MCHD for details

Thank You!

To all the citizens, my friends and the wonderful people of Colorado City that nominated me for Citizen of the Year, I truly thank you! The congratulations and phone calls are so appreciated. The help you have provided, your support for me as a city council member, and the blessing from the Lord, will always lead me. Again, thank you for all you did.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

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Some T&P Railroad trivia

During the past year, I've been working on a video documentary about the Texas and Pacific Railway. The Heritage Museum in Big Spring will have a T&P exhibit in March and the video will be shown as part of that. I've run across some fun stuff: Gene Autry was a telegraph operator at Tio-ga, Texas, for one of the small lines running into the T&P. The town of Allamore in far west Texas is named for a T&P telegraph operator, Alla Moore. Some say the T&P stood for Time and Patience.

Jay Gould, the owner of the T&P in the 1880's, instructed his cook, Aunt Kate, to make some French-fried potatoes. He kept sending them back, telling her they were not up to his standards. So Aunt Kate took a straight razor and shaved a potato into tissue-thin slices and put them in a kettle of boiling grease. The result was the first potato chip. Jay Gould once gave his manager in Dallas a car. But the thing caused so much consternation among horses and people he seldom drove it.

A runaway train at Baird caused a three-locomotive collision in 1947. A group of Chinese men working on the railroad died in a train accident near Odessa and were buried in a mass grave. The spot is known as Chinamen's Grave.

The railroad agent at Gordon wore a pistol in the early days of the railroad because train robberies were so common.

Between Marshall and Hallsville there is an area of small hills. In the early days of the railroad, the area was known as The Alps. Low-powered trains sometimes lost cars that would roll down the hills. The engineer was known to sing "Nearer My God to Thee."

East of Colorado City a huge buffalo was blocking the tracks. It bowed its head like it was going to attack the steam engine. The engineer didn't want to get his locomotive scratched, so he let loose with a loud hiss of steam and the buffalo sauntered off the tracks.

In Pecos, cowboys made a roadmaster dance by shooting bullets at his feet. All along the railroad, in its early years, cowboys shot out lights in train stations. Later, the lights were turned off at night. One paymaster was scared because he had heard that a Texan had to kill a man before breakfast in order to enjoy his food.

In early days, railroad ties were not secured in the dirt and someone said you could grow a crop of corn in the floor of the coach.

One little place 10 miles west of Kent is known as Boracho, probably a misspelling of the word borracho, which means drunk in Spanish. It got its name during the construction of the railroad. The crew of the T&P, building west, was beating the competing Southern Pacific, building east. It was a race to see who could reach El Paso first. The SP crew donated several wagonloads of whiskey to their rivals and took the lead while the T&P crew was sleeping off the effects of the three-day drunk.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Vistas stretch the human experience

By Monte Wilke

A vista is a panorama whereby the eyes take in a sight that the feet cannot travel to, at least not right then. I enjoy the vista from the cap coming down into Post. I was thrilled once when we were traveling the forests of the Sierras, when an opening came in the trees, and we were able to see the Pacific Ocean miles away and below. The view from towers, like those in San Antonio or Seattle are breathtaking.

We need those breath-taking moments in our lives to help us realize how valuable sight and insight are. Men have also stood on earth and looked up at the moon and stars, and finally figured out ways for the feet to follow. Miles-per-

sight are very expressive and inexpensive.

A vista for the mind might be called a dream, a goal, a vision, an idea, curiosity, imagination, or a dozen other names. A vista takes you places by sight or thought that you cannot physically visit. It opens new possibilities and wonderments.

We need to enlarge our minds, see mental images of things we have ignored, people we have overlooked, ideas that seem so far-fetched as to be impossible to achieve. A person with this kind of exploring mind might be called a visionary, but after a while all of us are blessed with the benefits of their discoveries, like electricity, cars, planes and phones.

But a vista for the heart is a new set of

terms, like faith, praise, worship, heaven, hell and salvation. By the heart, by faith, we are able to see the goodness and greatness of God, catch a "glimpse" of His mercy, and when we do, then after awhile our feet (reason, commitment or understanding) can go, too.

We need the vista of the heart to open up the possibilities of God's panorama of love, big enough for everyone and intimate enough for anyone. We may not comprehend all that God is or does (or the things He leaves out or allows), but we can see them afar and know that they are there.

Open your eyes, mind and heart for bigger things, a broad view, a brand new experience.

Take care of your heart on Valentine's Day

(ARA) - This February, you'll likely see hearts everywhere, in the form of candy, cards and decorations. Let them be a reminder to take care of your heart health with your loved one. Along with high blood pressure and obesity, unhealthy cholesterol levels are a major risk factor for heart disease. Making simple lifestyle changes with your loved one can help you both achieve healthy cholesterol levels that can cut your risk for heart disease.

To gauge your heart disease risk,

learn your cholesterol levels by having them checked by your doctor, including LDL, or "bad" cholesterol, HDL, or "good" cholesterol and triglycerides -- all independent risk factors for heart disease. The risk of developing heart disease doubles when triglyceride levels are above 200. When triglycerides are above 200 and HDL cholesterol is below 40, a person is at four times the risk.

Here are some "heart healthy" ways to spend time with your loved one this Valentine's Day:

* Cook a delicious heart healthy meal to show you care. Visit www.LearnYourLipids.com to find tasty recipes that will impress your sweetie.

* Grab your "sole mate" and head out for a walk. A study by the American Heart Association showed that people are 76 percent more likely to stick with a walking program if they have someone to walk with. Daily exercise helps lower bad cholesterol and raise good cholesterol.

* Instead of chocolate, give a healthy and delicious gift like a fruit basket.

Locals encourage wildfire prevention

Extremely dry conditions are prompting many local cities to re-issue detailed burn ban notices; while recent fires resulted in Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo and Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum issuing an emergency burn ban last Friday.

Kregg and Diana McKenney passed along some specific burn safety ideas from a burn ban noticed published by the Sterling County commissioners.

* Prior to beginning a burn, notify the sheriff's office on each day for each occurrence; identifying the area to be burned by address, location of county road or state highway and the name of the person requesting the burn.

* A water sprayer apparatus or water containers and other fire fighting tools must be available on site.

* Fire guards are to be used whenever possible.

* Wind speeds must not exceed 15 MPH.

* The humidity index must be 20% or higher as determined by the Texas Forest Service.

* A cellular telephone or other reliable

radio communication must be available on site for emergency notification and response.

Restriction of outdoor burning did not prohibit burns related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: firefighting training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations, planting or harvesting of agricultural crops, burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code.

Outdoor welding or cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 MPH or less.

All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a 50 foot radius surround the area where the activity is to take place and before any welding, cutting or grinding begins.

A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand prior to activity and remain until the activity is completed.

Burning of household trash shall take place when wind speed is 15 MPH or less.

All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a 50 foot radius surround the area where the activity is to take place and before any welding, cutting or grinding begins.

The burning takes place in a container with a mesh cover and a spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any burning begins and remains on hand until the burning is completed.

Outdoor cooking shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 MPH or less.

All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a 50 foot radius surround the area where the activity is to take place and before any welding, cutting or grinding begins.

A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand prior to outdoor cooking and remain until the cooking is completed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I wrote a letter several months ago commenting on the kindness a dear friend of my father had displayed out of kindness (in which I have been told several times was very well written).

Now I read a touching and well written letter by a fellow Colorado High

alumni about a beloved brother whom had just passed. There is something tying us together; the teaching skills of a beloved and well-understanding teacher, Mr. Ronny Conner who was injured in an accident recently. This teacher taught us how to love words and how to write as well as we do.

My plea is to everyone in Colorado

City and elsewhere to pray for his recovery. He is struggling and as a community we can pull together and lift him and his family up in prayer. So please remember the contributions this fine man has given to us.

Thank you and God bless.
Greg Chapman

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Pam Walker, Weldon Walker to City Bank Texas, Dwight I Overton Exec Vice-Pres, Modification of DT.

Roscoe State Bank, Ron Stovall Exec VP to Elsa Freeman, Release of Lien.

Cog Oil & Gas LP, Matthew G. Hyde Vice-Pres, T. Verne Dwyer, Cog Operating LLC Gen Ptnr to Anne M. Ellwood Mineral Trust, Sheila Ellwood Skaggs, Gale Ellwood Blundell, Partial Release.

Cog Oil & Gas LP, Matthew G. Hyde Vice-Pres, T. Verne Dwyer, Cog Operating LLC Gen Ptnr to Brooks Beresford Ellwood, Partial Release.

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RBP Land Company, Robert B. Porter Jr. President to Soma Oil & Gas LLC, Assignment.

Kenneth Ray Green to Jimmy H. Smith Deceased, Jimmy Harold Smith Deceased aka, Jason Smith Deceased aka, Public Affidavit Heirship.

Verna May Green, Ethel May Green aka, Lasonya Green to Kenneth Ray Green, Gift Deed.

Patrick Toombs Sheriff, Mitchell County, George R. Heard, Holly Heard, Lone Wolf Groundwater District, City of Colorado City to Ricardo Hernandez, Elsa Gonzalez, Sheriff's Deed.

Mitchell County, Ray Mayo County Judge, Lone Wolf Ground Water District, Sue Young Mgr Board of directors, City of Colorado City, Jim Baum Mayor, Colorado ISD, Charles Walker Pres Board of Ties to Eric Molina, Tax Deed.

Harold Phenix, Lily Phenix Atty-in-Fact, John R. Phenix to Mitchell County, Warranty Deed.

Lily Phenix Affiant to Vance Phenix Deceased, Public Affidavit Heirship.

Dexter Taylor to Dexter Pilot Car, Assumed Name.

Robert J. Hoback, Cherry Hoback to Brandon J. Hoback, Bill of Sale.

Veterans Land Board, State of Texas, Paul E. Moore Exec Sec to Roy Varner Allen, Deed.

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FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Joe A. Garza, 1-21-09, Theft >=\$5-\$500.

Jeremiah Andrew Jackson, 1-22-09, Driving While Intoxicated.

Albert Lee Luera, 1-22-09, Driving While Intoxicated.

ARRESTS

Joe Limones Barrera, 46, CCPD, DWLI, FMFR, Fail to ID, 1-21-09.

Joseph Jackson, 21, MCSO, App to Revoke, Poss of Cont. Sub., 1-21-09.

Dario Dominguez, 57, MCSO, Poss of Cont Sub, FTA, 1-22-09.

Jessica Constancio Guevarra, 39, CCPD, City Wrnts x3, 1-24-09.

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LOCAL NEWS



The 2008 AG FAMILY Award went to Kim and Randy Anderson. Presenting the award were Melinda and Mike Alexander.

BANQUET

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picking up trash and taking it to the dump for those who are unable to do so; raking, mowing, edging and picking up trash around town; and organizing bonfires to save space in the landfill.

"To be recognized by my peers and have my family here with me, it doesn't get much better than this," said Dakan.

The Agricultural Farm Family Award was presented to Randy and Kim Anderson by last year's recipients Mike and Melinda Alexander. Cheryl de Cordova, representing Congressman Drew Darby, presented the Andersons with a certificate of recognition for their achievement.

Anderson is a former secretary of the Mitchell County Farm Bureau. He has been president of the Wolves Booster Club and involved in Optimist league football and basketball as a coach, official and board member. Anderson began serving as county commissioner in 2007.

His wife is a licensed vocational nurse and is currently Homebound Service Coordinator for CISD. She recently passed the state exam to become a licensed professional counselor.

The Andersons are active in the ministry of First United Methodist Church and continue the farming legacy passed down by Anderson's parents who were awarded the first Ag Family award in 1963.

"We want to thank the community for being a good place to live and a great place to raise a family," said Anderson.

The Colorado City Chamber of Commerce received a special recognition award from Mike Schweikhard of the Texas Midwest Community Network for being one of 16 chamber of commerce groups participating in a unique health program.

The co-op health program, in conjunction with Hendricks, provides insurance to member businesses for their employees. "It's the only program of its kind anywhere," said Sue Lowrance.

Guest speaker Rodney Cooper reminisced about his experiences as warden of the Wallace-Ware TDCJ unit and spoke of the challenges within the prison system.

"We feed 500,000 meals a day and use over 5 million eggs a month from incarcerated chickens," said Cooper, who explained TDCJ raises their own eggs.

Even using 525,000 loaves of bread a month, the Texas prison system manages to keep costs down to \$2 a day per offender per meal.

"The staff does a great job managing that large of a population," said Cooper.

One of the most difficult aspects of the job is carrying out executions. "We have a group of core staff at Wallace. They do a professional job," he said.

Conner said the Texas prison system has two executions scheduled for this week and three for the following week. "It's something you have to do in this job. We make sure these people get plenty of time with the chaplain before, up to the day and that whole day."

Another challenge centers around staffing issues. "When you're operating at 50%, it's hard to run a business," he said. Current prison figures show overall staffing numbers to be down from 4,000 employees short to 2,300 short. Cooper said the shortage is tied into the oil field.

Staffing shortages are also affected by hurricanes along the gulf which damaged prison hospitals necessitating prisoners be hospitalized in scattered places, each requiring two or more officers to guard them. "It makes a big dent in staff," Cooper said.

Contraband in the prison system is not new, Cooper explained. "We've always dealt with offenders trying to get contraband in. We work very hard to keep cell phones out."

It takes 1000 correctional officers to pat search all incoming employees in the prison system, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"These are things people don't think about, but which have a major impact on staffing," he said.

BUSH

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was spectacular. The president was in a good mood. It was like the weight of the world had lifted from his shoulders."

Conaway attended the inauguration for President Obama, then traveled with the former vice president to catch the flight from Andrews back to Midland.

"There were over 1000 people at Andrews to give the president a good send off," he said. One particular sign, reading 'a charge well kept' caught the congressman's eye.

"Bush kept a painting from a Midland friend hanging in his office entitled *A Charge to Keep*. That theme played a big role in the way he played the presidency. It was a great way to pat him on the back," said Conaway.

Conaway's friendship with the president goes back to the 1970s, when Conaway worked for a firm that did tax work for Bush's oil company. Later, the two went into business together for five years and finally ended up working in government together.

Conaway divided the last eight years into two different pieces. "During the first term, Bush was just a friend. I trusted his judgment and decision making process even when I didn't agree with his decisions," he said. "The last four we served in a co-equal branch of the legislature; first in the majority, where

we were responsible for governing and implementing laws and second, in the minority where he was our backstop. We knew that all things that weren't good for the country, he could stop them with his pen."

Conaway feels that history will view Bush's presidency in a good light. "It's yet to be played out. If Iraq becomes a responsible city in the community of nations, his presidency will be in the top two or three in U.S. history," Conaway said.

"Short of that happening, ultimately those who didn't live it will look at his presidency as

some of the most significant in our history," he said. "The president has stated publicly that he will write a book about the 10-12 toughest decisions. He wants to put in place data he was working with at the time he made those decisions. He wants future historians to have his views."

Conaway summed up the past eight years of his friendship with the top U.S. leader. "Knowing I had the phone number to get ahold of the president was very comforting. Now that I don't have it, you sense what you've lost."

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symbol. "I threw the ticket down and started looking for a place to pull over," he explained.

Unfortunately, there was a patrol car sitting at the first place he found, and Young was already flush with excitement.

"I wanted to stop and look, but I was afraid the police officer would think there was something wrong with me," joked Young.

Eventually Young was able to get a good look at his ticket, which showed a top prize of \$5,000 a week, not to exceed \$5 million.

Young's daughter and brother accompanied him as he claimed his prize in Austin, and family takes center stage in his plans for the prize money. He wanted to use the money toward education expenses for his five grandchildren.

Young did admit that he will purchase one item for himself, a new hat.

For selling the winning ticket, the B&B One Stop is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

FIRES

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departments were the DPS and Mitchell County Sheriff's office providing traffic control. County Commissioner Carl Guelker sent a water truck.

The cause of the fire was unknown, although Chief Hale suspected the fire's origin could have been caused by a passing train or someone on FM 670.

"We got it knocked down about 7 p.m.," he said, although Westbrook fire crews stayed until midnight for the final mop-up.

ping up and cleanup.

The Colorado City Fire Department was called out after getting the Westbrook fire under control to deal with a structure fire on Jefferson Street in Colorado City.

"Firemen who were on standby at the fire station took the two city pumpers to the fire and all Colorado City firemen, as well as Lorraine firemen left the Westbrook fire en route to the house fire in C-City," said Carlock.

The house, belonging to Col-

orado City fireman Joel White, sustained major burn, smoke and water damage. White also lost most of his possessions in the fire.

Fire officials believe burning grass and dry conditions were responsible for the fire.

A fund for White has been set up at the First National Bank and the Colorado City Fire Department will be hosting a barbeque benefit for White sometime next month, according to Carlock.

ELECTIONS

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Sanchez and Shirley Kendall, as well as Mayor Ina Vay McAdams.

Lorraine ISD board members whose three year terms are up this year are Ricky Bailey and David Alvarez.

Four council members are up for election in Colorado City. Two year terms will expire for Mayor Jim Baum, District 1 Councilman Sammy Contreras, District 2 Councilman Robert McNeal and District 5 Councilman Justin Harris.

Terms for Place 4 Elizabeth Hernandez and Place 6 Charles Walker of the Colorado ISD will also expire this year.

Westbrook will not be holding elections since none of the school board terms are expiring and city elections are held every even year.

CROSSING

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bridge which was closed in 2008 due to failing a state fracture critical inspection and is scheduled for replacement in 2010.

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After Feb. 13, all submitted photographs will become the property of the Colorado City Record.

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Buckalew descendants visit Round Top Café

Descendants of Bertie and Clyde Buckalew stopped at the Round Top Café for a trip down memory lane during a recent visit to Colorado City. The café has since been relocated to Hutchinson Elementary

School's Heritage Park.

Spokesperson for the group, Leslie Kupatt of Sagerton, said she remembers high school students packed into the Round Top Café everyday during their lunch time. She said the café

was managed by their aunt and uncle, Bertie and Clyde Buckalew.

Nephew Jeff Vaughn said he remembered that they made the best barbeque and potato salad.

Kupatt said most of the descendants grew up in Colorado City and frequently visited the café. She added that their son, Jeff Buckalew, along with his wife, Susan, just moved from Colorado City a few months ago.



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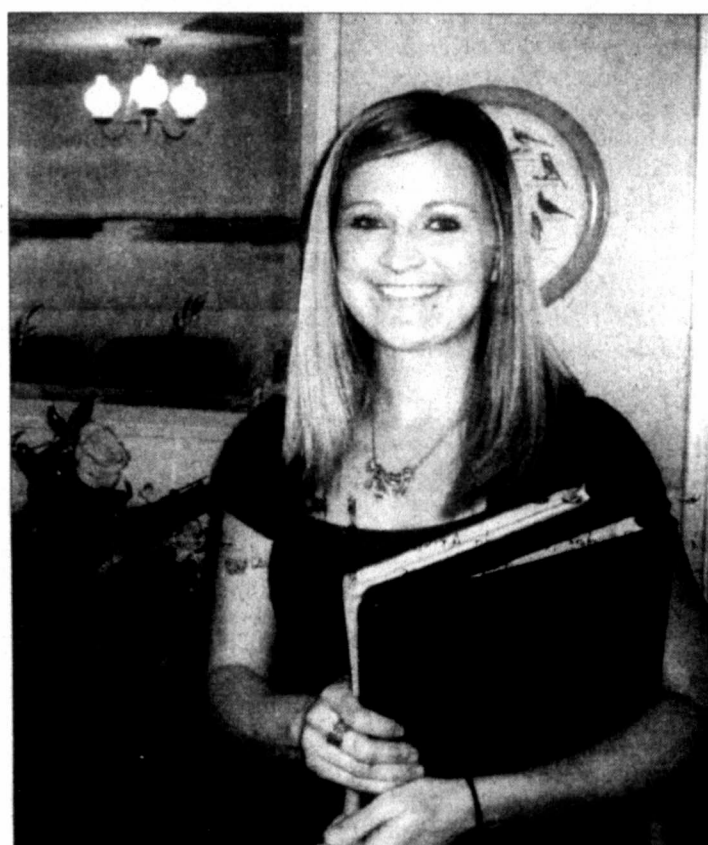
BIRTHS

Tracy and Donna Lentz announce the birth of a son, Jager Wayne Lentz at 3:46 p.m., January 19th at Rolling Plains Medical Hospital in Sweetwater. He weighed 6lb 11oz and was 19 inches long.

The paternal grandparents are William Roy Lentz of Colorado City, Glenda Faye Crumley of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Terry Lentz of Colorado City.

The maternal grandparents are Bobby Lee and Rhonda Kay Edmondson of Colorado City.

Jager Wayne was welcomed home by two brothers, Shawl Mikal and Dakota Lane Lentz and three sisters, McKenna Dawn, Dayziree Lashel and Liberty Xalynn Lentz.



VALLEY FAIR LODGE residents enjoyed Amie Wood, Heart of West Texas Museum Director, who provided a pictorial look back in time. Amie shared and encouraged new stories from residents who had memories related to some of the pictures.

KCCB

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garding the entrance signs which KCCB volunteered last year to maintain.

"Everything is in place, we're just waiting on state funding for TxDOT to install the signs," said Reily, who added that might be a year or two in coming.

The monthly Second Saturday Cleanup Day will be held the fourth Saturday in February in conjunction with the landfill's schedule. The next Cleanup Day will take place on the lower end of Austin Street.

WARD

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sion to the Swing Bed Program. An inpatient hospital stay in any acute care hospital, no shorter than three consecutive midnights is the first condition. Patients may enter the program up to 30 days after being discharged from the hospital. Patients must also show a documented need for services such as therapy or 24-hour skilled nursing services. A physician must consider the patient medically stable at the time of admittance to the program.

The potential to progress toward health and independence is required as well. Other factors are also considered when evaluating a patient for the Swing Bed Program, such as willingness to participate in the rehabilitation process, and willingness to participate in making established discharge plans.

Medicare Part A reimburses 100% of costs for up to 20 days in a swing bed program, as long as all of the criteria mentioned above are continually met. Coverage drops to 80% after the first 20 days. Some third party insurance plans will pay for a swing bed stay, with authorization from the company prior to admission.

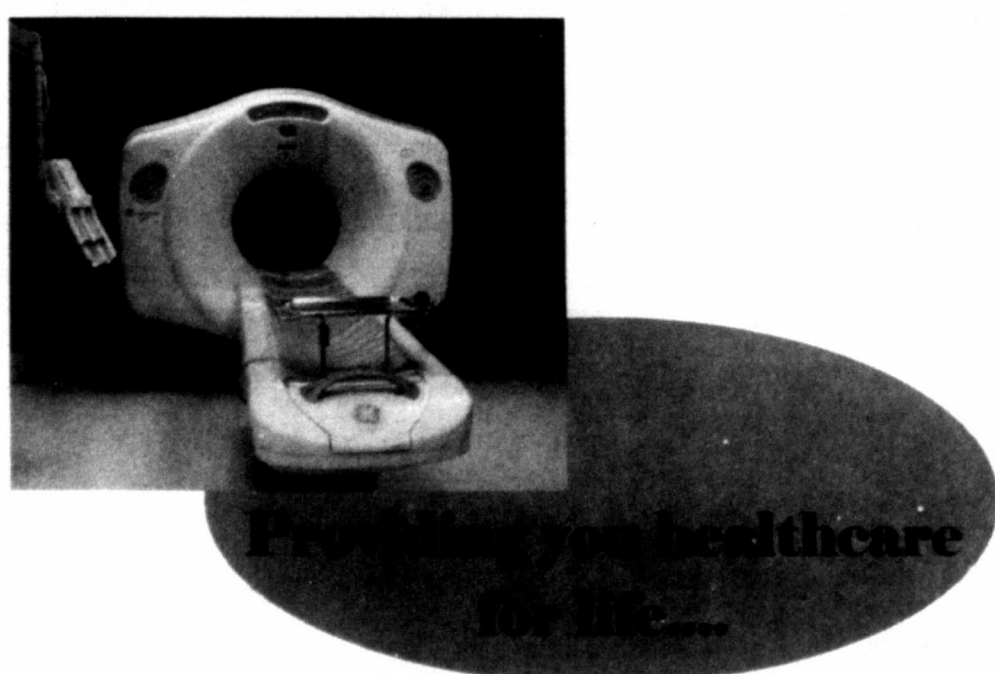
"Although Medicare will fully pay for the first 20 days in Swing Bed, an optimal stay lasts about 7 to 10 days," said Physical Therapy Department Manager Cliff Shiller, P.T.

"The goal of the Mitchell County Hospital District's Swing Bed Program is to provide comprehensive and effective skilled services to a diverse and complex patient population," said Goebel. "Our primary aim is to help the patient achieve the highest level of independence possible."

COUNTY

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eran, was the only applicant that met the requirements for the 20 hour a week part time position. Johnson will replace Shirley Stafford, who stepped down this month.



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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Tuesday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Wednesday - scrambled egg, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Thursday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, apple crisp, milk.
 Tuesday - beef and mac, glazed carrots, half slice bread, peaches, milk.
 Wednesday - turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, golden corn, milk.
 Thursday - nacho grande, refried beans, pears, milk.
 Friday - hamburger on a bun, pickle spears, cookie, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - pancakes, 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 egg & cheese burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - pizza, green beans, glazed carrots, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - corn dog, baked beans, potato salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - steak fingers, potatoes & gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Thursday - spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic toast, golden corn, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Friday - wolf burgers, lettuce cup, fries, cookie, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Feb. 2-6
 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, scrambled egg, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, biscuit & gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, potato & egg burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - spaghetti, meat sauce, golden corn, garlic toast, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Thursday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Friday - hamburger on a bun, fries, lettuce cup, cookie, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - French toast sticks, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Tuesday - oatmeal, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Wednesday - pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Thursday - egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Friday - donuts, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.
 Tuesday - stuffed baked potato, baby carrots with ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk.
 Wednesday - oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread sticks, fruit gelatin, milk.
 Thursday - nachos grande, lettuce, tomatoes, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.
 Friday - corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Tuesday - pizza, cereal, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday - cheese toast, cereal, hash browns, milk.
 Thursday - pancakes, syrup, cereal, fruit, milk.
 Friday - donut, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 2-6
 Monday - chicken fries, ketchup, salad, dressing, green beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday - sausage links, BBQ sauce, sliced potatoes, corn, hot rolls, pears, milk.
 Wednesday - meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread sticks, pineapple chunks, milk.
 Thursday - pizza sticks, dressing, celery sticks, pork n beans, apricot fluff, milk.
 Friday - hotdogs, chili, tater tots, ketchup, pickle spears, shape-up, milk.

Colorado High School honor roll is released

Colorado High School has announced their honor roll for the third six week period.

A Honor Roll
Ninth Grade: Tabbatha Angelo, Heather Berrera, Tucker French, Adriana Gomez, Marisela Hernandez, Kalea Hubbard, Matthew Jackson, Trey Kimball, Joanna Parsons, Miranda Reyna, K'Leigh Wallis.

Tenth Grade: Joseph Diaz, Erin Graham, Emily Hicks, Nick Reyna, Yarisia Roman Sanchez.

Eleventh Grade: Kyle Lemmons, Autumn Martin, Briana Ortiz, Laura Warren.

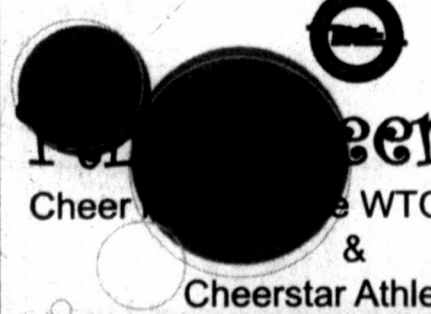
Twelfth Grade: Amber Campos, Tamara Lelek, Morgan Maddox, Diesha Smith, Clint White.

A/B Honor Roll
Ninth Grade: Kristi Barnett, Dylan Billingsley, Bethany Blassingame, Alyssa Bonner, Megan Bullard, Elizabeth Chancellor, Haley Cogburn, Ashli Cooper, David Davila, Derek Gainey, Taylor Harris, Jeffrey Hickson, Tara Higgins, Landon Johns, Kaley Molina, Daniel Rodriguez, Jason Rodriguez.

Tenth Grade: Amanda Arispe, Christina Arispe, Sarah Compos, Ashley Coronado, T.J. Emerson, Daniel Hammond, Danielle Harris, Michael Hernandez, Katherine Hickson, Ema Leanos, Laiza Lopez, Ava Macedo, Macall Maddox, Christopher Madrid, Kamron Martin, Tiffany Martinez, Andrew Munoz, Rebecca Perez, Courtney Sutton, Kirstie Taylor, Jaci Wulfjen.

Eleventh Grade: Jade Cannon, Julian Guevara, Jordan Hammond, Tyler Higgins, Melanie Jones, Ariel Martin, Macey Owens, Eder Ventura, Tanya Vera.

Twelfth Grade: Candace Aguilar, Mary Alaniz, Felicia Arellano, Emily Atkinson, Breanna Biggers, Hannah Chaney, Lance Espinoza, Corey Foster, Ryan Gainey, Manuel Garza, Cheyenne Guelker, Samantha Herrera, Christina Leanos, Stacy Little, Michael Mauldin, Nathan McCright, Corey Owens, Daniel Perez, Jay Pfeuffer, Ashton Raschke, Hopie Salinas, Sam Shrode, Matt Sowa, Chris Stewart, Iesha Taylor, Chris Vondra, Sam Williamson, Shawtavia Wright.



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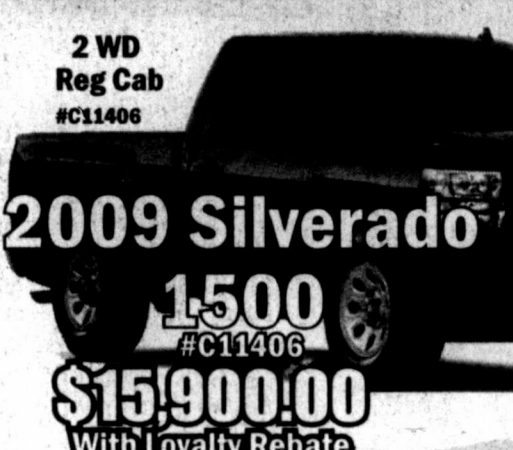
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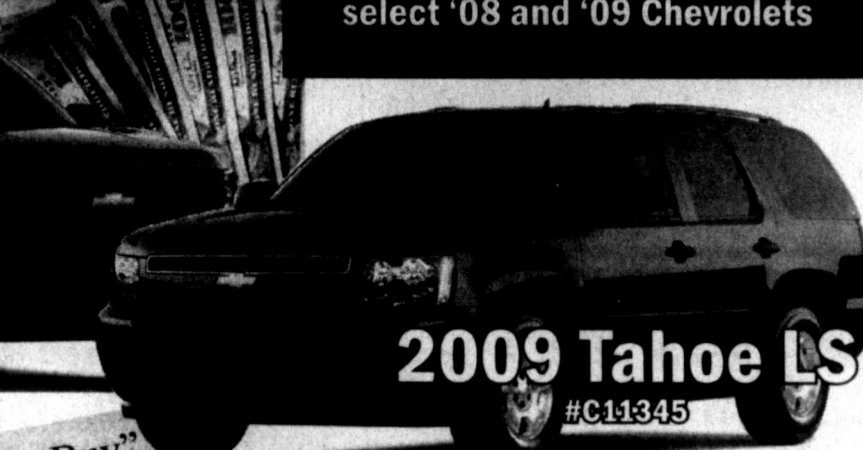


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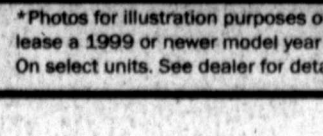
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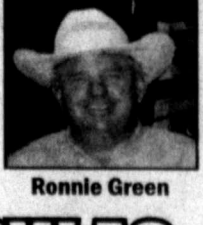
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SCHOOL NEWS



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY'S STUDENTS of the Week are: (l-r) Anthony Gutierrez, Chance Limones, Dylan Martinez, Javier Ventura, Kyler Wood and Lexi Mendoza.

Students of the week named at Hutchinson Elementary

Hutchinson Elementary has named six students as Students of the Week. They are Chance Limones, Anthony Gutierrez, Javier Ventura, Dylan Martinez, Lexi Mendoza and Kyler Wood.

Chance, son of Deanna Cantu, is a third grader in Mrs. Jones' class. He enjoys playing video games as a hobby, and writing is his

favorite subject. His favorite thing about Hutchinson is going to Wolf Mountain with his friends.

Anthony, a third grader in Mrs. Partin's class, is the son of Junior and Elisha Gutierrez. He likes to play basketball and spend time with his two dogs, Sassy and Bear. P.E. is his favorite subject, and his favorite thing about his

school is going to computers.

Javier, son of Rosa and Javier Ventura, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class. He enjoys playing football as a hobby, and he has a dog named Roxy. Math is his favorite subject, and the courtyard is his favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Dylan, a fourth grader in Mrs. Johns' class, is the son of Shau-na and Patrick Hernandez and Phillip and Christie Martinez. Playing soccer is his hobby, and his favorite subject is P.E. Dylan says, "all the teachers are nice" at Hutchinson.

Lexi, daughter of Jimbo and Monica Mendoza, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stovall's class. She enjoys playing basketball as a hobby, and math is her favorite subject. The TAKS strategy party is her favorite thing about her school.

Kyler, a fifth grader in Mrs. Stone's class, is the son of Jeremiah and Lisa Wood. Reading is his favorite subject, and he enjoys spending time with his dog, Doggie. P.E. is his favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

Hutchinson honor roll announced

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

A Honor Roll

Third grade: Ashlei Burrola, Zachary Casares, Chloe Castillo, Brayden Coronado, Sean Dolan, Kyria Emerson, Jady Griffith, Marcus Gutierrez, Alexus Haag, McKinna Komppa, Kel-sea Martinez, Ramzi Martinez, Sara Roach and Clancy White.

Fourth grade: M'Leah Alexander and Jennifer Roman.

Fifth grade: Nadia Davila, Madison DuCasse, Madie Gutierrez, Keifer Holman, Brittany Muñoz, Cameron Oakley, Marissa Parras, Brennan Ross and Ethan Smith.

AB Honor Roll

Third grade: Brandon Adkins,

Josh Bailey, Damon Bell, Quilton Cook, Camperon Davidson, Demetrio Davila, Hope Eime, Taylor Epperson, Anthony Gutierrez, Nic Harris, Erick Hernandez, Miriam Hernandez, Anessa Hulme, Kenzie Juarez, Kaitlyn Kimball, Moises Leanos, Paxton McClintock, Daniel Meguire, Railee Moore, Jordan Morgan, Kaci Phariss, Tamren Pierce, Brady Polich, Dylan Rasberry, Red Rich, Sierra Santana, Seth Scales, Gavino Silva, Austin Sosa, Bradon Upshaw, Joseangel Vargas, Brandon Webster, Deanna Wooddell and Misty Zimmerlee.

Fourth grade:

Susan Airheart, Ana Arispe, Jennifer Bueno, Bryanna Cloutier, Emaleigh Cook, Darian Espinoza, Donndric Fowler, Aaron Free, Skyler Givens, Romie Gonzales, Courtney

Green, Autumn Green, Don Guazo, Seth Keeton, Jacob King, Baylie Lindsey, Rion Maxwell, Koby Miller, Kaedan Molina, Maryetta Polanco, Avery Powell, Nanna Silva, Kaytlin Sims, Jordan Smith and Justin Trawick.

Fifth grade: Ramsey Alvarez, Selena Barnett, Andrew Burrola, Gaige Carlson, Megaen Cloutier, Mikayla Dillon, Hunter Gonzales, Ashley Gonzales, Joseph Griffin, Freya Griffin, Casey Hammond, Hannah Heaton, Kenzie Kildow, Zach Luera, Natasha Lynch, Tony Martinez, Dylan Meguire, Talyn Messick, Clara Morris, Mark Muñoz, Alexis Muñoz, Seth Myers, Katelynn Polanco, Andrea Ramirez, Jake Rivera, Sierra Salazar, Brandon Thomas, Allison Torres, Alex Trujillo and Leslie Ventura.

Hutchinson perfect attendance listed

The perfect attendance list for the third six-weeks of the school year has been announced at Hutchinson Elementary.

Third grade: Jimmie Airheart, Juanita Arizmendi, Ashlei Burrola, Zachary Casares, Quilton Cook, Camperon Davidson, Sean Dolan, Hope Eime, Kyria Emerson, Taylor Epperson, Jady Griffith, Jordan Grimes, Marcus Gutierrez, Anthony Gutierrez, Alexus Haag, Kapriha Henderson, Avian Hernandez, Tyler Huff, Anessa Hulme, Nate Johnson, T.W. Jondle, Kenzie Juarez, McKinna Komppa, Moises Leanos, Chelsea Martinez, Kel-

sea Martinez, Ramzi Martinez, Adrian Matos, Daniel Meguire, Jordan Morgan, Tamren Pierce, Brady Polich, Dylan Rasberry, Sierra Santana, Bradon Upshaw, Joseangel Vargas, Clancy White and Deanna Wooddell.

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NEWS FROM COLLEGE

Johnson graduates

from West Texas A&M

Jordan P. Johnson, a graduate of Westbrook High School, was among 529 West Texas A&M University students receiving their degree during fall commencement exercises on December 13.

Johnson earned his Bachelor of Science degree, with an emphasis on agriculture.

The university awarded 43-baccalaureate degrees, 98 master's degree and one doctoral degree during the ceremony.

News from colleges concerning area students.

Lamb listed on SFA

president's list

Rhae Lissa Lamb, of Colorado City, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Stephen F. Austin State University for the fall semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

White named to

WTAM dean's list

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,100 students to honor lists for the fall 2008 semester.

Cheyenne White, of Westbrook, was named to the Dean's List. Those on the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.00 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

White, a senior at West Texas A&M, is studying biology.

PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2009; 5:30 P.M.

COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER

157 W. 2ND ST., COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The Zoning Commission for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on February 24, 2009 to discuss a request of Robert E. Dennis, Jr. to rezone Block 26 T&P, Section 40, AB 907, 2.820 AC, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Mr. Dennis request that the property in question be rezoned from Zone "A" which is a Single Family Dwelling District to Zone "H" which is a Central Business District. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this rezoning request. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will then be placed on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Individuals residing within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2009; 6:00 P.M.

COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER

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SPORTS

Wolves split games
Win over Ballinger, lose to Wall

After a dominating 51-36 spanking of the Ballinger Bearcats here at The Pit, the Colorado City Wolves fell 45-34 at Wall to split a pair of District 7-AA basketball games last week.

Colorado High School was scheduled to play Grape Creek this past Tuesday then host defending state finalist Jim Ned Friday to close out the first half of district play. The win over Ballinger on Tuesday of last week, and the loss at Wall on Friday night gave the Wolves an 11-10 season record.

Jim Ned led the district standings through last Friday, having already upset the Wall Hawks. Jim Ned stood at 3-0 through Friday with Wall and Colorado City at 2-1.

Despite the loss to Wall, the victory over Ballinger put Colorado City in good position for a possible playoff spot. The Bearcats' Slade Egan threatened to put his Ballinger team on the winning side of the game. With a height that allowed him to play like a center in the paint, Egan also used a smooth shot from a variety of spots to finish with a game high 21 points.

Behind Egan the Bearcats led midway through the first period but Colorado High School's Clint White hit three 3-pointers over the last three minutes of the period to counter Egan and give the Wolves a 17-11 lead after one period.

Egan hit a couple of threes early in the second period as the Bearcats threatened to retake the lead. With 6:15 left in the first half, the Wolves' Manuel Garza entered the game and shut Egan down for the rest of the half. Three-point shooter Lance Espinoza was on fire for the Wolves during that same stretch and scored 11 points in the second period to lead CHS to a 36-23 halftime lead.

"We've got to keep scoring," said Espinoza after the game.

The Wolves limited Ballinger to two third period points and coasted the rest of the way.

Scoring for the Wolves against Ballinger were Nick Hart 12, Espinoza 11, White 9, Matt Sowa 8, Nick Reyna 5, Tyler Higgins 4 and J.C. Johnson 1.

Garza also scored for the Wolves versus Ballinger to end a strong Colorado High School athletic career. Garza underwent shoulder surgery prior to the Wall contest and will need months of recovery and rehab.

Garza would have fit right in during the defensive struggle at Wall. Shots were tough to come

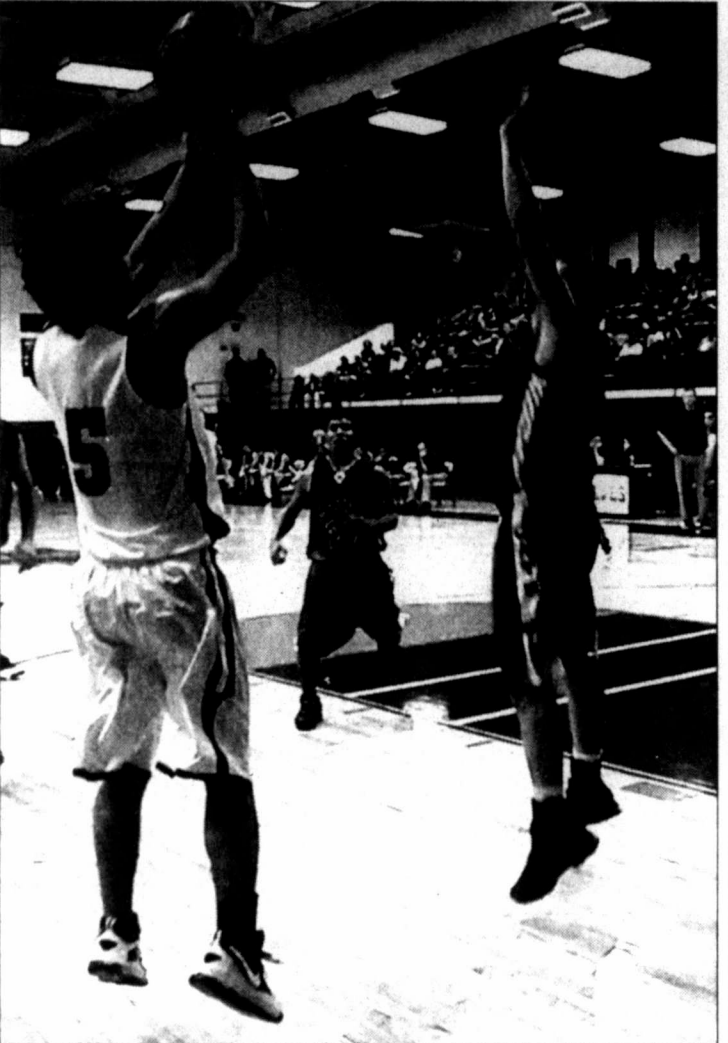
by and even tougher to make in the first half. Wall converted some of the few open looks to take an 11-5 lead after one period.

The Wolves closed the gap late in the first half on long range bombs by White and Espinoza. Point guard Reyna's goal tied the game at 21-21 with 1:15 left in the first half. A free throw by White made it 22-21 with 42 seconds left, but Wall scored last for a 23-22 halftime lead.

After going toe to toe with

the state ranked Hawks for one half, the Wolves managed only a Reyna three pointer in the third period and Wall took a 36-25 lead into the final period. The teams both scored nine points in the fourth period, but a turnover filled third period was too much to overcome for the Wolves.

Wall's Cameron Schooley led all scorers with 16 points. For the Wolves were Reyna 8, White 8, Higgins 7, Espinoza 6, Benny Jones 3 and Sowa 2.



J.C. JOHNSON SHOOTs over Ballinger's Trucker Travis during Colorado High School's rout of the Bearcats last week.

Lady Wolves lose 2 games;
against Ballinger and Wall

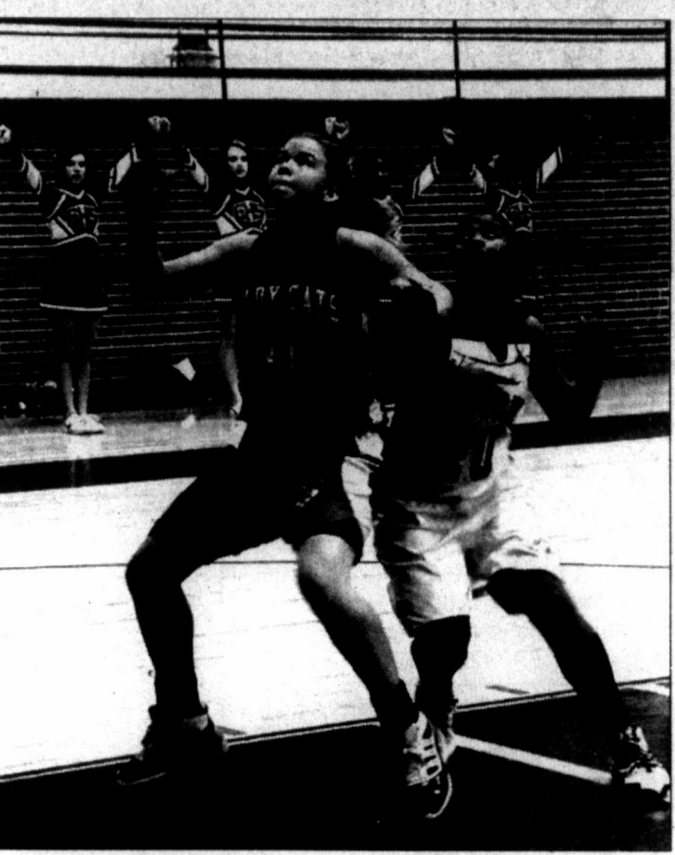
By Tony Franco

Colorado High School's Lady Wolves completed the first half of District 7-AA basketball with losses to Ballinger and Wall last week. The Lady Wolves matched Ballinger for over a half of play before falling 56-29 on Tuesday night, then found Wall's defensive pressure too much to overcome in a 68-7 loss to the Lady Hawks on Friday night.

Here at The Pit against Ballinger, the Lady Wolves were on top throughout the opening period but the Lady Cats hit a 3 pointer with 10 seconds left to end the first period with an 11-10 lead.

Despite scoring only three points in the second period, the Lady Wolves' defense kept CHS in the game. Colorado High trailed by three at 16-13 with 1:10 left in a first half that ended with a 20-13 Ballinger lead.

Turnovers hurt CHS scoring opportunities and continued in the second half. Ballinger pulled away



BREANNA BIGGERS, LADY Wolves senior, battles Ballinger's Jacie Frierson (left) for a rebound.

after leading by just six points midway through the third period.

At AA number three ranked Wall Friday night, the defensive pressure on the young Wolves only intensified. The Lady Hawks' victory gave them a 5-0 district mark and left the Lady Wolves at 0-5. In other district action Friday night, defending state champion Jim Ned (4-1) edged Ballinger (3-2) in the battle for second place.

Upcoming play has the state champion Lady Indians visiting The Pit tomorrow

night and the Lady Wolves traveling to Coahoma next Tuesday.

Scoring for Colorado City against Ballinger were Michelle Billingsley 8, Miranda Reyna 5, Ava Macedo 4, Dishes Smith 4, Jade Cannon 4, Breanna Biggers 2 and Lisa Salazar 2. Cannon scored 5 and Billingsley 2 against Wall.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
CHS Varsity Boys & Girls at Grape Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, January 30, 2009
CHS JV, Varsity Boys & Girls vs. Jim Ned, 4:56:30, 8 p.m.
LHS JV, VG, VB vs. Highland, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.
WHS JV, VG, VB at Water Valley, starting at 4 p.m.

Monday, February 2, 2009
CMS Girls vs. Wall, 4-7 p.m.
CMS Boys at Wall, 5:30, 6:30 p.m.
LJH Girls vs. Ira, 6 p.m.
LJH Boys vs. Ira, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 2009
CHS JV, Varsity Boys & Girls at Coahoma, 4:56:30, 8 p.m.

Bacteria in Your Water
What You Need to Know

As a private well owner, you are in a unique position: You control your own water supply. With this benefit come some responsibilities. You are responsible for protecting your valuable ground water resource as well as your family's health. Occasionally, based on a news report or the color or smell of your water, you may wonder about the safety of your water supply. What do you do? Testing your water for the most common well contaminants is the best course of action. Answers to some questions you may have follow.

How common are water problems?
"Pure" water does not exist - all natural water contains some gases and minerals and is likely to contain some microbial organisms. Most water bacteria are harmless and many are actually beneficial.

harmless. Natural iron biofouling often acts as a preliminary iron filter in wells and therefore can serve a positive function as well. Biofouling can be a nuisance, however. Generally, iron biofouling is the cause of iron buildup in wells and pipes.

If I have bacteria in my well, where do they come from?
Many types of bacteria are native or adapted to saturated sediments and rock, and are present in significant numbers in most water supply aquifers, even deep formations. Given time and a route (soil and rock provide plenty of both), bacteria will migrate into and take up housekeeping in an aquifer. "Non-native" coliform bacteria or "protozoa" of potential health concern, such as *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium*, are most likely introduced from the surface.

I've heard about coliform bacteria. What are they?
Coliform bacteria originate as organisms in soil or vegetation and in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals (fecal coli). The many sources of bacterial pollution include runoff from woodlands, pastures, and feedlots; septic tanks and sewage plants; and animals (wild or domestic).

What do we do about this problem?
If possible, do whatever it takes to correct the problem in your existing system. If necessary, install a new well and water inlet system away from the sources of contamination.

Will coliform bacteria make us sick?
Maybe, maybe not. Most coliforms are harmless residents of soil and will not make people sick. Some strains of *E. coli*, the most common fecal coliform bacterium, may be pathogens. Some found in food have been lethal. Their presence should be taken very seriously.

What's the best way to maintain my good water supply?
You should have your water tested annually for radon, bacteria and anything else of concern to you, even if you do not perceive a change in your water. Have your water tested by a qualified laboratory. They are listed in your phone book under "Water Testing" or "Laboratories". The question of whether or not to have your water tested is a serious one that concerns the health of you and your family. If you obtain drinking water from your own well, you alone are responsible for assuring that it's safe.

If my water is clear and smells OK, is it safe?
You cannot directly smell unsafe bacteria or protozoa. They can only be detected using tests designed for that purpose. You should check your water quality regularly. Some sources of odors are bacteria or septic, or the presence of chemicals. It is a good idea to take your nose seriously. Have the water tested.

Where can I get more information?
For more information, contact your local ground water contractor, the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791; the National Radon Hotline at (800)767-7236; or the National Ground Water Association at (800)551-7379. More information on these topics can be found at the National Well Owners Association's website, maintained by the National Ground Water Association, at www.wellowner.org.

What is the "iron bacteria" problem?
Better described as iron biofouling, the problem popularly known as "iron bacteria" is both complex and widespread. Iron and other biofouling consists of biofilms, which include living and dead bacteria, their sheaths, stalks, secretions and other leavings, and embedded metal hydroxide particles. "Iron bacteria" is one type of biofouling among several, including the characteristic white sulfur slime of sulfur springs. Manganese and even aluminum biofouling is also found in ground water systems. These biofilms are natural and usually

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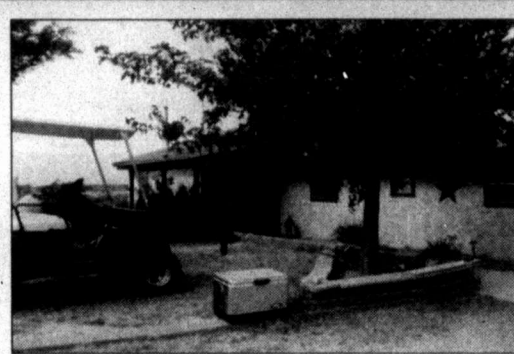
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HOSPITAL

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it delivered by the hospital. The purpose of the new kitchen is two-fold. First, it will cut costs at the hospital and secondly, it will increase the quality of the food for residents at Valley Fair Lodge.

The bad news is that the cost of the kitchen will be about double the cost first estimated, but the savings to the district, once it's complete, will make up the cost in a very short period of time.

"The district will save about \$8,000 a month when we're done with it," said Stinson.

The savings will come in the form of not having to pay for a delivery vehicle, insurance costs for that vehicle, among others.

In other action, the board approved an amended version of the district's by-laws, which had not been done since 2001.

They also approved the sale of tax bid properties, a financial assistance policy, and a lease agreement with the county for use of their

election equipment, if necessary.

During the financial report, board members heard from Chief Financial Officer Jamie Jacoby.

Jacoby said that, since the take over of the management company, the hospital's financial state is "comparable better. But we still have a ways to go," he added.

Currently, assets of the district total over \$1.6 million, but according to Jacoby, that number should be over \$4 million.

He also reported to the board that the team had decreased accounts payable by about a half million dollars in one quarter without touching taxpayer money.

Stinson told board members that the new CT scanner had generated \$21,000 in revenue for the hospital in one day. He estimated that the new piece of equipment could generate \$500,000 to \$600,000 during the next year.

There was an open

house in the radiology department on Wednesday to give the public a chance to come out and see the new machine.

DMed, the company hired to work through the old accounts, has billed out \$4 million. The results of the billing is beginning to turn into real cash, according to Jacoby.

A team is also being led by Jacoby to streamline the admission process for patients.

"We have to find a balance between patient satisfaction and patient safety," said Stinson. Adding that patients have noted the admissions process is an area that needs overhauling.

The Texas Association of Hospital Volunteers, formerly the pink ladies, have added two new members to their group, bringing their total membership to 22. The volunteers recently donated a flat screen TV, a projector screen and a podium to the hospital. A donation with a value of approximately \$2,500.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT Governor Bradley Bunn (right) presented the Colorado City Rotary Club with a banner from Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee to promote this year's theme *Making Dreams Real*. President Jackie Brem (left) accepted the banner on behalf of the club.

Public hearings set for deer regulations

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on Jan. 21 authorized the department to seek public comment on a suite of proposed wildlife and hunting related regulations that would expand special buck antler restrictions and liberalize antlerless harvest opportunities in dozens of counties, part of a broader move to transition away from political boundaries and toward biologically-based communities for managing deer populations.

Also, after extensive public scoping, the department has dropped consideration of a general gun deer season in Grayson County, opted to keep the current pheasant season in the Pan-

handle, and proposed the first ever deer season in Parmer County. The commission also decided not to expand youth hunting season throughout October, but did propose 12 new youth hunting days in January, among other items detailed below.

The deer proposals are part of statewide proposed hunting and fishing regulation changes for the upcoming 2009-2010 season. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has set a record 46 public hearings across the state in February and March to explain the proposals and seek public input. Hearing dates and locations are on the 2009 TPWD Statewide Public Hearings Web page.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Loraine Ex-Students Association met Saturday, January 24 at the Senior Center. On the agenda was to nominate and elect officers. Re-elected for president, was Joan Long. Jo Ed Cauliway is vice president, Helen Cauliway is secretary and Pat Hudgins is treasurer.

The 2009 budget was made and different committees were decided on. Those attending enjoyed lunch and fellowship. The meeting was well attended.

Wanda Montgomery from Grapevine reports that a Carnival Cruise will take place in October. The exciting Caribbean trip will include Montego Bay, Grande Caymen Islands and Cozumel. The trip leaves from Galveston. This fundraiser will help the Loraine Ex-Students Association.

While outdoors refilling water containers and putting out more food for the little critters, the casa landlady turned to see Beep-Beep acting goofy. He was strutting around and suddenly started running in circles. Billie worried that he might have the bird flu or something worse. When she turned to go indoors, she noticed out by the garage another chaparral slightly smaller than Beep-Beep with long beautiful legs and was preening its feathers. She thought, "Bird flu my foot, Beep-Beep is lovesick!"

The Third Planet Wind Energy Co. is very busy doing dirt work on five sites and moving along making five big showings here around Loraine.

We have concerns at this time

for Connie Ponko, our city secretary. She sees her doctor tomorrow. We hope it's not strep throat. Christine Britton covered for Connie when she left.

A birthday party for Paula Munoz was held in the home of Becky and Fanny Benivamondez's home Saturday. It was reported that 130 family and friends attended. A birthday cake was made from 88 cupcakes on a cake stand in the shape of a pyramid form. It was unique and beautiful.

A dinner of brisket, rice and beans was served along with covered dishes of food brought by others.

Live music was provided by John Pantaja, Jessie Limonez, Jessie Barrera and Jessie's daughter Sonja. Several people, including the birthday girl, enjoyed dancing.

A slide show made by others was presented, and Paula received beautiful roses from family.

The extra large crowd came from Colorado City, Snyder, Sweetwater, Abilene, the Metroplex area, Odessa, California, San Antonio and a niece from Colorado and Iraq.

Aubrey Wilson, Don Johnson and Charles Dunn played music at the center last Monday. Bob Richardson, Charles Dunn and Sharon Mayberry provided music last Friday. Dorothy Norwood and Charles Dunn played music.

Visitors last week were Robin Richardson, Sharon Mayberry, Marsha Rickard and Kay Craighead.

Wednesday, January 28th was the center birthday party. Debbie

and Judy played and sang for the crowd. Chicken, dressing and all the trimmings was enjoyed.

Senior Citizens having birthdays in January are: Lenetta Dubose, Carl Flack, Earlene Dunn, Dena Troutt, Ruth Cooper, Dominga Hernandez, Paula Munoz, Arlis Catten and Ann Gregory.

Happy Birthday to our friends!

Becky Benivamondez reports that before March (Loraine's first baseball game), work and remodel

ing needs to be done to the concession stand and Booster Club at the school. Volunteers and donations would be welcomed to put in a wood floor, new siding and a remodel on the bathroom. Call Becky at 737-2104.

Providing special music at Loraine Methodist Church Sunday morning, prior to the message by Rev. Kiefer Cauble, was Charlene Hays. She sang, "Precious Lord Hold My Hand." Judy Beasley played the piano for her.

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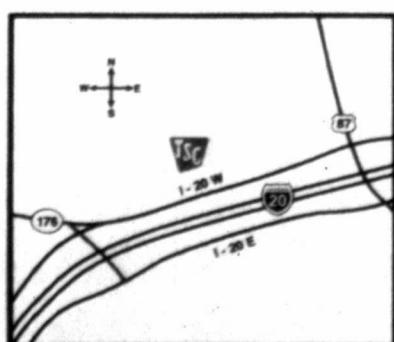
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